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District 18-D Bulletin

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MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR LIONS OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA

November 2008



District Governor Dick Smith

Dear “Gold Standard” Lions of 18-D,

Let me begin by giving everyone who will be attending the Hall of Fame dinner on Friday, 14 November, the correct dinner time: 7:00 p.m. I may have confused you last month. If for some reason you have just decided to attend the Hall of Fame dinner or the Rally, then you need to call me for the Hall of Fame dinner and Lion Herman Jones for the Rally.

I will soon be sending an e-mail notice with more details concerning the Cabinet meeting and our Rally to all district Lions with e-mail addresses. However, what I would like to briefly do now is to talk about “Mining for Lions” in a Gold Standard District.

The membership numbers in the district were sharply down in September: we lost 14 Lions! Although October is generally considered a good growth month for new Lions, my estimate is that we are going to lose another 10 or more members. I know that several clubs held Membership Nights in October, so if you gained some new members they may not show up until November. Never the less, it looks as though 14 (39%) of the clubs in the district have lost Lions so far this Lions’ year.

We need to improve our “Mining for Lions” in the district! To assist you in your mining, immediately after our Rally is done, we are going to have a “Mining for Lions in District 18-D” training session. I have asked the District MERL Team to prepare a brief summary of what they can do to help your club’s membership. After each of them gives this information to everyone, we will break up the team and make them available for you to talk to them about problems your clubs are experiencing.

As I pointed out in last month’s Bulletin, the Norcross Lions Club is forming a Suwanee Branch Club. There are also at least two or three other clubs that are making efforts to form Branch Clubs; PDG Beverly Shirley will be available to discuss new club development. Our Rally speaker, ID Bill Watkins, has also agreed to participate in this training session and share with you his experience starting a new club. We also need to work on encouraging leadership development in clubs, so PDG Joe Hirsch will be available. Adding members to your club will be Lion Gene Little’s area and retaining Lions in your club will be Lion Louise Little’s responsibility. This will be your special opportunity to personally interact with all members of the MERL team.

Should you and your other club members attend this session on “Mining for Lions?” Here are my thoughts: If your club is retaining your members, adding new members and growing in size, have Lions eagerly willing to help form new clubs in the district and accept new leadership responsibilities, then I guess you can skip this training. However, if your club is doing all of these things, then you need to stay and tell the rest of us what you are doing to successfully “Mine for Lions!”

Yours in “Miracles through Service,”

Dick



18-D District Rally

14-15 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 \$20.00 each. Dress for this event will be casual. Location will be at Holiday Inn Lanier Center Hotel in Gainesville.

The 2nd Cabinet Meeting start at 9:00 am. This will take place at the Gainesville Civic Center on Green Street in Gainesville. The District Rally will be held at noon and our speaker will be ID Bill Watkins from Loudon, Tennessee.

He is currently a sector coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II and chairperson of Lions Clubs International's Constitution & By-Laws Committee.

Following the luncheon and the speech by ID Bill Watkins, there will be a MERL Team Seminar from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

This is a good time to ensure that all new members are invited to attend. Cost will be \$20.00 per person. Come one, come all... **Club tables can be reserved on a first-come/first serve basis for \$160.00.**

Check your mail box

For more info will come – stay tuned.

Check out what Toccoa Lions have on page 8 – it could be to your advantage.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

November - Recognize World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day, November 14, aims to highlight

the rising prevalence of both type 1 and type 2 diabetes in children and adolescents. It is estimated that 70,000 children under age 15 develop type 1 diabetes each year (almost 200 children a day). Begin organizing your diabetes awareness event now:

- Plan a diabetes screening or organize a [Strides Walk](#) for children and adults

- Show the new film presentation, "Protect Your Vision: The Dilated Eye Exam," to promote the importance of an annual eye exam and prevention of diabetic retinopathy. A DVD is available by [order](#) in English and Spanish

- Use public relations tools such as [Public Service Announcements](#) to promote diabetes awareness

- Learn more about [World Diabetes Day](#) and visit the [National Diabetes Education Program \(NDEP\)](#) Web site for additional community awareness ideas and educational materials—a Lions Clubs International partner.

Peace Poster Contest Judging Deadlines.

Lions clubs sponsoring the 2008-09 **"Peace Begins With Me"** must mail posters advancing to district judging by 15 November. Be sure the sticker (PPC-4) included in each Peace Poster Contest kit is affixed to the back of the poster.

