



District 18-D Bulletin

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MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

July 2009



District Governor

Grace Clower

Dear Lions of 18-D,

By the time you read this, I will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the Lions Club International Convention. I am looking forward to being inducted as one of some 750 District Governors from around the globe. I know all the training I receive there will help me be the best District Governor I can be.

I can't wait to get back to Georgia and work with all of you. My theme for our Lions year is "Service Shines Through". The need for our service is greater now than ever before. More and more people need our help. I know we will meet those needs. I have often said 18-D is the best district in the Georgia.

We will get our year off to a start with our first Cabinet Meeting on Sunday, July 26th at 2:00 p.m. at the Gainesville Civic Center. That will be followed by an officer training session. This is open to all Lions, but I encourage all officers who have not attended a training session, to be there. We will be trying a new format for our Cabinet meetings. Come and check it out!

Mark you calendars now for the weekend of November 13-14. That will be our Hall of Fame Dinner on Friday the 13th and the District Rally and Cabinet Meeting on Saturday. We may even have a contest for the club having the largest number of members attending the Rally. Other important dates will be included in the District Directory and the District Bulletin. I look forward to seeing all of you at these district functions.

We will have a Club Excellence Award competition this year. All the details of this will be sent to the club Secretary. I have tried to make this simple and yet include all aspects of a club of excellence. I hope your club will work hard to be a club of excellence.

There is a lot of good work being done in District 18-D. You will soon see information about a Lions Day at Lanier Speedway on August 15th. This will be a fundraiser for our Camp for the Blind.

I have had the opportunity to visit many clubs in the District as Vice District Governor. One thing I have learned is each club is different; yet, we are all the same. We face the same challenges. Thank you for your support; and I know, working together, our service will shine through!

Yours in Lionism,
Grace



33rd Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



*Leadership Forum
September 24-26, 2009
Memphis, Tennessee*

We hope that all of you will invite a first timer to attend the Memphis Forum. Those of you who do invite a new attendee will receive a special Forum Pin, stating the year 2009 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 Memphis Forum the best Forum ever!

For all the information on the Forum, go to:
<http://usacanadalionsforum.org>

Discover a New World of Leadership & Service



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

18 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

**26 July = 1st Cabinet Meeting to start at 2:00pm.
Location at Gainesville Civic Center.**




**New Officer Training will be held after the
Cabinet Meeting**



**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 on YouTube, MySpace, Twitter and More

Did you know Lions are all over the Web? Social networking is a great way to keep in touch with Lions around the world and to see what LCI is doing. Watch Lions videos on [YouTube](#), see photos and network with others on [MySpace](#) and get the latest LCI news on [Twitter](#), all from the comfort of your computer.

Online Convention Launches June 1

Interested in following the excitement and pageantry of the 92nd Lions Clubs International Convention? [Visit Online Convention](#) to see contest results and view photos from each day's events. Also, learn more about keynote speaker Colin Powell and Humanitarian Award winner Father Chris Riley – all at Online Convention.

LION Magazine Headquarters Edition Photo Contest

The Headquarters edition of LION Magazine is holding a photo contest for readers. [Download the contest rules and instructions](#), start taking

pictures and send them to the editorial staff for a chance to win a great new Sony digital camera.

Opportunities to Serve Children in Need

Lions Services for Children Symposiums are an effective way to promote community awareness about the critical needs of children in your area. Symposiums also provide the foundation for the development of collaborative relationships with other interested organizations. The program allows for funding of up to US\$1,000 for each of four symposiums per Constitutional Area per fiscal year. [Learn more about this great opportunity](#). Beginning July 1, 2009, [applications for funding](#) will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, for fiscal year 2009-2010. All reimbursements will be subject to the program's [Rules of Audit](#).

Family Cub Program Coming Soon and How You Can Help

The new Family Cub Program, in connection with the Family Membership Program, is being introduced at the 92nd Lions Clubs International Convention in Minneapolis. Formulated especially to encourage families to volunteer together, children under the age of 12 will have the opportunity to build a lifelong dedication to helping those in need. Cubs will be distinguished with age-specific patches and Lions clubs will be equipped with a guide full of age-appropriate activities. Here is where we need your help. Cubs will be divided into three age categories: under age 3, ages 4-7 and ages 8-12. Lions Clubs International is looking for a series of names to give to each of the three age categories. Submit your Cub name ideas at the Extension &

Membership Booth at the Minneapolis convention or to the [Membership Programs and New Clubs Marketing Department](#). Look for more information on the Family Cub Program in July.

New Issue of ForSight Available

The newest edition of ForSight, a publication that highlights the achievements of the SightFirst program, is now available in all languages. The publication can be [downloaded](#) or delivered by mail. [Contact the LCIF Communications department](#) for more information about publications offered by the Foundation.

“To Do” This Summer: Plan a Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness

Diabetic eye disease is one of the leading causes of irreversible blindness in the world today. The primary objective of the Lions Diabetes Awareness Program is to reduce the number of cases of blindness caused by diabetes through awareness, early detection and treatment, and support of research. Lions are especially encouraged to conduct awareness activities in their communities throughout the year. Now's the time to plan a [Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness](#) community event and take advantage of mild temperatures.

New!!! Strides Walk Banner Patch Lions clubs and districts that have organized a [Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness](#) may apply to receive the new Strides Walk Banner Patch award. Read more about the criteria and download the [application](#).

New Lions Quest Video

A new Lions Quest video is available free of charge from Lions Clubs International Foundation. The DVD is available in all official Lions languages. It spotlights successful Lions Quest programs around the world. Lions Quest is the life-skills program for kindergarten through 12th grade. [View and order](#) the video online or [contact Lions Quest](#) to learn more.

Lions Quest 25th Anniversary

In recognition of Lions Quest's 25th anniversary, Lions Clubs International Foundation will be supporting a number of exciting activities throughout the upcoming year. The kick-off to the celebration will commence at the 92nd Annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. At the beginning of the school year, Lions Quest will launch the "Heroes in the Community" contest, joining Lions and Lions Quest classrooms together in service. Anniversary buttons, brochures and logos are available throughout the year. Lions are also being encouraged to make a designated donation to the program. [Visit the Lions Quest Web site](#) for more information, and [view the video online](#).

