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District 18-D Bulletin

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MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

August 2008



District Governor Dick Smith

Dear “Gold Standard” Lions of 18-D,

Where did July go? I officially commenced my DG actions this month by installing my home club’s officers and giving them a preview of what I will say to the clubs I visit this year; the Commerce Lions got the full version. I visited our district’s PDG’s Association meeting and I introduced them to a “Gold Standard District.” However, there were three experiences this month that I would like to share with you.

The first was volunteering with other Oconee Lions to help the Georgia Lions Lighthouse screen eyes at the Merci Health Clinic in Athens, Georgia. Each month a Lighthouse staff member drives our “photo imaged” van to Athens carrying all of the equipment used by volunteer Lions and an eye medical specialist to screen the eyes of low income patients, many of whom are diabetic, and fit them with a pair of glasses that will arrive in the mail approximately two weeks later. It is a rare exception to have one of these patients walk out the door and not thank the Lions of Georgia for our assistance in getting them

a pair of glasses that will improve their lives by making it possible for them to read again, drive a car, etc.

The second experience was traveling to Waycross to attend the Camp for the Blind’s “Lions’ Day.” Although I have occasionally gone down for a “work weekend,” this was my first time to be there when campers were present. The Camp may call the day “Lions’ Day,” but I will always think of it as “Teen Camp Day.” Yes, I got a chance to see these visually impaired teens climb the rock wall and throw horse shoes. In fact, I even joined the other MD-18 DGs to play a “ball game” with them; our eyes were covered by blind folds. What most impressed me though was listening to them about ordinary things: “reading” books, “watching” TV, listening to music, and hearing them talk about their goals for the future and a boy talk about “dating.” All of them loved coming to our Camp and they are already looking forward to coming again next year!

The last experience I will share with you was meeting with VDG Grace Clower and Lion Pete Stamsen to discuss forming a Campus Lions Club at the Georgia Gwinnett College. Lions Grace and Pete had already met with the Director of Student Activities, so *we can use some district assistance to help us move forward.* To form this Campus Club, we need to connect with some students enrolled in the college. Therefore, if you know a Georgia Gwinnett College student, please contact Lion Pete and pass on this student’s name. (Lion Pete Stamsen’s e-mail address and telephone number is in the District Directory in the Lighthouse Committee Chair section.)

In July I have had close experiences with our two Georgia Lions charities and I have had close contact with two innovative Lions in 18-D. We can only do more service by having more Lions. I look forward to hearing about your initiatives in service and membership!

Yours in “Miracles through Service,”

Dick



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**9 August, Council of Governors Meeting to be held at
Jekyll Island, GA.**

**September 2007
Send A Kid To Camp Day**

Planning Ahead



GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION SEPTEMBER MEETING SEPTEMBER 6-7 MACON, GA



Mark your Calendars for the Lions Lighthouse Fall Meeting. The meeting falls in September this year and will include:

- Board of Directors Meeting (open to all Lions)
- Vision and Hearing Screening Training
- Information on how to get great deals on eyeglasses and exams in your community
- Fundraising Ideas
- And much more...

And hang on to your hats for a fun activity on Saturday Evening (details to follow). Hotel Accommodations

Group Rates are available at:

Comfort Inn:	1-478-788-5500,	\$72/night
Hampton Inn:	1-478-757-9711.	\$95/night

Both of these hotels are very close to Macon State, at the same exit off of I-475 and include breakfast. Please use the reference word "Lighthouse" to receive the group discount and please book before the end of August.

Plan for Sight Night 2007. What do we do?
Decide who is going to organize and collect eyeglasses for your Sight Night activity. Consider partnering with your Leo Club, Boy or Girl Scouts, Children Church Groups, schools, etc. Confirm the date for trick-or-treat in your community.



What a challenge.....

Work with kids.....

Region Zone Meetings

Region 1 -

Zone 1- first zone meeting is August 19
at the Lavonia Community Center at 7 PM.

