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District 18-D Bulletin



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

June 2008



District Governor Ruth Payton

Dear Lions of 18-D:

This is my last article as DG. Thanks for bearing with me through this year and its challenges. It sure has been different!

The State Convention is history but will remain a wonderful memory. The committee did a superb job and all that were there had a wonderful time. It was the best ever!! Those of you who for some reason do not attend the "extra" meetings really do miss out on a lot! Next years convention will be at Jykell Island. Please plan now to attend and you won't be sorry.

There were awards given out at Marietta for which everyone worked very hard. District D received recognition for being the highest district contributor to RFB&D. Clubs were also recognized and in the state competition, Union County Lions Club and Jefferson Lions Club worked very hard this past year in recording their activities. It showed in the amount of plaques and awards they received. You too can plan now to win some recognition for the work you do.

Your club president will be receiving a copy of the state directory and in the back is a listing of all the awards that can be given at the end of the year. Look this over and decide as a club which ones will suit you and please send in reports monthly to the district governor and cabinet secretary on what you are doing. Believe me, this does not go unnoticed! I know you all work very hard and I would like to see District D get some credit for what they do.

I am gaining strength daily but still need a lot of improvement. As yet, I am not driving a car so am dependent upon someone for transportation. I take one day at a time; it goes a lot smoother that way. I want to say again how thankful I am to be a part of District 18- D. I sincerely believe that we have some of the best Lions in the state of Georgia and I have been humbled this year to be your leader.

This coming year will be a challenge as I have been asked to be the MD Chair for Diabetes Awareness. Lion Dick has asked me to chair a new committee which will involve training Guiding Lions. Guiding Lions are vital in the growth of the new clubs we will be starting and it is a 2 year commitment. Anyone interested in being a part of this, please let me know. I will also be part of the 18-D Past District Governors association and working closely with PDG Beverly Shirley as she serves as president.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." We in District 18-D have done this and we will always continue this spirit for years to come. Thank again for a tremendous year. Bless you all, and I am very proud to be a Lion serving along side each of you.





"Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind children untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

Helen Keller

UPCOMING EVENTS

You know how time flies when you're having fun -- mark your calendars for:

June – Installation of Club Officers.

1 June – Helen Keller Day in 1971, LCI declared 1 June as “Helen Keller Day” in honor of this amazing woman who holds a special place in the hearts of Lions everywhere. At a Lions convention in 1925, Helen Keller personally challenged Lions to become “Knights of the Blind” and since then Lions have conducted countless sight conservation efforts. We encourage Lions to take this opportunity to conduct blindness related service activities in their communities.

5 June – World Environment Day

19 July – Lions Day at Camp for the Blind

If you have not been in the past; you can mark your calendar now. Please let them know how many is in your group. This also can be used as a regular Club meeting event.



Planning Ahead



5, 10, 30 June – New Officer Training will be held in each Region this year.

20 July = 1st Cabinet meeting will be held at the Winder Lions Club House in Winder, GA. Start time will be 2:00pm. For those individuals who missed the New Officer Training – make-up will be at 1:00pm.

32nd Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



*18-20 September 2008
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada*

We hope that all of you will invite a first timer to attend the Columbus Forum. Those of you who do invite a new attendee will receive a special Forum Pin, stating the year 2008 and the words FORUM MENTOR.

We feel that the real growth of the Forum will come by getting new people to attend. We are targeting all Lions, Lioness and Leos, although most of the seminars will be geared to Lions. They don't have to be current or past officers, as we want everyone to come discover a new world of leadership and service.

To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

Thank you for helping us reach new people. Together we can make the Columbus Forum the best Forum ever!

Discover a New World of Leadership & Service

**We are the greatest secret in the world
and it's up to you to spread the word**



Where in the World

Have you ever checked the Lions Web site – click on Lions Newswire or check out =

- **Lions News Network** 📺
- **LQ-Lions Quarterly** 📄?

Lions Services for Children News

The board of directors has approved the continuation of the Lions Services for Children Worldwide Symposium Program. The program provides assistance to qualifying districts or multiple districts for symposium expenses. Organizing a symposium offers Lions, community professionals and educators the opportunity to gather together to focus on the critical needs of underprivileged children in their area and forge alliances to expand or develop collaborative projects. To learn how your district or multiple district can participate, download the **Lions Services for Children Worldwide Symposium Program Application** or e-mail the **Health & Children's Services Department**.

To learn more about how your club or district can create a better world for underprivileged children and

adolescents in your area, attend the Lions Services for Children Seminar being held during the international convention on **Tuesday, June 24**. This is an opportunity to share your ideas, challenges and successes with other Lions and an experienced panel of speakers involved with children's projects.

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**A-1 Form Reveals the Generosity of Lions: Club secretaries are asked to submit the A-1 Form to International Headquarters by 15 July (form can be submitted online).**

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Walk for Diabetes Awareness

If you are attending the 2008 Thailand Convention, don't miss the 3rd Annual Convention Strides Walk for diabetes awareness on Monday, June 23. Meet Lions and Leos from around the world as they gather with friends and family for an enjoyable, low-impact activity through the IMPACT Convention Center. The walk begins at 2:30 p.m., Room Phoenix 1, immediately following the Diabetes Awareness Seminar. All walkers will receive a "We Stride" commemorative pin. **Learn more** about the Strides Walk program.

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### **Peace Begins With Me**

Lions clubs are encouraged to reach out to schools or organized youth groups to sponsor the 2008-09 Lions International Peace Poster Contest, "Peace Begins With Me." A **kit** (available from Club Supplies) is needed for each contest sponsored by a club. **Learn more** about the contest, and view the 2007-08 grand prize and merit award posters online. Also, international convention attendees can meet the 2007-08 and 2002-03 grand prize winners on **June 25** at the Impact Center (near the Peace Poster exhibit) where they will be signing poster reproductions.