Coming Soon: e-Clubhouse

Lions Clubs International is gearing up to launch the e-Clubhouse. Designed with fill-in-the-blank fields for even the least of the Internet savvy, the e-Clubhouse will enable clubs to build their own branded club Web site, equipped with social networking tools and a password protected, members only area.

The e-Clubhouse will be rolled out in three phases. The first phase, being demonstrated at the 92nd Lions Clubs International Convention in Minneapolis and available through the LCI Web site in July, will offer clubs the ability to develop a branded public Web site. Phases two and three (timeframe to be determined) will release the social networking tools and members only area. Additionally, clubs will be able to convert their existing LionWap sites to the e-Clubhouse.

Membership Cards 2009-10

The May issue of LIONS, page 51, gives notice to all club secretaries that if you file online, you will not receive paper membership cards.

Club secretaries can now print out their membership cards at the LCI website. Just to go www.lionsclubs.org and Submit Reports. Log on and you will see complete instructions to print out your cards. You can use plain white card stock and cut the cards to size or purchase Avery blank business cards.

Just remember to change the date to June 2010 and print in color. LCI automatically inserts the membership cards for printing.

Important Dates for Lions Activities

All over the world, people know of the miracles of service that Lions clubs provide. Here are some important upcoming events in 2009:

Lions Club Activity Report due, July 15

Standard, Core 4 and IAG grant application deadline for review, July 31

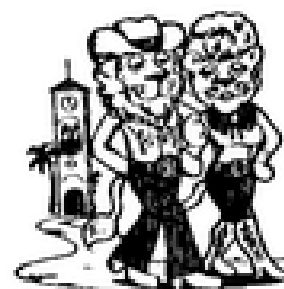
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READY GEORGIA

Great website for evaluating your preparedness for an emergency. Lots of good information. This will also let you know about the current swine flu status.

<http://ready.ga.gov/>

**Also find it on your web site under
GA LIONS ALERT**





INTENT TO LEVY AND COLLECT ADDITIONAL PER CAPITA TAX OF \$3.00

MD 18 CONSTITUTION—Article VI - SECTION 2—DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FUND— (b) In addition to the Multiple District Annual per capita tax levied upon each Member of the Lions Clubs in the State by Article VI, Section 1, the individual Districts of this State are authorized and empowered to levy and to collect an additional per capita tax, up to, but not to exceed, Three Dollars (\$3.00) upon each member of the Lions Clubs in their respective Districts, subject to the following terms and conditions: (1) Notice of intention to levy and collect said additional per capita tax and notice of the maximum amount to be levied and collected must be forwarded to the Secretary and President of each Club in said District at least ten days prior to the date of the first Cabinet Meeting is to be held for said year. (2) Levy and collection of said tax, the exact amount thereof and the date on which the same shall be levied and collected shall be approved by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the District Governor's Cabinet present at the first meeting of said Cabinet for the year.



We are pleased to announce that all [Official Licensees of Lions Clubs International](#) are posted online in the Lions Store. You may access this information by going to www.lionsclubs.org, clicking on "Shop" at the top of the screen, and then on "Official Licensees" on the left side of the Club Supplies Store home page. [Official Licensees](#) are authorized to sell items bearing the Lions trademarks directly to our Lions members. Lions may contact the companies listed on our website directly for further information about the products that they have available. The Licensees' online information is updated on a regular basis with new Licensees, changes to contact information and PDF flyers, so be sure to refer to this page any time you need to find an official supplier of Lions merchandise. If you ever need information about the status of a company that is not listed on this page, you may contact me directly.

Please share this information with the Lions in your Multiple District and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[Sarah Beatty](#), Divisional Assistant, Lions Clubs International, Club Supplies & Distribution
Sarah.Beatty@lionsclubs.org or Direct Phone: 630-468-6921



PDG Ken Thurmond has asked that the following information be submitted to the state email list:

Subject: Camp for the Blind Fundraiser

Each year Lanier Speedway in Gainesville partners with several charities (such as Sunshine Camp for children with cancer,) etc., to assist with fundraising endeavors. This year the Camp for the Blind has been given the opportunity to participate, and will be in charge of the opening ceremony. Our responsibilities are simply to have the tickets we think we will be able to sell printed and to sell the tickets. For those presold tickets we will earn half the price of each ticket. Adult tickets will sell for ten dollars and children's (6-12) will sell for five.

The date of the race for which we will be selling tickets is August 15th. The race will consist of several short races (trucks, Bandoleros, street stock, mini-stock, legends). The main event will be a 100-lap race of late model cars driven by racecar drivers such as Chase Elliot.

If this turns out to be a good moneymaker for the Camp, we will be able to make it an annual event. I will be glad to get the tickets you need to you, and David Edge has agreed to handle the monies. Thanks for all you and your club do for the Camp.

For more information, please contact PDG Ken Thurmond, 706 754-1787 or 706 768-9469, or via email at eyebank@windstream.net.



Dear Lion,

During my time as Chairperson I have made a conscious effort to elevate the awareness of the Lions Quest program. I would like to share a story with you about Lions Quest that demonstrates the impact of the program on youth.

Mrs. Megquier, better known as Ashley by Mrs. Hart's fifth grade class, was teaching Lions Quest at an elementary school located in Maine. Throughout the year the class worked on an environmental community service project. Though the project was useful and fun, the important life lessons Ashley taught to the class through the program were much more significant. Lions Quest taught the students about friendship, trust, respect for others and positive decision making. The program brought the class together, showing them what difficulties their fellow class members were experiencing. Lions Quest made the students realize that the feelings of other people matter as much as their own, and that itself is a life lesson.

The success of the Lions Quest program is just one example of many Foundation's humanitarian initiatives. It is with great pride that I have served all of you as Chairperson, a year which I will never forget. Thank you for your continued support and dedication in the years to come.

