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District 18-D Bulletin



MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

August 2010



District Governor
Ron Bennett

Hi Fellow Lions of District 18-D,

Now in Sydney for a day, I have started District Governor Elect School. There are 34 other Governors in my class all from the southeast United States, Trinidad-Tobago and Jamaica. To my surprise one of the Governors in my class is a friend from the Southeast Leadership Institute, we met over 10 years ago. DG Jane Barker is from Moody, Alabama and it was great to see her. We have not kept in touch over the years but we will after serving as District Governors.

The first half day of training went very well and a very special luncheon was held with our spouses. Deanna and I were seated at a table with (3) other couples from other parts of the world. We had DG Wang Pao-Hua from Taiwan and his wife, DG Debbie Berry and her husband from South Africa and Prof. Dr. Bernhard Holtmann and his wife from Germany. We all spoke English which made for good conversation. Some of the other lunches did not go as well but all tried to communicate except a couple from Turkey that just sat there during lunch.

School went on for (3) days and all the members of Group 19 graduated with honors. Our instructor Linda Smith from Tennessee told us that this was the best class she had ever had instructed. We all received our diploma and raced back to our hotels to get ready for the Presidential Banquet. Can you imagine 750+ Governors, spouses and guest trying to get ready for a formal banquet with only 2 hours to get ready, what a sight to see. The banquet was a wonderful affair, and all had a great time. Right after the banquet we retired for a good night's rest because the next day was the International Parade.

Parade day was an experience for the group, the temperature was 40 degrees and the coldest day in Australia in 61 years, but our group of Governors was ready for the event and handled it well. Once the parade was over the group of governor and our wives when sightseeing in Sydney and had a wonderful day, this was the first time since arriving I had the opportunity to see some of the city other than being shuttled back and forth from the hotel to the convention site. The next couple of days we spent going to the convention but Deanna and I made some time to take a side trip to see whales in the wild. We picked a good day and were blessed by seeing a number of whales that day.

The final day of the convention was here, this is the day that we (the group of Governors from MD-18) have been waiting for, the day we become Governors, but first the final plenary session and the keynote speaker Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger III. What a memorable speech he made to the convention attendees and what a humble man he is. After his speech President Wirfs invited Sully to become a Lion and he did. Now the final act to remove the blue ribbon on our district governor badges that said (ELECT). Now we were the new District Governors for Lions International from all over the world 752 strong and all going our separate ways to our districts.

Now a few days to recover from the convention with a little side trip to the outback then some sun in Fiji and finally back home almost a month from when I left. Great to be back home in the U.S.A., had a great time but it always feels good to be back home.

We arrive home on Thursday and on Saturday I started my year as Governor attending the Zone Chairman training in Centerville, GA. The following Monday I performed an installation of officers and inducted two new members at the Clermont -North Hall Lions Club and then on Friday left for Lions Day at the Camp for the Blind. Then on August 1st was our first Cabinet meeting that was well attended by members of the district. Now I start my club visits and looking forward to see the Lions of my district and making new friend and seeing old ones.

Remember that "WE ARE KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND AND WE SERVE"

Thanks for all you do for Lionism,

Yours in Service,
DG Ron

34th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



**23-25 September 2010
Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

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:*

On the **August 10th**, The Lawrenceville Lions Club will be hosting the 1st Zone Meeting at the Garden Plaza at Lawrenceville, located at 230 Collins Industrial Way, Lawrenceville, GA 30043. Presidents & Secretaries should attend and other club members if they desire to. **Please let me know how many in your club will attending and dining, so that I can let Garden Plaza know how many to prepare for. Meals will be \$8.00 per person.**

On August 14th, Zone Chairman Pete Stamson will be holding an **Orientation Meeting** at Garden Plaza at Lawrenceville, for not only NEW members, but anyone, in any club that desires to learn more about our organization. If any of your members have never been to a new member Lions Orientation, please share this information with them. Many good Lions quit because they are not familiar with Lions Clubs International, District or Local Club History. If your club does not have orientation training, this would be good for them.

Planning Ahead

September 2010

Send A Kid To Camp Day

**JOINT MEETING of
Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation
and Camp for the Blind**



**11 – 12 September
at the Marriott
Gwinnett Place
Duluth, Georgia**



Check details under the Lighthouse.....

Plan for Sight Night 2010. 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.....

**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**

HIGHLIGHTS

Calendar of Events

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.



A Beacon of Hope is the International Theme for the Lions Year 2010-2011.

A Beacon of Hope in 2010-2011

Our 2010-2011 Presidential theme, A Beacon of Hope, expresses the thought that there are more than 1.3 million lighthouses in 205 countries – Lions members who will continue to light the way, and serve as beacons of hope. The key to our success is through service and impactful projects.

A Beacon of Hope Resources and Activities

Use the following resources to help your club – and our association – be A Beacon of Hope in 2010-2011:

- **A Beacon of Hope logo:** Download a logo to use on club communication and promotional materials.
- **2010-2011 Presidential Theme brochure:** Read about our international theme, A Beacon of Hope.
- **2010-2011 Presidential Awards brochure:** Find out about recognition programs for outstanding achievement by clubs and districts in the area of service.



President's Service Blog

Lions' use of social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, continues to grow. And we're excited to announce the latest addition to our social networking efforts – "President's Service Blog" posts.

During President Sid Scruggs' official visits, he is asking Lions to do a signature or significant service project. And he will be posting first-hand accounts of these projects from around the world to our blog. Read Sid's first post – including a behind-the-scenes look at his first official visit as International President.

How to Plan a Project that Helps Kids with Mobility Issues

Many disabled children miss out on the joys of childhood. The Lions of Australia decided to help children in need by providing Hart Walkers and Freedom Wheels mobility devices that give disabled kids the chance to walk and ride a bike.

[Learn how Lions made this project happen. And get "Tips and Tools" you can use to do a project like this in your community.](#)

Lions Clubs' Third Straight Year of Membership Increase

While many volunteer organizations are seeing a decline in members, Lions Clubs International just achieved our largest membership increase since 1992. This is also the first time in nearly 20 years that we've increased our membership for three years in a row. Growth in both women and family members are key factors driving the increase. Read news release.

Take Part in the August Youth Service Campaign



The focus of this year's Presidential Theme,

A Beacon of Hope is service. To show the strength of our worldwide network, all Lions can take part in four special service action campaigns throughout the year. Learn how to participate in our Youth Service Campaign during August – and engage young people in community service.

SEE COMPLETE DETAILS ON PAGE 28



[Watch International Convention Videos on YouTube](#)

Even if you didn't make it to Sydney, you can still enjoy the excitement of this year's convention. Visit our YouTube channel to watch event highlights, including video of:

- The spectacular Parade of Nations.
- Peace Poster Contest winner Yu-Min Chen.
- And thousands of Lions enjoying the festivities in Sydney.

While you're there, you can also subscribe to our YouTube channel – and be the first to find out when we post new videos. [Watch videos now](#).

REGISTER

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Sept. 23-25, 2010

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/>

Most recent newsletter:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/forumnewsletter062010v1.pdf>

Registration Form in PDF:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/registration.pdf>

Online Registration Form:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/onlineregistration.html>

Announcing the Saturday Night Banquet Keynote Speaker:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/good.html>

Watch video on Forum on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9UMj2g2on4&feature=related>

Seminar List:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/2010seminarspeakerspreadsheet06152010.pdf>

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ video magazine](#) to see how Lions are helping young musicians enjoy an Austrian camp and culture.

HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions Clubs International Blog](#)
Read our blog for Lions Clubs International news updates throughout the month.

[Lions Clubs iPhone App](#)

Download our iPhone App to stay in touch with us.

[Seminar Resources](#)

Download presentations from international convention.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE



Videos



"LCIF Partnering for Service"
5:00 minutes

This video provides an overview of some of LCIF's key partnership programs in the areas of sight and youth. This DVD is available in English-only. ...



Lions:

One of our Lions in the newly formed Dacula Lions Club, Lion Jeff Wolfe, has obtained information on an 80-minute documentary film by producer/director Joseph Lovett, who suffers from sight-robbing glaucoma himself. This film covers preventing, treating, and coping with vision loss. If you will review the attachment, you can see all the details. Lion Jeff is working on holding a screening of this film in Metro Atlanta. We also hope to get the Lighthouse involved.

This is a great opportunity for Lions all over Georgia and all over the world to make the public aware of vision loss and all that is involved by holding screenings of this documentary film. This is a perfect time to use this opportunity to alert the public, since IP Sid Scruggs' emphasis is on "community service".

Check out the outreach toolkit which can be downloaded from

www.goingblindmovie.com





Dear Lion,

The end of one experience leads to the beginning of a new adventure. The experiences of yesterday encourage us to tailor a better tomorrow. And for me that new adventure is working more closely with Lions Clubs International Foundation - ranked as the #1 NGO worldwide. I personally stand with this Foundation, and am excited to increase that commitment this year as your Chairperson.

Last year during my travels I had the unforgettable opportunity to meet Abebi, a little girl in Nigeria at a home for motherless children. Despite her circumstances, there was hope in her eyes. When I talked to her, I could see this very special and friendly smile on her face - because there are Lions like you, giving hope for the future as best as they can.

Through our Foundation we are able to bring together compassionate people who have the desire to serve and together to respond like no other organization -- quickly, effectively and with caring hearts. As needs around the world continue to increase, so too must our response. We know wherever on this globe there is a need, a Lions Club is nearby. Wherever and whenever a disaster occurs, our Foundation provides active help- from China to South America, from Alaska to Eastern Europe.