November – Annual LCIF Contributing Member Month.

Lions who become Contributing Members receive distinctive lapel pins and the satisfaction of knowing they help restore vision, bring food, and clothing to victims of disasters and provide vocational training for the disabled plus much more. Get involved.

Planning Ahead



January is Glaucoma Awareness Month.



13 January is Melvin Jones' Birthday

24 January: World Peace 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 
• **LQ-Lions Quarterly** 

Miracles Through Service – 2008-09 International Program:
Watch the International Program video, “[Everyday Heroes](#),” online. The video brings to life 2008-09 International President Al Brandel’s program “Miracles Through Service,” illustrating the everyday acts of Lions that make them everyday heroes. This inspiring video is an excellent resource to share with your club members. The DVD is available to purchase from Club Supplies in all official languages.

Leo of the Year Awarded:
The [Leo of the Year Award](#) recipients demonstrate outstanding leadership skills, achieve a superior record as a Leo in implementing successful service projects, make an identifiable contribution to the development and growth of the Leo Club Program, achieve distinction in community or school activities outside of Leo club commitments and demonstrate high ethical standards and personal integrity.

International Convention Registration:

[Registration](#) for the international convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA is now available online -- it is convenient and easy to use. You can also use [online registration](#) to book a room at your convention hotel. Your convention

registration and hotel reservation are confirmed immediately via e-mail. Check the [convention pages](#) online frequently for updated information about convention events and logistics information.

Promote Lions Eye Bank Week:

The annual [Lions Eye Bank Week](#) is December 7 - 13, 2008. Eye banks perform a valuable sight-saving function: they recover, evaluate and distribute human eye tissue for sight restoration, research and education. Lions can support local eye banks by volunteering as corneal transporters or eye bank tour guides. Lions can also sponsor fundraisers. Get involved in one of the following Lions Eye Bank Week activities:

- Tour the local Lions eye bank
- Arrange for an eye bank representative to speak at the club’s meeting
- Host or attend an open house at the local eye bank
- Promote eye donation in collaboration with the local eye bank.

New Lions Sought for Magazine Profiles:

THE LION Magazine wants to profile young, interesting and active Lions who have joined an existing club within the last four to eight months. One such Lion will be highlighted each month in the magazine starting in January 2009. Please [e-mail a brief description](#) of the impact the Lion has made on the club along with person’s name, club name, location and contact information (phone, e-mail) along with your contact information for consideration.

Hadley Offers Tuition-Free Programs to the Blind

Lions Clubs International is in [partnership](#) with [The Hadley School for the Blind](#), a distance-education school offering tuition-free adult continuing education, a high school program (U.S. only) and a family education program. The Lions’ role in the partnership is simply to refer students to enroll at Hadley. Hadley students live in all 50 states and more than 100 countries.

On October 16th, the Hadley School presented its 2008 Student Award winners. Find out what the [student award winners](#) had to say about the value of a Hadley education.

Lions Diabetes Awareness Month

Diabetes prevention is proven, possible and powerful. Eating healthier and getting 30 minutes of physical activity five days a week are two simple lifestyle changes that can delay or prevent diabetes (source: National Diabetes Education Program, 2008)

In November, Lions have two special opportunities to promote diabetes awareness:

November is [Lions Diabetes Awareness Month](#)

November 14 is [World Diabetes Day](#)

For more information about activities to commemorate Lions Diabetes Awareness month and the Lions Strides Walk Program, [click here](#). You will find NEW educational materials that you can download and/or print. You may also use the convenient [order form](#) to obtain them.



Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness

program is an effective way for Lions to educate their communities about diabetes prevention and control.

It is an exciting and active method of informing the public about diabetes and diabetic retinopathy, the leading cause of vision loss in adults of working age in industrialized countries.

Today, every Lions club, district, and multiple district can organize a Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness. The Strides Information Packet details how to implement a Strides Lions Walk in your community.