**Best regards,
Mahendra Amarasuriya**

New LCIF Volunteer Structure

LCIF has established a new, enhanced volunteer structure to provide consistently trained and longer-serving [LCIF Coordinators](#) in every district and multiple district (MD) worldwide. These volunteer coordinators will serve as ambassadors of LCIF, and are being appointed and trained for a three-year term. The new LCIF Coordinators will fill the role formerly served by MD and District LCIF Chairpersons. This new structure will be effective

following International Convention in Minneapolis this July.

Grants

Recently Approved Grants

At the May SightFirst Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting, [10 grants were approved](#) for a total of US\$1,191,669. The Lions Quest Advisory Committee (LAC) approved three grants were for a total of US\$93,000 in May 2009.

2009-2010 Grant Application Deadlines

The SightFirst Advisory Committee and the Lions Quest Advisory Committee will meet twice annually beginning next fiscal year. Please find the deadlines for [grant applications on-line](#).

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Resource for Ophthalmologists in your Community

Please share this information with ophthalmologists in your community. The American Academy of Ophthalmology is now offering all ophthalmologists in the developing world free access to the [Ophthalmic News and Education \(O.N.E.\) Network](#). The O.N.E. Network allows users access to the latest research in peer-reviewed publications, subspecialty topics and lifelong learning tools. Interested ophthalmologists can apply for access [online](#).



Editor's Note

Fellow Lions:

Special Promotion: EyeCare America Wants Everyone to Take Advantage of its National Give the Gift of Sight Campaign!

This year, EyeCare America® has launched its National Give the Gift of Sight campaign! As a part of the campaign, the organization is offering free downloadable certificates with information on their no cost medical eye exams and eye care offered through its Seniors EyeCare Program.

Helping People Over 65 Preserve Sight

The Seniors EyeCare Program ensures that every senior has access to medical eye care and promotes annual, dilated eye exams. It raises awareness about age-related eye disease, including cataracts, provides free eye care educational materials and facilitates access to eye care—at no out-of-pocket cost.

By age 65, one in three Americans has some form of vision impairing eye disease. Most do not know it because there are often no warning symptoms or they assume that poor sight is a natural part of growing older. By detecting and treating eye disease early through annual, dilated eye exams, seniors can preserve their sight.

Qualifications

The Seniors EyeCare Program is designed for people who:

- Are US citizens or legal residents
- Are age 65 and older
- Have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years
- Do not belong to an HMO or the VA

To determine if you, a family member or friend qualify for a referral through this program, call 800-222-EYES (3937) toll-free, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Benefits

People eligible for a referral through the program receive a comprehensive, medical eye exam and up to one year of care— at no out-of-pocket cost —for any disease diagnosed during the initial exam.

Volunteer ophthalmologists accept Medicare and/or other insurance reimbursement as payment in full; patients without insurance receive care at no charge.

EyeCare America offers multiple eye care programs for which individuals may qualify. Callers will automatically be screened to determine the program that provides the most appropriate eye care services. Callers who have not had an eye exam in the past 12 months and are at increased risk for glaucoma may be eligible for a glaucoma eye exam through our Glaucoma EyeCare Program.

Eyeglasses, prescription drugs, hospital services, and fees of other medical professionals are not included in this program.

Our Partners and Sponsors

EyeCare America partners with the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging: Making the Link Program.

Patient Advocate Foundation's Co-Pay Relief (PAF CPR) provides co-payment assistance for pharmaceutical products to insured Americans who financially and medically qualify.

Visit www.copays.org for more information.

This program is co-sponsored by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. and Alcon and endorsed by state ophthalmological societies.

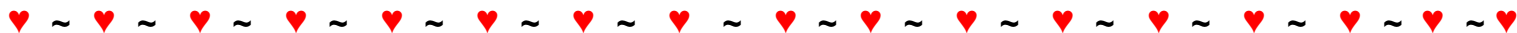
Go to this web site and download certificate:

<http://www.eyecareamerica.org/eyecare/care/senior-eyecare.cfm>

A new Lion year is coming – start thinking of our future



“Opportunity lies within Lions.” Unknown



== NOW – GO TO THESE WEB SITE's AND CHECK IT OUT ==



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facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lions-Clubs-International/27922222491>



Lions Clubs International

We are pleased to announce that electronic payment options are now available to the treasurers of United States clubs, via WMMR on the Lion's Website.

You can make an e-Check payment using your club's checking account. You can also make a club payment using a valid Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express credit card.

This is a simple process. You log into WMMR, with your WMMR password. Once in WMMR, choose the Payments option. By clicking on the "Help" button, you will see a document explaining the payment process. Also, you can view FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions), by clicking on the "FAQ" button. NOTE: You can access "Help" or "FAQ" without making a payment. At the bottom of this page is the "Make Payment" button that initiates the electronic payment process.

You still have the option to mail your payments directly to the association's lockbox, per the instructions included on your club statement. Please do not mail your payment to Oak Brook. The electronic payment options will be included in the payments instructions sent with your June club statement.

For questions regarding electronic payments, please call 630-203-3838.



Dear Lion,

This is the last of my series of messages to you on membership. I hope you understand by now that I believe that "membership" isn't just a matter of marketing and recruiting. It is about "being" and "doing" -- the very heart of what it means to be a Lion.

It has been my privilege this year to meet many of you and to see firsthand all that Lions can be and all they are capable of doing. While I have worked hard to fulfill my responsibilities as international president, I know that it is not leaders, but rather Lions at the club level who make miracles happen. Because of this, after I serve as chairperson of [Lions Clubs International Foundation](#) in 2009-10, Maureen and I will be enthusiastic about increasing our participation and returning as regular members of the Melville and West Hempstead (New York, USA) Lions Clubs.

I thank all of you, my fellow Lions, for being an example to a world in urgent need of effective, cooperative action and for doing miracles of service that are beyond the reach of any of us acting alone. I have always been proud to be a Lion but never as proud as I am right now.

One of the most gratifying things about my presidential year has been the opportunity hear about your miracles of service and see them in action during my extensive travels.