Certainly there could be many more clubs and members - not only a portion - which could give every year to LCIF. That's why I ask you to join me hand-in-hand this year in helping our Foundation grow our donations, grow our contributions, grow our competence and effectiveness because we care and we are proud to be Lions- Lions who are always personally involved and caring.

Please do what you can to actively support LCIF, not only while continuing to support your local projects, but also to play an active role in our international challenges - so that LCIF can meet new and increased needs. Thousands of children like Abebi are counting on us and are waiting for our help.

By moving to grow, we can plant the seeds for a stronger Foundation this year, and for years to come.

With my cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs
Chairperson LCIF



Partnership Aims to Prevent Childhood Blindness

A new partnership program with the Bausch + Lomb Early Vision Institute was announced during the International Convention in Sydney, Australia. The partnership program, [The Pediatric Cataract Initiative](#), will seek out and fund innovative, replicable programs to prevent and treat cataract in infants and children while promoting early childhood vision screenings. Bausch + Lomb contributed US\$350,000 in the pilot year to launch the program.



Lions-Measles Initiative Launched with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

LCIF is working with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support efforts of the Measles Initiative for global elimination of measles, a leading cause of childhood blindness. Four African countries have been chosen for pilot Lions-Measles Initiative programs. LCIF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are contributing a combined US\$700,000 to this initiative.



Developing Youth through Lions Quest

The [Lions Quest](#) program is now in nearly 60 countries around the world. As a result, more youth worldwide are receiving the necessary skills to develop into healthy members of their community. Through continued efforts, the program will expand to aid more children.



Learn about LCIF at Lions' Forums

The USA/Canada and Europa Forums are quickly approaching. LCIF will have a booth at both Forums for Lions to learn more about the Foundation. Please stop by the booth to speak with staff, pick-up materials or make a donation. Information about the Forums is [online](#).

Billboards Promote Work of LCIF

Beginning this summer, advertisements on LCIF's work in blindness prevention among children will be featured on billboards throughout the U.S. In total, 1,000 advertisements will be on billboards scattered around the country. This [billboard campaign](#) follows the success of a similar campaign this past spring by Lions Clubs International for membership.

Lions Clubs International Foundation Supports the Measles Initiative with Grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

OAK BROOK, IL, USA, July 26, 2010 – Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) today announced it will support a world-wide effort spearheaded by the Measles Initiative to protect children from measles and strengthen routine immunization services. Four African countries have been chosen for a special Lions-Measles Initiative pilot program, which is funded in part by a grant to LCIF from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

“Lions have always been committed to saving sight at all levels in communities,” said Eberhard J. Wirfs, Chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation. “We are now working to eliminate the presence of measles in countries where children still die needlessly from a disease that is easily preventable by an inexpensive, safe and highly effective vaccine.”

Measles is a highly contagious viral disease transmitted via droplets from the nose, mouth and throat of infected persons. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), during 2001-2008, global measles mortality declined by 78 percent, from an estimated 733,000 deaths in 2000 to 164,000 in 2008, but the reduction in measles mortality has been leveling off since 2007. Although vaccinations are readily available in developed countries, the disease remains a heavy public health burden in the developing world. The disease is also a major cause of preventable blindness, particularly among children, affecting the same underserved populations.

The Measles Initiative is a long-term partnership among world leaders in public health that aims to reduce measles mortality and morbidity globally. UNICEF, WHO, U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Red Cross, and the United Nations Foundation are among the organizations contributing to these efforts. This global partnership has supported the vaccination of more than 700 million children since 2001.

“The Measles Initiative is very excited and optimistic about our new partnership with Lions. Lions, with members in many Measles Initiative priority countries, can provide an extremely valuable combination of social mobilization and organizational capability with political advocacy that complement our other partner organization activities. We also welcome the resource mobilization efforts already undertaken by Lions to help with campaign costs in 2010, as we face a large funding shortfall,” said Andrea Gay, Executive Director of Children's Health, United Nations Foundation.

To support the Lions-Measles Initiative pilot program, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation awarded a grant of US \$400,000

to LCIF. To further support the work on measles and routine immunization strengthening, LCIF will provide an additional contribution of US \$300,000 to the project.

“We are delighted that Lions Clubs International is becoming more involved in the fight against measles and strengthening routine immunization,” said Dr. Walt Orenstein, Deputy Director, Vaccine Delivery, at the Gates Foundation. “With its world-wide outreach, Lions is an important partner in ensuring that safe and effective vaccines reach families who need them most.”

Involvement from Lions will focus on three main areas: advocacy at the local, regional and national levels; direct involvement in social marketing and vaccination activities; and financial support. Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mali and Nigeria will host the first four pilot programs. Lions' leadership teams in the four pilot countries will coordinate, with Ministries of Health and other Measles Initiative partners, the program implementation and documentation of activities through the beginning of 2011.

Through combined efforts, the impact made in the fight against measles will greatly increase. As a result, more people without access to healthcare will be vaccinated against this infectious and deadly disease and higher numbers of measles-free communities will exist worldwide.

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Lions Clubs International Foundation

Lions Clubs International Foundation is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, the largest service club organization in the world with more than 1.35 million members in 206 geographic areas and countries. LCIF was ranked by a Financial Times' study as the number one non-governmental organization with which to partner. Through SightFirst, LCIF has restored sight or saved the vision of 30 million people. Learn more about LCIF at www.lcif.org.

Measles Initiative

Launched in 2001, the Measles Initiative—led by the American Red Cross, the United Nations Foundation, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF and the World Health Organization—provides technical and financial support to governments and communities for mass vaccination campaigns and disease surveillance around the world. The Initiative has supported the vaccination of more than 700 million children helping to reduce measles deaths by 78 percent globally (compared to 2000). To learn more, visit www.measlesinitiative.org.



Editor's Note

Fellow Lions:



\$1 Stock Chocolate Bar Variety Pack

Milk Chocolate with Almonds bar is now featured in our \$1 Chocolate Shop variety pack! A variety of chocolate bar flavors in one convenient fundraising pack. 50 bars per case. Stock product has an 8 case minimum.

Five chocolate bar flavors in a convenient variety pack. A perfect fundraiser for schools or sports teams. Each item can be sold for \$1.

This fundraising product contains:

- 10 - Milk Chocolate with Almonds Bars, 1.65 oz.
- 10 - W.F. Crisp® Bars, 1.48 oz.
- 20 - Milk Chocolate Bars, 1.65 oz.
- 10 - Caramel Bars, 1.65 oz.

Price: \$50.00

Contact Lion Susan Hart to Order your Candy

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LIONS CLUBS**

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Types of Acceptable Files: JPEG, TIFF, or PDF. PDF files are preferred. All files should be supplied as flattened CMYK artwork at a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.

Sorry, Quark and Microsoft Word files are not accepted. All Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign files must be submitted in one of the above formats.

Note: Please embed all fonts and images. All files & images used MUST be a minimum of 300 dpi to ensure adequate print results. Please check all supplied files prior to submission. We are not liable for color or copy errors.

Deadline for submitting artwork for ads: October 30th, 2010

Make Checks Payable to: Gwinnett Lions of Georgia

Please submit all ads to psstamsen@bellsouth.net



Contact Lion Pete Stamsen for application sheet

there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided."

For more information on planning your participation visit our [Global Service Action Campaings Web page](#) or [contact](#) the Service Activities Division at International Headquarters.

Set Your Sights High

All Lion leaders want their clubs to succeed, but perhaps you should set your sights even higher. [Club Excellence Awards](#) will be presented to presidents of clubs that are outstanding in all of the following areas: service, support of LCIF, membership, communication, leadership development, club development and financial responsibility.

On the Horizon

October has traditionally been the month for Lions Clubs to focus on membership growth. Recognizing that the opportunity to serve directly and meaningfully is the best recruitment tool, this October Lions will be asked to recommit to the idea of success through service. Watch the Lions Clubs International [Web site](#) for more information on October Membership Growth Month.

First Light, Bright Light Awards for Growth

Your leadership year may have just begun but it is never too early to think about expanding Lions potential to serve those in need. Please remember that the Bright Start Awards will recognize district governors achieving strong membership results before September 30, 2010.

The First Light Award will be given to district governors who establish two new clubs OR record an increase in membership. The Bright Light Award will go to district governors who establish five new clubs AND record a membership increase.

To be considered for awards, all documentation and fees must be received at Lions Clubs International headquarters by the close of business on September 30. Read further for full information about the [Bright Start Awards](#).

Activity reports on Global Service Action Campaign activities submitted via WMMR will automatically be entered for the [Beacon Awards](#) in the following categories:

- Most Creative Youth Program Activity (club or district)
- Outstanding Service to the Blind or Visually Impaired (club or district)
- Best Hunger Relief Program or Activity (club or district)
- Best Environmental Project (club or district)
- Lion That Best Exemplifies the Spirit of Service - entries are nominated by executive officers or international directors.

[Read the Beacon Awards Brochure](#) for more information about deadlines and reporting procedures.

Connect With us online



First Light, Bright Light Awards

The deadline for First Light and Bright Light Awards is approaching fast! The **First Light** Award will go to district governors who establish two new clubs OR record an increase in membership. The **Bright Light** Award will go to district governors who establish five new clubs AND record a membership increase.

To qualify all documentation and fees must be received at Lions Clubs International headquarters by **September 30**.

