



<u>District Governor</u> Grace Clower

Dear Lions of 18-D,

Where did the month of August go? It was an extremely busy month. I visited 8 clubs in the district and attended 1 zone meeting. The hospitality and support I have been shown from these clubs was very much appreciated. I enjoy visiting with each club and sharing my thoughts with you. I especially enjoy seeing families at our Lions Club meetings. It is great to see parents with small children, because these are our future Lions.

I attended Lions Night at the Lanier Speedway to benefit our Camp for the Blind. It was great having Camp President Frank Spinney and Director Kristen Picus with us. Kristen and I, along with two other Lions, were able to go onto the race track and start the race by saying, "Drivers, start your engines".

Another enjoyable experience was a visit to our Lighthouse. My fellow Lion Bonnie Linscott and I volunteered at the Vision Clinic at the Lighthouse. I encourage all of you to visit the Lighthouse and/or volunteer at their monthly Vision Clinic. With our help and support, the Lighthouse is changing lives.

I met with our Cabinet & MERL Team members for a planning session. We all stand ready to help you in any way we can. Our MERL Team is working hard to develop a seminar to be held at our District Rally on November 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. This program will include information on Membership, Extension, Retention, and Leadership. This seminar will certainly further International President Eberhard Wirf's theme "Move To Grow". I encourage you to mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

We are working very hard to form a new Lions Club in Dacula. If you have family and/or friends in the Dacula area, please encourage them to join our new club. I hope you all are working in your communities to grow Lions. We need more new clubs, branch clubs, LEO clubs, and campus clubs.

Campus Club District Chair Lion Bill Heron will be contacting our clubs to locate the colleges in our district and work to establish Campus Clubs. District LEO Chair Lion Steve Helwig is working on the possibility of holding a LEO Leadership Seminar at the District Rally. District Membership Chair VDG Ken Fuller, District Extension Chair PDG Beverly Shirley, and District Retention Chair PDG Dick Smith are also working to grow Lions in our district. Did you know that since July 1, we have added 20 new members to 18-D, but we have lost 32 members. We have to work hard to meet my goal of a 5% net increase in membership this year. Just remember, if we can grow our district, that will mean more hands to serve others.

I hope you are making plans to attend our Hall of Fame Dinner on November 13<sup>th</sup> and District Rally on November 14<sup>th</sup>. I hope you are nominating a deserving Lion in your club for induction into the 18-D Hall of Fame. Our International guests for our Rally will be International Director Art Marson and his wife, Jo, from LaCrosse, WI. Let's have a great crowd for our Rally and show the Marsons some real "Southern Hospitality".

I look forward to visiting with more clubs in the days to come to see how District 18-D is working to "Move To Grow". Yours in Service, Grace

#### 18-D District Rally 13-14 November = Hall of Fame nite and District Rally

Now is the time to be thinking about the upcoming District Rally. Inform all of your members to mark their calendars for this day.

There will be a Friday Night Reception/Hall of Fame dinner starting at 7:00 pm at a cost of \$18.00 each. Dress for this event will be casual. Location will be at Elks Club on 1547 Riverside Drive, in Gainesville, GA.

The 54<sup>th</sup> District Rally will be held at noon (12) and

our speaker will be ID Art Marson from La Crosse, Wisconsin. The 2nd Cabinet Meeting will start at 2:00 am. This will take place at the Gainesville Civic Center on Green Street in Gainesville.



There will be a seminar from 9-10:30 am followed by a Panel Discussion with ID Art and a couple of other dignitaries from 10:45 to 11:45. The Rally will start at Noon till 2:00 PM.

This is a good time to ensure that all new members are invited to attend. Cost will be \$18.00 per person. Come one, come all...**Club tables can be reserved on a first-come/first serve basis for \$144.00.** 

Check out the Editor's section of the Bulletin for more INFO

**Check your mail box** For more info will come – stay tuned.



# **JOINT MEETING** of Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

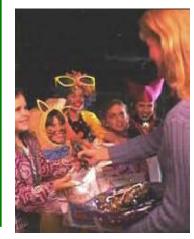


at the Courtyard Marriot in Tifton, GA



Check details under the Lighthouse......

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



What a challenge.....

Work with kids.....



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

September 2007 Send A Kid To Camp Day 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 \*

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#### Lions on YouTube, MySpace, Twitter and More

Did you know Lions are all over the Web? Social networking is a great way to contact and keep in touch with Lions around the globe and to share what Lions are doing to make the world a better place. <u>Visit the</u> <u>online community</u> to connect with other Lions on MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and Flickr.

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#### LION Magazine Headquarters Edition Photo Contest

The Headquarters edition of LION Magazine is holding a photo contest for readers. <u>Download the contest</u> <u>rules and instructions</u>, start taking pictures and send them to the editorial staff for a chance to win a great new Sony digital camera.

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#### Important Dates for Lions Activities

\*USA/Canada Lions Forum (Memphis, Tennessee, USA), September 24-26 \*MERL Chairpersons Seminar/USA, Affiliates, Bermuda, the Bahamas and Canada (Memphis, Tennessee, USA), September 27-30

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# Sight Night – Have Fun, Collect Eyeglasses

Have fun, get noticed in the community and collect eyeglasses for those in need by joining the thousands of Lions and volunteers participating in Sight Night this year. A partnership between OneSight and Lions Clubs International, Sight Night has had more than 165,000 collect more than 1 million pair of eyeglasses in the last 10 years. <u>Visit</u> <u>OneSight online</u> to learn how your club can participate.

#### Vision Van

OneSight's Vision Vans, "Seemore and Iris" travel across North America providing free eye exams and new eyewear to thousands of children in need each year. Staffed by local doctors and volunteers, these 40-foot vans are the equivalent of an optical lab on wheels, equipped with everything needed for an eye exam and new pair of eyewear.

Atlanta, GA Jan 21 - 23

#### **Community Eye Care**

In thousands of communities across North America, OneSight volunteers work with local charitable partners to provide free eye care and eyewear to those in need. To date, more than 3.57 million children and adults have been helped through these community partnerships.

**In-Store Programs:** People in need are served in several retail brands including LensCrafters, Pearle Vision, Sears Optical and Target Optical.

**OutReach:** OneSight volunteers often go out into their local communities to provide vision screenings, eyewear adjustments and cleanings to those in need.

For information, call 1-888-935-4589.

#### E-Clubhouse Gives Lions Free Web Site

Lions clubs around the world can find a new home on the Internet with the e-Clubhouse. The <u>e-Clubhouse</u> enables clubs to build a Web site and enhance their presence on the Web. The e-Clubhouse provides fill-in-theblank fields and pre-formatted templates to simplify the process while providing clubs with a polished and tech-savvy Web site. The e-Clubhouse also gives consistency to the new Lions branding while enabling clubs to preserve their individuality. And the best part — it's free.

The site includes a club calendar, club projects, photo gallery and contact us page to help tell others about their Lions club. Up to five more pages can be added.

In the coming development phases, the e-Clubhouse will be equipped with social networking tools and a password-protected member only area. All official languages will also be supported.

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#### Seminar Resources Online

Available <u>seminar resources</u> and PowerPoints presented during Lions Clubs International Convention in Minneapolis are online. Access these materials from the Online Convention to share with your club members.

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#### OneSight Special Price Voucher

Across North America, millions of people suffer from poor vision because they cannot afford basic vision care. OneSight offers a Special Price Voucher for Lions to provide eyeglasses from a Lenscrafters store at a reduced cost for those with a financial need. **3**  A book of 10 vouchers is available for US\$500 (\$700 Canada). Individual vouchers can be purchased if your club does not receive a large volume of requests. <u>Read further</u> to learn more about the voucher program or obtain a book of vouchers.

This impedes a child's ability to learn in school and robs an adult of mobility, independence and quality of life. As the global leader in eyewear and eye care, Luxottica Group believes that vision care should be a reality for everyone. That's why we established OneSight, a family of charitable programs dedicated to improving vision for those in need worldwide through outreach, research and education.

Through our OneSight Special Price Voucher Program, we want to work with you to provide free eyewear to those in need in your local community. Each book will enable us to help 10 people see their world more clearly.

Your Obligation: Screen potential recipients for financial need before issuing the OneSight Special Price Voucher. Inform recipient of terms of OneSight Special Price Voucher.