When China was devastated by an earthquake and thousands were left without shelter, 5,000 tents appeared as if by magic because Lions made it happen. LCIF also authorized US\$3 million to help meet immediate needs. I visited a school where 13 students had died just weeks before, but there was joy and relief on the faces of the surviving children because of the hope inspired by the compassion of Lions. Now that's a miracle.

In Australia bushfires destroyed communities and disrupted lives, reducing entire towns to ashes. Victoria state officials asked Lions to consult on rebuilding plans. Why? Because of Lions' highly visible presence on the ground providing relief where it was most needed.

These examples show that Lions can step up in a big way when needed. But miracles also happen on a smaller scale. Maureen and I vividly recall the joy of a young mother in Africa after a corneal transplant provided by Lions allowed her to see her children for the first time. And when we assisted in a vision screening for the Navajo people in the southwestern United States, we knew we were offering hope to people who otherwise might have none.

Sincerely,

President Al

Membership Updates

Lions, Leos and now Lion Cubs. The Lions family keeps growing! At it's March meeting in New York, the membership development committee of the international board of directors approved the Lion Cub program. This will enable family-oriented clubs to include children under the age of 12 in their activities.

The committee also approved extending the entrance fee waiver from six to 12 months for transfer and reinstated members who resigned in good standing.



RETENTION

Ideas Clubs Use To Get And Keep Members Involved

Strike up a friendly rivalry with another service club on a community service project. One club does this by seeing which club can raise the most money ringing the Salvation Army bell. They even have a song to motivate the members to participate and a joint meeting to share in the fun.

Invite Children to participate in fund raising and community service projects AND TO CLUB MEETINGS. Market the club as a family oriented group. Have a Leo or a scout care for the children at meetings.

Let newer members (1-5 years) come up with a project and let them run it.

Have an occasional joint meeting with another service club. This helps with networking and lets Lions know they are not an island unto themselves.

Hold a family outing. Be sure to include the kids – including grandchildren. Make it fun with maybe just hot dogs and burgers. Have fun games for both kids and adults.

Set aside one meeting to brainstorm new ideas for community service and/or fund raising projects. Have a newer member act as a facilitator and an experienced Lion as scribe.

MD18 Retention Chair
DG Kenneth Moore Jr.



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

Dear Club Officer,

On June 17, I attended a meeting at the White House to discuss ways that the U.S. Lions clubs can engage more volunteers in community service this summer as part of the "United We Serve" challenge.

Most Lions would agree that it's a good thing when the nation is reminded about the importance of service. It can bring about more hands to serve unmet needs, more people who are inspired to a lifetime of ongoing service -- and hopefully, even more people who see joining a Lions club as a great way to serve their community year 'round.

My request to you is simple. If your club is planning a service project between now and September 11, 2009, please consider posting your service event or your project's ongoing volunteer needs on the [United We Serve](http://www.unitedweserve.org) web site. By listing your service events on this website, people who are looking for ways to volunteer this summer can contact your club to find out more.

Examples of projects to post at [serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov) can include community clean up days, health fairs and screenings, Lions Crew at Work projects, food collections, youth sporting or youth service days - or really any Lions service activity you feel might benefit from a few extra volunteer hands.

With millions of Americans expected to visit the [serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov) website in the coming months, it would be great to show just how much the Lions are already leading the way on the service front.

Yours in Service,

Al Brandel
International President



"Change the World"

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.

Report of the State Awards District Chairman 2008-2009 For State Convention for District 18-D

25 Lions Clubs entered from state. 9 Clubs from District 18-D (3 more than in 2007-2008) accounted for 36% of those entered from state. District 18-D had the largest number of clubs entering this year. 8 out of 9 clubs won plaques. 18-D won 20% of the awards given. 172 entries in 45 awards from state with 74 plaques given including ties and LEO's.

Those winning:

Union Co. – 1 First Place, 2 Second Place
Jefferson – 1 Second Place
Dawsonville – 4 First Place, 2 Second Place
Dahlonega – 1 First place
Toccoa – 1 First Place
Athens – 1 First Place, 1 Second Place
Athens Classic City – 1 Second Place
Snellville – 1 First place

Scrapbook – (For District)

1st Place – Toccoa
2nd Place – TIE – Jefferson
Union Co.

3rd – Winder Noon

(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, Third Place \$5.00

Bryson Tanner

District Awards Chairman 18-D

State awards committee 2008-2009

Dahlongega Lions Club = EYE EXAMS AND GLASSES:

Lion year 2008 -2009 (6/29/2009): **42. USED GLASSES, HEARING AIDS AND CELL PHONES:** This year through June 6, 2009, a total of 1601 items have been contributed. **VISION SCREENING:** Training for a member of the Dahlongega Lions club in the screening process was conducted.. Training for those who may be interested but have not been trained can be arranged. Since July 1, 2008 a total of 18 members have been trained on the screening process. The next screening date at the Community Helping Place is scheduled for August 12,2009. This screening may have to be rescheduled. Club members be proud of the fact that your are involved in a process that restores and/or improves vision of those who might otherwise loose it. **YARD SALE:** All indications point to another successful yard sale on June 12-13,2009. A big thanks to those who worked to make it a success. Because of your work and efforts the Dahlongega Lions Club can keep providing eye exams and glasses to those with need.



Forsyth County Lions Club = My fellow Lions 3rd and 4th of July: Come one - come all! Our new year starts our with a bang (or at least fireworks)! First - we need all hands on deck (including willing spouses) to arrive at the fairgrounds booth between 3 and 5 on Friday evening. This is our first major fundraiser and it is important that we keep all windows open for service. The lines can get really long and you know how cranky hot, tired and thirsty folks can get! After the 9:00 fireworks, there is usually a dance contest right near us so we'll need to keep the soft drinks and water cold and ready - and the hot dogs and hamburgers, etc for those worked up appetites. If you are more of a night owl - come late and help clean up. Next, for the really fun time - at 8:00 Saturday morning, we'll be giving out much needed ear plugs to those unsuspecting folks along parade route in beautiful downtown Cumming. We especially want each child to be protected from the ear-splitting blasts from our famous steam engines. This is one of our best service projects where we can get out face to face with homefolks and visitors alike. Let's show them that the Forsyth County Lions Club is alive and well and ready to serve! Lion Tony will have the boxes at the booth Friday night, or just meet him Saturday morning to pick up your supply. We won't be serving food - maybe drinks if we have enough help. Sometimes the parade folks stop by - and the engines keep on blasting.