Recent LCIF Grants Approved:

District 38-I, Nebraska, USA
US\$10,000 for flood relief
District 38-O, Nebraska, USA
US\$10,000 for flood relief
District 5M-9, Minnesota, USA
US\$10,000 for tornado relief

District 27-A1, Wisconsin, USA
US\$10,000 for tornado relief
District 13-A, Ohio, USA
US\$10,000 for tornado relief
District 29-N, West Virginia, USA
US\$10,000 for flood relief

District13-C, Ohio, USA
Upgrade Lions Eye Clinic Exam Room US\$6,797
District 22-D, Delaware, USA
Facility Renovate At Camp Sunnybrook US\$75,000
District 24-C, Virginia, USA
Equip Lions Vision Clinic US\$27,484
District 13-G, Ohio, USA
Facilitv Renovation at Camp Echoina Hills US\$37.715



RETENTION

RETENTION IMPACT AND CLUB GOALS FOR LIONS YEAR 2010 – 2011

How is the start of your new Lions' year going? What are your club goals for the year? Of course, my questions are mainly concerned with the retention of your members. I am going to begin with the retention statistics of each of our districts last year. The reason I am doing this is two-fold: (1) It will provide you with a better understanding of the impact your club retention rates had on your district and (2) I'm going to recommend some club retention improvement goals for this Lions' year.

2009 – 2010 MEMBERSHIP RETENTION LOSS

DISTRICT/# of CLUBS	MEMBER START	MEMBER LOSS	PERCENT LOSS
Dist 18-A (43)	1,350	225	16.6%
Dist 18-B (47)	1,117	162	14.5%
Dist 18-C (45)	1,054	220	20.9%
Dist 18-D (38)	1,094	163	14.9%
Dist 18-E (36)	951	125	13.1%
Dist 18-F (42)	1,086	156	14.3%
MD -18 (251)	6,652	1,051	15.8%

There are a couple of things about the loss of Lions in our districts last year that I need to mention. District 18-A dropped one club and District 18-C dropped two clubs, which suggests that their loss rates would have been closer to that of the other districts if this had not occurred. Secondly, in the June District Bulletin retention article, I indicated that the death of Lions resulted in the loss of approximately 2% of members. Accordingly, this loss could actually be removed from our retention statistics since there is nothing we can do to reduce the eventual passing of our members.

The main retention point we need to keep in mind is that the loss of members is an individual club issue. Accordingly, it would be useful for you to examine the impact your club had on the loss of Lions in your district last year. You can compute this statistic by simply taking the number of Lions you dropped last year and divide this number by the number of Lions your district started the year with. This was the impact your loss of members had on your district's loss rate.

Obviously, there is nothing we can do about last year's membership retention. However, based on our significant loss of members last year, my recommended retention goal for clubs is to slightly reduce this loss this year. For all clubs that lost two or more members last year, please pay closer attention to your membership retention this year to reduce the loss of members in the follow manner:

- Small clubs (20 or fewer members): reduce the loss by at least one (1)
- Medium clubs (21 – 40 members): reduce the loss by at least two (2)
- Large clubs (41+ members): reduce the loss by at least three (3)

Meeting these goals will require that you implement the club retention actions I have discussed previously and I will continue to focus on this year. I wish you success in reducing the loss of Lions.

Yours in Lionism, Richard "Dick" Smith



Meet Your Global Membership Team (GMT) Leaders

During the March 2008 Board Meeting, the International Board of Directors approved the formation of a Global Membership Team and its leaders to assist with membership growth worldwide. In March of 2009, a change to the leadership of the GMT was approved to include a GMT Executive Council consisting of: the International President acting as GMT Chairperson; the First Vice President acting as GMT Vice Chairperson; the Second Vice President; Immediate Past International President; a GMT International Coordinator; the LCI Executive Director; and nine Constitutional Area leaders.

Who is the GMT?

The GMT is a group of Lions leaders representing the seven constitutional areas. GMT leaders are appointed by the international president in consultation with the executive officers. They are expected to work with the district governor and the district/multiple district MERL teams to achieve membership growth. Each GMT leader has committed to serving a three-year term; each leader is subject to an annual performance review.

What is the responsibility of each GMT Leader?

The GMT leaders were appointed to improve communication flow between clubs, districts, multiples and International Headquarters. They are to assist in implementing local membership strategies and should promote membership initiatives to multiple districts, districts and clubs as needed. They are to maintain close contact with the Membership Development Committee and International Headquarters regarding the membership growth progress of their assigned area.

How will each GMT Leader accomplish his or her goals?

Each GMT leader is expected to be in close contact with their assigned district governors and district/multiple district MERL teams to help develop and implement a three-year plan. GMT leaders are also expected to review reports from LCI and, where necessary, provide motivation, training and/or suggestions of LCI membership initiatives to achieve the desired membership results for their area. Each GMT leader will be required to participate in scheduled conferences with the GMT Executive Council. GMT leaders are also expected to attend an annual GMT meeting, constitutional area forums and appropriate multiple district (MD) conventions.

There is a GMT leader assigned to your area. To learn more about the GMT and about your representative, visit the Lions Clubs International Web site, www.lionsclubs.org, and type "Global Membership Team" into the search field. We encourage you to contact your district governor or members of your district MERL team if you have GMT questions.

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.

Buford Lions Club = Buford Lions Club Induction of new Officers for 2010/2011. Pete Stamsen, District 18-D Zone Chair and President of the Lawrenceville Lions Club Inducted the new Officers for the Buford Lions Club on July 1st. at their first monthly meeting. The new officers are from left to right Bob Riordan, Treasurer, Kim Ingram, Secretary, Jean Kilgore, Vice President, Sue Benson, Membership Chair, Earl Benson, President. Pete Stamsen Presents in-coming President Earl Benson the Gavel for 2010/2011. Pictured from left to right: Judy Catron, Bob Riordan, Kim Ingram, Helen Murdock, Jean Kilgore, Sue Benson, Earl Benson and Bob Catron. Several Members were not present due to vacations, illness and out of town on business.



Clermont North Hall Lions Club = Have you ever had times when you felt you were meeting yourself “coming and going?” This describes the month for several of our members. Between our parking project and officer installation, we had full plates. We were honored to have DG Ron Bennetti install our officers for Lions Year 2010 – 2011. DG Ron used a unique and sweet method of explaining the duties and responsibilities of our officers. DG Ron also inducted our two newest members, Lions Chuck Westfall and Dan Ross, into our club. We also worked three separate events, one of those all weekend, at our parking project. Two weekends of late night dances and one total weekend for a gun show made for a full month.

We serve!

Jefferson Lions Club = **ACTIVITIES:** Eyeglasses collected 14; sunglasses 1; cell phones 112. **The Jefferson Lions Club's Annual Car Show will be August 14 at the Jefferson High School.** **DONATIONS:** \$50 was given to St. Mary's Hospice as a memorial to former Lion J. T. Wilkes. \$3000 was given in June (but not on activity report) to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Capital Campaign. **MEETINGS:** July 12 was a regular meeting. 23 active members were present. The club had a business meeting to review and approve the 2010-2011 budget, committee assignments, and the calendar/programs. July 26 was a regular meeting with 22 members present plus 2 guests. Tammy Griffin, together with her husband, Josh, founded Wellspring Camp in 2006. Tammy's program was about the camp, a non-profit organization, governed by a Board of Directors, which serves special needs people ages 8 and up. Tammy and Josh volunteered at a special needs camp while in college and they felt God led them to start a camp in Jackson County. The camp provides a safe place where no one can put down or make fun of the campers, gives an opportunity for parents and caregivers to take care of themselves, and ministers to volunteers who come from all over the country to work. This year the camp served 17 campers each week for 7 weeks, plus they have Spring and Fall retreats. Wellspring Camp is renting 72 acres with several buildings on Jefferson River Road, and to purchase the real estate, they need \$100,000 by August 31 as down payment. Director Dr. Emily Howell suggested that the Lions Club could purchase an acre and be recognized as a friend of Wellspring Camp on their wall of donors by each Lion donating \$5 or \$10 per month over the next two years. More information is available at www.wellspringcamponline.com



JEFFERSON LIONS CLUB TENTH ANNUAL CLASSIC AUTO SHOW



SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010

**CARS, TRUCKS, ANTIQUE TRACTORS
ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME**

**LOCATION - AT JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL
PAVED PARKING AREA - ONE-HALF MILE FROM
DOWNTOWN JEFFERSON ON HWY. 129 NORTH**

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 PER VEHICLE

SCHEDULE: Registration: 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon
Show Judging: 12:00 Noon-2:00 p.m.
Awards: 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

TROPHIES: Cars & Trucks - Top 40 50/25-25 Drawing
Tractors Top 4 Longest Distance
Prizes will be Given

Come join the Lions Club for all around family fun. This Show will help the Lions in their Drive Against Darkness. YOU MAY BRING USED EYE GLASSES TO HELP OTHERS SEE

**PERSONAL CANOPIES MAY BE SET UP BEHIND SHOW CARS ON GRASS.
GOOD FOOD-HOT DOGS,HAMBURGERS,DRINKS,CHIPS**

**CONTACT:
BUDDY HUNT 706-367-8933 OR CELL 706-621-0700**



Dacula Lions Quilt Raffle Entry Ticket
Name:

Contact Email:

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Dacula Lions Club = Here is the info on the raffle of the Lions themed quilt. We will draw the winning ticket at the second Dacula club meeting on September 21. Every club in the district has been sent a flyer and sheet of tickets. Clubs can print this page only to make copies of the tickers to the left if more tickets are needed. **Please send completed tickets and money to Dacula Club Treasurer Charlie Tuggle - 2313 Carlton Chase Road, Dacula, GA. 30019**

Lions Themed Quilt Raffle – Buy a ticket!
One for \$2 or Three for \$5.