Zone 2 -

Region -

Region II -

Zone 1 -

Zone 2 -27Aug08 in Dawsonville
3rd 30Mar09

Region - Joint Region 27Oct08 Dawsonville 7PM

Region III -

Zone 1 - Region 3, Zone 1 Meeting:

Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at the Golden Corral
Steakhouse in Winder, Ga.



Zone 2 -

Region -Thursday, October 30, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at the Golden
Corral Steakhouse in Winder, Ga.

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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 **

Peace Begins With Me

Get involved with the youth in
your community by sponsoring
the Lions International Peace
Poster Contest at your local
schools and youth groups. Contact
teachers and group leaders today
to see about participation in the
2008-09 contest, "Peace Begins
With Me." [Contest kits](#) are
available now through October 1
for Lions clubs to purchase from
Club Supplies. [Learn more](#) about
the program and view previous
grand prize and merit award
winning posters.

International Hero Awards

International President Brandel's
program emphasizes how Lions

are everyday heroes, providing
miracles through service every
day. The International Hero
Awards will recognize these
heroes for their selfless acts of
kindness. Nominations are sought
for the International Hero Awards
and finalists will be recognized in
July 2009 during the international
convention in Minneapolis,
Minnesota, USA. To learn more
about the Hero Awards, download
the [nomination form](#).

Strides: Banner Patch Award

Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes
Awareness is a family fun event
to inform the public about
diabetes, the leading cause of new
cases of blindness in adults. The
[Strides Information Packet](#) details
how to easily plan a Strides Walk
in your community. Upon
verification of eligibility, Lions
clubs, districts and multiple
districts that organize a Strides
Walk will be issued a one-time
banner patch award. For
subsequent years in which a
Strides Walk is organized, a
chevron bearing the fiscal year in
which the walk was held will be

issued. [E-mail](#) Health &
Children's Services for more
information.

Stories Sought

Does your club have an
interesting or unique project? Are
Lions involved in a hands-on
way? Is the project visually
interesting and have strong Lions
identification? Please [submit story
ideas](#) for consideration and use in
upcoming editions of LQ—Lions
Quarterly Video Magazine, THE
LION Magazine or Web site.

Environmental Photo Calendar Available

Purchase a [2009 Lions
Environmental Photo Contest
calendar](#) featuring 25 multiple
district photos from the 2008
contest. This multi-lingual
calendar, 11" x 17" (27 x 43 cm),
is available for US\$5 each. To
order 2009 calendars, contact
[programs@lionsclubs.org](#).

**For additional information, read
the written program.**

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Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

I must admit to each of you, that if I find something important from another District Bulletin or from any other club or district within Lionism or even LCI itself – I will make sure that I use it in order to get the word out to each of you. I check out other web sites that might have information that is for your information also. I only hope that if I put something of value in our Bulletin, it will also be picked up by another District to use.

I am proud to say that an article that was printed I assume in one of our Bulletins also appeared in another District Bulletin. In turn, a copy of their bulletin was sent to a District Governor out of the country. Thus, I received an e-mail from that District Governor who just so happens to be from South Africa. I sent a reply and also forwarded the information to Leader Dog School.

Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2008 4:10 AM
Subject: Kids n Coins Program

> **Hi**
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> **I read about the above program via the DGs**
> **newsletter of Georgia. Bringing**
> **Kids N Coins is a great project not only to educate**
> **our children as well as to raise funds for the training**
> **of Dogs for the Blind. I believe that such a project**
> **could be possible in Cape Town South Africa, would**
> **you be so kind as to forward more information to**
> **me. Could we start the same concept in our**
> **Country we would like to introduce this to the Blind**
> **Association to assist with the funding of training**
> **Dogs for the blind.**
>
> **Regards**
>
> **Paula**
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> **DG Paula Lang**
> **Lions District 410A**

It sure is great that an idea that has been used here might be able to help someplace else. It also shows that others feel that a certain program might be able to provide an education for children but well also help in raising funds.