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## Lions Quest 25th Anniversary

In recognition of Lions Quest's 25year anniversary, Lions Clubs International Foundation will support a number of exciting activities throughout the upcoming year. The celebration started at the 92nd Annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Minneapolis, where Lions had many opportunities to learn more about the positive youth development program and show

their support for Lions Quest. Anniversary materials, including buttons, brochures and a new Lions Quest DVD will be available throughout the year. At the beginning of the school year, Lions Quest will launch the "Heroes in the Community" contest, joining Lions and Lions Quest classrooms together in service. As Lions Ouest embarks on an exciting year of celebration. share the great success of the program with your fellow Lions and communities. For more information, please visit Lions Quest online. \*\*\*\*

### Strides: Promote Diabetes Awareness

Would you like to increase your club's visibility in your community? Would you like to organize an enjoyable and exciting event? A Strides Walk can attract families, community residents and prospective members to your club while promoting diabetes awareness in your area. Learn how you can make a positive difference and raise awareness for your club membership through the <u>Strides Walk Program</u>. Your club or district can organize a walk at:

- Lions district or multiple district convention
- Community health fair or other event
- Special health awareness day, such as World Diabetes Day (November 14) or Lions Diabetes Awareness Month (November)

A Strides Information Packet contains all information necessary to plan a successful walk. Complete the <u>Strides Walk Materials order form</u> to obtain a kit or other educational materials. For more information the program, contact <u>Health and</u> <u>Children's Services</u>.

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#### Lions and DECA – A New Partnership for Diabetes Awareness

Lions Clubs International and the **Diabetes Education and Camping** Association (DECA) recently entered into a partnership to further lend support and resources to Lions who sponsor, organize or assist with diabetes camps or who want to become more involved. DECA serves as the worldwide voice to advance diabetes camping programs. A "Lions Clubs Only" section of the DECA Web site, which Lions may access free of charge, is coming soon to provide a variety of resources for Lions involved with diabetes camps. Learn more about **DECA** and the Lions Diabetes Awareness and Action Program.

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#### **READY GEORGIA**

Southeast Lions Leadership Institute PID Beverly Roberts has announced the location of the next SELLI in 2010. It will be at Hickory Knob State Park in South Carolina on April 15-18, 2010. Hickory Knob State Park is located on the South Carolina / Georgia state line, northwest of Augusta. Additional information will be published when available. This is an excellent resource for anyone who wishes to advance to club or district leadership.

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

#### http://ready.ga.gov/

Also find it on your web site under

GA LIONS ALERT



**Region I** -Zone 1- 2 November place to be announced

*Zone 2 – 31* August 6:30 PM at the COMMUNITY CENTER at OCONEE VETERANS PARK, 3500A Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville

**Region** – **February place to be announced** 

#### **Region II** -

Zone 1 - Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 pm, at the Feed Mill Restaurant in Clayton , GA , on Hwy 441N. 2<sup>nd</sup> zone meeting tentative with the Union County Club. Zone 2 – Wednesday, 9 September, 7:30 PM at the Clermont - North Hall Club. 3 February, location TBD, probably Forsyth.

Region - March in Dahlonega.

# Region III -

Zone 1 -

Zone 2 – Tuesday, September 8th at 7 PM. The Lawrenceville Lions meet at The Garden Plaza At Lawrenceville, 230 Collins Industrial Way, Lawrenceville, GA 30043. *Region* – Thursday, October 29th at 6:30 PM to Eat & 7 PM for the Meeting at The Golden Corral Steakhouse, 163 East May Street, Winder, GA.

# First Cabinet meeting and installation of District Officers









Dear Lion,

## **LCIF DONOR SERVICES**

## **Status of Installments**

ATTIENIC	¢ 4 050 00	Norra 5
ATHENS	\$4,950.00	
ATHENS CLASSIC CITY	2,600.00	3
CLARKESVILLE	450.00	1
CLAYTON	420.00	1
<b>CLERMONT NORTH HALL</b>	790.00	1
COMER	2,970.50	3
COMMERCE	402.00	1
DAHLONEGA	296.00	1
ELBERTON	250.00	1
GAINESVILLE	1,630.00	2
HARTWELL	1,705.00	2
JEFFERSON	684.00	1
LAVONIA	400.00	1
LAWRENCEVILLE	3,252.00	4
LOGANVILLE	1,410.00	2
MARTIN	5,361.00	6
OCONEE	5,005.00	5
<b>ROYSTON FRANKLIN</b>	845.00	1
TOCCOA	200.00	1
TOWNS COUNTY	7,354.11	8
UNION COUNTY	2,200.00	3
WINDER	767.00	1
WINDER NOON	375.00	1

The above figures show what is on account waiting for someone to be named a Melvin Jones Fellow within your Club. Add to the total indicated to make an even \$1,000 and you can name a Melvin Jones Fellow. Clubs that can name a Melvin Jones Fellow NOW should submit an application to clear the books. Those clubs that have money on file should send the remaining funds in order to name a Melvin Jones Fellow. Any questions – please contact your LCIF District Coordinator Lion Steve Hart, PDG for more info. Have you submitted an application???

# The Melvin Jones Fellowship Program

Seventy percent (70%) of LCIF's donations come from Melvin Jones Fellowships

• The MJF Program was established in 1973

• There are more than 280,000 MJFs and PMJFs as of September 2008. These Fellowships represent US\$338 million in LCIF funding.

• The names of all Melvin Jones Fellows are displayed on a rotating computer list in the LCIF Recognition Room at International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois, USA

• Each year, Fellowship recipients are invited to attend the Melvin Jones Fellows Luncheon at the International Convention

• Districts, clubs and individuals can donate to LCIF through the Melvin Jones Fellowship Program, but only an individual can receive the recognition

• Melvin Jones Fellowships can be named in honor or in memory of an individual

• Only unrestricted donations are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships unless otherwise approved by the LCIF Executive Committee.

• The MJF donation does not need to be paid at once; minimum installments to LCIF of US\$100 can be paid over a five-year period to total US\$1,000, at which time donor applies for the MJF

# **Supporting Our Work**

LCIF is Lions helping Lions serve others. Through LCIF, Lions ease pain and suffering and bring healing and hope to people worldwide.

Contributions to LCIF are a great way to make a difference in people's lives. **Every dollar** donated to LCIF goes toward a grant. (The foundation's administrative costs are paid for by interest on investments.) Every donation helps someone lead a healthier or more productive life.

US\$20 can provide cataract surgery to restore an individual's sight, US\$100 will provide low vision exams and glasses and US\$2,000 can build a water well to provide clean water.

Every dollar donated goes directly to a humanitarian project that will improve the lives of thousands of people. Administrative costs are paid by interest earned on investments.

Recognition is available to individuals, clubs, districts and corporations and can include pins, plaques, acknowledgement cards and other forms of appreciation.





**Fellow Lions:** 

# CAMP FOR THE BLIND

As you have seen in the District Bulletin, the Camp for the Blind is sponsoring a Casino Night as a fundraiser on Oct. 3rd at the Doubletree Hotel in Marietta. All proceeds will go to the Camp. Lion Ed Ressler, Past President of the Camp and coordinator of the event, has asked each district to sponsor a table for \$300. A poll was taken of our District Cabinet members about sponsoring a table, and the consensus was that we should not use District funds to sponsor a table.

I have been contacted by several Lions who would like to contribute to this sponsorship individually. I felt that, since there were members who want to support this, that I would notify as many members as possible to give anyone who wants to contribute that opportunity.

If you wish to contribute, please send a check, payable to Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, to DG Grace Clower, 2929 Sandra Drive, Snellville, GA 30078. In "Memo" note 18-D table sponsor. Please send any checks to me no later than SEPTEMBER 10th.

They are also in need of items for the Silent Auction. If you wish to contribute in that way, let me know.

Yours in Service, DG Grace

#### FAMILY UNIT CERTIFICATION FORM

Members that joined before the Family Membership Program was established are still eligible to take advantage of the family membership dues structure (first member pays full dues and up to four subsequent family members pay 1/2 dues). There must be one full paying member in the family unit. Family members must live in the same household and belong to the same Lions club.

For family members to start taking advantage of the dues discount, the attached Family Unit Certification Form (tk30) must be completed.

tk30.pdf (109KB)

More information on the family membership dues structure is in the attached form.

#### RALLY RAFFLE FOR THE BELOW QUILT



In addition to what you see in the picture, the quilt will also have "Lions of Georgia 2009 - 2010" embroidered across the top. Raffle tickets for \$2.00 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00. Drawing will be at the Rally

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



"Opportunity lies within Lions." Unknown

#### Dear Lion,

I hope that you have had a good start to your leadership year and that you are already seeing positive movement in your club. By now many have seen that my presidential program takes its inspiration from the ginkgo tree.

Your Lions Club will not survive for millions of years as ginkgo trees have, or even for the 1,000 years that a single ginkgo might live. But I hope that your club will possess the resilience, longevity, adaptability and sustainability that distinguishes these magnificent trees. Most important, I hope that your club reflects the ginkgo tree's need to move -- to flex with the wind so it does not break and to grow steadily, drawing resources from the soil in which it is rooted.