Lavonia Lions Club = THE LAVONIA LIONS CLUB HAS TWO FUND RAISING PROJECTS COMING UP. OUR PLAYHOUSE RAFFLE AND OUR YEARLY YARD SALE. THE YARD SALE IS ON AUGUST14 AND THE PLAYHOUSE DRAWING WILL BE AT THE LAVONIA FALL FESTIVAL. ON SEPT. 25.2010. TICKETS ARE A BARGAIN AT \$1 DONATION EACH. ANYONE WISHING TO GIVE THEIR CHILD OR GRANDCHILD A CHANCE AT THIS CUSTOM BUILT PLAYHOUSE PLEASE CONTACT PRISCILLA GOTHARD AT gothard@windstream.net. WITH YOUR TICKET REQUESTS. SIGHT CONSERVATION FOR THIS QUARTER; 10 PERSONS WERE HELPED WITH GLASSES/EXAMS FOR A COST OF \$862. A DONATION OF \$100 WAS MAKE TO UGA HEARING AND SPEECH CLINIC TO HELP WITH HEARING AIDS FOR A STUDENT. OUR COMPUTER PROGRAM HAS HELPED 20 STUDENTS THIS QUARTER. THREE MEMBERS ATTENDED THE COMMERCE LIONS CLUB 70 ANNIVERSARY AND HAD A WONDERFUL TIME. WORK ON THE BIRTHDAY CALENDAR HAS STARTED AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO EXPANDING IT. THE SUMMER WAS SLOW AND ATTENDANCE DOWN A LITTLE BUT WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT FALL QUARTER!

Loganville Lions Club = The Loganville Club also worked with City on the Independence Day Parade through downtown Loganville on July 3rd. The Club's job was to line up the entries for the parade according to a plan at a local school parking lot. This can be difficult because participants come at odd times to get in line and getting them all in the proper place according to the plan can be a logistics challenge. Our Club has done this for several years running and performs the same activities for the Christmas parade as well. The Loganville Lions were privileged to have Loganville Fire Chief Danny Roberts and Battalion Chief Rick Morris speak to a recent Club meeting. The Lions were given some background of the department from origin to present. Currently, the Loganville Fire Department operates out of three stations with 21 full time personnel assigned to the operations division working 24 hours a day, as well as 15 part time employees in the operations division and 4 administrative staff. The stations are located throughout the city

to offer better fire protection. All three stations are located within a 2 mile radius of each other. Station 1 is located on Lee Byrd Road. It houses a 75' aerial and 1 reserve engine. Station 2 operates out of Tom Brewer Road and houses 1 engine. Station 3 operates out of Old Loganville Road with 1 engine and 1 Battalion Chief. The primary role of the department is to service the areas within the city limits as well as surrounding areas through automatic aid agreements with Walton County. The Fire Chief's office and Fire Marshal's Offices are located at Tom Brewer Road. Pictured are Lion President Wayne White, Morris and Roberts.



Norcross Lions Club = We welcomed new member Marlene Porter. Her sponsor is Lion Bill Heron. Sold snow cones at the Norcross fireworks event on July 3. Turned in 28 eyeglasses, 6 lenses, 14 sunglasses and 3 cell phones to the GA Lions Lighthouse. Our meeting speaker was Lion Betsy Grinavitch from the Social Circle Lions Club. She is blind and had her guide dog Lasim with her. She spoke about her life and the GA Council of the Blind. Included in her speech was how we could help others by supporting the work of the GA Council of the Blind. She was very specific about their needs. Also in attendance at the meeting were the two people who have taken over the running of the Norcross Art Fest which used to be our club's main fundraiser. They will be giving funds earned at this event to our Lions to give to our charities. They were most impressed by this blind speaker and her dog and understood how the money we give to the charities helps the blind and visually handicapped. Three other guests also attended. We are working on articles for *Inside Gwinnett's* September issue which will be about the Norcross Art Fest and will include information about our club and our charities.

Snellville Lions Club = **Service Projects:** Collecting food items at each meeting for the Snellville and Lilburn food banks. Collected 413 used eye glasses and 168 loose lenses. **Guest Speaker:** Mr. Roy Woodall gave talk on the Fair Tax and State Rep Clay Cox gave talk on Georgia affairs. **Scholarship Winners:** Shivani Goel of Brookwood High School – she will attend University of Notre Dame. **Membership:** New member Demetrius Davis sponsored by Lion Marlene Gillman. **Fund Raisers:** 4th of July used concession trailer to sale hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, snow cones and our well known funnel cakes – turn out great. **Donations:** Thank you to Lion Mary Jane Gresham who donated her late husband's Utility Trailer to the Club. It really will come in handy.



Toccoa Lions Club = How Can You Make a Difference? The Toccoa Lions work with youth by sponsoring a little league team in Stephens County. The club financially supports the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind in Waycross, Camp Kudzu for diabetic children in Cleveland and the Top Five program with the Toccoa Rotary for graduating seniors from Stephens County High School. The Toccoa Lions also provided vision screenings at the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day fair in April. The Lions staged a puppet show at the Schafer Center in January. The Toccoa Lions Club could not accomplish these community services without the continued support from the citizens of Stephens County and Toccoa. Money to support these programs is raised through a variety of fund raising activities. You can help the Toccoa Lions by doing the following: **Lions Community Calendar** (Buy a calendar from a Lion @ \$7.00); **Spring & Fall Pancake Breakfast** (Eat breakfast the last Saturday in September and February with the Lions @ \$5.00); **Chilly Open Golf Outing** (Play golf or sponsor a hole in March); **Flower Bulbs Campaign** (Buy flowers from the Lions in October.); **Mops, Brooms & Walking Sticks** (Buy them from the Lions, they are cheaper than the store and made in the USA by visually impaired – go to our website); **Harvest Festival Rest Area** (Come sit a spell, eat our hamburgers and hot dogs in the shade, first weekend in November); **Candy & Nut Vending** (buy a snack from a Lion's gumball machine). The club has gratefully received grants from the Mitchell-Allen Foundation and Wal-Mart Foundation during the year.

Bill Graham Named Toccoa Lion of the Year

Martin resident, Bill Graham, was selected for the honor of "Lion of the Year" by the Toccoa Lions Club. Bill was recently installed as first vice president of the club and has served as a director, bulletin editor and webmaster. He provided many new ideas that were implemented while serving on the board of directors. He volunteered at every fund raising activity this past year. Bill is a graduate of Stephens County High School and served in the U. S. Marine Corp before going to college. He worked with the telephone company in the Atlanta area until he retired. He met his wife Dale while at the telephone company and they raised two daughters. Ten years ago Bill started going blind which prompted him to take an early retirement from the telephone company. After relocating to Stephens County he then started teaching computer science at Piedmont College in Demorest. Bill is legally blind but through the use of adaptive devices and training from the veteran's administration he is dealing with his handicap. He was recently pictured in the newspaper playing in a golf tournament at The Pines in March. Bill has spearheaded a broad based community wide committee to study and recommend a public transportation system for Stephens County. He has researched possible grant opportunities for funding and presented to both the Toccoa City Commission and the Stephens County Board of Commissioners. Bill is also an active member of the local Marine Corp League, the amateur radio club and Lavonia First United Methodist Church. He does woodworking and laser engraving in his basement. Bill and Dale grow blueberries and muscadines on their farm.



The Toccoa Lions Club recognized the service of its most senior members at their luncheon meeting on June 24th at the Gate Cottage. Twelve men have provided Toccoa and Stephens County with over 539 years of combined service. These Lions have served the community in a variety of ways but most notably with issues of blindness, hearing loss and diabetes. The Toccoa Lions also care for the general health of the community and support the Open Arm Clinic, a free medical clinic. For more information on the Toccoa Lions visit their website at www.toccoa.org.

Pictured from left to right are Lions, Claud Smith with 45 years of service, Jim Irvin with 35 years, Vernon Smith with 31 years, Wayne Carpenter with 30 years, Andy Crawford with 65 years, Welton Carpenter with 45 years, M. C. Stowe with 36 years, Marvin Mauldin with 35 years, Loyd Prewett with 50 years and Frank Edmonds with 55 years of service. Not pictured are award winners, Willard Kimsey with 60 years and Joe Vaughn with 52 years of service.



Union County Lions Club = *Sight Conservation*: No report for July. **Lion Mints**: No report for July. **Social Concerns**: Lion Rosa Mandon sent 2 Birthday, 2 Anniversary, 4 Get Well, 1 Encouragement for total of 12 cards. **Lion and friends and family volunteer hours**: 920 hours. **Membership**: No applications. **Donations**: None this month. **July 3**, the club held its annual Old Fashion games free of charge at Meeks Park to Thank the community for supporting the Union County Lions Club each year. We have games for all ages including a watermelon eating contest and then at the end of the day our fire department turns on the water hoses and cools us all down! 19 Lions with 101 hours and 1 friend with 3 hours. The 1st Annual Greenbean Festival was held in Blairsville and Union County Lions Club sold hotdogs, chips and cokes for total of 25 hours for 3 Lions members. **July 8** meeting was presided over by new President Mildred Thompson. There were 2 guests and 23 members for attendance of 65.7%. The meeting was primarily a discussion of our upcoming Georgia Mountain Fair fundraiser. This fundraiser is a ten day event and requires much organizing and scheduling. Lion Gene Little commented on the success of the 4th of July event for the community. There was no regular meeting on July 22 due to the Fair. On **July 28**, 8 Lions attended visitation and memorial service for deceased Lion Bill Murray. **July 21 through July 31** was our annual fundraiser at the Georgia Mountain Fair in Hiawassee with 30 of our members and 21 friends and family participating with a total of 570 hours





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Darien Lions

Annual Low Country Boil

Proceeds to provide support for community services and to maintain the Darien Senior Citizens / Lions Club and Scout buildings.