The Strides Information Packet includes:

- [The Strides Activity Guide](#)
- [Top 10 Tips for Organizing a Strides Walk](#)
- [Suggested Event Day Timeline](#)
- [Sample Press Release](#)
- [Sample Public Service Announcement](#)
- [Sample Local Government Proclamation](#)
- [Sample Waiver/Registration Form](#)
- [STRIDES Walk Materials Order Form](#)
- We Stride Lapel Pin
- **SAMPLES OF PUBLICATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY:**
 - [Diabetes Bookmark](#)
 - [Tips to Help You Stay Healthy](#) *NDEP*
 - [It's Not Too Late to Prevent Diabetes](#) *NDEP*
 - [Diabetes Management Schedule/Numbers At-A-Glance](#) *NDEP*
 - [Tip Sheet: Take Care of Your Feet for a Lifetime](#) *NDEP*
 - [Tips for Teens: What Is Diabetes?](#) *NDEP*
 - [Tips for Teens: Be Active](#) *NDEP*
 - [Tips for Teens: Stay at a Healthy Weight](#) *NDEP*
 - [Tips for Teens: Dealing with the Ups and Downs of Diabetes](#) *NDEP*

A **Strides Banner Patch Award** is available to qualifying clubs, districts and multiple districts that

have organized a Strides Walk. Download the [criteria](#) and [application](#).

To submit a report or photos from your Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness, [click here](#).

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[LCIF Contributing Member Month](#)

What do nearly 100,000 Lions have in common each year? They become Contributing Members by donating at least US\$20 to LCIF.

The Contributing Membership program is an annual program that recognizes three levels of support: US\$20, US\$50 and US\$100. For US\$20, donors receive a Contributing Member lapel pin identifying the fiscal year in which the donation is made. For US\$50, donors receive a pin and a silver wreath. For US\$100, donors receive a pin and a gold wreath. The pin design changes every year. Contributing membership donations are used to support LCIF grant programs.

Contributing Memberships are a great vehicle for making a difference in the lives of others: US\$20 can provide cataract surgery in Africa and South Asia. US\$50 can support a diabetic retinopathy eye exam in developing countries. US\$100 can make possible a low vision eye exam and glasses in the industrialized world. US\$1,000 can provide a vital surgical tool.

Contributions can be made by completing the [Contribution Form/MJF form \(LCIF-42\)](#) and mailing it to LCIF.

Your club will be awarded a 100% Member Support banner patch and chevron for the first year of 100% Contributing Membership. For each subsequent year of 100% Contributing Membership, your club will receive a chevron.

The most efficient way for clubs to handle Contributing Member donations is to accumulate all contributions and send them at one time to LCIF Donor Services. Please remember to include a list of donor names for appropriate recognition.

For more information on Contributing Memberships, contact the Donor Services Department at 630-468-6954 or [e-mail](#) us.



TRIPLE "T" CAN HELP SOLVE MEMBERSHIP WOES



TRANSFUSION/TRANSITION/TRANSFORMATION

VISION STATEMENT

To develop and implement a LIONS CLUB leadership initiative incorporating generational values.

MISSION STATEMENT

To create, maintain and improve a model program for club leadership that is flexible, exciting and relevant. The result of this initiative will be the direction by which LIONS will build and maintain LIONS CLUBS from all generations.

ADOPTED 1/5/2008

Lions Clubs are researching ways to effectively recruit, involve and retain members. It has become increasingly evident when time and financial commitments are expected – volunteers are reluctant to become members of service clubs.

Research by several well know sociologists has suggested clubs can be successful in recruiting, involving and retaining members if new approaches that complement the needs and life style of current generations are met. A program recently developed by a group of Lion leaders has used this research to develop an interactive, multi-media presentation that has received very positive reviews.

Transfusion, Transition, Transformation (also referred to as Triple T or TTT) has been presented in 19 states and 4 Canadian provinces using qualified trainers. The interactive, multi-media approach allows involvement by the participants as well as

visual (DVD) examples of the nine modules presented.

PDG Jim Jagers of Oregon offers testimony as to the success of TTT which also reflects comments from many other evaluations received. "The work PDG Steve Thomson has done with the Triple T program in District 36-O has turned the corner....We just need to keep up the momentum. For the first time since 2002, District O has a positive net gain....and the establishment of two new clubs. More importantly, the Lions who have participated in TTT have helped move the District forward with a 'can do' attitude. DG Sharon Elder is committed to continue the work with TTT and it is incorporated in the Multiple District 5 year plan."

Details about the Triple T program, thumbnail sketches of the nine modules, how to schedule a training and additional evaluation comments can be gleaned from the web site www.lionsttt.com . Information can also be obtained by contacting: PID Mick Barrus, 1536 16th Street, Suite #2, Cody, WY 82414; Phone: 307-527-4954; Email: lionmick@bresnan.net



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Editor's Note



Fellow Lions:

Here we go – how are you doing in having a LEO Club started within your area??
Congratulations Clark Middle School

CLARKE MIDDLE SCHOOL LEO CLUB **Year-to-date Activities and Future Plans Report**

Club recently received LEO Club Excellence Award for 2007-2008. Second consecutive year club achieved highest award LEO club can receive!