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Lions Services for Children

Learn how your club or district can take an active role in serving the health and educational needs of children in adverse circumstances. Join us at the "Lions Services for Children Seminar" to be held during the 2008 Thailand convention, Tuesday, June 24, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. The seminar will feature a panel of dedicated, experienced Lions who are actively involved in service activities for children. Discover how your district can host a children's symposium to address the needs of underprivileged children in your area. For more information, **e-mail** the Health and Children's Services Department.



Passwords By Email - If you are a current club or district officer, your password can be sent to you by email. You must have a current email address on file with headquarters. See the "Need your password" link on this page. Then enter your member ID number and click "Submit." Your password will be sent to you shortly via an automatic e-mail response.

Log on to the Membership site = Click the Club link in the yellow bar = Click Club Officers = Click the Add button located under the title Next Year = Select the Title from the drop down list = Click the Officer's name in the list of members = Click the Add link = Click the Submit button

The above procedure needs to be done for the president, secretary and treasurer. When you are done adding the officers for next year, you can print the completed PU-101 form by clicking on the Reports link and clicking the Print button next to the Officer Reporting Form (PU-101). For more detailed instructions see page 8 of the Quick Reference Guide.

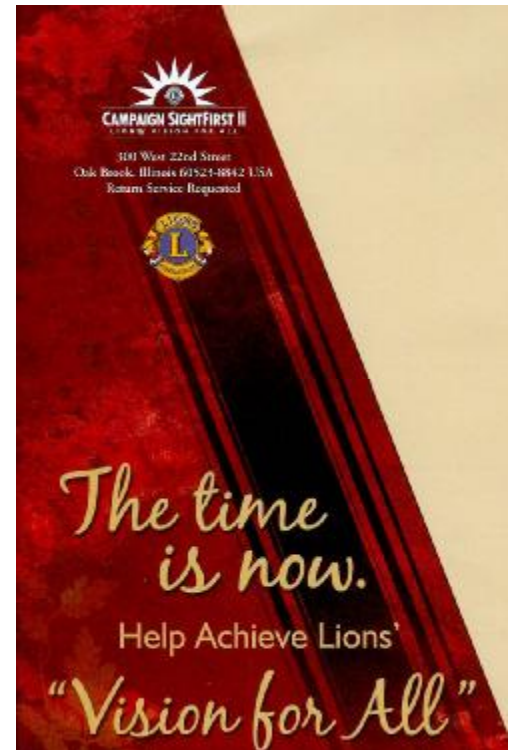


**Gifts of US\$1,000+ are eligible for a Melvin Jones Fellowship.
All gifts of US\$100+ are eligible for Campaign SightFirst II recognition.**

Total Gift	Annually	Monthly	Daily
US\$10,000	US\$2,000	US\$166.67	US\$5.48
US\$5,000	US\$1,000	US\$83.33	US\$2.74
US\$2,500	US\$833.33	US\$69.44	US\$2.28
US\$1,000	US\$333.33	US\$27.78	US\$.91
US\$500	US\$166.67	US\$13.89	US\$.46
US\$400	US\$133.33	US\$11.11	US\$.37

***Pledges of US\$5,000+ may be fulfilled over five years.
Pledges of US\$4,999 and below may be fulfilled over three years.***

Why Not make your own PERSONAL contribution of \$200 or why not become a Melvin Jones Fellow - \$100.00 down and \$300.00 a year for 3 years. (Don't forget - this is TAX Deductible)



Vision for All: A CSFII Challenge for Lions

Lions have surpassed their US\$150 million minimum goal, but Lions' efforts to reach US\$200 million challenge goal will result in many more millions of individuals receiving the SightFirst treatment, surgeries and screenings that will save or restore their sight.

In these final weeks of CSFII, [club commitments and pledges](#) will allow clubs to raise more funds over time and provide sight to many more individuals. Can your club be the Lions to help surpass Campaign SightFirst II's challenge goal?

- Less than 30 days remain to save sight and be a part of Lions' CSFII success.
- [Only 65 more Lions clubs are needed](#) to surpass CSFII's 3,000 Model Club goal by the end of June 2008. Can your club accept the Model Club challenge?
- If every Lions club around the world designated [one additional Melvin Jones Fellowship to CSFII](#), Lions would surpass their US\$200 million "Vision for All" challenge goal.

Visit www.lions-csfii.org to learn more how your service through a pledge can provide sight.

Remember, through SightFirstII - \$6 saves one person from blindness. A gift of \$180 from every Lion in the world will not only help us reach our \$200 million challenge goal, but also enable SightFirstIII to save 37 million people from blindness.

**It takes more than hospitals, screenings and medicines to
Save -- sight it takes Lions**



Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

I have been very impressed by this one individual. A new Lion in a productive Lions Club in the northeast corner of our District. He has only been a Lion less than a year and each time I have seen him – I hate to say this, but he almost reminds me of myself. He is extremely inquisitive. I have not come across a Lion like this for a long time and I really think this is great. If only we were able to bring in more of this type, I think we could really see some changes and more challenges in the future. Here is the article he wrote – now please read and listen to what he has to say and let's challenge ourselves.

"The state convention was a great learning experience for me. I was humbled by the amount of service projects that Lions do all round the state.

When I told people that I was a new Lion with eleven months of service in Toccoa, most people told me I joined a good club. That made me feel good to know that our club enjoys a good reputation among our Lion peers around the state.