It is a basic fact of nature that all living things must grow to survive and prosper. You have my pledge of support as you strive to grow your club so that it may better serve your community. Please take note of the items in this newsletter that will help you achieve your goals for growth and movement.

Thank you for your service to your club, community and the world.

With cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs, International President Lions Clubs International

#### Move to Grow

#### The Concept of the District Governor Team

Movement and growth in Lions Clubs International greatly depends on the movement and growth of our leaders. This year district leadership teams will grow to include first- and second-vice district governors. This change is expected to invigorate district leadership and provide a practical arena for the

development of future leaders.

First vice district governors will be the district governor's chief administrative assistant and representative. First vice district governors will also help district governors review the strength and weaknesses of clubs within the district, work with the district extension and district membership committees. They are specifically charged with working with district leadership and development committees "to develop and implement a district-wide leadership development plan to enhance the enthusiasm and capability of district officers," according to association bylaws.

Second vice district governors will also assist district governors with administration and are specifically assigned to working with district retention committees and LCIF committees.

The personal growth and development of leaders at all levels is also critical to Lions Clubs International. We are committed as an organization to provide greater access to high quality training resources for all Lion leaders. We are endeavoring to identify potential as early as possible in their Lions careers and to encourage them to participate in e-learning programs and Lion Leadership Institutes.

# Move to Grow Special Highlights

#### **Global Youth Music Competition**

Your club's active participation in this year's new <u>Lions Clubs International Global Youth Music</u> <u>Competition</u> will help prepare the ground for future growth in membership. Expanding the awareness of Lions Clubs in your community and providing young people with a positive and avaiting experience is one of the best wave to ensure that you and future leaders will receive a



#### Global Membership Team Update

Are Lions a 'best kept secret'?. Not so, if we inform the public about who we are and how we are changing the world. So Lions, come out of your dens by organizing "Lions in Sight" events this January. Begin planning now.

"<u>We Need You</u>" is our new campaign to welcome more spouses and more women into membership. Our association without them is unimaginable today, but we have so much farther to go.

The mantra "<u>Move to Grow</u>" signifies our shared commitment to move in new ways and to invite new qualified members to join us in service. That is what GMT is all about - assuming responsibility, bonding between the DG teams, learning from experiences, sharing success stores, achievement, recognition and celebration. But the bottomline must speak and each area leadership is accountable for it.

#### Shop our Product Categories



Apparel











**Club Supplies** 

positive reception when inviting potential members to join.

The first Lions International Music Prize will be presented after the final competition at the 2010 international convention in Sydney. The instrument chosen for this year's competition is the violin. Participants must not be more than 25 years of age on January 1 of the year of the competition. It is expected that preliminary competitions will begin at the district level. Please identify talented young violinists in your area and encourage them to participate.

While there will be only three winners of Lions International Music Awards (US\$10,000, first place; US\$7,000, second place and US\$3,000 third place) at the 2010 international convention in Sydney, we hope that thousands of young musicians worldwide will participate at the district level. The instrument chosen for this year's competition is the violin. Participants must be no older than 25 years on January 1, 2010.

# Important Information

#### **Excellence Awards**

The deadline for applications for District Governor Excellence Awards is September 30, 2010. Awards will be presented to district governors, first vice district governors and second vice district governors in appreciation for special effort in performance of their responsibilities. Potential candidates may <u>download an application</u> that contains a list of criteria for qualifying for an excellence reward and must be filled-out in its entirety.

#### President's Ginkgo Awards

Recognition and motivation are essential components of leadership in Lions Clubs International. This year <u>President's Ginkgo Awards</u> will be presented to 100 special Lions in recognition of excellence in public relations, service projects, fund raising, leadership development and selfless service to the association. Being aware of these and other opportunities for recognition can help inspire outstanding performance from your fellow Lions.



# Help is Just A "Click" Away

So many times I receive emails or phone calls from Lions who ask where to find a certain form or information.

The answer is easy. It is a place where any Lion—not just a club officer—can go to find more information.

#### Where? The LCI website, of course!

At <u>www.lionsclubs.org</u>, you can find a wealth of information and you don't need a password to find it. Just go to the website. On the opening page you will see news and events, be able to watch the Lions Quarterly video, find information on LCIF, submit reports, and much more.

Click on Member Center. This will take you to a new screen. On the right you will see the Club Resource Center. On the left, there's information on projects, membership, and other resources. Just click on Club Resources. You now have access to forms and resources divided into areas of Club Officers, Club Growth, and Club Activities and Service. Or, just scroll down the list.

Just by clicking any of the resources shown, you can open and read hundreds of forms, booklets, policy manuals, etc. These are easy to print out. The next time you need an answer or a form or any other resource, remember—Help is just a click away!

Or, just go to our District web site and check it out – you might be able to find things a bit easier by snooping it out.





#### **RETENTION: A CLUB'S MAJOR MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE**

For the next three years I have volunteered to be the MERL Team Retention Chair for MD-18. As the MD-18 Retention Chair, I will be attending Lions Clubs International's (LCI) MERL Team Seminar immediately after the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Memphis, Tennessee (9/27 - 9/30/09). I am looking forward to attending both events.

I am especially hopeful that attending the LCI MERL Team Seminar will provide some practical solutions to the retention problems we have been experiencing in MD-18 and District 18-D. As the title of my remarks acknowledge, retention of membership is the major challenge facing clubs in Georgia! Yes, we have clubs in our district that have experienced membership gains and we also have clubs that have remained stable in their membership numbers, but over all we have lost more members than we have gained.

Three years ago we had 38 clubs in our district, but by the end of the year we had lost the Gainesville Lanier Lions Club and 22 other clubs had reported net membership loss. The following year we lost the White County Lions Club and 22 other clubs ended up with net membership loss. In my year as your DG we did not lose any clubs, but 19 clubs had net membership loss. As a result of this loss, the district lost more members than we added for the past three years and we have started this year with more loss. That is, in July we took in 11 new members but lost 19 Lions, so we have started the year exactly like we did last year. We will remain an "Endangered Species" unless we come up with a retention solution.

DG Grace Clower has four MERL Team Retention goals for this year. Achieving these retention goals will require the following club actions: First, make certain that all new members receive New Member Orientation. Second, conduct exit interviews with all of your members who are removed to determine why they are no longer Lions. Third, conduct club evaluations to help you identify club weaknesses. In addition, your MERL Team held our first meeting on 21 August and we will be conducting a MERL drama performance at our district rally Saturday, 14 November 2009. Finally, I am open to any suggestions you may have concerning how clubs can retain Lions, so please send them to me.

Yours in Lionism, Richard "Dick" Smith MD-18 MERL TEAM RETENTION CHAIR



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

MOVE TO GROW

Move to grow is more than a slogan. It is a fact of life, literally. Any living thing, whether a seed, a child, or an organization, needs nurturing in order to thrive. Lions Club International Pres. Wirfs has chosen Move to Grow as his theme for the year. It is up to you and me to make that theme more than just words.

As an individual we must all grow. This happens physically, mentally and emotionally. We learn new things, grasp new ideas and forge new goals. This is especially important for us as Lions. We cannot remain the same as we have always been or we will stagnate. We must be open to new ideas, new people and new activities.

This same process applies to our Lions Clubs, Districts, Multiple Districts and International Organization. If we do not take the necessary steps to nurture our organization, it will wither and die. I do not think this is what we want to become of our legacy from Melvin Jones, Helen Keller and others.

Membership growth is an important component of the Move to Grow theme. Membership is not just the responsibility of the Multiple District, District and Club Membership Chairs. It is the responsibility of each and every Lion. Some clubs are encouraging an "each one reach one" attitude, and others are having membership teams competing with one another to recruit new members. Whatever works for you and your Club is great. The important thing to remember is that we are not just looking for numbers. We are looking for good Lions. We want to add to our rolls the people who understand that community service is our purpose, and want to be a part of that happening. Go out and grow your club's membership, but do it the right way. Seek out the people who are already involved in serving the communityteachers, coaches, firefighters, police officers, etc. These are the members of your community who already are giving back, and will make a difference in your club.

As important as it is to add new members to your roster, it is even more important to retain the ones you already have on board. Do not let them think about leaving your Club because they are not listened to, appreciated, or allowed to get involved. It is imperative that we remember that the Club, like the seed, needs to be nurtured in order to blossom. If we do not make our current membership feel they are an important part of our club, they will go elsewhere to find that "warm, fuzzy feeling" that we get when we are happy with what we are doing. Retention of the members we have provides us with the strong foundation for a strong, growing Club.

We can grow our Districts and Multiple Districts by encouraging the formation of new Clubs, Branch Clubs, Campus Clubs and Leo Clubs. The Global Membership Team has provided us with an excellent tool to grow our Lions garden. This same approach can be used to add to **your** existing Club as well.