Club received the LEO Club Excellence Award for 2nd consecutive year (highest award a LEO club can receive!).

Club currently has 40 active members

President-Carver Goodhue

Secretary-Ariel Santillan

Advisor-Jamie Tuttle Lion Advisor-Steve Helwig

Inducted 4 new members at 10/8 meeting.

Club has completed the following projects:

- I Sunday, 8/3 CMS Day of Service-club members picked up trash and assisted with other projects to get school grounds ready for first day of classes
- I Sunday, 9/14 Clarke Middle Triathlon-21 members helped set up the event, guided and motivated people throughout the race, gave out liquids, then helped with the luncheon that afternoon
- I Saturday, September 20 Brooklyn Cemetery cleanup-6 members worked a total of 26 hours assisting with cleanup and beautification
- I September Food Bank of Northeast Georgia Peanut Butter collection (for National Hunger Month)-club members turned in 27 jars of peanut butter. Food Bank's goal was 1250 jars but county-wide collection was 3400!
- I Sunday, 10/5 Madison Mays Memorial Disc Golf event-5 members assisted with organization and participated in event

Ongoing projects:

- I Lighthouse bank White Cane Day collection project-located in high-traffic area so that people can drop loose change and bills.
- I Leader Dogs for the Blind Kids N' Coins project-members are completing collection cards.

Club is currently planning the following projects:

October:

- I "Pen Pal" project with assisted-living elderly. Project being coordinated with UGA (more info). Members will be writing to senior citizens about specific topics designed to create better understanding among generations, culminating with a get-together/party in December. 24 members volunteered.
- I LEO Club Membership Growth project-members are being encouraged to sponsor at least 3 new members this month to receive award
- I Peace Poster contest-Committee members coordinating publicity, entries
- I 10/24-10/31 SightNights used eyeglass, hearing aid, and cell phone collection project
- I 10/27-28 Halloween Bake Sale

November:

- I 11/8 Adopt-a-Highway cleanup. Meet at CMS at 9:30 a.m. then carpool to Pepsi plant
- I For November club planning diabetes awareness project, Veteran's Day ceremony/cleanup at Brooklyn Cemetery, Thanksgiving week service project, and preparing for Athens Christmas parade

December:

- I Club planning to conduct numerous Christmas service projects (Salvation Army bell-ringing, Christmas Angels, Adopt-a-Family among those being considered)

January:

- I Club planning Send a Kid to Camp fundraiser-monies raised will be brought to Waycross when members attend statewide LEO Gathering

The club is also planning a Spotlight On Children project (suggestions have included reading/mentoring at Alps Elementary), upgrades to athletic fields and on-site projects, environmental projects, and Record-A-Thon for RFB&D. Club will submit scrapbook and apply for all recognitions and awards qualified for on timely basis.

The room is pitch black. I hold tightly to the white cane, our only compass as we feel our way through the dark. They've taken away our sense of sight and we are blinded. A voice tells us that there's a box next to where each of us is sitting. A voice pierces the darkness telling us to examine the contents of the box.

"What do you smell?"

"Potpourri," says one voice. "Coffee" says another.

"What do you feel?"

"Fabric." "Suede." "Leather."

"Corduroy."

After the voice tells us that we've guessed right, she instructs us to use our canes to find the railing in the middle of the room. She says to move the cane from left to right. It's a scary feeling not knowing when you might run into something or someone. All of the sudden, a new voice emerges.

"Hi, I am

Daren and I'll be your guide today."

With his voice Daren leads us to through a door. Everything is still dark, but we can feel the grass beneath our feet and with our cane. He instructs us to squat down to feel the grass and smell it. We hear birds chirping. We know we are outside. We continue to feel our way with our canes. It's really funny how we keep bumping into each other.

We hear,

"Who's this?" "Sharifa." "Who's this?"

"Christine."

We begin to direct each other. "Be careful, there's a step."

With his voice Darren guides us to a bridge that goes over a waterfall. "Oh this is beautiful," says Alice Mallory, who is herself visually impaired. So many times we think of beauty as what we can see. Her comment made me reevaluate how I define beauty. We can hear the water trickling by and feel it on our fingers. On the other side of the bridge there are wood chips. He instructs us to bend at the knees and feel the woodchips. He then leads us through a door.