Then I was sitting in the awards ceremony on Saturday afternoon and listened to 45 or 47 awards being made to clubs from all over the state. Our club was second in the Cannon Award for number of visitors and guests. Our club received an honorable mention for our scrap book.

So I am reflecting on this experience during the break before the evening program. Okay, so I belong to a good Lions club but not a great Lions club. We can do more and we can be one of the best Lions clubs in Georgia. So that begs the question, "How do you know when you are doing enough?"

Based upon the awards received, the best Lions club in the state went to Jasper, followed by Cordele. The most awards in our district were received by Union County, Jefferson and Clarksville. Clarksville rose over \$11,000.00 as their donation for White Cane.

I looked at all the scrap books and bulletins. Jasper won the best scrap book and Jefferson took second place. Jasper also won the bulletin competition.

Mary Ann Mojica put a tremendous effort with great execution and detail in our scrap book. She had the best binding, the accents for the articles and pictures and the best graphic appearance. It is a great scrap book that every Lion in Toccoa can be very proud to be a part of. Thanks Mary Ann.

I think we did not win this competition because our club did not have but about half the programming as Jasper and Jefferson. Their books were thicker because they were involved in everything that happened in their communities

To get to the top level of Lions clubs in Georgia we will have to step up our programming a notch to two. So that begs another question, "If we step up the volume of projects and fund raisers where are we going to find the workers?" The programming will feed the volunteers, as the club gains more visibility in service work people will want to join in and help . . . especially families.

The Lions in Toccoa should be involved with Special Olympics, scouting, reading in the schools, Relay for Life, seniors programs, Keep Toccoa Beautiful clean ups, YMCA projects, Habitat for Humanity, Harvest Festival, Spring Arts Festival, Boys & Girls Club, vision and hearing screening at public events. Lions should be involved "officially" with fund raisers for the Open Arms Clinic or have a Lions fund raiser specifically to benefit the Open Arms Clinic.

Lions in Toccoa are good people, the best for a matter of fact and together we are a great pride.

Bryan-the-Lion"

Look for more new Lions



**We are the greatest secret in the world
and it's up to you to spread the word.**

It is up to you.....



The **KEY WORD** to all of this is **ASK**
Any further questions – just ask!

Dear Club Officers:

This is the last membership-focused newsletter of our leadership year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work and dedication as we have striven to embrace the challenge to change. I could not be more proud of what we have accomplished together.

I have had the privilege of visiting Lions in nearly 40 countries and I can tell you that Lions the world over are committed to evolving and adapting so that our light of service shines as brightly in the 21st century as it did in the 20th.

The totals in the most recent membership reports are much more than encouraging. They are spectacular! Since we began our efforts in Chicago last July worldwide membership in Lions Clubs International has risen by 19,182. We are 8,819 ahead of last year's total at this time, virtually assuring that, for the first time in recent memory, we will most likely end the year with a membership that is larger and stronger than the previous year.

Congratulations! You have made this happen. It is clear that your individual efforts to strengthen your club have contributed to a worldwide change in the way that Lions Clubs are perceived in their communities.

A large part of this change is due to the [growing number of women](#) in our membership. I am very pleased to report that today, nearly one of every five Lions is a woman and I am proud to say that they are contributing out of proportion to their numbers. They are providing new ideas, assuming leadership positions and invigorating clubs with their energy and enthusiasm. I know that this trend will continue to the benefit of clubs everywhere and to the entire association.

Across the globe Lions clubs are becoming younger and more diverse. Our new membership paradigm has yielded more than [110,000 family memberships](#) throughout Lions Clubs International, including more than 1,000 new Lions between the ages of [18 and 29](#). Again, congratulations on your success! As impressive as these statistics are, to have a lasting impact on our association and our communities, we must consolidate and preserve what we have gained. It is imperative to ensure the ongoing interest and commitment of old and new members by fulfilling the promise of a 21st century Lions Club.

Are your members' needs being met? Does everyone have an opportunity for meaningful, hands-on participation? Are meetings brief and engaging? Are new members being mentored and encouraged to grow as Lions? The time to ask these questions is now, so that you can provide a vital "snapshot" of your club to next year's leaders.

Although our leadership year is rapidly coming to a close, our responsibilities have not yet ended. As Lions, our greatest responsibility is to [the blind people of the world](#) and those in danger of becoming blind. This year we have done much to fulfill that responsibility by exceeding the US\$150 million minimum goal (now at \$165 million as of May 3) in [Campaign SightFirst II](#). The worldwide CSFII week in May was a great success and moved us closer to our US\$200 million challenge goal. Adding this historic achievement to our leadership legacy is within reach! In fact, if every club throughout Lions Clubs International were to dedicate one [Melvin Jones Fellowship](#) to Campaign SightFirst II, we would surpass our goal by an impressive margin. I urge you and your club to consider taking this step on behalf of the world's blind and our oldest and most honored service tradition.

Finally it is our responsibility to end the year on a positive note and ensure that the momentum of our hard work carries forward into the coming year. Please be sure that the [incoming leadership](#) is well prepared to build upon our successes.

I thank you again for being part of this very important year in Lions' history. I hope to see many of you in [Bangkok](#) where we will celebrate our great success in Campaign SightFirst II.

Sincerely,
Mahendra Amarasuriya
International President

"We're the New Generation of Lions...Join Us Today!"