As I indicated before, this Kids-N-Coins project was presented to an elementary school in District 18-A and the children were able to raise over \$700. Was this a good project for the children to do? Was it successful? Do you think the children was able to learn something? If it was a good idea, have you thought about getting the children in your community to do the same? Hmmm.



Now – something that everyone should check out and pass the word on – I will print something below for you to look at – but read the following:

Lions Clubs International Videos Debut on YouTube
Great news! A new resource is now available to help spread the word about Lions Clubs International. Our latest videos are now available on YouTube – the premier online destination to watch and share original videos worldwide. Visit www.youtube.com/lionsclubsorg to see the latest videos about our International Convention in Bangkok, club service projects featured in LQ and more. While you're there, click the Subscribe button to stay up-to-date on the latest Lions Clubs International videos.



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It is up to you.....



Dear Club Officers:

2008-2009 International President Knows Who the Heroes Are

New International President Al Brandel is down to earth. But his life has been cinematic. As a police officer, he rushed to help a child run over by a car. Years later, he played a part in responding to the September 11 attacks.

Turn the lens on his childhood, and a Frank Capra movie breaks out. Brandel spent his boyhood in a green-lawned neighborhood, with a hardworking World War II vet father, a mother always ready with dinner, and four siblings. And he was the slugger on a baseball team enshrined in the Little League Hall of Fame.

Movies are an apt reference for Brandel. His presidential year will contain drama, heroes, and miracles. And by the final reel, he wants Lions to understand that they are the real stars of the show.

Membership Has its Rewards: Brandel's highlights as a Lion include the time he and his wife Maureen worked on a Lions-Habitat for Humanity home. A young girl who was to live in the house showed them her new room. "It was very emotional," he says. "It's not just writing a check that makes you a Lion. It's when you're painting the walls in a house you've just built. And you see the people – that it will be their house."

Brandel joined the West Hempstead Lions Club in 1975 while he was a police officer for Nassau County. A friend, Frank Anzalone, was a hemophiliac. Anzalone was a Lion, and the club put together a blood drive. "The first year Frank asked me to give blood at the drive, and I did," says Brandel. "The second year he asked me to work on the blood drive, and I did. The third year he asked me to work on the blood drive, and to become a Lion."

Brandel helped revive the club as its president in 1977. His goal was to launch a signature project – and the club agreed to provide a "jaws of life" rescue tool for the community. Lions members loaned the club \$5,400 to pay for it. Brandel figured it would take three or four years to raise funds to repay members. But it only took one year. "My most rewarding year as a Lion was when I was club president," he says. "You see the immediate effect of what you do."

Raised to Serve: Volunteering ran in Brandel's family. Despite working two jobs, his father "had time for the community," says Brandel. In college, a friend convinced Brandel to take a test for the police department. He did well on the test, and the job. He put in 35 years before retiring. And learned how to handle his emotions. "I understood I had to react in a certain way to be effective," he says.

The events of September 11, 2001 put his ability to handle tough situations to the test. Brandel took reports for many of the 400 missing Nassau County residents, and worked with Lions' leaders from New York and elsewhere to coordinate recovery support efforts. Later, he volunteered for a bereavement retreat. And trudged to doorsteps to notify families when victims' remains were found.

By then, Brandel was a detective with the police department's Juvenile Aid Bureau. He investigated missing children, child abuse, and juvenile crime. "I really understood I could make somebody's life a little better," he says.

Meeting Maureen: On their first date, Brandel told his future wife Maureen that he was "a little involved with the Lions." "What's a Lion?" she asked. "I was really impressed that a 40-year-old man who could spend his time doing whatever he wanted chose to spend that free time in a volunteer organization."