Jefferson Lions Club = Sight Services: Ten eye exams were completed this month bringing our total for the year to 60 eye exams and pairs of glasses donated to the citizens of Jackson County. **Regular Meeting:** Kim Karts, sponsor of the 4H club "Love of Lamas" brought three members of her club who presented a program on the benefits of lamas. Later the Lions were able to meet five lamas up close and personal. Lion Dot Hunt introduced two representatives from the Athens Sam's Club who gave the Lions a check for \$1000.00. Second Vice District Governor Ken Fuller and his wife, Carol, also visited our club. **Installation Banquet:** District Governor Grace Clower installed the new 2009-10 Jefferson Lions Club Officers. **Public Relations:** The Jefferson Lions Club had one article and two pictures in the *Jackson County Herald* during the month of June.

Loganville Lions Club = June 15 was installation night at the Loganville Lions Club meeting with Georgia Lions District Governor Elect Grace Clower officiating. Ben Johnson, of Silver and Archibald Law Firm in Athens and long-time Loganville resident was installed as the Club's new president. Neal Byrd, a charter member of the Loganville Club, was recognized for his outstanding service to the Club and Georgia Lions for more than 44 years. Byrd was inducted into the District 18-D Georgia Lions Hall of Fame recently. Pictured are District Governor Grace Clower, new Lion President Ben Johnson, and past president Gene Knight and Lion Neal Byrd being recognized by DG Grace Clower.



Norcross Lions Club = PDG Ed Hashbarger attended the GA Lions State Convention at Jekyll Island. We continue to work on the Norcross Art Fest. We sold hot dogs, beverages, and snow cones in Thrasher Park on a Saturday as a way to meet community neighbors who might be good Lions Club members. We made plans to sell snow cones and water at the Norcross fireworks on July 3. DGE Grace Clower spoke to our club about Camp Kudzu and about important district meetings in July and November. Kathy Freeman, board member for the Norcross Cooperative Ministry, explained how the cooperative works to help people in the Norcross community and how we can help them. They are currently looking for donations for school supplies and will have a tent at the Norcross fireworks on July 3 collecting these donations.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = We had our New Officer Induction Dinner and a good time was had by all. Lion Pete Stamsen did the induction.

<i>Eyeglasses collected</i>	<i>532</i>
<i>Lenses</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Hearing Aids</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Cell Phones</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Volunteer Hours</i>	<i>45</i>

Nacho Cheese Machine = \$300 or best offer.



Snellville Lions Club = Guest: June 4th. The two scholarship winners for this year and their family attended our meeting Ann Christensen from Grayson High School she will be attending Brigham Young Univ. George Shu from Brookwood High School he will be attending Georgia State College Each student received a check for \$2,500.00 for the school they will be attending. **State Convention:** Six (6) members attended the Lions State Convention. **Installing:** June 18th. Installation for the new officer 2009-2010, PCC Dan Stuart was the installing officers Following awards was presented tonight: Melvin Jones Fellow Lion Marlene Gillman, Five (5) members key award from International DGE Grace Clower, Lion of the Year Lion Elmer Moon, New Lion of the Year Lion Kathy Martin, Tail Twister 2008-2009 Lion Harold Walker. **Service Projects:** Item turn given to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse 169 Pairs of Glasses 16 Pairs loose Lens 3 Cell Phones. **Fund Raisers Project.** June 13th. Club held their first annual yard sale, very successful. **Non Lions Volunteer Hours** 119 hours

Towns County Lions Club = Next Club Meeting is July 28th. Officer Instalation PLUS a program by Bonnie Herman from the Peacock Playhouse.

Every Member of the Towns County Lions Club is a stock holder in the Georgia Mountain Fair, Inc. It is our baby. Every member needs to take a keen interest in the Fair and attempt to volunteer in some way. Without the loyal support of the Club Stock Holders the Fair cannot function as it should.



2009 4th of July Independence Day Fireworks Celebration 9:45 P.M. Gather your friends and family this summer and celebrate Independence Day at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds with a Fireworks Extravaganza! In participation with United Community Bank, the Fairgrounds will shoot off thousands of pyrotechnics. This is sure to be a show that will light up the mountain sky and end your 4th of July with a bang.



Ga State Convention was June 5-7, 2009, at Jekyll Island
The Towns County Delegation was one of the largest.

Toccoa Lions Club = Sight Conservation: Nick Thomas reported that we had 15 applications approved in May. A general discussion ensued about our local sight conservation program. There was a feeling that the club is running out of money and may have to curtail services. There was more discussion about money needed for sight conservation service. Interest available from the CD's will go to Sight Conservation. A motion was made by Lion Ray seconded by Lion Ruth. Vote to pass the motion was unanimous. Further discussion took place about the number of people seen versus the amount of funds available and the time for service. **Other business:** there was a discussion concerning the vacancy in the First VP position. Six names were discussed and will be contacted. **The October Pancake Breakfast** was discussed as Russ Paxton will be gone the first weekend in October. The board felt that we had enough understudies to Russ to conduct the pancake breakfast without his supervision.



The Officers and Directors for the Toccoa Lions Club for Year 2009 – 2010 were inducted on May 28th at Toccoa Falls College. Standing left to right are Lions Randy Shirley, Larry Earhart, Art Conway, PDG Ruth Payton, Ray Cornell, Bill Graham, Nick Thomas, Jim Nelson, Henry Fields, Steve Spruill, and DG-Elect Grace Clower. Kneeling left to right are Dave Stancil, Mary Ann Mojica, Kay Royal and Bryan Gordon.



Lion Wayne Turnbull, District Environment Chair from the Oconee Club speaks to Toccoa Lions



Toccoa's state awards winning Lions displaying their wares. The state convention awarded these Lions at the convention at Jekyll Island on June 6th. From left to right are Bryan Gordon with the second place club bulletin, PDG Ruth Payton with her eighth Golden Chain award and Mary Ann Mojica with the best club scrapbook in the state of Georgia.