From the February and March issues of The Lion magazine you can read:

Hines' Recruiting Rules

1. Extension person identifies areas for new clubs.
2. Check with Chamber of Commerce, City Hall and Churches for people who might be good Lions.
3. Bring your team together for training on how to get new members.
4. Go out in teams of two, not more than three.
5. Ask for owners or managers.
6. Deliver your 30-second speech.
 - a. When they say yes, get their name and address on your sign-up sheet. Inform them that this information will be used to contact them for an informational meeting and that the registration fee is \$30.00
 - b. If they say no, leave. Don't take up their time; they are busy people.
7. Send out a letter for an informational meeting within a week.
8. At the meeting get them to fill out an application and write a check for \$30.00.
9. Repeat until you get 25 members.
10. Send in applications to Lions Clubs International.

How to be a Go-Getter:

Be aware of the people around you.
Know about Lionism – the constitution and bylaws, so you can readily discuss them
Understand your community and its needs.

How to be a Cheerleader:

Be positive.
Always have fun.
Accept "no." It's only a state of mind.

How to be a Networker:

Collect business cards.
Talk to people who share the same passions as you.
Take advantage of volunteer opportunities to meet people.



"Change the World"

RETENTION!

Let's think about it.....and ask, what have I done to close the backdoor?

"Membership Retention – Routine Maintenance, Not Rocket Science"



Workshop Ideas

When planning a workshop, take the following into consideration:

Conduct the workshop early in the year. Holding the workshop early in the Lion year will give district chairs the opportunity to get organized and conduct their own workshops for the club retention chairs.

Have refreshments available. You will want various refreshments available depending on the length of your workshop. If it will be an all-day workshop, you will need to include a lunch break as well as morning and afternoon refreshment breaks.

Present a manageable amount of information. You don't want to overwhelm your participants by giving them too much information. Highlight key information verbally during the presentation and refer them to the proper resource to gather additional details.

Keep the pace lively and interesting. Break up the workshop into segments with question and answer periods. Plan a few short breaks during each session.

Allow plenty of time for questions and answers. Be sure to build time into your workshop for questions and answers. Try to intersperse Q & A periods throughout the workshop in order to give people an opportunity to ask their questions while the subject is fresh.

Include time to share ideas. Give chairs a chance to interact, share their retention challenges and ideas with one another. It will help create a team atmosphere and set up a dialog that you can continue amongst them throughout the year using different communication methods.

Use visuals if possible. The use of visuals, such as a video, PowerPoint, overheads, etc. adds an additional interesting element to the presentation and will help keep participants engaged in the session.

Be prepared. Have extra pads of paper and pens for note taking and a few extra copies of the Club Retention Chair's Guide.

More info – www.lionsclubs.org CHECK IT OUT!

CLUB REPORTS



This is another way of getting Lions in your club, new members and prospective members interested in doing something new and different. Getting involved is another word for **WE SERVE**.



Certain things can happen when your Lions Club gets involved. If we have to find something new – go for it – because the more we raise – the more we can give. Also, the more members who get involved also create a bundle of fun and more money raised. The information that appears may benefit another club – for here is where we get ideas and we might be able to use those ideas within your own club.

Cornelia Lions Club – Will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary at the Cornelia Community House on 7 June At 6:30pm. Speaker will be PID Dr. John Pearce.



During the Elbert County High School "Senior's Awards Night" held on 15 May, the Elberton Lions Club presented 6 scholarships to deserving Senior's, thanks to generous sponsorship and donors of our "5K/1mi Run for Sight" fund raiser. The recipients of a \$1,000.00 scholarship each were Ansley, Whitney, Kyleigh and recipients of a \$500.00 scholarship each to Chris, Kevin and Danny.

Clermont/North Hall Lions Club May 2008 Activities

Our excellent meetings continued. At our first meeting Lion Vic Hale told us of his recent trip driving and camping through the Mexican Baja area.

Our parking project continued with two events during the month at the Georgia Mountains Center. We also were working on the plans for our Officer Installation and the completion of this Lions year and the beginning of the new year.

"We serve"

Forsyth County Lions Club = completed collections for White Cane Day right up to the deadline, surpassing its set goal.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the Miracle League opening ceremonies with the ribbon cutting for the new field. Ten teams are signed up this spring season. The players got a kick out of Phil Niekro throwing the first pitch.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = Here is a picture of the Lawrenceville Lions Club 2008 Onion Sales. It is only a part of the order as there were over 3500 pounds all together that we sold.



Performed 42 vision screenings at George Pierce Park in Suwanee for a Health Fair. Rec'd a Top 5 Award patch for Campaign SightFirst 2 donations per member.
GLASSES COLLECTED: 37
CELL PHONES COLLECTED: 4

Jefferson Lions Club = *Regular Meeting May 12:* The annual Spring picnic was held at the Jefferson Club House. Members and guests enjoyed a Low County Boil. No meeting was held on May 26 because of the Memorial Day holiday.

Club Board of Directors Meeting: The out-going and new board met on Thursday, May 22 to finalize committees and the 2008-09 calendar. The budget for the new year was also prepared and approved. The board members agreed to sell baked goods at the June 28 Freedom Festival in Jefferson.

Norcross Lions Club - Leadership and

Administrative: Filed this MMR Reports and Addendums postmarked on 31 May.

Lions Programs: Presented the Video of Georgia Lions which was given to those who attended the last session of this years GA Lions state convention. Lion Ed Hashbarger did a presentation on Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Activities: Collected eyeglasses, but have not yet turned them in. Purchase of eyeglasses for one person. Referred one person to GA Lions Lighthouse for surgery

Attendance: 4 Attend at State Convention: PDG Ed Hashbarger, PDG John Rudert, CST Trudy Rudert, Club President Bill Heron. 2 Lion and 1 guest attending the Annual Lions Picnic at 4th Cabinet Meeting.