Brandel became an international director the year they married, and she traveled the world with him. Maureen joined the Melville Lions Club in 1999, became its president, and then district leadership chairperson. Brandel joined her club as an associate member. "She serves as a role model to spouses that you can have your own career as a Lion."

Heroes of Service: As a Lion, Brandel has hand-delivered corneas for transplant, worked with UNICEF to ensure children in disaster areas could continue their education, and saw a Lions district in South Africa feed multitudes. "Lions don't understand the impact they have on the community," he says.

"The real modern-day heroes may never be on TV or have a book written about them," Brandel says. "But the things they do, like bringing a food basket, put a smile on somebody's face. Lions Clubs are making a big impact in people's lives. My role is to let everybody know the miracles happening around the world – and that they can make miracles happen in their backyard."

Sincerely,

Al Brandel

International President

RETENTION!



**"Membership Retention –
Routine Maintenance,
Not Rocket Science"**

New Information for You in Lions Year 2008-2009

The Membership Operations Department will have at least three different resources for your club to use in 2008-2009. If you are interested in increasing your rate of retention, we will have an exit interview (also known as a Former Member Satisfaction Survey) for your use. We will also have two separate resources on recruiting within your community. Ensure that you receive these resources as well as other communication from the Extension & Membership Division by reporting e-mail addresses correctly.

**To report updated email addresses, District Membership Chairs may write to
memberops@lionsclubs.org
and District Retention Chairs may write to
retention@lionsclubs.org.**

The Power to Print

Your Lions club can print material directly from the Lions Clubs International Web site. By printing directly from the Web site, you can:

- **introduce concepts to your members**
- **conduct a membership drive in a hurry**
- **offer Lions information without having to wait**

Materials on membership development, new club formation and club management can be easily accessed from the right-hand side menu of the [Membership Development Web page](#). Printing on your own has never been easier!



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

Three Ways to Strengthen Lions' Service Mission

International President Brandel's theme of Miracles Through Service and the role of Lions as Everyday Heroes will be emphasized on his visits to clubs and districts, in his written messages to Lions and through the materials and events coordinated by Lions Clubs International including THE LION Magazine, LCI's Web site and seminars/ conferences. He also encourages every club to incorporate his theme in their newsletters, Web sites, press releases and even banners and posters. Feel free to appropriately borrow ideas and materials from LCI.

Renewing pride in being a Lion starts with a full awareness of Lions' activities. And from pride will come greater retention and stronger, more heartfelt recruitment efforts.

To help spread the message of Miracles Through Service and Everyday Heroes and to simply strengthen Lions clubs, President Brandel also is emphasizing three objectives: teamwork, humanitarian services, and expanded advocacy/fundraising.

Teamwork

Maybe in yesteryear, when life was slower and technology and communications were relatively primitive, the go-it-alone mentality worked. But today Lions need to work in teams. In short, we need to plan together—to develop achievable, prudent, highly focused goals---and then to work together to realize those goals. Many hands make light work, as the saying goes. Lions' service is not modest; it's ambitious and far-reaching, whether it's related to sight, hearing, youth, the elderly or another concern. Consequently, the planning, teamwork and marshaling of resources should be commensurate to our ambitious service aims.

Bringing Lions together in teams—at the club level, among several clubs and at the district level—helps avoid unnecessary duplication of resources. In addition, it enables Lions with special talents or access to resources to be more widely available to other Lions and the communities we serve. The defining structural aspect of Lions will remain the local club. Clubs always will have their own special activities and fundraisers. But clubs can't operate exclusively as separate entities. For the greater good of greater service, they need to be more integrated into more widespread Lions' initiatives.

District governors will have the ability to delegate some of their club visitations to vice district governors, for example.

Districts also will be encouraged to consider adopting a second vice district governor position if local circumstances suggest it. Lions are old hands at teamwork, of course. So this objective is not a radical shift in culture but instead a fuller embrace of traditional practices.

"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.