Saturday, August 28th

6:00 to 8:00 PM

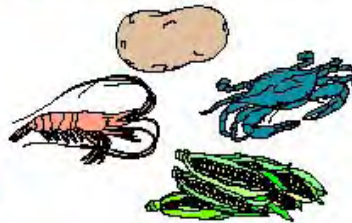
Lions Club, 905 E. Broad Street, Darien

Donation \$15.00 per person

For tickets and info call Mary at 437-6201

BYOB

Fresh Georgia shrimp and crabs boiled with sausage, potatoes and corn on the cob.





GA. Lions Lighthouse
VP Lion Mike Higgins, PDG
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Check out the new **Lighthouse Video**
Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

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

Braves Catcher Brian McCann Supports Your Lighthouse Foundation



Brian McCann knows first-hand how devastating vision problems can be. His blurry vision could have cost him his job, but he was able to afford the surgery and eyewear he needed to stay in the game.

Vision problems can be much more severe for those without access to quality eye care. They can lose their jobs, their insurance, and in some cases, their sight.

McCann understands the importance of the issue, which is why he has agreed to support the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and its capital campaign. To hear Brian tell his story, and to see why he chose to work with the Lighthouse, please watch the video at www.lionslighthouse.org.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10jFAZNkJBA>



Help Us Use our Recycled Glasses

District D
Judy Stamsen
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Lighthouse Launches New Website

The Lighthouse Foundation launched a new website in January. It is still at www.lionslighthouse.org but it has been redesigned and reorganized to be easier to navigate for clients, donors, and volunteers.



Service Numbers

From July to May 2010

2854 Georgians received **4448** points of service through our mobile clinic program.

1454 people have better vision after receiving a pair of **glasses**. **191 recipients** were from 18-D

295 eye surgeries were performed. **52** were from 18-D

933 Georgians received hearing aids through the dispensation of **1700** hearing aids. **192** were from 18-D

Demand for all services is up **30 percent** over last year.



SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Lions Lighthouse and Camp Fall Meeting will be held September 10-12 at the Courtyard Marriott in Duluth, GA. The meeting will provide valuable information to help your club work with the Lighthouse Foundation to serve the people of Georgia.

City: Duluth, GA

Place: Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place,
1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, GA 30096

Phone: (770) 923-1775

Hotel Price: \$95/night.

Breakfast for two included

Remember to mention the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation to reserve your room at the group rate.
Agenda and banquet details to follow soon.

Yours in Lions Service,

Gary Vaughters

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

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GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION REPORT

July 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010

FINANCIAL REPORT: Our Georgia Lions Lighthouse this year is operating on a budget of \$1,657,500.00 which is slightly less than our budget last year. For your information, at the recent State Convention in Tifton we approved the proposed budget for next year (2010-2011) to be \$2,000,000.00. The budget to operate the Lighthouse in its first year of operation sixty one years ago was \$3,000.00. You can see from this that the demand for services has grown each year.

During the first eleven (11) month of Lion's Year 2009-2010, our income is \$1,672,472.44 while our expenses for the same period is \$1,505,844.09. Club contributions and other contributions to the Lighthouse in the first eleven (11) months of this year, MD18 total \$275,576.93 compared to \$247,771.19 for the same period last year.

For the first eleven (11) months of this Lion's Year, District 18-D contributions to the Lighthouse are \$80,062.46 compared to \$43,237.83 for the same period last year. Twenty (20) Clubs out of the thirty-eight (38) Clubs in 18-D or 53% of the Clubs in 18-D have made regular contributions totaling \$24,303.08.

With regards to White Cane 2010, I set a personal goal of \$50,000.00 for District 18-D. Knowing this, I am pleased to report to you my fellow Lions of District 18-D that contributions to White Cane 2010 from District 18-D total \$43,544.38. Thirty (30) of the Clubs out of the thirty-eight (38) Clubs or 79% of the Clubs participated in White Cane 2010. Needless to say I would Have liked to see us meet my goal but I am very grateful in knowing that the Lions of 18-D did their part and even beyond in White Cane 2010.

SERVICE REPORTS:

Vision Clinic Report: In the first eleven (11) months of Lion's Year 2009-2010. We served 3208 individuals at the Vision Clinics compared to 2547 individuals served for the same period last year. Funding for our seventeen Vision Clinics come from grants, which are great but not on going. Two hundred and ninety-seven individuals from 18-D have been served at the Clinics during the first eleven (11) months of this Lion's Year compared to 174 individuals for the same period last year. To operate the Clinics during the first eleven (11) months is \$108,668.30.

Surgery Report: In the first eleven months of this Lion's Year, the Lighthouse has completed 282 surgeries compared to 307 surgeries for the same period last year. Fifty two (52) needy citizens from District 18-D have had surgeries in the first eleven (11) months of this year compared thirty-one (31) for the same period last year. The cost of surgeries in the first eleven (11) months are \$2,015,969.67 after receiving discounts totaling \$1,615,164.92; the Lighthouse only paid \$400,804.75.

Hearing Aid Program: In the first eleven months of Lion's year 2009-2010, the Lighthouse has touched the lives of 924 individuals by providing 1691 hearing aids compared to 1463 hearing aids to 798 individuals for the same period last year. One hundred and six (106) needy citizens from District 18-D have received 195 hearing aids in the first eleven months of Lion's Year 2009-2010 compared to 92 people receiving 169 hearing aids for the same period last year.



Thank you for your support!

Lions of Georgia,

What a year! Once again the Lions and the Lighthouse have combined to make one of the fastest-growing, most efficient and effective non-profits in Georgia. As you know, the Lighthouse would not exist without the Lions. We were founded because of your commitment to service and your dedication to sight conservation. We continue to thrive because of the time and effort you put into the organization.

Last year, Lions and the Lighthouse performed 2,042 vision screenings. This year, that number sky-rocketed to 8,423. The increase was largely due to the efforts of the Tallapoosa Lions Club, who screened 4,500 children this year. The Essilor Vision Foundation estimates that two out of three school age children do not receive any preventative vision care before entering elementary school. Poor vision is known to affect learning performance, self esteem, academic achievement, high school drop-out rates, and juvenile delinquency. Through your screening efforts, we are working to break this cycle. More children were screened this year through the Lighthouse than in any year prior. And those who were not eligible for Peachcare had the opportunity to apply for services through the Lighthouse Foundation.

In addition to being an integral part of the Vision Screening Program's success, you also provided valuable support by volunteering at Lighthouse clinics throughout the year. You checked in clients, helped them fill out the necessary paperwork, and helped them pick out the frames for their glasses. The Lions volunteers made the clinics much more efficient, and allowed us to administer nearly 2,000 eye exams, and over 3,000 pairs of glasses this year. Thank you!



The Lighthouse also would not be able to operate without your donations of eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones. Dozens of missionary groups took tens of thousands of glasses overseas this year. Every person they saw had a unique story to tell, from students who were able to see the board to elderly women who could now sew and provide for their families. Without your collections, and the hours spent washing and sorting glasses, none of those stories would be possible.

Finally, what would we do without White Cane? This year, 122 of the 247 clubs in Georgia participated. Your efforts in the fundraiser brought in almost \$120,000 for the surgery program. Those funds will provide 100 surgeries for Georgians who likely would lose their sight without your help.

So, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you. We look forward to another year of growth and service!

Sincerely,
The Lighthouse Staff

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Members of the Lighthouse Board of Directors signed the closing documents on the new Lighthouse building on Wednesday, July 28!! This is such an exciting time for the Lighthouse and for the Lions of Georgia! If your club has not made a pledge to the Capital Campaign, or has not made any payments toward pledges made, please make those arrangements with District Director PDG Kenneth Moore. Pictured here are: Seated, LR -- Chairman Gary Vaughters, Immediate Past Chair PCC Mark Miller; Standing, L-R -- Secretary Donna Townsend, Executive Director Christina Lesson, District D Director PDG Mike Higgins. Also in attendance was District A Director Kenneth Moore.

Capital Campaign Committee,

Please see the update below on our Capital Campaign. Be sure to click on the Lighthouse web page and scroll down and view the Brian McCann video and share with others.

District D is now at 133.08% of our original goal of \$100,000.

We have had 29 of our 38 clubs (about 75%) pledge or donation to the campaign. We have had over 40 individual donations.



GA. Lions Camp for the Blind
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To Our Fellow Lions:



From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more. Luke

The Campers Are Here!



Turn off the bubble machine!



Smile! You're at GLCB!!



Goal Ball Game



Beeper Ball

Kristen



Several Lions from around the state enjoyed a day down at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind on Saturday, July 24. Despite the heat, Lions and campers alike got out to enjoy the Fish-a-Thon, games of Beeper Ball and Goal Ball, and tours of the facilities. After a delicious meal, the some of the campers participated in a talent show.