Cabinet meeting picnic in Helen on Sunday, May 4th. John Rudert won the bottle of hootch that Ron Bennetti made in his bath tub.

Youth Outreach: We recognized 2 Students of the Month with \$100. Student and his parent attended the club meeting. Student is also recognized at the Norcross High School.

Activity Report Addendum: Continue organizing for Norcross Art Fest. We have agreed to provide vision and hearing screening at the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church Health Fair in Norcross on August 2. Contact was made through the GA Lions Lighthouse. Members cleaned the Norcross Lions Clubhouse.

The Loganville Lions Club is having a Golf Tournament fund raising day on Aug. 4. I have attached a copy of the brochure. We would like to have some publicity from the District and maybe get some support from some who are golfers. If you can help us with this we would appreciate it. Please let me know what additional information you might need and I or someone else in the club will provide. Thanks in advance for your help.

Loganville Lions Club

*First Annual
Golf Classic*
at

Cedar Lake Golf Course,
Loganville, Ga.

Monday

August 4, 2008

NO RAINDATE

If rainout occurs a drawing will be held for designated cash and prizes, participants must be present to win

**Grand Prize for a "hole in one":
a 2008 *Corvette*!!!!offered by:**

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**CHEVROLET
SUPERCENTER**



Snellville Lions Club = Service

Projects: The following items were turn in at the Lions Lighthouse this month. 146 Prs Used Glasses 33 prs Loose Lens 7 Cell phones. May 28th. Club honor the workers at the New London Nursing Home with a Appreciation luncheon serving Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Drinks and funnels Cakes. This service project is done every year.

Fund Raiser: May 5th. Club Held their 11th. Golf Tournament at the Summit Chase Country Club with 85 golfers attending. May 9th. Club sold funnels cakes and drinks at the Relay for Life at the County Fair Grounds in Lawrenceville. With all profits going to the Cancer Relay for Life \$1,565.85.

The Snellville Lions Club has been working with the University of Georgia's (UGA) Gwinnett County Master Gardeners and Gwinnett County 4-H Senior Council to record text books and required reading for the blind and dyslexic. This past winter, Fred Smith from the Georgia Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFBD), held a training session at the UGA Cooperative Extension - Gwinnett County office in Lawrenceville, GA. Sixteen senior 4-H members, the 4-H agent, Mark Zeigler, seven Gwinnett County Master Gardeners, and two Snellville Lions Club members were in attendance for the training. The children were enthused and have already completed their hands-on trainings sessions.

The UGA Cooperative Extension has set up lab facilities in their Lawrenceville office. Six laptop computers and three headsets are being supplied by the 4-H department to accommodate those wishing to record for RFBD. A limited supply of headsets will be available for recording on home laptops. Lions Club International has graciously granted RFBD of Georgia monies to purchase some of the necessary equipment needed for this project. The Georgia Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic office in Athens has supplied three headsets to supplement the 4-H department's equipment.



Members of the Toccoa Lions Club - Mary Ann Mojica, Bryan Gordon, Ashley Scott, Dave Stancil, Amelia Stowe and M.C. Stowe – also shown in back are Lions Vernon and Doris Farmer now with the Dahlonega Lions Club.



President Dave Stancil presenting Ruth Payton with a plaque for her ten years of service to the Toccoa Club.



PCC Mark Miller our speaker at the 75th anniversary in Toccoa. A framed picture of Toccoa Falls presented to him by Lion Dave Stancil as token of appreciation for his speech.

Toccoa Lions Club = Children's Film Festival \$5,002.00, Calendar sales \$1,392.00, Pancake Breakfast \$4,761.00, Chilly Open \$2,543.00 and Mop and Broom sales \$918.00

Fundraisers - Lion President Dave advised of a change in the Mop and Broom fundraiser and asked Lion Ken Fewell to give this report. Lion Ken told the board about the new source in North Carolina. He is awaiting information on the cost. These brooms and mops are made by the blind. Lion Dave advised the board of a new project initiated by Lion Bryan Gordon. The club would purchase gumball type machines which dispenses candy and gum. Several sights have been selected.

White Cane Day - The White Cane total has not yet been finalized. We collected \$1,204.31

Little League - Lion Luis Mendez gave a report on our Little League team and efforts by the club to send them to a Braves game. Efforts are still being made to make this happen.

Open Arms Clinic - The three doctors Royal, Vanderhoef and Schneider are on a monthly rotation. Currently patients are now being scheduled for July 2008.

Union County Lions Club = Sight / Hearing: six applications for eye glasses and exams approved. **Lion Mints:** 190 rolls of mints dispensed. **Brooms / Mops:** No report. **Donations:** \$25.00 to Friends of Library for "Books for Babies." After a meal of pizza and choice of soft drinks, the fun began as Lion Jeff kept us laughing with his descriptions of various items and various uses of such; some of practical nature as intended and some fabricated uses which made for a very fun time as well as profitable for our Administrative fund. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of \$3,000.00 check to Cara Buesking, winner of our mower fund raiser. Lion James Passmore told of his recent marriage to Pam King & their unusual honeymoon to Prince Edward Island, Canada where they attended a Lions club meeting on second night. The club had only 18 members, met at a local school, sold beer & wine to those attending, as fund raiser and then had to thoroughly clean the place up for classes to be held next day! Second part of program was Lion Alice Neal's biography. As one of family of 9 children, she was told that they were a very wealthy family because they were part of a very large family! She stated that her wealth has continued to increase as this Lions club was now part of her family and her joy of serving others. Third part of program was Lion Les Myers, a Navy veteran, having served on board a destroyer/escort in World War II as he told of several events; some funny, many of dangerous nature. One being the dream of his ships Captain of wanting to 'ram' a submarine! When the opportunity came, it was a 'miss' as then resident sailor gave thanks, as he was at a station that could have cost him his life had the 'ram' been successful! The highlight of this meeting was our club learning of some 17 awards & certificates this club was given at recent annual Lions State convention! Again for 3rd straight year, Union county Lions Club rec'd 1st place & top club in large club category! We also rec'd 1st place for total amount collected for White Cane! To top the evening off, President Lisa presented advanced 'KEY AWARDS' from Lions International to Lions Gene & Louise Little who each had sponsored 5 new Lion members. Also Golden Chain awards: President Lisa's first. Lion Jean Hamburger, her 3rd. And Lion Gene Little, his 6th! What a night!!!! By the way, our club had total of 206,942 hard earned / worked for points in the 07/08 District Governor's contest.