Clermont/North Hall Lions Club

June 2008 Activities

At our first meeting Bimbo Brewer of the Hall County Sheriffs Office told us of the Victim Assistance Program of the department. The program provides assistance to victims of crime and helps them through the different stages of the justice system. We also worked at our parking project during the month.

“We serve”

Lawrenceville Lions Club = We have a new meeting place effective August 01, 2008 **GARDEN PLAZA, 230 COLLINS INDUSTRIAL WAY, LAWRENCEVILLE.** Vice District Grace Clower was our guest speaker while visiting our new meeting place. We are busy getting our Golf Tournament underway for October 1, 2008 at Trophy Club of Apalachee. Our president, treasurer and secretary attended the new officer's training on July 20th. District 18D Canine Companion Chair Judy Stamsen was guest speaker at our 1st meeting. We had 2 members present for the 1st Cabinet meeting.
EYEGLASSES COLLECTED: 239 VOLUNTEER HOURS: 57

Lavonia Lions Club = One new member, Bruce Carlisle, sponsored by Margaret Ayers. Annual yard sale and broom sale was very successful. We have been advertising a broom sale, eyeglass and cell phone collections in the Franklin County Citizen and over the new radio station in Lavonia WLHR 92.1. This resulted in us collecting 350 pairs of eyeglasses, 195 cases, 41 cell phones and 3 hearing aids. New officers were installed by PDG M.C. Stowe. Work has begun on our playhouse with the drawing to be at the Lavonia Fall Festival on 27 Sep 2008. We are collecting used computers and one of our members reconditions them and they are donated to elementary school children who cannot afford one in the home. We hope to have 30 ready when school starts. Total volunteer hours for July 206 hours.. We are working on our new budget for 08-09 and hope to be able to increase our donations. We recently presented two Melvin Jones one to Lion Dale Stone and one to Lion David Howell.

Norcross Lions Club - Leadership and

Administrative: Filed this MMR Reports and Addendums postmarked on 28 July.

Activities: The Norcross Lions Club conducted a snow cone and water fundraiser at the Norcross fireworks on July 3. Eight members of the club cleaned up the outside of the Norcross Lions Clubhouse painting the building and trimming trees and vegetation which were too close to the building. **Attendance:** Lion President Warren Anderson, Lion Secretary Trudy Rudert and PDGs John Rudert and Ed Hashbarger attended the first cabinet meeting. Lion Secretary Trudy Rudert gave the club secretary training prior to the cabinet meeting. **Activity Report:** We continue to plan for the Norcross Art Fest the first weekend in October. We are working to attract more members. We are cooperating with the GA Lions Lighthouse to do vision and hearing screening at a community health fair in early August. We continue to get calls for help with glasses and we continue to collect used eyeglasses. The used glasses that we acquired from the GA Lions Lighthouse for the church mission to Honduras were returned to the Lighthouse. The members of the mission were restricted by the airline to a certain amount of luggage, and they chose to leave the glasses and take other needed supplies instead.

Jefferson Lions Club = Community Service

Projects: July 19 Adopt a Road Clean-Up.

40 eye exams and sets of glasses were donated during the 2007-08 year. 3 wheel chair ramps have been constructed. Eye glasses collected: 43, sunglasses: 3, lenses: 5, cell phones: 6, cases: 4, hearing aids: 2. Total service hours – 59. **Board**

Meeting: The board accepted new member David LaMarre. Lions Don and Teddie Lohmeier will represent Lions at the Chamber of Commerce meetings. Second Vice Pres. Jimmy Mock will represent the Lions at The Jefferson High School orientation. Immediate PP Mark Bradley will send letters to schools and churches explaining our eyeglass program. Lion Jim Smith reported that the calendars are ready to be delivered. The board agreed to continue giving a book to the Jefferson Library in honor of Guest speakers. **Upcoming**