"Where do you think you are?"

I feel a shelf with many jars lining it. It feels like a peanut butter jar I open it and it smells like peanut butter. Across the room, I hear my co-workers, "We're in a supermarket ..Pineapple....oh yum...Cauliflower."

Then we experience the scariest part. We have to walk across the street without the use of sight. We listen for the cars and make our break for it. Daren leads us through yet another door. We sit down and talk to Daren and learn that he is a Lion in the Kennesaw-Acworth Lions Club. Our guide through this whole journey is blind himself. After we talk we exit the exhibit. With renewed sight we all had a greater appreciation for the sense we had not yet lost.

Would you like to experience Dialog in the Dark? This year's Winter Lighthouse Meeting will be in Atlanta. The Georgia

Lions Lighthouse Foundation is planning a Lions group outing to the exhibit on the evening of January 10. Call the Lighthouse to find out more.

DIALOG IN THE DARK



YOUR SENSES WILL NEVER BE THE SAME

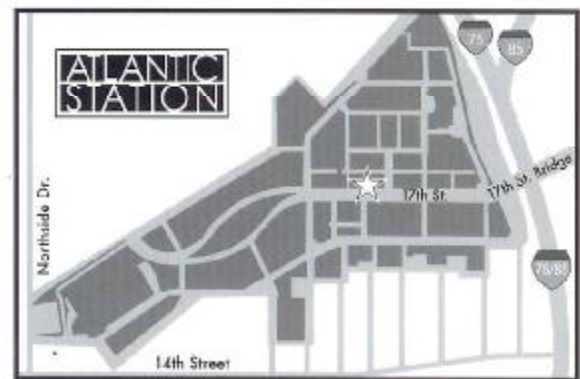
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Monday - Sunday: 9:00am - 8:00pm
Last entry one hour prior to closing

ATLANTIC STATION

265 18th Street, 2nd Floor
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The Toccoa Lions Club Offers

Walking Sticks & Whistles

As a fund raiser for your club

(Lion to Lion Prices)

Deluxe Walking Stick

With tip and braided strap

@ \$10.00 each

(Recommended sell to the public of \$15.00 each)



The Lion to Lion prices quoted above are for Toccoa, GA. Cost of shipping is extra. We will bring your order to cabinet meetings and zone meetings in District 18-D. We need a check for your order before we ship or at time of delivery to a Lions meeting.

The minimum order is a dozen of any item. A dozen whistles is \$48.00 and dozen walking sticks is \$120.00.

All items are grown and hand crafted in the USA with four kinds of wood: Hawthorn, Hickory, Sassafras and Sumac.

(Lion to Lion Prices)

Toy Whistles

@ \$4.00 each

(Recommended sell to the public of \$5.00 each)



The whistles above come with a leather wrist straps. The walking sticks have rubber tips and braided straps made out of polypropylene and nylon. Toccoa Lions braid the straps in standard colors or custom colors for your community. The straps are tied off with wood beads. We have UGA, GA Tech and Clemson colors in stock for immediate shipment or pick up.

The colors for the nylon straps are as follows
Solid Black - Red & Black - Beige & Black
Solid Orange - Red & White - Blue & White
Purple & Gold - Green & White - Solid Yellow
Or any two colors you order.

To order contact the following Toccoa Lions:

Ken Fewell @ 706-491-2456

e-mail: fuelish1@bellsouth.net

Bryan Gordon @ 267-307-0441

e-mail: bry.gor@windstream.net

The Toccoa Lions Club celebrated 75 years of service to Toccoa and Stephens County on May 8, 2008.

Set your White Cane Goal!

This year State White Cane Chairs J.C. Coefield, Jr. and Vanessa Stanley have set a White Cane goal of 167,500 for the state!

"The Georgia Lions Lighthouse is depending on us to help others receive vision saving surgery. All money collected for White Cane is sent to the Lighthouse to work toward accomplishing this task. We need to make every effort to make White Cane 2009 the best ever." says Lion J.C. Coefield, Jr. The goal for White Cane 2009 has been set for \$167,500. Associate Directors and White Cane Chairs should set their White Cane Goals by visiting www.lionslighthouse.org and filling out the online form or by filling out the goal setting card that was mailed to you this month! Together we can reach our goal!