That evening, the Woodbine Lions provided a wonderful fish fry for the Council of Governors, after which they were updated on the status of the Camp by President Frank Spinney. The campers again showcased their talent for the Lions who remained.

As most of you know, the Camp is in need of funds. Last year, the Camp increased the number of campers by 40% over the previous year, and that number increased by another 40% this year. There are several things that need to be repaired, updated, or renovated to meet ADA standards and requirements. Please consider increasing your donations to the Camp as you set your budgets for the year.

The next gathering for the Camp will be the Joint Meeting with the Lighthouse during the weekend of September 10-12 at the Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place. Visit www.lionslighthouse.org -- details will be coming soon!

Campers' Talent Show on Saturday Night





On October 23, 2010, the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc. is again sponsoring a Hearts Are Wild Casino Party. With approximately 3 months left before this fun event, we need your help. Listed below are some of the things that we need help with.

Table Sponsors: This is a great way to raise funds and isn't that difficult to sell, even in this economy. A \$500 donation gets the sponsor's name displayed on the table and two tickets to the party. If they have a logo that they would like us to use, please forward that in a format ready to be printed. There are only 13 table sponsorships available and we expect they will be sold soon. At that time we will have paid for the tables including the dealers. There is only one sponsor per table. If a Lions Club or District would like to sponsor a table, then their donation would be \$300 with no tickets. Letters have been sent to many potential corporate sponsors so before you contact them, please call me to make sure they are not already on our list.

Gifts: The goal is for everyone to win something. Anticipating 150 participants means that we need 150 raffle items to give away. Each participant would receive a raffle ticket when they check in at the registration table. Winning tickets would be drawn throughout the event, adding to the "Fun" part of the evening.

Silent Auction: The silent auction could be the biggest portion of the fund raiser. Susan Hampton (404-218-6216) is in charge of this. While several Lions are already busy obtaining auction items but we can always use more. If you are not sure what to donate, buy a gift card to a store or restaurant equal with a value of \$25 or more. Contact Susan or myself with questions.

Volunteers: In addition to those that work getting sponsors, raffle and silent auction items, we need volunteers to either work just before the event or at the event. Help is needed in the following areas: registration, decoration, setups of the silent auction, power-point presentation preparation and setup.

Publicity and Promotion: Chris Walsh from the East Cobb Lions Club is in charge of this and is preparing press releases. The event is already listed on Access Atlanta, Creative Loafing and should be on the East Cobb Calendar shortly. If you have other suggestions, please contact myself or Chris at mesochaser@gmail.com.

Dealers: Qualified individuals who would like to deal Black Jack, Craps, or Roulette please contact me. The casino company gives us a credit for each dealer we provide.

Cost: The cost of the event is a donation of \$75. Groups of 10 receive a discount. Lions rate is \$50 but must be paid by October 15, 2010.

Ed Ressler eressler65@bellsouth.net 404-444-2064
Chairman



2010 Grand Tour Of Georgia hosted by the

Georgia Lions' Camp for
the Blind, Inc.

Ride your Motorcycle*, see the great State of Georgia and help a blind child go to Camp! Enjoy a summer of riding experiences and help that same child gain a lifetime of confidence and experiences as well!

Purchase a Passport Book for \$25.00. This Passport Book is loaded with 19 scenic and historical locations throughout the great State of Georgia.

Ride to 15 of 18 optional locations and one mandatory location between April 1, 2010 and September 30, 2010. Record each visit with a photo, submit your record of visits and you will receive a Grand Tour Pin/w 2010 Year Tab and a Certificate of Completion. Those successful riders will also be able to purchase a 2010 Grand Tour of Georgia Tee Shirt.

*** Those wishing to partake in the Grand Tour of Georgia that do not ride motorcycles may do so. The same rules will apply.**

To obtain a Grand Tour of Georgia Application visit the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind's Website at GLCB.org or call (888) 297-1775 (Ga. Only) or (912) 283-4320 from 8am – 5pm Monday – Friday.

Ride Safe – Ride to Help Others!



Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall

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Story of the Week: Killeen Noon Lions Club Helps Leader Dog Gerty



After Danny Murphy received Gerty from the Leader Dog School in August 2009, he spoke to our club to tell us what a difference it made to have Gerty, and to thank us for being part of it. At the end of the program, we invited Danny to join our club and he agreed. During a Lions In Sight blood drive on Jan. 25, 2010, we learned that Danny didn't have a fenced back yard for Gerty, and didn't have the funds to have one built.



Our club's funds were already committed for the year, but within 72 hours, our members made monetary commitments to buy the materials to fence the back yard. The couple that raised Gerty as a leader dog puppy, Jean and Dennis Hunter of Wausaukee, Wisconsin, also made a pledge toward the project. Our club began work on the fence on February 13, 2010.

We finished the fence within a few days, and made a presentation to Danny and Gerty when it was complete. The fence added a quality of life for Gerty, allowing her to run and play as a puppy.



- Our 14,000th Graduate!
- Randy Cook and Leader Dog Solomon

When Randy Cook traveled to Michigan recently to receive his third Leader Dog, a black lab named Solomon, he had two surprises waiting for him: a Breeze GPS unit and the distinction of being the 14,000th graduate.

After more than 20 years of having a Leader Dog by his side, Randy was excited to receive the Breeze, a hand-held GPS unit that enhances dog guide travel. "I love it," Randy said. "It's easy to use. Technology has changed a lot of lives and really helped people with disabilities." He expects the Breeze will be especially helpful to him in his work as a rehabilitation teacher for the Illinois Department of Human Services. His job requires him to travel to the homes of his blind students, where he teaches them independent living skills.

Randy received his first Leader Dog in 1989, a black lab named Shadow. Young and skeptical, and already very comfortable with his cane skills, he wasn't sure what having a dog could add to his life. Then the day came when a semi-truck was bearing down on him and Shadow instinctively jumped in front of him, knocking him to the ground and out of harm's way. "That made me a believer," he laughed.

Randy recently had to retire his second dog, a yellow lab named Jensen, after he developed hip dysplasia. Jensen will now enjoy the easy life of a much-loved pet, with Randy giving him the best of care. "He took care of me for years," he said. "And now I will take care of him until the last wag." He anticipates it will take about six months to form the solid partnership with Solomon that he enjoyed with his two previous dogs. But there's one thing that the once skeptical Randy knows for sure, "I couldn't imagine my life without him."



Leader Dog Apprentice Instructor Kevin Thompson works with Randy and Solomon on the streets of Rochester

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Graduate Sponsor Patches

One of the many great services Lions provide to Leader Dog is assistance with students from your home area. For years we have awarded graduate sponsor patches to celebrate this service. Patches are given to clubs that reimburse LDB for the cost of a graduated student's airline ticket, that provide the student's initial contact with LDB, that assist with the application process (filling-out forms or shooting video), or provide transportation to/from the airport when the student attends LDB.



Thank you to all Lions that have given of themselves in this manner.

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Dear Leader Dog,

I want to thank each and everyone that had input into the training of my current Leader Dog Joy. She truly fits her name. I can't begin to count the number of times that she has protected me. I have to retire her soon due to arthritis, even though today it snowed and Joy was playing in the snow as if she was a puppy.

I am truly grateful for the gift that y'all gave to me. She is the first thing I think about in the morning and the last thing I think about at night.

Most of my family is grateful for Joy being in my life. She has given me more independence and freedom. My mom is so grateful because she always had a fear of me traveling by myself. Now, she doesn't fear for me when I'm working with a dog. They are thankful that you guys gave me Joy.

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Dear Leader Dog,

With this letter I express my satisfaction with the work of the Lions Clubs in Costa Rica and the United States to make a dream come true that without their support and dedication could never have happened. Within days I went from being low vision to someone with vision of 100%, all because of my Leader Dog.

From the moment it was given to me, it became an integral part of me. This dog gave me the trust I never got from my own family. Now thanks to the work of Leader Dogs for the Blind, in less than a month I became more independent. I became a complete person with more freedom and more enthusiasm, and I am sure that in time with my dog, I will manage to perform amazing things, never before possible.

I wish to thank from the bottom of my heart all Leader Dog staff who during my class time became my father, mother, and my new family of the United States.



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Dear Leader Dog,

I recently got my Breeze. Thank you so much, I am having a ball. It is so neat. It is like seeing Niles [my hometown] in such a wonderfully new sight. I am learning things I did not even know about the town I grew up in. I love it.

Linda McLane and Disney



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

Success Stories - Beth Smaligo



Twenty-three-year-old RFB&D student member Beth Smaligo has the double challenge of being blind and having Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)... but don't let that fool you. Beth is also planning her first solo trip to California in 2011, where she will chronicle RFB&D from the inside, making an audio documentary of the staff and volunteers that have inspired her

throughout her educational journey.

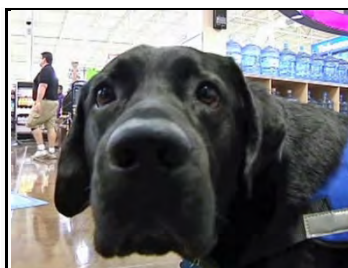
The project is called, *From the Inside Door: RFB&D in California*. The vivacious Beth, a University of Pittsburgh junior, is double-majoring in literature and communication. In usual "Beth fashion," she recently celebrated being inducted into Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society. Beth has been a member of RFB&D since she was nine years old. She used to obtain most of her books in Braille, but college credit courses in her last year in high school led her to need RFB&D's audio textbooks more and more. She loves the fact that she gets her textbooks on line, or as she says, "Click, click! And then I do a search, and the books ship right to my house." In fact, Beth has now borrowed so many RFB&D audio textbooks that she can't even come up with a ballpark number! Beth shared that, because of her ADD, others thought that audio textbooks would be impossible for her to use as a study tool. But as she tells us, "The human voice of RFB&D's audio books is what held my attention. I can study for two hours at a time!" This semester, her courses include *Renaissance in England and 19th Century British Literature*, and she is reading books like "Wuthering Heights" and "Frankenstein" from RFB&D's audiobook library.