Events: Lions Dot and Buddy Hunt updated members on the progress of the Car Show on August 9. Lion Mark Bradley asked members to sell hole sponsorships and recruit teams for The Golf Tournament on Sept. 20



Snellville Lions Club = Awards: The Snellville Lions Club awarded two (2) Melvin Jones Fellows this year, to the following Lions Herb Dalton Harold Walker Lion of the Year Richard Smith New Lion of the Year Elmer Moon. **Guest Speakers:** July 3rd. Two U.S. Army soldiers from the recruiting office in Lawrenceville share their story on army life, both of these men serve time in the war zone. It was very interesting to listen to them This was Patriotic Night Theme in the club tonight members wearing the colors of our country and singing some patriotic songs. **Scholarship:** July 17th. the Club awarded two Jimmy Powell Scholarships of \$2,500.00 each to the following High School students Brian Duke Grayson High School Attending Troy University William Collister Brookwood High School Attending Georgia Tech. **Service Projects:** Collecting used eye glasses & etc Used Glasses – 458, Cell Phone – 14, Loose Lens - 56 prs. **Non Lions Volunteer Hours:** 103 hours. **Associate Directors:** The following Associate Directors were appointed and forward to the proper groups and District Governor Lighthouse Lion Norm Masters Camp Lion Nick Brigham Recording Blind Lion Marlene Gillman. **District Cabinet Meeting:** Seven (7) club members attend, Lion Norm Masters attend Secretary Training class.

Toccoa Lions Club = Officer training session in Commerce on 6-30-08



The Toccoa group = left to right Steve Spruill, president Bryan Gordon, 1st VP Ray Cornell, Secretary



Herewith are four pictures from the cabinet meeting in Winder on 7-20-08 The group from Toccoa is left to right Amelia Stowe, M.C. Stowe, Bryan Gordon, Mary Ann Mojica and Ruth Payton.

August 2008 = Lions Little League Braves Game Lion Luis Mendez advised the board of the upcoming trip for our Lions Club Little League team to see the Atlanta Braves play ball on Sunday, August 3rd.

Lion Luis is getting the transportation together, he has 25 tickets available and 19 has been obligated to the team as of this meeting. Sight: Lion Nick Thomas was asked about a budget for Sight Conservation. He advised that to his knowledge there is not a budget. Lion President advised that he, Nick and the Treasurer Lion Kay will get together and plan one. Currently Lion Nick has \$6,000.00 available every six months. Lion President advised that the first meeting in July will be an induction ceremony for new member Lion Matthew Osborne. **October 2008** Children's Film Festival and Pancake Breakfast

Lion President Steve asked the board about their interest in having the Children's Film Festival in October. The general feeling was to have the event. Lion President will contact Lion Larry about chairing the event and then to determine if the promoter has a time available. Lion Bryan advised the board of a conversation he had with Lion Russ Paxton about the idea of a pancake breakfast in October to raise money for the Open Arms Clinic. The board unanimously agreed concerning this idea. Lion Bryan will move forward with this project.



Lawrenceville
Lions Club

10th
Annual Charity
Golf Tournament
Trophy Club of
Apalachee
Dacula, GA
1008 Dacula Road
Wednesday

October 1, 2008

Entry Deadline September 26, 2008

No Raindate

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Union County Lions Club = Sight / Hearing: One application for eye glasses and exam approved. **Lion Mints:** 246 roll of mints dispensed. **Brooms / Mops:** Note: When current supply of brooms & mops are sold, Union County will no longer be having the fund raiser due to shipping cost. **Volunteer Hours:** 1026. **Donations:** **Activities:** 30 Lions and 18 family members and friends of Lions assisted in our food booth at the Georgia Mountain Fair. Hosted first Zone meeting of the year with District Governor Dick Smith and Vice DG Grace Clower in attendance.