We're Waiting = have you ASKed?

Winder Noon Lions Club =

- * 7 members from our club assisted in the American Red Cross blood drive held at the hospital.
- * Lion Gwen Hill submitted our scrap book. We applied for the scrap book and newsletter awards.
- * Lion Derrick Hutchins was honored with a 2 year Service Award for Director.
- * 3 members from our club attended the State Convention



Did you submit yours?

E-mail = edmcionh@bellsouth.net or
Go on-line = www.edmcion.com/ or



Report of the State Awards District Chair for State Convention for District 18-D = 2007-08

20 Lions Clubs entered from the state and 1 LEO Club. 6 clubs from District 18-D (2 less than in 2006-07) accounted for 30% of those entered in the state. District 18-D had the largest number of clubs entering this year. All clubs from 18-D placed – of which 18-D won 30% of the awards given 3% more than in 2006-07. 134 entries in 45 awards from state with 76 plaques given including ties, LEO and District Governor.

Those winning:

Union County – 3 First place, 3 Second place
Jefferson - 1 First place, 6 Second place
Toccoa - 1 First place, 1 Honorable mention
Winder Noon - 1 Second place
Athens - 2 First place, 2 Second place
Snellville - 2 First place

Scrapbook for District:

1st Place – Jefferson
2nd Place – Toccoa
3rd Place – Union County

(Note – Above scrapbook places are for District) Awards for scrapbook to be given at the first cabinet meeting. First Place \$15.00, Second place \$10.00 and Third place \$5.00

Lion Bryson Tanner, District Awards Chair



Changing of the guard.
District Govern Ruth Payton,
Vice District Governor elect
Grace Clower
and District Governor elect
Richard (Dick) Smith.



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Fellow Lions,

About Us

Better Vision. Better Hearing. Better Georgia.

Providing vision and hearing care to the uninsured and working poor, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation has served as a beacon of hope to many for almost 60 years. We provide eyeglasses, eye surgeries and hearing aids allowing people to see and hear again. We can do this because our partner medical providers greatly discount their services for the Lighthouse, at a combined value of \$6 for every \$1 we spend. In addition, the Lighthouse Foundation sends 100,000 pairs of recycled eyeglasses to developing countries each year.



The Lighthouse was a dream of a blind man, Atlanta Lion Tom Bingham. Atlanta Lions, Moultrie Lions and Albany Lions each contributed \$1000, and the Lighthouse was born.



Matthew Farias, 5 years old, sits as he has his eyes examined by Emory Eye Center's Ophthalmologic Technician, Kimberly Lovitt. Farias does not qualify for PeachCare because parents are missionaries in Georgia on a Religious Visa. Without the clinic, Matthew could not have had this exam, which caught a major eye condition. Matthew was among 48 people who received vision care at the first Georgia Lions Lighthouse Eye Clinic, sponsored by the Lighthouse Foundation in partnership with Good Samaritan Health Center and the Emory Eye Center.

Juan Estremadoyro picks out glasses as his mother, Sheila Justos, and Georgia Lion member Jose Barreto, admire his new look. Juan was among 48 people who received vision care Saturday November, 4, at the first Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation Eye Clinic, sponsored by the Lighthouse Foundation in partnership with Good Samaritan Health Center and the Emory Eye Center.





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2008 Summer Schedule

- Session 1: Family Camp (age 6-9) June 15-20
- Session 2: Adults (ages 26-50+) June 22-27
- Session 3: Pre-Teens (ages 10-13) June 29- July 4
- Session 4: Young Adults (ages 18-25) July 6-11
- Session 5: Teens (ages 14-17) July 13-25

Dear Friends of the Camp,

It was good seeing many of you at our State Convention. I hope your trip home was uneventful and that you are doing well.

This is a very exciting time of year for your Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. and we are indeed very busy. Here are a few items of interest:

- In one week we start the 2008 Camping Season with our Staff Orientation. As you can guess, this is a very busy time at the Camp and we are very excited. From discussions with Lion Ed, I can say that we are well prepared.
- On Saturday July 19, 2008 we will have LIONS' DAY AT OUR CAMP. We have a great day planned for you and our Campers and we are going to have a blast "MAKING THE CAMP CONNECTION". This is a fantastic opportunity for you to see just what our Camp means to the visually impaired of Georgia. Please stay tuned for written communications to each Club within the State about this big day. Each packet sent to the Clubs will have a letter from me, a registration form to be sent to Lion Doy to reserve your meal, a map to guide your way to our Camp and a listing of hotels you may wish to use.