The Toccoa Lions Club is welcoming five new members its membership. The induction ceremony was held Thursday May 28, 2009 at the President's dining room at Toccoa Falls College. Grace Clower, vice district governor from Snellville, swore in Steve and Irene Chitwood of Toccoa both sponsored by Ruth Payton. Clower also swore in Andrew and Margo Taylor of Toccoa and Chrystal Coker of Baldwin who are all sponsored by Ray Cornell.

Union County Lions Club = Sight Conservation: 5 applications for glasses & exams approved. **Lion Mints:** 305 rolls of Lion Mints placed. **Donations:** \$500.00 scholarship presented to graduate of Mountain Education Center. Of the 3 essays presented, his was voted best by scholarship committee. A \$200.00 donation was approved for very well known & loved local young man who is EMT & also a fireman, to be presented at a fund raiser for him as he has been critically ill & debts have mounted drastically. \$100.00 approved to assist local Chamber of Commerce with July 4th County wide fireworks. Plus paid out \$650.00 for 5 pair eye glasses & exams. Appreciation plaques to Secretary Fran Kirkland & Treasurer Helen Hanson for job well done for 2008-2009. An appreciation plaque presented to Director of Day Retreat for all the assistance the Day Retreat Clients have given the Lions with collectiong eye glasses, hearing aids & cell phones from the 13 collection boxes as well as stuffing envelopes for the Lighthouse. Secretary Fran Kirkland had 16 100% attendance to present. Lion Louise Little gave report on State Lions Convention at Jekyll, Island & State awards won by this club: First Place for visits to other clubs; Second Place for scrapbook; & Second Place in large club category for total monies collected for White Cane. Lion Gene recognized each Lion present with a lapel pin or certificate or trophy or other type gift in appreciation for hard work & long hours for 2008-2009. LION OF THE YEAR AWARD went to Lion Sam Weissberg. NOTE: President Gene Little did not want a President's Plaque, he chose instead a 'golf shirt' which has been back ordered twice from Lions International. Will be presented when it comes in. **Lion and friends and family volunteer hours:** 617 hours.



Games at Meeks Park on 4 July = The 4th annual Old-Fashioned Games sponsored by the Union County Lions Club has been a great success in the past and they will be looking for a large crowd again this year. This has been a great way for people to see Lions in Action.



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The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation Proudly Congratulates The 2009 Lighthouse Award Winners

Mildred Bingham Award:
Lion Ken Massingale

District Director's Award:
Lion Mike Higgins

District Governor Award: *District Governor Dick Smith* *District Governor Kenneth Moore*

**Lighthouse Contribution Award
Large Club:**

1st place — *Ellijay Lions Club*
2nd place — *South Cobb Lions Club*
3rd place — *Jasper Lions Club*

Medium Club:

1st place — *Forsyth County Lions Club*
2nd place — ***Clarkesville Lions Club***
3rd place — *Roswell Lions Club*

Small Club:

1st place — *Albany Lions Club*
2nd place — *Augusta Lions Club*
3rd place — ***Athens Lions Club***

**White Cane Award
Large Club:**

1st place — *Douglas Lions Club*
2nd place — ***Union County Lions Club***
3rd place — ***Forsyth County Lions Club***

Medium Club:

1st place — ***Clarkesville Lions Club***
2nd place — *Baxley Lions Club*
3rd place — *Pike County Lions Club*

Small Club:

1st place — *Albany Lions Club*
2nd place — *Washington Lions Club*
3rd place — *Blue Ridge Lions Club*

Ken Massingale Award:
LaVista Lions Club

Hearing Award:
LaVista Lions Club

Highest Increase in Total Giving:
Ellijay Lions Club

President Club Awards:

\$1,000+ in Total Giving

Adairsville Lions Club
Athens Lions Club
Baxley Lions Club
Byron Lions Club
Carrollton Lions Club
Chickamauga Lions Club

Albany Lions Club
Atlanta Lions Club
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Snellville Lions Club
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 Jones County Lions Club
Lavonia Lions Club
 Madison Lions Club
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Norcross Lions Club
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- For every 1 dollar donated, the Lighthouse can provide 5 dollars in medical services.
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A Dream Realized, by Guest Writer Charlie Robinson



I am a geek. A total aeronautics and space geek. I am still awed by a vivid memory of a Christmas Eve forty years ago when three astronauts were orbiting the moon LIVE on TV. The grainy grey images transmitted by Apollo 8 were unforgettable. Although the visual thrills and accomplishments of the missions may no longer be available to me, I still get chills listening to a launch countdown and hearing the roar of liftoff every time a Space Shuttle is sent out on a mission.

So, imagine my surprise and delight when I opened my mail to discover a VIP invitation to NASA to attend the launch of the Space Shuttle Endeavor on November 14, 2008. This was a dream of mine. A dream I had thought was lost to me.

Travis, my trusted Leader Dog partner, lay at my feet, still and seemingly aware of the magnitude of the moment in which we were participating. At T minus one minute, the enthusiastic crowd began to count down in unison as we faced launch pad 39B. We were all standing in anticipation. Five, four, three, two LIFT OFF!

I heard and felt what I could not see. I knew the launch pad was aflame as the powerful roar began. I could smell the steam from the hydrogen and oxygen mix that was propelling the rocket; I knew it was billowing around the launch pad and enveloping the spacecraft. I knew that the night sky was blazing with brilliant golds, oranges and yellows. The trembling roar crossed Banana Creek and shook the bleachers in which we were sitting.

Travis stirred as the thundering rumble reached us. I know it was awesome. Amazing. Breathtaking. I felt a tremendous sense of pride in my nation as I prayed for the safe lift-off and eventual return of the brave men and women heading into space.

It was everything and more that I had hoped for. I thank the wonderful people at NASA for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I also thank Leader Dog for Travis who allowed me the ability and mobility to realize a dream.