Let us all try to plant a seed, provide it with water, sunlight and love. In so doing we will all be the better for it, and so will Lionism.

Marlene Humphry Multiple District 18 Membership Chair





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.

Gee, its official - the District Governor is now a "Somebody."

The Snellville City Council Meeting recognized District Governor Grace for her many years of service with the Lions Club and her election as District Governor. The final part of the Proclamation reads - "Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, Jerry Obertholtzer, Mayor of the City of Snellville, Georgia, where "Everybody is Somebody", along with the Citizens of Snellville, proclaim Grace Clower as "Somebody"



The following clubs have info in the Bulletin. A hard copy was mailed to your Secretary if you wish to read it. You can also check it out on the internet by going to <u>www.edmclion.com</u>

**Auburn-Carl Lions Club** = Lion President Terry Dover reported that the Club has 20 active members, which includes two new members since July 1. The Club has provided nine eye exams and glasses to date, and members have collected 575 used eyeglasses and 34 cell phones. Plans are for a spaghetti supper in September, take part in the Community Fest in October by passing out flyer information on the Lions Club and selling apples, ham and egg supper on November 14, and annual senior citizen Christmas Dinner and also providing door prizes on December 5

**Clermont/North Hall Lions Club** = Have you ever had one of those meetings when your program cancelled the day of the meeting—late in the afternoon of the night meeting? Well, that's what happened at our first meeting of the month. Luckily for our club, Zone Chair Chip Sweatte was making his official visit with us that night. He stepped in, presented greetings from the District leadership, and gave his thoughts and experiences on growing a club. Thanks, Chip! We also worked two days handling parking for events at the Georgia Mountains Center.

**Dahlonega Lions Club** = Sight Committee Reported 12 applications had been approved. Vision Screening will be conducted at Community Helping Place on August 12th (SINCE JULY MINUTES SCREENING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO SEPTEMBER). Myke Seabolt had a Thank You Note from the Community Helping Place, thanking Dahlonega Lions Club for participating in the 2009 Summer Food Program. The Summer Food Program was able to serve over 220 students and distribute more than 13,000 lbs of food. DLC Collected 38 items for July to go to the CHP Food Pantry. Dahlonega Lions Club also received a Thank You Note from Holly Pierce this year's winner of the Dahlonega Lions Club Scholarship. "She is very grateful to be able to use it to further her education and is excited about the fall semester at North Georgia Tech and becoming a medical assistant. Thank you for choosing me and believing in my abilities." September 10, 2009: Annual August Cookout in September. Bill Bellamy Lion of the Year Award presentation. September 24, 2009: Official Visit of District Governor Grace Clower. Lion Ray Smith gave a report on Yard Sale. Club raised \$1367.00 from the two day sale. Vision Clinic will be sometime mid August. September, 2009: Vision Screening. Date to be announced. October, 2009: Ice Cream Social Lumpkin County Schools. Dates to be announced.

Commerce Lions Club = The whole month of August is devoted toward Calendar Sales. "Riding So That Others Can See" – check it out on 15 August. Be prepared for 29 October Pancake Supper at Commerce United Methodist Church, tickets will be available during the meeting on 22 September.

Forsyth County Lions Club = 27Sep from 8to5 Play at the Park - Central Park, Hwy 365 and 2-11 Oct The annual Cumming Fair and Country Festival.

Jefferson Lions Club = EYEGLASSES COLLECTED: 65 eyeglasses, 54 contact lenses, 8 cell phone and 11 charger. New Eyeglasses purchased this month: 7 Vision Screening Training: Four Jefferson Lions completed training to perform Vision Acuity Screening at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, Decatur, on Thursday, August 20, 2009. The four were Jo and John Longo, Jimmy Mock, and Edna Briggs. They will use this training to screen vision for attendees at the Jackson EMC Annual Meeting September 24 and hopefully other locations in the future. CALENDARS: Lion Jim Smith distributed calendars. Although the information was submitted earlier than usual to the publisher, the calendars were received about two weeks later than usual. The calendars need to be delivered to customers immediately because the beginning date is September 1. Boys and Girls **Club:** Bill Legg requested the club help the Boys and Girls Club of Jackson County. The school where his daughter works contributed 15 computers to the Boys and Girls Club. 7 went to Commerce, one to their office, and 7 to Jefferson. Bill suggested a \$500 contribution. Edna Briggs asked if the Board thought it would be beneficial to ask that some of the funds, if contributed to the Boys and Girls Club, go for scholarships. The club's director, Michael Williams, has stated that a child can attend the club for \$25 a year. Some children cannot afford even this amount. Ken Brand made a motion that the request for a contribution to the Boys and Girls Club be referred to the Benevolence Committee. Mack Cates seconded the motion and it was approved. Total 500 man hours

Lavonia Lions Club = Lavonia Lions Club has been busy planning for the coming year. Our budget for the year has been increased to help more people with eye exams and glasses. We are planning several fund raisers such as, a big yard sale for August, mop and broom sale at the Lavonia Fall Festival, playhouse raffle at the Halloween festival, the tickets are on sale now. We have a new member, Randall Massengill, sponsored by Margaret Ayers. We have provided two persons with eye exams and glasses this month. Our new officers were installed by Chuck Viers, the president of the Royston/Franklin Springs Lions Club.

Loganville Lions Club =



The Loganville Lions entertained two prospective members at a recent meeting at Journey's End Restaurant in Loganville. Pictured are Lion Wayne White and his guest Randy McMinn and Mark Pusen, guest of Dan Curry, at right.

The Loganville Lions were please to have Ms. Teri Womack, president of the Walton County Chamber of Commerce as their speaker at a recent meeting. Teri talked about the Chambers various activities, especially the 6th Annual Casino Night & Auction coming up Friday, August 21st and the Fall for Walton Business and Community Expo on September 17th. The Chamber currently has 760 members from around Walton and surrounding counties and has a budget of around \$400,000 for serving the Walton business community, according to Ms. Womack. Pictured are Lion President Ben Johnson, Womack, and Lions Neal Byrd and Junoir Hall.



Lawrenceville Lions Club <u>Annual Pecan Sales</u> October -December. <u>FreeVision Screening</u> Year-round at health fairs (contact us if you need our services) <u>Sight Services Support</u> Year-round resources available to low-income individuals. Services pay for eye exams and eyeglasses. 108 eyeglasses and13 lenses collected. **Norcross Lions Club** = The club sold snow cones and water at the Norcross July 3 fireworks. Members of the club are working on the Norcross Art Fest which is held the first weekend in October. Our speakers this month were 5 members of the Norcross Police Department. The K-9 officers demonstrated how their dogs find drugs and how they attack. We also looked at the technology inside a police car. The club sold hot dogs. beverages, and snow cones in Thrasher Park during the Norcross Bike Fest. Our goal is to meet more people in the Norcross community and talk to them about joining our club. Lion President Warren Anderson attended the officer training.

**Snellville Lions Club = SNELLVILLE LIONS CLUB WILL BE AT THIS YEAR'S "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT'** The Snellville Lions Club will be selling funnel cakes, snow cones, and soft drinks during the National Night Out event on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This activity will occur in front of the Old Navy Store on Scenic Highway in the Snellville Commons Shopping Center. **Service Projects;** Items turn into the Lighthouse Used eye glasses 217 Loose Lens 39 pairs Cell Phones 6

Annual Spaghetti Dinner - 12 September = Everyone loves Italian food and our chefs do a great job of preparing this meal. We are sure you will be pleased. A bake sale will also be part of this event. Annual Elisha Winn Festival October = Visit our trailer and tents where you are guaranteed to enjoy our great hot dogs, hamburgers, funnel cakes, drinks, and snow cones. Toccoa Lions Club = Sight Conservation: Lion Nick is making changes in the information being reported for the months activities. He will submit the number of clients requesting services, the number receiving services and the cost of glasses. Lion Kay has been made aware of a new source for the frames and lenses made available to patients. She will explore this and report at the August board meeting. The board discussed the need for a new source of funding the Sight Conservation program. It appears we will need to route funds from a fundraiser or place the interest from the CD into the fund. This will be discussed further in August. **September 5<sup>th</sup> Lions Sales Tent** – Dancing Down Doyle Street – 10:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. To Benefit Open Arms Clinic. **September 12<sup>th</sup> Sage Market** – Brooms & Walking Stick, Flower Bulb Sale - 8:00a.m. – noon. **October 3<sup>rd</sup> Pancake Breakfast** - Toccoa Elementary School - 6:00a.m. -10:00a.m. (Sight Conservation) **November 7<sup>th</sup> Toccoa Harvest Festival** - Lions Rest Area, Health Screening, Food Concessions, Walking Sticks, Mop & Broom Sales. Remember - Local doctors including Lion Dr. Kay Royal, Lion Dr. Kevin Vanderhoef, Dr. Ralph Reed, Dr. Kenneth Schneider and Dr. Jack Harris serve as medical consultants to Toccoa Lions Club. Pharmacist, Steve Spruill, offers valuable information regarding availability of pharmaceuticals, and Registered Nurse Ruth Payton gives insight on important issues such as Diabetes.