Another very important item I need to discuss with you is your Clubs appointment of an Associate Director. Each and every year your Club is asked to appoint an Associate Director to your Camp. I have stated that I want to open up the communications loop between the Camp for the Blind and the Lions of Georgia. The Club's Associate Director position is the link for that communication to flow. There is an Associate Director Appointment Form on the GLCB.org WEB Site that makes this very easy to do. Please remember that even if your Club had an Associate Director this last year and you wish to keep the same person in the position, they need to be appointed again for Lions Year 2008-2009. Thank you in advance for getting that done!

In closing let me thank you again for allowing me to serve you as your President to the Camp. If I can be of any assistance to you please contact me at LionSpinney@aol.com and let me know what I can do.

Yours in Lions Service,

Frank



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"New Guy" on the block at Leader Dog School

Dear Lions,

May has come and "spring fever" is alive and well at Leader Dog. I am lucky enough to have an office window facing the kennel, and with the first spring breeze you could hear the excitement in the barking of the dogs. (Okay, a portion of the excitement could have something to do with meal time!)

As I near the six month mark as president of Leader Dog, I've become acclimated to the organization, the people, the terminology and the dogs. I've adopted a career change dog, Flint, who will serve as a Leader Dog PR Dog as well as a family pet. Needless to say, my three boys are thrilled I've come to work here.

Quite a few things have impressed me about this organization, including:

- our passionate volunteers from all over the country including nearly 400 puppy raisers and 75 breeding stock host families.
- the reach of our programs local, national (48 states) and international (34 countries).
- the only Deaf-Blind program of its kind in North America.
- our high-tech Trekker GPS (global positioning system) program for youth and adults.

I have also been impressed with our rich history of serving the many military veterans who have graced our campus. I am glad that we are here to serve their needs. As Memorial Day approaches, please take a moment to remember those you knew, and those you didn't know, who have given so much to secure our freedom and independence.

For those of us at Leader Dog, it has been, and always will be, our honor to supply our military heroes with Leader Dog heroes that will maintain their freedom and independence for years to come.

Sincerely,

Gregory Grabowski, ("Lion Greg")
President & CEO



From the desk of State RFB&D Chair Lion Steve Helwig lion.swampthing@gmail.com

Why Volunteer at RFB&D?

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic provides over 185,000 people with print disabilities the books they need to learn and succeed. A national nonprofit organization, we need volunteers to help us record these books and more. Whatever your area of interest or expertise, you will find that volunteering at RFB&D is a very fulfilling experience. We could not do what we do without our talented and committed volunteers.



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RFB&D's success in serving people with print disabilities is due in large measure to our volunteer workforce of over 7,000 individuals nationwide. Their knowledge, combined with a steadfast dedication to our mission, have made RFB&D's extensive library the most unique and valued resource of its kind in the world. All of the books in RFB&D's library are recorded by volunteers working in 30 studios or at home across the country. Each year, our dedicated volunteers add thousands of new titles to our collection.

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The [Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness](#) program is an excellent way for Lions to promote diabetes awareness in their communities. This program offers an educational, low-impact, walking activity for community involvement.



[National Diabetes Education Program](#)

(NDEP) is a leading public education program that promotes diabetes prevention and control in the USA. Lions are encouraged to visit the website for more information about diabetes, including educational resources and publications suitable for distribution to the public.



Lions Eye Health Program
Empowering communities to save sight

Anyone with diabetes is at risk for the visual complications that result from diabetes. The [Lions Eye Health Program](#) (LEHP) is a public awareness program that empowers communities to save sight. LEHP raises awareness of the causes of preventable vision loss, such as diabetic eye diseases, glaucoma and low vision. LEHP has been active in the USA, Japan, the British Isles and Ireland, Canada, Australia and Turkey.



[World Diabetes Day](#) is celebrated every year on November 14 and was established by the International Federation of Diabetes and The World Health Organization in 1991. Lions are encouraged to facilitate diabetes community awareness events on this day.



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"Cory and his dog Melly are an inseparable pair," says Maurice Harrison, Cory's father. Ten year-old Cory was injured in an automobile accident six years ago that rendered him paralyzed from the neck down.

Prior to Melly, Cory's classmates would frequently focus all of their attention on Cory's wheelchair and tracheotomy tube. But now, the attention has shifted away from his disability and towards his partnership with Melly.

"Now kids don't look at the trach tube, but instead notice Cory and Melly as a pair. They wish that they had a dog like Melly for themselves," says Maurice.

Cory's favorite part of having a Skilled Companion? The kisses, constant love and attention. While Cory has no feeling from the neck down, and generally hates getting his face wet, he makes an exception for Melly. Cory's dad marvels, "The joy in Cory's face when Melly lavishes him with kisses is delightful to watch."



Financial support of Southeastern Guide Dogs comes from individuals, civic-minded organizations such as Lions clubs, charitable foundations, estates and memorial gifts, fundraisers and is tax-deductible as allowed by law. Our programs are supported entirely by public contributions. No government funding is received.



How can you help?

Southeastern Guide Dogs is funded through the generosity of caring individuals, service organizations, foundations, bequests, corporate support and fund raisers. Southeastern receives no governmental funding. Our signature event is the annual Walkathon. The placement of our guide dogs is provided completely free of charge to the blind or visually impaired recipients we serve.

Please contact Jerry Dupree, 18D SE Guide Dog District Chairman, if you'd like him to present the SE Guide Dog program at one of your future club meetings.

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Current youth issues include:

AIDS: (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome). An estimated 11.7 million children and young people are living with

HIV/AIDS. In sub-Saharan Africa, 70% of young people have HIV/AIDS. This region also has 90% of the AIDS orphans in the world--12 million children.