Nine Towns County Lions attend first Zone meeting in Union County. Also pictured are District Governor Dick Smith, Vice District Governor Grace Clower, and Light House Chair Bill Mundy

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GA. Lions Lighthouse
VP Bill Mundy
billmund@alltel.net

Check out the new **Lighthouse Video**
Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

<http://www.eventstreams.com/lighthouse/010fst/>

Fellow Lions, **GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE UPDATE:** If you want to read the **WHOLE** Newsletter go to: <http://www.lionslighthouse.org/ll/images/files/Beacon-June.pdf>

Merriam-Webster defines a **lighthouse** as a signal for guidance: a source of light or inspiration.

As the Georgia Lions Lighthouse heads into its 60th year of service, there are miracles happening every day. With over five sight-saving surgeries happening every week, you know that a fellow Georgian's vision is restored every business day through your Lions service. To a person on the verge of losing their vision, the service that your Lighthouse provides really is a miracle.

Sight-saving surgeries for Georgians that cannot afford them is only one part of the Lighthouse miracle at work. The clinic programs grew by over 200%, serving over 1800 Georgians with full eye exams. Almost 700 Georgians received hearing aids. Equally amazing is that together with the Lighthouse, Georgia Lions put eyeglasses on over 6000 of their fellow citizens. Add that all together and you realize that over 8500 Georgians were blessed with a Lions Club miracle last year.

Here again – check out your Lighthouse web site – www.lionslighthouse.org and you will find the following with Lion J. C. Coefield. Also check out the feature below. Once you get to the web site, just put your cursor on the picture so you will be able to view the videos on both.

Lighthouse Video

Lion J.C. Coefield Featured on Macon News for Fundraising Efforts



[Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!](#)



GA. Lions Camp for the Blind
VP Ken Thurmond
eyebank@alltel.net



So –what did you miss at the Lions Day at the Camp? Maybe you just might want to go next year. It will be in July again next year – if you mark your calendar now – you might not forget. It is and can be an enjoyable experience.



Dining Hall



125 Capacity Dining Hall



Olympic Swimming Pool



Dormitory



56 Capacity Dorm



18 Capacity Bunk House



Stables



Arts & Crafts Building



Activity Center (350 Capacity)



Activity Center Stage



Outdoor Track



Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall
liondianewall@bellsouth.net



One Dog Touching Many Lives *Leader Dog "Jaspen"*



Photo caption: Puppy raiser and puppy quickly became inseparable. Jess even included Jaspen in some of her graduation pictures.

If you have ever heard the song "My Wish" by Rascal Flatts, it describes my feelings perfectly towards this project, but more towards this dog. My name is Jess Schwab, and I am a freshman at Clarion University.

I chose to raise a Leader Dog pup as my (high school) senior project. In the spring of 2006 my family and I drove to Michigan (from Pennsylvania) to get what would be the dog to change numerous lives. I named her Jaspen because of the "J" and myself being Jess, I thought at least she would have a little of me in her when she left to move on into her training. My family was a little hesitant about me raising Jaspen. As the year went on, Jaspen and I grew closer than ever, I wouldn't go anywhere without my sidekick. As the year progressed, Jaspen and I made some friends, left our impressions, and touched a lot of people; but mostly it was her doing the touching, she was so people pleasing that she made her mark, not only on my family, but on our entire community. On April 28, 2007, My family and I drove back to Michigan to return her, one of the hardest things I have ever done in my life. It hurts to give love away, but it was wonderful to know Jaspen was going to someone who needs her more than I do.



Now that Jaspen is gone, I still think of her every day. I see something that reminds me of her, or a memory we shared, or something hilarious she did. It makes me smile just thinking about her, even as I sit here typing this. My heart and life are forever changed by this one dog, and I know that the person she is placed with will love her as much as I still do and Jaspen will give her all to them.

When I heard that Jaspen was placed, it was honestly the first time I felt complete about her. I know she will do great things, I know she will touch that person's life, and I know I helped her a little along the way. The only thing I truly felt I taught Jaspen was unconditional love, and even then I didn't have to do much because that's just what she was - "my love." I know she will do great things and I know that I was truly blessed to have had her in my life, not only so I could teach her some things, but so she could

teach me as well.