Do not forget = 70 for 70:

In celebration of Leader Dog's 70th anniversary, Lions Clubs making a donation \$70 more than your regular club contribution will receive a commemorative "70 for 70" patch for the club banner and a pin for each club member. Have you sent in your \$70.00 separate from your normal contribution?



Reading With Max Benefits Leader Dog



Author Anthony M.T. Majewski is donating a portion of his book sales about Max to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Max is an English Labrador who shares stories about his real-life experiences and is dedicated to helping children manage experiences in their own lives. *In Dogs Move Too!*, the first book of the *Read With Max* series, Max finds out that his father has lost his job and his family will have to move. After reading the book, children will know that if Max can move, they can move, too.

Visit readwithmax.com to preview the book, ask questions, shop and share your own adventures.



Everyone associated with Leader Dogs for the Blind knows that dogs bring companionship, love, and more to our lives. Whether your dog is a Leader Dog or a personal pet that greets you at the door every time you come home, they deserve the best. With this in mind, Purina and Pet Supplies Plus have teamed up to offer you \$5.00 off your next purchase of Pro Plan® dog food. Pro Plan® meets all your dog's nutritional needs with premium food that contains real protein and healthy nutritional extras. With Pro Plan®, you are providing your dog with the building blocks of good health and a delicious selection of flavor choices.

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Student Ricky Enger Finds Her Tempo

Ricky Enger was born blind. But it hasn't stood in her way. Married for 10 years and the mother of 6-year-old Kyle, Ricky works for the Serotek Corporation in sales and marketing. It's a job with a lot of responsibility and she travels all over the country giving presentations.

For many years, she wasn't interested in a guide dog – because “you can't fold it up and put it in your purse” and a dog seemed, in some ways, a bother. She'd think, in fact, that people with visual impairments used their dogs more as pals than as bona fide guides.

She slowly became aware, however, that people using a guide dog were somehow more independent than she was and determined to give it a try. The results have been life-altering. “For the first time in my life,” Ricky says “I can walk at the speed I want to walk. I wasn't fully aware of the extent to which I'd adjust my gait to situations – the speed of a crowd or the pace of my sighted guide or the built-in hazards of using a cane – but I never walked at my pace.”

“All that has changed since I've been working with Eddy,” she says. “I can walk at the pace I was meant to; I can rest when I want to rest and I can go when I want to go. This is a new level of independence that I've never had in my life and I love it!”

Together with her new found freedom and independence, Ricky also has a pal named Eddy who loves her; who will keep her safe; who will always be at her side.



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Jay Huston, Army Veteran and Service Dog Timo

Jay Huston could have his dog get him a beer from the fridge, but he prefers to have Timo fetch shoes and keys. Timo is a service dog for Huston, a disabled veteran with limited mobility and muscle spasms. He drops things a lot and can't bend.

Timo has made it possible for the 42-year-old married father of three to have a normal life. “I was in so much pain I didn't want to get out of bed,” he said.

The 70-pound Labrador/ golden retriever mix pulls the 6-foot, 210-pound man to his feet and helps him dress. He goes to work with Huston at U.S. Northern Command and on frequent business trips.

At the airport, Timo puts Huston's shoes in the TSA conveyor bin, a line-saving grace at security that otherwise would require a worker's assistance. Timo sits by Huston's feet on the plane or, if available, gets his seat.

Huston has undergone 10 surgeries for spinal injuries after he hit the ground hard from a parachute malfunction eight years ago at Fort Benning, Ga. He retired from Fort Carson after 17 years of Army Reserve and active duty.

He was matched with Timo six months ago by Canine Companions for Independence, a national nonprofit that trains dogs for people with disabilities.

About a fourth of the 33 dogs placed in Colorado were with military veterans, said Paul O'Brien, director of the state office based in Colorado Springs.

“We're able to place dogs that would never go into service and to serve veterans,” O'Brien said. “Military vets with disabilities can handle dogs that we wouldn't typically be able to place. They have good upper-body strength and are cognitively able to handle and give commands to a dog.”

There is no fee to receive a dog, which gets about \$40,000 worth of training. The Retired Enlisted Association donated \$20,000 to help sponsor Timo and a dog for Divide resident Jim Young, an Army veteran injured in combat.

"We have a big push right now to place dogs with Iraqi and Afghanistan veterans," O'Brien said. "They want as much independence as they can." It takes some prodding, though.

"They typically say they aren't disabled enough," O'Brien said. "They don't want to take away a dog from someone with more significant disabilities."

That's why Huston put off getting a dog.

"It's a pride thing," Huston said. It's difficult for veterans to accept a disability and adjust to civilian life.

He credits Timo with saving his life. On a work trip in Washington, D.C., Huston, who has hearing loss, didn't hear a car coming.

"I was getting ready to step out in the crosswalk, and he curled his head around my leg and wouldn't let me step forward," he said, "and that's when a car went speeding into the crosswalk."

Timo wasn't trained to do that, he said.

At NorthCom, Timo opens doors, picks up dropped pens, closes file drawers and charms Huston's colleagues.

"They say hello to him," Huston said. "I say, 'What about me?'"

At home, Timo gets playtime with Huston's children, who are glad to have their dad back.

"He never wanted to leave the house," said his oldest daughter Kim, 17. "Now it's easier for him to go out with us."

Assistance dogs aren't just born, they're raised.



Volunteer puppy raisers provide these specially-bred puppies a safe home, take them to obedience classes, serve up a healthy diet, provide socialization opportunities and give lots of love.

Each hour spent caring for a CCI puppy is vital to its development as a future assistance dog. The puppy raising program provides a unique opportunity for volunteers to assist CCI with its very important mission. To learn more, contact:

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26-JUN-2009

ADA Statement on Insulin Glargine and Cancer

ALEXANDRIA, VA, Jun 26, 2009 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) -- Diabetologia, the journal of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD), published a series of research papers today examining a possible link between insulin glargine (brand name, Lantus) and cancer. Findings from these research papers are conflicting and inconclusive, and the American Diabetes Association cautions against over-reaction until more information is available.

Four different population based studies were reported and published in Diabetologia and the data within these studies and between these studies are conflicting and confusing. Until more information is available, the American Diabetes Association advises patients using insulin not to stop taking it.