Georgia Lions All-State Band 2009
Application for membership

Go to www.edmclion.com

find to the left

[State & District Forms](#)

APPLY TODAY! The Georgia Lions All-State Band is a great opportunity for musicians from across the state to enjoy a regarding musical experience with some of the most dedicated directors in Georgia who donate their time to this cause. Participation also affords members the opportunity to visit sites across the country and experience cultures from around the world.



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<http://ca.youtube.com/lionsclubsorg>

RETENTION!



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

Recognition is a behavior deeply rooted in Lionism, but it is also a tradition that could become obsolete unless members commit to implementing it regularly... keeping it fresh and relevant... and making it a part of their lives.

Let's be different – have you ever surfed the Lionnet and looked at other states and countries? Have you checked out certain areas in regards to how others might be trying to solve the RETENTION problem? Here are a is one site you might want to check out and see what they have and what you might think would be good to try.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org.au/members/development/MERL/>

The Six Characteristics of a Successful Club

Want to ensure your club's growth and success? According to the Retention Chairperson's Guide, if you have the following six components in your operating structure, your club can do just that. As a club, you should have:

- 1) A major service activity that involves every member of the club and has a significant, positive impact on its intended population.
- 2) A major fundraising project in which the community can participate and in which it can contribute.
- 3) A strong public relations program that provides a continuous, consistent line of communication among all the members of your club and between the club and the community.
- 4) Well-organized, interesting, informative and productive club meetings.
- 5) A feeling of teamwork, cooperation and cohesiveness between club members.
- 6) Strong membership growth, development and retention programs



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

Lions Green Team = are ready to help save the planet by:

- **cleaning the environment** - 32% of clubs organize a community clean-up project.
- **planting trees** - if every club planted a tree, there would be more than 44,000 new trees on the planet; if every Lion planted a tree, there would be more than 1.3 million new trees on the planet.
- **recycling** - eyeglasses, paper, computers, and car batteries can be recycled.
- **educating others** - a hybrid car exhibit and an environment contest help educate others about the environment.

Lions made a **commitment to the environment** in the same year (1972) that the United Nations General Assembly created the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Lions Crew at Work = projects are hands-on service projects for active Lions. Projects can include:

- improving schools
- remodeling non-profit community centers
- painting shelters for homeless persons or battered women
- updating food pantries
- repairing summer camps for disabled children
- painting/repairing public parks or playgrounds
- building new community facilities for persons in need.

Lions Crew at Work projects are high-visibility initiatives that illustrate the "We Serve" Lions motto. Lions Crew at Work projects will likely attract onlookers - all potential new Lions club members.

In addition to the Lions Crew at Work project, consider organizing a food, clothing, book, or toy collection. This will involve the entire community in the Lions Crew at Work project.

Boost membership and retention in your area by discussing these programs with your clubs.



"Change the World"

CLUB REPORTS



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



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

Auburn-Carl Lions Club =

They are having a recruitment campaign, including a cook-out where prospective members are invited. They will host a Senior Citizens Dinner in December.

Clermont North Hall Lions Club = An excellent program by Ms. Rebecca Davis, Executive Director of the Children's Center for Hope and Healing. Ms. Davis explained to us the nature and extent of childhood sexual abuse and of her agency's effort to counsel and help in the healing process for the children of thirteen counties of Northeast Georgia. We continued with our parking project at the Georgia Mountain Center. We continued work on our Community Birthday Calendar and maintenance and improvement projects at our building.

Cornelia Lions Club = The Children's Film Festival is coming soon! Thanks to all who supported this years event! For free tickets to the Festival, November 15 at Habersham Hills Cinemas on Highway 365, come by WCON Radio Station and pick them up! They have a limited supply and many tickets have been distributed to many schools also.

Dahlonega Lions Club Plans under way for our Pancake Breakfast at the Park & Recreation Bldg. on Saturday, 6 December.

Dawsonville Lions Club = We are now meeting at Lorena's on GA 400.

Dawsonville Lions Club Enjoys Another Great Fall Festival. Great Job this weekend! Thanks to all of you that took some time to come out and help. I do not know the totals, but I think we did pretty well considering the economy. Everything got paid for and we made a little bit for the community. I think everyone had fun. I know I did when we lowered hotdogs to 25 cents each. Man, what a line! The Lions in the tent certainly had their hands full, but did a great job.