Today, Jaspen is leading the way for Deborah Knapp in Iowa. Deborah has been working with Leader Dog for 17 years and looks forward to many happy, productive years with Jaspen. Since being paired together this past February, they have done some traveling and Deborah reports that Jaspen has worked great in every environment they've encountered. "Jaspen loves to follow me around the house" says Deborah, "she doesn't like me to stray very far away." When asked if there was anything she would change about Jaspen, Deborah is quick to reply, "her snoring."



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Lions' participation in the program can begin by assessing the needs of children in the community. These needs may include:

- Food, shelter or clothing
- Vision and hearing screenings
- Immunizations
- Assistance in coping with illnesses or disabilities
- Information about proper nutrition
- Drug and alcohol abuse education
- Literacy programs
- Vocational training

The Lions Services for Children Community Needs Assessment form ([IAD-304](#)) is a valuable resource to help every Lions club or district identify local children living in adverse circumstances. Lions are encouraged to consult with specialists such as administrators at hospitals, schools, youth service organizations and local health care professionals to determine the most serious needs of children and young adolescents

Lions Services for Children Projects



Lions can improve the lives of children and young adolescents by developing projects with specific, attainable goals in the areas of health and education.

Projects may include:

- collecting food, clothes, or books
- organizing a vision or hearing screening
- providing immunizations through a vaccination drive
- conducting a literacy program in cooperation with a local school, library, Leo club or community center.
- supporting a nutritional program for undernourished children
- providing wheelchairs for disabled children
- establishing a children's center to serve the needs of underprivileged youth

Program Resources:

Lions Services for Children Worldwide Symposium Program

Beginning July 1, 2008, four grants will be issued each fiscal year in each constitutional area. The symposium grant offers up to US\$1,000 expense reimbursement assistance to help alleviate program costs. Grants will be approved for the organization of a symposium or conference that will promote activities supportive of Lions' health and education services for children in need. Learn more about the symposium program and the [application](#) process.

Lions/UNICEF School-in-a-Box

UNICEF and Lions clubs, districts or multiple districts can team up to ensure the continuation of children's education when earthquakes, hurricanes, civil unrest and other disasters suddenly disrupt their daily lives. To find out how your club, district or multiple district can make a donation.



Lions Emergency-Non-Emergency Database

This LCI database provides Lions with an effective way to communicate locally and internationally, enabling them to collaborate on emergency or non-emergency humanitarian projects for children and other projects and exchange information. [Learn more](#) about this easy-to-use database developed for Lions.

THE ABCs TO CONSIDER WHEN INTERACTING WITH A CHILD (OR ANYONE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER):

- ▷ A—ACKNOWLEDGE THEM AS AMAZING
- ▷ B—TRUST THEM AS BEING BELIEVABLE
- ▷ C—LET THEM TO BE CHILDLIKE / YOUNG
- ▷ D—HONOR THEM FOR BEING DELIGHTFUL
- ▷ E—NOURISH THEM FOR BEING ENERGETIC
- ▷ F—EMBRACE THEM FOR BEING FALLIBLE
- ▷ G—TREASURE THEM AS GIFTS
- ▷ H—SPEND TIME WITH THEM HERE AND NOW
- ▷ I—DELIGHT YOURSELF IN THEIR INNOCENCE
- ▷ J—APPRECIATE IN THEIR JOYFULNESS
- ▷ L—LOVE THEM WITH LOVE



Georgia Lions All-State Band

The Georgia Lions All State Band will be starting their recruiting and fundraising efforts soon. Please contact schools in your areas about potential members of the band, and perhaps offer a scholarship to help students with the money they need to make the trips to Jekyll Island for State Convention and Minneapolis for International Convention.



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