Alcohol is a factor in the deaths of one fourth of 15 to 29-year-old males in Europe, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Alcohol is the world's most widely used mind-altering drug. A central nervous system depressant, alcohol creates a state of euphoria. It reduces mental alertness and impairs body coordination when consumed in large amounts. Alcohol is associated with brain deterioration, liver cirrhosis, heart damage, traffic accidents, violent crimes, lost work productivity, and adverse family relations.

Changing Family Demographics affects both society in general and children in particular.

In some cultures, it is common for generations of extended family members to live together. In other cultures, children move out of the family home upon attaining adulthood. Changes in these social patterns affect the family unit.

Factors which influence the family unit include: economics, war, natural disasters, disease, substance abuse, physical abuse, changes in socially acceptable behavior (e.g., single parenting) and divorce.

Child Abuse includes (according to the US National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse): neglect (54% of US cases in 1997), physical abuse (22% of US cases in 1997), sexual abuse (8% of US cases in 1997), emotional maltreatment (4% of US cases in 1997) and all other forms of maltreatment (12% of US cases in 1997) of a

child under age 18 by any person responsible for the child's care.

UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) reports that child abuse is prevalent all over the world although they are rarely acknowledged in developing countries. Emotional abuse usually coexists with other forms of child abuse.

Drug abuse is a youth issue in most cultures. Children between the age of eight and 20 often inhale volatile solvents. Young adults, between the ages of 16 and 35, are the main users of marijuana and psychotropic substances. Users of cocaine and heroin are usually between the ages of 20 and 35. These age groups are consistent throughout the world.

The most widely abused drug in the world is cannabis (marijuana), according to a 2001 report by the United Nations Office of Drug Control and Crime Prevention (UNDCP). The average age for first marijuana use is 12

UNDCP also reports a global increase in the use of synthetic drugs, especially speed and Ecstasy, which are amphetamine-type stimulants (ATS). Introduced in the 1980s, ATS are the recreational drug of choice among young people in the industrialized world. ATS are often taken in combination with cannabis.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) occurs as a result of significant, direct alcohol intake by a mother to her fetus. Babies born with FAS tend to weigh less and to be shorter in length than other babies. Additional FAS indicators include: smaller heads, deformed facial features, abnormal joints and limbs, poor coordination, learning problems, and short memories.

FAS causes permanent mental impairments and hyperactivity. FAS is a leading cause of mental retardation.

Gangs create a sense of family for youth from dysfunctional homes. Reasons for joining street gangs include: gaining a sense of identity, recognition, discipline, love, belonging, and money.

Previously, gangs were formed to serve as protectors of a particular region of a neighborhood. In the 1990s, gangs changed to become sellers of illegal drugs, car thieves, and robbers. Gang membership today usually includes violence, gunfire, graffiti, and drug use.

Illiteracy affects millions of people all over the world. Statistics from the World Bank reveal that in 2001, the country of Niger had a 92% illiteracy rate, Burkina Faso had an 87% illiteracy rate, Guinea-Bissau had an

82% illiteracy rate, and Afghanistan had an 80% illiteracy rate.

Defined as someone who lacks a fourth grade education, women in developing countries are the largest group of illiterates. About 20% of people age 15 and over who live in developed countries are also functionally illiterate.

Malnutrition and eating disorders, affect millions of young people worldwide. The UN estimates that there are 790 million chronically hungry people in the world. Micronutrient deficiency, such as Vitamin A deficiency, affects 100 million children in the world. More than two billion people in the world (mostly women and children) are iron deficient.

In Canada, eating disorders are the third most common chronic illness among adolescent females. Eating disorders (including anorexia and bulimia), are voluntary methods of attempting to maintain a minimal body weight.

Poverty affects the health, nutrition, employment, literacy, housing, sanitation, and safety of children. It is the outstanding economic and social problem in the world today.

In 2000, 220 million people in Africa lived in extreme poverty. Defined as living on less than one US dollar per day, there are more than 1.3 billion people in the world who live in extreme poverty, according to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

Psychological disorders affecting young adults include depression and teen suicide. Common symptoms of teen depression include: unhappiness, feelings of isolation, loss of appetite, hopelessness, apathy, withdrawal, tears, and sleeplessness.

Risk factors for adolescent depression include: a family history of depression, stress, cigarette smoking, the loss of a parent or loved one, the dissolution of a romantic relationship, an attentional, conduct or learning disorder, a chronic illness, abuse or neglect, or other trauma such as surviving a natural disaster.

Underlying causes of teen suicide include: economic depression, social isolation, hopelessness, alcohol, drug use, stress, life crises, and the breakdown of the family unit, including divorce.

Sexual activity, teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, are issues that affect youth worldwide.

Tobacco users are usually addicted to smoking or chewing tobacco by age 20. Sixteen is an average age for first tobacco use.

Worldwide, four million people die every year due to tobacco use, according to WHO. About 80,000 to 100,000 young people become regular long-term smokers every day. Most of these young people live in developing countries. Non-smokers are at-risk of developing lung cancer from inhaling tobacco smoke.

Violence, including the use of weapons, frequently coincides with drug abuse and gang activity. Poverty and a lack of employment opportunities are often the impetus for violent behavior.

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN INTERACTING WITH A CHILD (OR ANY- ONE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER):

- " Listen more than you talk.
- " Give more than you get.
- " Smile more than you frown.
- " Think "we" more than you think "me."
- " Agree more than you disagree.
- " Compliment more than you criticize.
- " Laugh more than you cry.
- " Clean up more than you mess up.
- " Be positive more than you are negative.
- " Be fascinated more than you are frustrated.
- " "WALK THE WALK"



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