Beth says she wishes more people knew about RFB&D so that many more students could benefit. Even so, Beth is her own personal "PR machine," acting as an ambassador for RFB&D to make sure more people know which organization helped her begin to reach her dreams.

Besides her planned audio documentary, Beth recounts recently meeting a friend who shared that she had dyslexia. Beth promptly got her to sign up for RFB&D! We are grateful to this student role model for spreading the word about RFB&D, and we congratulate her on her academic and personal success.



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Jason Morgan, an Air Force veteran, was injured in the line of duty 11 years ago, leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. But thanks to the organization

[Canine Companions for Independence](#), a furry new friend is giving him a new lease on life.

Morgan has always been an active person, so he said coping with a disability hasn't been easy. "It's been a struggle I'm not going to lie I'm a very optimistic person but to go from jumping out of airplanes to a wheelchair has been really tough," said Morgan. But the last 6 months has been a lot easier, thanks to his new friend [Nepal](#).

"A lot of it for me is just the, is just the companionship," Morgan said. Fitting, seeing that Jason got Nepal from the organization [Canine Companions for Independence](#).



Based in [San Diego](#), they train dogs like Nepal to help veterans like Morgan. Morgan said some of the biggest help comes at the grocery store.

"Having, I guess, 9-10 surgeries on my back, he retrieves things off the ground and puts them in my lap," Morgan said of Nepal.

The black lab also gets Morgan in the elevator, and sparks plenty of conversation. "He attracts a lot of attention, especially the kids, I always stop, and he knows how to wave so he waves at the kids as we go by," Morgan said. Morgan said the process of getting Nepal took about 5 months. The trainers in San Diego match up the dog with the veteran, then the companions go through 2 weeks of training. "When you go up there they know so much about you that it's a perfect match," Morgan said.

Morgan said he and Nepal are inseparable, and now, he couldn't imagine it any other way. "In fact out of everything I've done to try and improve my life, nothing's even come close to getting my service dog, Nepal," Morgan said.



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July 28, 2010 [Wireless Sensor Watches Blood Sugar for \[Patients With Diabetes\]](#) Researchers at the University of California San Diego and GlySens Inc. have developed an implantable sensor for continuously measuring glucose.

Researchers at the University of California San Diego and GlySens Inc. have developed an implantable sensor for continuously measuring glucose. The device transmits the information wirelessly.

Lead researchers David Gough, bioengineering professor, said: 'You can run the device for a year or more with it constantly working, and recording glucose quite satisfactorily.' Gough added that the team hopes to begin a human trial of the device in a few months. The implant is about 1.5 inches in diameter and can transmit 10 to 12 feet. The device uses a sensor that detects oxygen in the surrounding tissue to measure glucose, rather than the needle-like or wire-like sensors used in current artificial pancreas devices.

The researchers hope to make the device smaller in the future, and possibly program it to send signals to cell phones. The study team report their findings in the journal Science Translational Medicine.

July 28, 2010 [Aggressive Glucose Control in Patients With Diabetes and Kidney Disease Not Associated With Improved Survival](#) Aggressive control of glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c) levels in patients with diabetes and end-stage renal disease (ESRD) is not associated with lower mortality, according to research published in the Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology.

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Researchers from the Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston suggested that clinicians avoid aggressive glucose management and instead focus on the recommended HbA1c level of under 7 percent in all patients. The study included three years of follow-up and 24,875 patients. Extreme glycemic levels, either high or low, were associated with decreased survival. Higher HbA1c values were associated with a 52 percent increased risk of death for patients with type 1 diabetes, while lower HbA1c values were associated with a 20 percent increased risk of death for patients with type 2 diabetes.

Based on their findings, researchers suggest that aggressive glycemic control cannot be routinely recommended for all patients. "Physicians are encouraged to individualize glycemic targets based on potential risks and benefits" in patients with diabetes and ESRD.

July 28, 2010 [Text Messages Push \[Diabetes Patients\] to Record Blood-Sugar Levels](#) Hard-to-treat populations with diabetes, such as inner-city residents, may improve their blood sugar control by tracking their disease with Internet-connected cell phones.

Hard-to-treat populations with diabetes, such as inner-city residents, may improve their blood sugar control by tracking their disease with Internet-connected cell phones. Dr. Richard Katz of George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C., is currently testing this method on several individuals with diabetes. For his study, patients receive Web-based personal health records that they access through their cell phones to record daily blood sugar measurements.

If a reading is too high or too low, the phone displays a text that tells the patient what to do. When patients go to their doctors for check-ups, the physicians use the personal health record to track the blood glucose fluctuations. Diabetes patients may control their blood sugar better and lower treatment costs with the use of the cell phones, and they are provided with reduced monthly rates for Internet if they maintain compliance with the program.

July 21, 2010 [FDA Warns Abbott Diabetes Care About Manufacturing Practices of Its Glucose Meters](#) The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has sent a warning letter to Abbott Diabetes Care regarding its manufacture of FreeStyle glucose meters.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has sent a warning letter to Abbott Diabetes Care regarding its manufacture of FreeStyle glucose meters. The meters include the FreeStyle Navigator Continuous Glucose Monitoring System, which is currently unavailable in the United States because of a 'supply interruption,' according to the company.

The FDA said that Abbott Diabetes Care, a unit of Abbott, had violated certain quality-control requirements, such as its follow-up to the discovery of empty blister packs and scratches on glucose-meter test strips. The FDA letter also said that Abbott Diabetes Care did not have enough qualified personnel for the manufacturing processes to meet agency standards.

The warning letter stemmed from an FDA inspection earlier this year of the company's facilities in Alameda, Calif. Abbott Diabetes Care issued a press release, saying that it has taken, and will continue to take, the necessary actions to address the FDA letter's concerns.



"The Power of Peace"
2009-10 Grand Prize
Winner

Yu-Min Chen, a 13-
 year-old girl from
 Multiple District 300
 Taiwan

School's In -- Don't Be Left Out of a Chance to # Get Involved With the Students

That's right -- school is back in session! Each year, Lions Clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This contest encourages young people worldwide to artistically express their visions of peace.

Each year's contest consists of an original theme incorporating peace. The theme of the 2010-11 Peace Poster Contest is "Vision of Peace". Participants use a variety of media, including charcoal, crayon, pencil and paint to express the theme. The works are unique and express the young artists' life experiences and culture.

Twenty-four international finalists are selected each year, representing the work of more than 350,000 young people worldwide. Posters are shared globally via the Internet, the media and exhibits around the world. Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit, and expression of the theme. Posters advance through several levels of judging before one grand prize winner and 23 merit winners are selected. International winners will be notified on or before February 1. The grand prize winner will receive a trip to a special award ceremony with the sponsoring club president and two family members at Lions Day with the United Nations. During the ceremony, the winning artist will receive an engraved plaque and a cash prize of \$2500. Each of the merit winners will receive a certificate of achievement and a cash prize of \$500.

To learn more about the contest, or to order your Peace Poster Kit, please call Lions Clubs International at 630.571.5466, or visit the website at www.lionsclubs.org. The kit will provide you with everything you need to successfully sponsor the contest in your area. Call today!

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GLOBAL SERVICE ACTION CAMPAIGNS: AUGUST 2010

The focal point of this year's Presidential Theme "A Beacon of Hope" is service. To show the strength of our worldwide network and to shine our light even brighter, Lions have the opportunity to participate in four special service action campaigns throughout the year.

August 2010 - ENGAGING OUR YOUTH - Lions have an opportunity to engage youth by developing programs they can relate to, and by encouraging their input and participation in the planning process. Engaging youth in service projects now will help determine whether they choose to volunteer as Lions or LEOs in the future. Allowing youth to develop and lead a service project helps them learn valuable life skills while emphasizing the role of service through Service Learning principles. // There has never been a generation of young people more involved in their community. According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, in the United States alone, nearly 22% of people aged 16 to 24 are volunteering. Ideas:

- Organize projects throughout the month of August that engage youth and mobilize them in the process of helping their communities.
- School or community facility cleanups // Paint a playground.
- Visits to a home for senior citizens or a children's hospital.
- Assemble care packages for shelters / military personnel or help with a food bank.
- Collect and donate supplies to a local school.
- Organize a youth forum or town hall meeting to highlight topics that youth have identified as critical community issues.
- Participate in child identification clinics.
- Organize a book or board game drive for a children's after-school center or library.
- Sponsor an activity day for handicapped and/or developmentally disabled individuals.
- Mae baby supply kits for newborns in need.
- Assist at camps serving children // Tutor at an after-school program.
- Organize a highway or park clean-up.
- Provide safe soft teddy bear and toys to local emergency service professionals for presentation to children during an emergency.

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101 THINGS TO SAY TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN (AND COMPLIMENT ADULTS):

You made it happen! It couldn't be better!
Fantastic work!
You're a real trooper!
Fabulous!
Bravo!
Exceptional!
You're unique!
Awesome!
Breathtaking!
The time you put in really shows!
You're a great example for others!
Keep up the good work!
I knew you could do it!