We had a cake and sang the happy birthday song to Vernon Smith who turned 96 years old on Thursday, August 23, 2009. Our club meeting was on his birthday. Vernon has been a Toccoa Lion for 30 years and is a past president of the club Vernon is pictured with our youngest member, 31 year old Dave Stancil who is also a past president of the club.



# Lions on YouTube, MySpace, Twitter and More

Did you know Lions are all over the Web? Social networking is a great way to contact and keep in touch with Lions around the globe and to share what Lions are doing to make the world a better place. <u>Visit the online community</u> to connect with other Lions on MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and Flickr.

# LION Magazine Headquarters Edition Photo Contest

The Headquarters edition of LION Magazine is holding a photo contest for readers. <u>Download the contest rules and instructions</u>, start taking pictures and send them to the editorial staff for a chance to win a great new Sony digital camera.

**Towns County Lions Club = 9-17 October - Fall Festival – Fairgrounds.** 10 November - 6:30 P.M. - Spouse & Visitor's Meeting - Anderson Music Hall - Auction for "Give-a-Christmas" Veteran's Day Recognition. 23 February - Honors Night for TC High Students - 6:30 p.m. - Anderson Music Hall, Spouse Night. 10 April, SATURDAY: 70 Anniversary, Past International President Jim Erwin, Speaker.





West Jackson Lions Club = Five members of the West Jackson Club were in attendance. Bill Lott, President; Bobbie Sue Lord, Secretary; Virgil Lord, Bobbie Kinney, and new member Jerry Stone. President Bill reported that the Club had four new members last Lions year, and plans are to induct at least that many for this year. The Club has provided a Dinner for the local Community officials, including the EMT's, Sheriff's Department employees, and West Jackson Fire Department employees. A Leader Dog Program was presented to the Club at their last meeting by Lion Diane Wall, 18D Leader Dogs Chair. Plans are to take part in the Hoschton Fall Festival.

Winder Lions Club = Winder Club hosted this Zone Meeting, and had 18 members in attendance, which included Darrell Person, President; Mike Murray, Secretary; Tommy Roberts, Treasurer; Donnie Canup, Lion Tamer; John Duckworth, Tail Twister; Hass Arnold, Chaplain. President Darrell reported that the Winder Lions Club has provided 19 pairs of eyeglasses since July 1. They continue to have their Bingo each Friday as a fundraiser. They have 32 members, including one new member since July 1. They are improving their Club House as it is over 50 years old.

**Winder Noon Lions Club =** <u>ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST</u>: The club sponsored the Mobile Food Pantry which involved donating \$800 to pay for transportation to deliver the food. The club also provided 7 people to assist with unloading the food and the preparation of food boxes. 561 households received food during this month's food pantry.

**PROGRAMS FOR AUGUST:** August 12, 2009 - Jim Litchford, Executive Director of FirstCare, presented information about the new Regional FirstCare Facility located on Exchange Boulevard at Highway 316 in Barrow County. This facility provides walk-in medical care seven days a week. August 26, 2009 – State Representative Terry England, from District 108, discussed current affairs in Georgia and agricultural safety issues to consider.

**Union County Lions Club** = Sight Conservation: 6 applications for eye glasses & exams approved. Lion Mints: 406 rolls of Lion Mints placed. August 13: Program was on Lighthouse as 1st V.P. Mildred Thompson, co-program chair, introduced Lion Gary Vaughters whose home club is the Dawsonville Lions Club. Lion Gary told of some 300 eye surgeries done for those in need. He also gave up dates on number of hearing aides given and the success of the eye screenings completed in various areas of State. Current ratio for donations to services is for every \$1.00 given, \$5.00 is rec'd in donated services. Lion Gary gave info on just a few of the fund raisers the Lighthouse has and with the present economic crisis of budget cuts in both State & Federal programs, the request for services from the Lighthouse has greatly increased. Also, volunteer help is needed at the Lighthouse. After Lion Gary's presentation, President Lisa Little presented him with a framed Certificate Of Appreciation. August 27: A picnic at Meeks Park was the place of our second meeting, in appreciation of non-Lion friends and family members who assisted at our food booth at GA. Mtn. Fair. A very rainy night, even so, there were 11 guests and 29 Lion members present for an attendance % of 72.5. The picnic consisted of burgers & hot-dogs furnished & grilled by Lion members. Also, each Lion member brought covered dish. One of the highlights of the evening was our own Lion Ray McKee playing his own arrangement of the old hymn, Sweet Hour of Praver, on his bag-pipes. The music was lovely as it echoed through the trees! Lion and friends and family volunteer hours: 236 hours.





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

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

#### A Historic Year: Letter from Board Chair Mark Miller

Dear Lions,

First, we finished in the black. So many charities are facing financial troubles. To have made our budget goals is an amazing accomplishment. We never had to make cuts. In fact, we expanded services and still ended within our budget. Talk to some folks in other charities to realize how amazing this is!

More importantly, our service numbers are through the roof. While the final count on clinic and hearing aids will be a few days in coming out, WE DID 362 SIGHT SAVING SURGERIES LAST FISCAL YEAR! We also know that we massively increased the number of aids and clinic contacts! (1600 aids, 4,428 clinic exams and eyeglasses)

We have so much to proud of in our Lighthouse and its leadership. Thanks go to the most dedicated staff for giving so much of their heart to our vital mission. Thank you to all the Lions who have volunteered at vision screenings and eye clinics held White Cane fundraisers in your community, made personal contributions to the Lighthouse and helped in countless other ways to support the Lighthouse last year.

Now, let's get ready to break even more records this year!

Yours in Lions Service,

Mark Miller Chairman of the Board of Directors Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

#### The Lighthouse Fall Meeting will be September 11-13

at the Courtyard Marriot in Tifton, GA. It will include great information to help your club work with the Lighthouse Foundation to serve the people of Georgia.

•	City:	Tifton, GA
•	Place:	Courtyard Marriot, 814 West 7th Street
•	Phone:	229-388-0803
•	Hotel Price:	\$104/night. 30 doubles and 10 king beds are reserved for the event.
•	Breakfast coupon:	\$10/room or \$8.95/person
•	<b>Banquet Price:</b>	\$25/person
•	Last Day to Register:	September 4, 2009 for a head count for the banquet.

We will not be charged for the banquet room or meeting rooms if 30 rooms at the hotel are occupied. Use the word "Lighthouse" to reserve your room at the group rate. A more detailed schedule will be sent closer to the date.



# Join us on Facebook The Lighthouse is now on Facebook! Join our page and stay up to date on the latest events, volunteer opportunities, and clients' successes. You will also have the opportunity to give your ideas about how to improve the relationship between the Lighthouse and the Georgia Lions. The group is open to everyone, so please invite your friends!

#### **Service Numbers for July**

- 6 people in District D received hearing aids.
- 1 person received glasses in the district, while 20 people received them throughout the state.
- 8 people in District D were served in an eye clinic.
- 15 people across Georgia received sight-saving surgeries, and four of them were from your district.

#### **Action Requested**

If you have not already submitted an **Associate Director** to the Lighthouse, please do so as soon as possible. We will distribute the AD directory at the September meeting in Tifton. If we do not know who your AD is by August 24th, he or she will not be included in the directory. You can submit your AD online at http://www.lionslig hthouse.org/ll/index.php?q=adform Have you set your **White Cane** goal yet? Does your club have a White Cane chair? Last year the Georgia Lions raised \$123,322 for White Cane. This year, we hope to get back above 2006-2007 levels and raise \$167,500 to help prevent Georgians from having to use a white cane.

#### Welcome to the '09-'10 Associate Directors!

Many thanks to the following lions for serving as the 2009-2010 Lighthouse Associate Directors in District D: Reay King, Auburn-Carl; Beverly Shirley, Clarkesville; Ray Chastain, Clermont North; Richard Chambers, Commerce; Gary Vaughters, Dahlonega; Kathryn Higgins, Forsyth; Harvie Lance, Jefferson; Judy Stamsen, Lawrenceville; Norm Masters, Snellville; Bryan Gordon, Toccoa; Jerry Gutenstein, Towns County; Michael Thompson, Union County; Donald Hardigree, Winder Noon.