For patients using glargine and considering switching to another form of insulin, the data in these studies make it unclear as to whether any one type of insulin increases the risk of cancer more than other types of insulin.

Patients concerned about these studies or their insulin regimen should talk to their doctor and should not stop taking their insulin on the basis of the findings reported here. Insulin is a hormone normally produced by the pancreas that helps the body use glucose for energy. All people with type 1 diabetes need to take insulin to survive; many patients with type 2 diabetes also need to take insulin to control their blood glucose.

Glargine insulin, which has been widely used since 2000, is an artificial form of insulin that is typically administered once a day. The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information and advocacy. The Association's mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. Founded in 1940, the Association provides service to hundreds of communities across the country. For more information please call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or visit www.diabetes.org. Information from both these sources is available in English and Spanish.

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**"Peace Begins
With Me"
2008-09 Grand
Prize Winner**

2008-09 Finalists = checkout all 24 pictures – go to:
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/youth_peace_poster.php3# = look for 2008-09 Finalists on right side



Fellow Lions,

This is an excellent opportunity for us to partner with our Leos on projects and raise awareness of Leos and Lions. **It would be great if every LEO Club (as well as the Lions Club that sponsors them) hold an event, or do a special project together to raise awareness. Here are some suggestions for ways that Lions and LEOs can work together:**

White Cane Month (Lighthouse)
 Send a Kid to Camp (Camp)
 Spotlight on Children
 Record-a-Thon (RFB&D)
 Liberty Day
 Kids 'N Coins (Leader Dog)
 Any local-needs project

If there is no LEO Club in your area, organize one today!

HISTORY:

1957 – First Leo club founded by Glenside Lions Club in Abington, PA with 35 Abington High School boys.

1964 – The Leo Club Program became an official district project and started to grow rapidly in PA and other surrounding states.

1967 – Became an official program of LCI.



LEO Objective: To provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community.

LEO Motto:

Leadership: Leos develop skills as project organizers and motivators of their peers.

Experience: They learn team work and cooperation can bring about change in the community and world.

Opportunity: Leos gain opportunities to excel, develop positive character traits and receive recognition for their contributions.

LEO Statistics as of February 2009

Leo members: **144,400** (approx)

Leo clubs: **5,755**

Alpha clubs: **2,319**

Omega clubs: **3,436**

Countries: **140**

Benefits of Sponsoring a Leo Club

- Raises club visibility in community, reaching new audiences.
- Lions serve as role models for community service and fulfill the Lions motto "We Serve"
- Satisfaction of fostering and helping to shape a community's future leaders.

Leos and Lions Working Together

- Lions benefit from joint service projects by multiplying community service efforts.
- Leos benefit from joint service projects by developing confidence, leadership and organization skills.
- The community benefits whenever Leos and Lions volunteer together to help meet the needs of the community.

~submitted by Lion Steve Helwig, State LEO Chair,
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In Service, Steve

Around The World



Today's Children Need Lions More Than Ever

Millions of children suffer from poverty, homelessness, hunger, abuse, neglect, disease and disabilities.

Tragically, these children often must live without essential health and education services that would alleviate their distress – and give them hope for the future. That's why the **Lions Services for Children Program** continues Lions Clubs International's long tradition of helping the world's future generations.

Lions Services for Children Projects

The problems children face vary in degree from country to country, but the need for health and education services is constant and universal. Lions clubs help address these needs by developing projects with specific, attainable goals, including:

- **Collecting food, clothes or books**
- **Organizing a vision or hearing screening**
- **Providing immunizations through a vaccination drive**
- **Starting a literacy program with a local school, library, community center or [Leo club](#)**
- **Supporting a nutritional program for undernourished children**
- **Securing wheelchairs for disabled children**
- **Sending a child with diabetes or physical challenges to a specialized camp**

Lions have also constructed hospitals, schools, orphanages and children's centers throughout the world to serve youth in need.

Learn More

To learn more about the global health and educational needs of children, please visit the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) Web site. Read about the [United Nations Millennium Development Goals](#) that relate directly to children. Or contact our [Health and Children's Services Department](#).



100 WAYS WE AS LIONS CAN HELP CHILDREN (AND OURSELVES FOR THAT MATTER):

* Provide life-skills training like Lions Quest to school children in your area.



LIBERTY DAY—YOUR LIONS CLUB AND SCOUTING PROJECT

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America has recognized Liberty Day as a citizenship project. Older Cub Scouts (Webelos 4th and 5th grade), Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews are encouraged to undertake a project at least once a year under the BSA program, Good Turn for America. Liberty Day is now listed as one of the suggested projects.

Liberty Day Kids is the ideal method of a Webelos den, Boy Scout troop or Venturing Crew to complete a Good Turn for America project using Liberty Day. For Liberty Day Kids, the scouts learn a set of questions and answers directly out of the Constitution. They then take these questions and answers out to the public in a mall, post office, or other gathering place and ask adults the questions. Every adult questioned is given an "I Got Quizzed" sticker or an American flag lapel pin along with a pocket Liberty Day booklet.

This is a great way for a Lions Club to be involved in Scouting. The relationship between Lions and Scouting goes back to the beginning of both organizations in the United States. The cooperation between Scouts and Lions benefits both organizations. Young people need the guidance and mentoring of quality adult role models—Lions. For more information, read the section on Scouting in the "Lions of Georgia Handbook" (pp 148-149).

If your Lions Club is interested in sponsoring a Liberty Day project with a Scout group, please contact your District Liberty Day Chair or Lil Shurtleff, MD Liberty Day Chair.



**LIBERTY DAY GEORGIA
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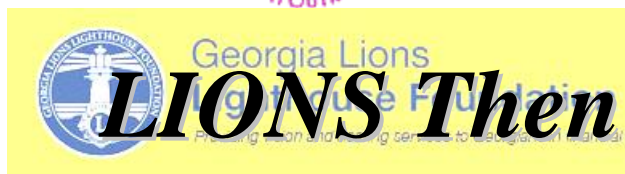
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