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101 Ways to Teach Youth How to Cope with Stress (and these will help adults as well)

- ** Write a note to a far away friend.
- ** Go to a ball game and scream.
- ** Cook a meal and eat by candlelight.
- ** Recognize the importance of unconditional love.
- ** Remember that stress is an attitude.
- ** Keep a journal.
- ** Practice a monster smile.
- ** Remember you always have options.
- ** Have a support network of people / places / things.

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The Lions Clubs International Global Youth Music Competition is a unique cultural event that allows young musicians to showcase their talents. Additionally, the competition helps the youth of today grow to be the Lions of tomorrow. The instrument for the 2010-2011 competition is the classical guitar.

The instrument chosen for the 2010-2011 competition was the violin and more information about the winners is available at the [Online Convention](#).

Who Is Eligible to Enter the Competition?

The competition is open to participants who are less than 25 years of age (born after Dec. 31, 1986).

- All participants will play [one required piece and two additional pieces they select from a list](#) on the classical guitar.
- Participants should have lived in the constitutional area they represent for at least five years.

How Will Participants Be Identified and Selected?

Seven international finalists will be selected, one from each Constitutional Area. All Constitutional Areas – except for the USA, Its Affiliates, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and Canada – will handle their own competition.

- Learn more about [competition guidelines for the USA, Its Affiliates, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and Canada](#).
- Please note that all other Constitutional Areas will select their finalist for the 2010-2011 competition in the same manner as the previous year.

How Will the Winners Be Selected?

Finalists will perform during the Lions Clubs International Convention 2011 in Seattle, Washington, USA. (Lions Clubs International will provide air fare and hotel accommodations for each finalist and one guest.) The performance will have two parts:

Individual Performances: Finalists will perform the required piece and their first selected piece.

Concert: Finalists will perform their second selected piece at a concert.

What Are the Prizes?

The first place prize is US\$ 10,000; second place is US\$ 7,000; and third place is US\$ 3,000.

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YOUNG AMBASSADOR

Audra Vaughters was named the Georgia Lions Young Ambassador 2010 at the Lions State Convention recently held in Tifton. Sponsored by the Dahlonga and Dawsonville Lions Club, Audra was the District 18D representative.



Audra is a 2010 Honor Graduate of Dawson County High School. Her activities include Student Government President, Y Club President, Students Against Destructive Decisions President, FBLA, 4H, Chamber Choir, and National Honor Society. She will be attending North Georgia College and State University this fall.

The Lions Young Ambassador award is presented annually to an earning senior. Applicants complete an application summarizing their multiple years of community service and leadership activities. They are interviewed by a panel of judges then evaluated on a five minute speech presented on selected topics. Audra's topic was on community service and the influence it has had on her life. The award includes a \$1,000 scholarship.

Audra is the daughter of Gary and Debra Vaughters.



Lions Quest

"Excellent workshop, good community involvement and just good people."

Michelle A., Counselor, Proctor Jr-Sr High School

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Awards

District Achievement Gold Certificate Criteria/Eligibility

1. District must sponsor the training of 12 or more teachers in the corresponding Lions year. If most of the funding is through Core 4, the district must present a plan for future program sustainability. Lions in the district must also be involved in at least one of the following:
 - be involved with schools through cultural or community service projects
 - actively mentoring other clubs (assist other clubs with the introduction of Lions Quest programs)
 - lobby their State Department of Education or major school districts to adopt a Lions Quest program
 - participate in other activities that further the objectives of Lions Quest and its districts.
2. Generate increased awareness and understanding of Lions Quest through outstanding media coverage or other public relations efforts during the 12 months in office, which demonstrably improves Lions Quest's visibility within the community. Districts should provide samples of outreach tools and resulting media coverage, which can include, but is not limited to media alerts, fact sheets, press releases, internet information, brochures, posters or direct mail. Results should include photos, newspaper articles, survey results, or letters of support.
3. Requests for certificates must be submitted to Lions Quest no later than May 15 annually. An official application form should be completed and signed by the DG and DYOC or Lions Quest Chairperson, if assigned. An attached list of the participating Lions clubs, Lions Quest program(s) sponsored, the school(s) in which the program is sponsored, and any photos should be included.
4. Lions Quest and its committee(s) must be publicized in district newsletters.
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District Achievement Silver Certificate Criteria/Eligibility

Same requirements as gold eligibility except the district must sponsor the training of 6 or more teachers in the corresponding Lions year.

District Achievement Bronze Certificate

Criteria/Eligibility

Same requirements as gold eligibility except district must sponsor the training of 1 or more teachers in the corresponding Lions year. Go to the web site to Download the [Achievement Award Application](#)

Lions Quest Club Banner Patches

Lions Quest Skills for Growing, Skills for Adolescence and Skills for Action banner patches are available to honor local club support of the program. Please call Lions Quest at 1-800-446-2700 for more information.

Materials

Lions Quest information packets are available for Lions and for educators. Packets include overview brochures, fact sheets, and flyers specific to the needs of the school or Lions district. Packets can also include the Lions *Skills for Life* DVD or educator CD-ROM. To request a packet or packets, call 1-800-446-2700.

Reach out to your school with a community service banner! Partners in Learning has created customizable banners for Lions to present to their local schools in support of community service and volunteerism in all grade levels. Use these banners to support Lions Quest or Leos, to encourage youth to get involved, or to promote your Lions club. To order, call 1-800-446-2700



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Liberty Day is for ALL

Many Lions in Georgia may have already heard about Liberty Day, but we have many new Lions who may not have received this information.

Liberty Day began as an idea by two Lions in Denver serving on their club's Youth Service Committee to help teachers focus students on our nation's documents—The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. It started with the distribution of booklets containing the two documents to students in Colorado schools. With the help of teachers, a theme day was created—March 16 became Liberty Day to celebrate the Father of the Constitution, James Madison.

Almost nine years ago, MD18 Council approved Liberty Day as a project for Lions Clubs in the State of Georgia. Since that time, Lions Clubs have distributed over 7,000 booklets to students throughout the state. Along with the booklets, Lions Clubs have arranged for speakers to visit classrooms and entire schools to stress to the students our freedoms. Speakers are invited into the classrooms to discuss the documents in a non-partisan manner. Students learn more about the Constitution at this time then can sometimes be presented by the social studies teacher.

The first Liberty Day Kids were sixth graders who came up with questions about the Constitution. On a Saturday morning, they went as a group to the local post office and asked people standing in line the questions. (Of course, they had permission of the postmaster.). These were quick questions, and even if the person could not answer it, they were given a copy of the booklet along with a flag pin. People waiting in line were surprised and pleased. This project has been successful in other places such as Wal-Marts, motor vehicle offices, and any other place people stand in lines. This was such a success that it became a regular project in schools with the teams of students dressed in red t-shirts. What did this mean to the students? It was an active way for the students to teach the Constitution to others making it more meaningful to them.

In October 2000, the Congress of the United States unanimously passed a resolution that "Liberty Day should be celebrated each year in the United States as a remembrance of both the freedom that Americans were given in the Declaration of Independence and the extraordinary rights and liberties that Americans were given in their Constitution;". It has been endorsed by the National Education Association, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Girl Scouts of America.

As your MD-18 Liberty Day chair, I am asking each district chair and each club to contact their schools and teachers for a Liberty Day celebration. The booklets are available with the State of Georgia on the cover. Along with the booklets, each order has a set of Question & Answer cards, and a teacher packet with lesson plans and tests. Contact me at (912) 876 8324 or cshurtleff@coastalnow.net or your District Liberty Day Chair for more information.



Improving Local Communities and the World

Bringing the Freedom of Mobility to Children

A child's first wobbly steps or first tentative bike ride are precious moments cherished by parents. But not every family experiences these delightful milestones. For scores of disabled children, they can merely watch while their siblings and neighbors enjoy the simple pleasures of childhood.

Location: Sydney, Australia



The Lions Step In

Lions in Australia recognized that many children with mobility-impairing diseases miss out on many parts of development. Not only do they lose the physical sensation of walking, but many children miss the social opportunities other children gain by playing with classmates, riding bikes with their friends and taking walks with their siblings. Through Lions' fundraising efforts and diligent partnerships, the Lions of Australia are providing innovative technology to children in need. The devices, called Hart Walkers and Freedom Wheels, allow children who lack mobility the opportunity to walk and ride a bike.

"With the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation, what we do is we try to provide an overall mobility system for kids with cerebral palsy," said Elvio Munzone, the District Governor of the Sydney Lions. "Lions from all over Sydney provide the funds to provide these walkers so these children have freedom and they can walk with pride."

Hard Work Pays Off

Children throughout Australia now have a chance to savor their mobility.

"The Lions club has helped my son who has spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy to be an active participant in day to day life in that he's able to up and run around with his peers," said mom Cindy Shaw. "When Adam's in his Hart Walker, he feels very strong and that he can do anything."

But the children aren't the only ones who benefit from this ambitious project. Second Vice District Governor Elect Steve Coleman said each child who receives these specialized devices is a powerful reminder of the We Serve motto. "It brings such great rewards for me to show photos of the boys on the bikes to the other Lions so they can see the difference they have made," Coleman said.

Fast Facts

The Hart Walker that allows disabled children to walk upright is composed of more than 1,000 moving parts. During a five-year period, each Hart Walker device costs about \$12,000 in Australian currency. Each Freedom Wheels bike is customized to the child's size and abilities.

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