#### Letter from a Prostethic Eye Recipient

Dear Ms. Jordan; I am writing you and all the Lions Lighthouse staff with profound appreciation and gratitude. I received my new completed eye from Angela Cotton on July 7, 2009 and it is a work of art. I find myself constantly looking in the mirror in total disbelief. My eye loss was caused by years of damage due to a rare and chronic case of Stevens Johnson Syndrome. I have travelled around the country seeing various specialists, and in 1979 moved my family to Atlanta to be under the care of the late Dr. Louis Wilson. Emory treated me as a research patient and I toured the country teaching cornea fellows and residents about my condition.

In 1987 I lost the battle with my right eye after three cornea transplants. I continued to hold out for a medical breakthrough but none came. In 2005 I visited the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. They recommended removing the eye, and this last November the eye was removed.

Dr. Kim from Emory said that the scar tissue was so great they didn't believe prosthetics was possible, but referred me to Angela Cotton anyway. Ms. Cotton said to me "I love a challenge." My next big hurdle was how to pay for this challenge, and you folks made that part happen. And now I have this beautiful new eye that most people close to me cannot tell which eye is the new one. My grandchildren have lost their "good pirate" as I was known with my patch on.

Over the years I have always done a lot of public speaking and involved in community groups. The bad right eye forced me to slow down out of self consciousness. This new eye means more to me than you can ever imagine. For many years I was in the broadcast industry and practiced law for about twenty years. I served as confidant to former mayors Maynard Jackson and Andy Young. These last few years of economic downturn forced us to close our two restaurants here in Atlanta... But with this new appearance I look forward to the re-build... God bless you and Angela Cotton, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Herbert Atlanta, GA 7/23/09



GA. Lions Camp for the Blind **Thois Masters, PDG** tstmasters@windstream.net



**To Our Fellow Lions:** 



This was the Camp for the Blind fund raiser. Group picture before the race of Frank Spinney, Kristen Picus, Ken Thurmond, Dave Edge for Gainesville and James Webb from Towns Club in the stands. Opening ceremonies which includes Grace in shorts. Yes. Grace has leas.

#### **Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation 2009 Update**

The Lighthouse experienced a great year with increased service numbers in every program. We provided 362 eye surgeries, 1624 hearing aids and 4428 patients with eve exams and eveglasses. Thanks to all of you who donated your time and resources to the Lighthouse this year. This would not be possible without you. Join us at our joint session to learn about NEW ways to help your Camp and Lighthouse in the new lions year.

Sincerely,

C. Mark Miller	Frank Spinney
Lighthouse Board Chair	Camp President

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Note: TCC = Tiftarea Conference Center. The building is located on the same property as the hotels. CYT = Courtyard by Marriott (Tift.)) Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m. - Pre Coun. of Governors (CYT - Meeting Room A)

# Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. - Camp Executive Comm. (CYT - Meeting Room A) 9:00 a.m. - Council of Governors (CYT - Meeting Room A) 11:00 a.m. - State Comm. (CYT - Meeting Room A / TCC-A / TCC-B) 1:00 p.m. - Lighthouse Breakout Meetings • Fun Fundraising Ideas — (CYT - Meeting Room A) • Volunteering (Vision Screenings/Clinics) (TCC - A) • Trustees (TCC - B) 2:00 p.m. - Camp Breakout Meetings • Awards Committee (CYT - Meeting Room A)

- Constitution and By-Laws Committee (TCC A)
- Board of Trustees (TCC B)

#### 3:00 p.m. - Lighthouse Breakout Meetings

• Hearing Screening Training (TCC - A)

• Introduction to Planned Giving (TCC - B)

6:00 p.m. - Lighthouse Exec. Comm. (CYT - Meeting Room A)

#### 4:00 p.m. - Camp Breakout Meetings

- Finance Committee (CYT Meeting Room A)
- Fundraising Committee (CYT Restaurant Area)
- Planning Committee (TCC A)
- Policy Committee (TCC B)
- 5:00 p.m.—Camp Breakout Meetings
- Elections and Nominations Comm. (CYT Restaurant Area)
- Personnel Committee (TCC- A)
- Building and Grounds Committee (CYT Restaurant Area)
- Public Relations Committee (TCC- B)
- 5:00 p.m. PDG Association (CYT Meeting Room A)

Last Day to Register: September 4, 2009

Saturday Night Banquet 7:00 p.m.—UGA Conference Center Take pleasure in the company of your fellow Lions while enjoying a catered dinner, a live band and learning more about your Lighthouse and Camp Special guest speaker: TBA. Food will be Fantastic Theme Hawaiian Dress Casual Banquet Cost: \$25 RSVP to Georgia Taylor

229 861-2190 or taylorcove@aol.com

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>
7:30am - Camp Exec. Comm. (CYT – Meeting Room A)
9:30am - Lighthouse Breakout Meetings

Engage with the Lighthouse: Benefit your Club (CYT – Meeting Room A)
10:30am - Joint Session

Tiftarea Conference Center

Learn what the Camp and Lighthouse have been doing this year and how you can help!

#### Last Day to Register: September 4, 2009

#### ALL MEETINGS WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE AT COURTYARD MARRIOT.

Directions: From North or South: Follow I-75 to Exit 62. Turn right at the light onto US 82. Turn right onto US 319 at the second light and left into the parking lot.

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The concept of this fund raiser for the camp was to have the support of the Lions of Georgia but not require their attendance. With approximately 3 months left before the "Fun Raiser" there is still much to do. 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 \$300 donation gets the sponsor's name on a 5X7 card which will be placed on that table. 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.

Letters have been sent to many potential corporate sponsors so before you contact them, please make sure they are not already on our list.

**Raffle**. The goal 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 should be the biggest portion of the fund raiser. This was started at the State Convention in Jekyll Island, will continue at Lions' Day and culminate at **HEARTS ARE WILD**. Several Lions are already busy obtaining auction items but we can always use more.

**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:

**Publicity and Promotion:** Prepare and submit press releases to appropriate periodicals, radio and TV station before and after the event.

**Silent Auction/Raffle** Compile the list donors, prepare auction bid sheets, setup auction tables **Dealers** Qualified individuals who would like to deal Black Jack, Craps, Texas Hold'Em, or Roulette . . . . ...

The flyer for **HEARTS ARE WILD** is posted on the camp website at www.glcb.org. Should you need more information or have questions call me at 404-444-2064. My e-mail address is eressler65@bellsouth.net or eressler65@gmail.com. If you obtain a raffle/silent auction, please send it to me so I can catalog them.

Thanks for your help. Ed Ressler Co-Chairman

# Georgia Lions Camp Presents:



Hgarts Arg Wild Casino Night 2009 To Benefit Camp for the Blind The Lions of GA are a group and offering \$25 discount to all Lions of GA that want to attend, without having to form a group of 10 or more.

"CASINO NIGHT" A FUND RAISER FOR YOUR GEORGIA LIONS CAMP. CAMP. 3 October 2009 at the "Double Tree Hotel off Windy Hill in Marietta.

# October 3, 2009 From 6pm-11pm

Social Hour until 7pm

Hors d'oeuvres & Gaming from 7pm-10pm Gaming Ends/Cash Out at 10pm



Doubletree Hotel, Windy Hill For More Information, please call: Edward Ressler at 404-444-2064



# **Game Table Sponsors**

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Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall liondianewall@bellsouth.net



Website Alert As we continue to increase the speed and cost-effectiveness of our communications with Lions, we will soon be updating the Lions page of our website. Some of the updates include new recognition programs, fundraising ideas, and goals for the upcoming year. Also, for the first time Lions will be able to access their quarterly reports *via the Leader Dog website.* 



# Dog leads woman to independence

There was a time not so long ago that Charlotte Legare would have been at home, feeling lonely and disconnected from the outside world, but all that changed when Tobias entered her life.

After losing most of her vision to optic nerve drusen, the 41-yearold Dothan resident spent the three years feeling depressed and helpless. But she eventually realized that in order to really live, she needed to change her attitude, not her vision.

"I was tired of being sad all the time and focusing on what I couldn't do — I didn't want to live like that," she said. "I had to really do some soul searching. I still have days when I feel frustrated, but Tobias has made a huge, huge, difference. It's hard to not be positive when he's around." Tobias is her leader dog, a 2-and-a-half-year-old German shepherd who is specially trained to help the blind navigate the challenges of living in a visual world. Most people simply regard all dogs that aid the blind as dog guides, which Legare says is the generic term. Tobias, however, is known as a leader dog because he was trained at a special school, Leader Dogs for the Blind, in Rochester, Mich.

Today, Legare is happily chatting with others at local restaurants, taking the bus and generally feeling more confident thanks to Tobias. Almost six years ago, Legare lived in Panama City, Fla., and was working as an optometry technician when her boss noticed that she frequently tripped over things in the office and tested her vision. "He did a field test on me and completely freaked out," she said. "I had no idea my vision was so bad. I thought everybody saw that way, but I was already legally blind."

She was referred to specialists and eventually ended up at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where doctors confirmed her original diagnosis. Because the disease blocks optical signals to the brain, she will have decreasing tunnel vision the rest of her life.

"It was a difficult, very long adjustment that never really ends," she said. Although she could no longer drive, she became determined to get back her independence on some level. She went through orientation and mobility training at the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind.

Tests she faced using only her cane included browsing through stores, using the bus and crossing busy U.S. 231, which can be pretty intimidating even to a person with normal vision.

When her instructor first mentioned a guide dog as a possibility, Legare was skeptical and unsure. She already had two dogs at home and was unsure how another would mesh into her life much less become a partner in which she would trust with her life.

Leader Dogs for the Blind is a nonprofit organization founded by the Lions Club in 1939 to help those who can't see reach their full potential, according to its Web site, leaderdog.org. People from across the world spend almost four weeks at the Michigan facility to be matched with the dog that best fits their personality and lifestyle. Many of the dogs are German shepherds like Tobias, but Labradors and other mixes are often used as well.

The cost of the dog, training and usually expense of travel are normally paid through the Lions Club and donations from other organizations. The local chapter of the Lions Club helped Legare with the travel expense of flying Legare from Dothan to Atlanta, where her expenses were then handled through the Leader Dog school, she said. "The cost of raising a Leader Dog from breeding through the training is about \$38,000, so we are talking about a lot of expense," Legare said.

When she arrived at the school, she trained with instructors for three days before meeting her chosen dog, Tobias. In the initial meeting, the pair is completely isolated in a room for three hours to bond. In every case, there is a special moment when you bond and you know it's going to work, according to Legare. That moment came for her and Tobias one day during training even though they were initially nervous and didn't know what to expect of each other.

"Everything just clicked and I started thinking maybe we could be a team," she said. Since then, teamwork has become an overall theme of their relationship, she said. "We have to trust each other with our lives in order for this to work," she said. "I give him commands which he follows if he decides it's safe." Her teammate became her guardian recently when Legare was traveling in the downtown area. She was attempting to go around a parked car to get in on the passenger side when Tobias quickly blocked her path.

"A quiet, new hybrid was coming down the street and I didn't even hear it, but before I knew what was going on, I was stumbling on something like a brick wall," she said. "He had put his body across my path to keep me from going out into the street. The driver squealed brakes. She was upset, I was upset, but the dog just kept going like nothing had happened."

But Legare knew better — Tobias had saved her life that day, and it's something she won't soon forget. When Legare goes out in public now she is more than happy for people to approach her to ask questions about the dog, the program or how she functions which her visual impairment. But when Tobias is wearing his harness, he knows to be ever watchful and vigilant in spite of any distractions that may come his way.

"The big thing I would like people to understand is that giving him attention or even talking to him can be detrimental," she said. "He is still a dog and as a dog, he loves petting and attention, but it takes his focus off his job — and that can put both of us in danger."

All in all, Tobias does more for Legare than just keeping her safe. "He's become a great friend and given me more confidence in myself and my own abilities than I ever had before," she said. "He has definitely broadened my world."





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



Message from the Regional Executive Director: Welcome to the newly established Southeast Region! Our region was officially formed April 1, 2009 by integrating five fund development offices, three recording studios and an established Florida DOE-funded educational outreach program. The

Southeast Region serves students in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi; we have identified 316,584 students in those seven states who need our services to succeed in school because they cannot read standard print because of a visual impairment, a learning disability such as dyslexia, or other physical disability. At present we are serving 14.2% of this targeted group. To close the large gap and reach these students who can benefit from RFB&D services, it will require an enormous commitment on the part of the RFB&D family of staff, volunteers, and the financial support from our community. RFB&D has no guaranteed sources of funding so we rely on the generosity and support of individuals, foundations, corporations and organizations.

RFB&D is growing and continuously improving our programs, services and technology and we are multiplying our efforts to reach the students and professionals who are today frustrated and searching for solutions. Your reading this message tells me you are one of the many individuals who will help us spread the RFB&D word across the Southeast (and nationwide) - thank you. Our vision and mission are too important to remain inactive. Please contact me if you would like to get involved or could benefit from our services. –

Lenora Martin RFB&D Southeast Region Regional Executive Director Imartin@rfbd.org Phone: 706-549-1313



Robinson, PDG, SE Guide Dog 706-548-8719 bobcat8233@aol.com



Tiffany

If you ask Tiffany about her new guide dog, Andre, the question can make her smile or bring tears of joy. "I don't even want to call him a dog because he's like a human to me," she says.

Tiffany, a Sarasota, Florida resident, lost her vision in 2002 and began using a wheelchair not long afterward. For a while, she didn't want to leave her apartment - but getting Andre changed that. Now she looks forward to returning to school, riding horses, and someday raising horses on her own horse farm, a business she learned from her grandfather.

Southeastern Guide Dogs trainers taught Andre to walk unfazed in front of Tiffany's electric wheelchair and lead her, himself, and the chair down sidewalks, around obstacles, through doorways and into elevators. "It takes a special dog to do what he does," says Andre's trainer Michael Mancini.

Tiffany agrees. "I did not feel safe in this chair until Andre came along," she says. "He won't take me anywhere that's not safe. I'm very, very grateful to have him guiding me."



Judy Stamsen CCI Chair eskiemom@bellsouth.net

# My Art II Independence is a Service Dog!



by Rhonda Clark on July 20, 2009 This is a guest post on the <u>EasyStand Blog</u> by <u>Rhonda Clark</u>, who has Cerebral Palsy.

Independence has always been a big deal and very important to me being the person that I am. Art II opens doors for Rhonda, both literally and figuratively.

Until I was matched with my first service dog, Art II from Canine Companions for Independence, I really didn't know how much more independent I had become. Since Art II (or "Handsome Man" as I often call him) came into my life, we have become a team. I don't have to rely on two-legged humans as much when I need assistance with such things as picking up dropped items from the floor, turning on and off light switches, pushing elevator buttons, etc. Art is no ordinary dog. He knows 40 different commands. He was trained specifically to live with a person who has a disability.

Canine Companions for Independence is 501c3 nonprofit organization that was founded in 1975 to provide individuals with disabilities with assistance dogs. Canine Companions for Independence provides four types of assistance dogs. A facilities placement may be in settings such as classroom with special education students. Physical therapists and occupational therapists may use them when treating students in schools or residents in rehabilitation facilities. A skilled companion assistance dog assists children with disabilities and in some cases adults with disabilities under the supervision of a parent, spouse, or caregiver. A hearing assistance dog assists people who are deaf or hard of hearing and alerts them to many different sounds such as a doorbell, danger, etc. A service assistance dog (which is what Art II is) can assist with many physical activities of daily living. I remember, after I went through the two weeks of training in Orlando, FL, when Art first came to my home. I was making out bills when my phone rang, I jumped and my checkbook fell off the table onto the floor where I knew it couldn't be accessed with my reacher. So I said to Art, "Art Get" and he picked up my checkbook and brought it to me. It was so cool! I live by myself, so if that would have happened before I got Art II, I would have had to wait until one of my neighbors came home from work.

Art II has opened so many doors for me. I mean that both literally and figuratively. There are people that actually stop and talk to me now when I'm in public instead of just staring or avoiding me all together.

The bi line that Canine Companions for Independence uses is *Exceptional Dogs For Exceptional People*. I believe that the volunteers, donors, trainers, are the exceptional people raising and training exceptional dogs! The dogs are provided to the recipients free of charge once the recipient completes the two week training course.

If you would like more information on Canine Companions for Independence go to: <u>www.cci.org</u> or call 1-800-572-BARK (2275).



Lion Kathryn Higgins Diabetes Awareness Chair Klhiggins07@windstream.net

# Learn more about diabetes at Northeast Georgia's

# Diabetes 101

Saturday, September 12, 2009 Georgia Mountains Center Gainesville, GA 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. A full day of diabetes information for people with prediabetes, Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes plus their family members and friends Cost: \$15/person; \$20 after Sept. 4. Breakfast and lunch is included.

# Celebrating a long healthy life with diabetes

Honoring diabetes champions through personal testimonials from the newly diagnosed to those who have had diabetes for more than 50 years 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Registration, Exhibits and Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 8:40 a.m. Welcome & Introductions
8:40 – 9:30 a.m. Video Presentation *Diabetes Champions: Celebrating a Long Healthy Life with Diabetes*

#### Session 1 9:40 – 10:30 a.m.

1. What is Prediabetes, & What do I Need to Know? Amy Roark, RD, LD, CDE Northeast Georgia Diagnostic Clinic

2. Diabetes & Bone Health

Cheryl Williams, RN, CDE The Longstreet Clinic

3. Getting Sleepy? Sleep Apnea & Diabetes

Wesley Head, MD Northeast Georgia Diagnostic Clinic 4. Dealing with Daily Diabetes, the Emotional Ups & Downs

Randall Overdorff, LPC Psychiatry & Psychological Associates, LLC

5. Your Achilles Heel, Keeping Your Feet Healthy Ruldoph Cisco, DPM Northeast Georgia Foot & Ankle Specialists, PC

10:30 - 11 a.m. Break and Exhibits

#### Session 2 11 – 11:50 a.m.

6. Diabetes, Beginning the Journey Connie Niedermeyer, RN, CDE Northeast Georgia Health System

7. Medications for Diabetes

Philip Marler, MD The Longstreet Clinic 8. Affording Diabetes in these Difficult Times

Mandy Reece, PharmD, CDM, BC-ADM District 2 Public Health

9. Keeping Your Heart Healthy Pam Williams, RN, BSN Northeast Georgia Health System 11:50 a.m. –12:20 p.m. Lunch and Exhibits

#### Session 3 12:30 – 1:20 p.m.

10. Over the Counter Medications & Diabetes
Mandy Reece, PharmD, CDM, BC-ADM District 2 Public Health
11. Diabetes & Gastric Bypass
Mindy Bell, MS, RD, LD Northeast Georgia Health System
12. What to Expect from Your Doctors Visit
Antonio Rios, MD Northeast Georgia Health System
13. Healthy Eating with Diabetes
Suzanne Burns, MS, RD, LD, CDE Northeast Georgia Health

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#### Session 4 1:30 – 2:20 p.m.

14. Chronic Kidney Disease & How it is TreatedPamela Wegienka, RN, CDN Baxter Healthcare Corporation15. What's New with Diabetes TreatmentCacia Soares-Welch, MD Northeast Georgia Diagnostic Clinic16. Moving for the Rest of Your Life

Bobby Norris, BS Excersise Science Northeast Georgia Health System 17. Southern Cooking the Healthy Way Mary Ann Clever, RD, LD The Longstreet Clinic

## Panel Discussion/Support Session 2:30 – 3 p.m.

18. Panel Discussion

Cacia Soares-Welch, MD Northeast Georgia Diagnostic Clinic, Bobby Norris, BS Excersise Science Northeast Georgia Health System, Mary Ann Clever, RD, LD The Longstreet Clinic, Mandy Reece, PharmD, CDM, BC-ADM District 2 Public Health

19. Support Session: Someone I love has Diabetes Cheryl Williams, RN, CDE The Longstreet Clinic

# Cost: \$15 per person; \$20 after Sept.

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\*Pre-registration of classes is not required. How long have you had diabetes?
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Register for Diabetes 101 by mail, fax or phone. Make checks payable to:

American Diabetes Association 17 Executive Park Dr. N.E., Suite 115 Atlanta, GA 30329-2012 Or send by fax to: 404-320-0025 Or call 1-888-DIABETES (1-888-342-2383), ext. 3166

Partial scholarships are available for those who qualify.





<u>"Peace Begins</u> <u>With Me"</u> 2008-09 Grand <u>Prize Winner</u>

The theme of the 2009-10 Peace Poster Contest is **"The Power of Peace."** Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

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#### Dear Leo Club students:

We had our biggest turnout ever -63 students at the first meeting! I have a feeling this will be the best year ever for the LEO Club. Remember, LEO stands for Leadership/Experience/Opportunity. We are a service learning club – we involve ourselves in many projects to make our community a better place.

There will be more information to come at the next meeting, which will be Wednesday, September  $2^{nd}$  at 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria (instead of the Media Center, so we have more room) – mark it on your calendars!

For the next meeting, remember to bring:

- LEO Club application filled out and signed.
- \$5 membership fee (if you cannot provide this, please see me privately – I don't want this to be the deciding factor for you joining LEO)
- Ideas to brainstorm for the year
- A good attitude and a smile

Thanks!

#### Jamie Tuttle, M.Ed., NCC

School Counselor

We are in the process of planning a Leo Leadership Seminar for the Saturday morning of the District Rally in Gainesville. It will begin at 9 a.m. and be over in time for the Rally, which we are encouraging Leos and Lions to attend. This seminar will be of interest to Leos, Advisors, Faculty Advisors, AND Lions who want to strengthen their clubs or are interested in chartering a new Leo club. I am asking anyone interested to contact me via phone or email by no later than September 15th so we can plan accordingly. I will send you the Agenda when it is finalized and if the seminar is being held.

**THANK YOU!** 

In Service, Steve Helwig MD18 Leo Clubs Chair MD18 Leo Gathering Coordinator 18-D Leo Clubs Chair MD18 RFB&D Chair Home:770-725-7422 Cell:706-340-2018 lion.swampthing@gmail.com

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

\_Donate unwanted clothes, books, and toys \_Volunteer to work or play with infants and children

- \_ Donate tickets to concerts, plays, games, etc
- \_Teach children the virtues of tolerance,
- compassion, mercy, and forgiveness.
- \_ Help with or form an afterschool program
- \_ Organize and help with Big Brothers—Big Sisters or similar mentoring program
- \_ Be a volunteer tutor or parent assistant at school

\_ Donate children's books to your local library or school

## NOTES FROM SCHOOL:

What Children (and we all) Need K is for Kindness L is for Laughter M is for Modeling N is for Nurturing O is for Opportunities P is for Praise Q is for Quality Time R is for Respect S is for Support T is for Trust U is for Unconditional Love V is for Values W is for Wisdom X is for excitement Y is for You Z is for Zest

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LEO World-Wide Facts as of February 2009: LEO Members — 144,000 LEO Clubs — 5,755 Countries — 140 Benefits of Sponsoring a LEO Club — Raises club visibility in community, reaching new audiences

// Lions serve as role models for community

 // Satisfaction of fostering and helping to shape a community's future leaders.
 LEOs and Lions Working Together —
 Lions benefit from joint service projects by multiplying community service efforts

// LEOs benefit from joint projects by developing confidence, leadership, and organizational skills

// The community benefits whenever LEOs and Lions volunteer together to help meet the needs of the community.

# Around The World



# YCE Online Directory

Attention district governors and council chairpersons: Get your YCE program posted on the Lions Web site! The Annual District/Multiple District Youth Camp & Exchange Report Form (YCE 510A) is due to International Headquarters by **August 31**. You can download a form online at <u>www.lionsclubs.org</u> by clicking: Member Center/Planning Youth Projects/Youth Camps and Exchange.

# Leo Club Program Update

The Leo brand rejuvenation project is almost complete! To best meet the changing needs of youth and young adults throughout the world, several programmatic components have been reviewed and modified to enhance the Leo Club Program. When the new brand rolls out in July, you will see a fresh new look, along with two separate and distinct tracks for Alpha and Omega Leos. Part of this fresh look includes a modification of the Leo age ranges to most effectively address the needs of each track and its members. Starting July 1, 2009:

• Alpha club membership will be for youth between 12-18 years of age and will focus on individual and social development.

• Omega club membership will be for young adults between 18-30 years of age and will focus on personal and professional development.

These new age ranges better match the current membership of Leo clubs across the globe. In a recent survey conducted by the Youth Programs Department, 88% of survey respondents said their Omega club membership consisted of Leos from 19-30 years of age, while 83% said their Alpha club membership consisted of Leos from 12-18 years of age. Furthermore, the new age ranges also better reflect the current practices of other service organizations like Rotary International and Kiwanis International.

Both tracks will continue to be connected through a larger Leo community, united by its common purpose of Leadership, Experience and Opportunity.



#### LIBERTY DAY—YOUR LIONS CLUB AND SCOUTING PROJECT

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

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

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

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

God Bless Our Troops and God Bless America.

#### LIBERTY DAY GEORGIA DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE/U.S. CONSTITUTION



# **GLASB** Mission

The Georgia Lions All State Band is a Georgia Lions supported youth activity with the goal of providing a great opportunity for middle and high school musicians from across the state of Georgia to enjoy a rewarding musical experience with some of the best directors in Georgia.



Participation allows the student the opportunity to showcase their musical talents with other gifted musicians from across the state. The band each year performs before the Lions of Georgia each year at its State Convention and travels to the Lions International Convention (US Convention).





Georgia Lions All-State Band 2010 Application for membership Go to www.edmclion.com scroll down and look for GA Lions All-State Band below RFB&D. District Governor Lion Grace Clower 404-694-0413 graceclower@bellsouth.net

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