Lavonia Lions Club = ACTIVITIES FOR THIS MONTH: PLAYHOUSE TICKET SALES ARE ON GOING. HAD A BOOTH AT THE LAVONIA FALL FESTIVAL, SOLD RAFFLE TICKETS FOR DRAWING OF \$100 GAS CARD AND MOP AND BROOM SALE. COLLECTED 48 EYEGASSES, 37 CASES, 10 LENS, 7 SUN GLASSES, AND 3 CEL PHONES. WORKING ON 2009 BIRTHDAY CALENDER, ALL ADVERTISING IS FILLED AND GETTING READY TO PRINT. TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS 260.



Work on the playhouse completed – Raffle Tickets are \$1.00 and the drawing will be on 31 October at the Halloween celebration at the Gazebo in downtown Lavonia.



Forsyth County Lions Club = The annual Cumming Fair and Country Festival October 2 - 11. All Hands on Deck as we serve our famous homemade soups and sandwiches. ATTENTION MEMBERS-AT-LARGE - Your help is always needed and appreciated at our fundraising activities. Join us for meetings and meals when you can.

Lawrenceville Lions Club = We had a very successful 10th Annual Golf Tournament. We are in the process of our annual Pecan Sale as a fundraiser. We have 10 members planning to attend the District Rally. We dropped 2 members due to personal reasons. We have 1 new member brought in by Lion Pete Stamsen. We had 3 members attend the Zone Meeting

EYEGASSES COLLECTED: 228 VOLUNTEER HOURS: 128

Jefferson Lions Club = Community Service Projects: Helped with the Jackson County Airport Annual Fly-In. **Sight Services:** Collected 29 used glasses, 2 lenses, 6 sun glasses, 5 cell phones and 4 chargers and 1 hearing aid. **Fund Raisers** –\$500 grant from Athens Sam's Club \$2000 winning ticket for the Canine Companions for Independence drawing. **Donated funds:** \$500.00 for the Jackson County Food Bank.

Norcross Lions Club - Activities: Honored Norcross High School Student of the Month - \$100 gift card. Held 2 day Norcross Art Fest: cultural arts festival. Donated \$100 to St. Jude Hospital in memory of Lion Syble Boucher Donated buns and canned beverages to food bank. Speaker: Program Director of the American Diabetes Association. We delivered 15 glasses, 3 lenses to the GA Lions Lighthouse. We paid for glasses for another person. We plan to attend the District 18-D Rally on Nov. 15. We discussed possibly doing Kids-N-Coins program to collect funds for Leader Dog so we can use the Art Fest funds for other charities. We have secured Peace Poster kits to use at schools. **Activity Report:** 3 new members (beginning of Suwanee Branch Club) Lisa Phillips, Tracy and Andy Duncan - sponsor: Lion Warren Anderson deceased member: Lion

Snellville Lions Club = Fund Raiser: October 4th. & 5th. Winn House annual Fair, with 19 members working at this event Good weather and good results from this event October 25th. Club used their concession trailer at the Fall festival in Briscoe Park Snellville. **Program:** Lion Marlene Gillman Membership Chair gave a very interesting program on Lionism in Georgia. **Service Projects:** September 25th 3 members work a total of 18 hours at a local school doing scoliosis Exam's for the students. October 9th 7 members work the second annual cooking out for the employees of Walton EMC for the appreciation that Walton EMC given to the Snellville Lions Club. Used our concession trailer to cook Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and funnel cakes and etc. Turn the following items into the Georgia Lions Lighthouse 1682 pairs used eye glasses 413 pairs loose lens 3 Hearing Aids 76 cell Phones. **Lions Volunteer Hours : 142**

Hometown Day: With the gift giving season well underway Luxottica Retail marks the biggest day of giving during the year with an event known as Hometown Day. On the first Tuesday of December, Luxottica Optical stores open their doors early to provide free eye exams and new eyewear to people in their local communities. The goal is to help 35,000 people in visual and financial need. Those identified in need by Lions Clubs International, United Way, local school districts and other local partner charitable organizations will have the opportunity to receive a free exam and eyewear. If you are aware of a child that may be in need, please refer them to Katie at the Snellville LensCrafters on the corner of Killian Hill and Highway 78 in the Kroger shopping center. Katie's phone number is 770-985-2666.

Some Snellville Lions Setting Up at the Elisha Winn Fair



Shush !!!



Lion Jimmy after his Hawaii trip, working Snellville Days, Walton EMC luncheon, and the Elisha Winn Fair

Winder Noon Lions Club = Fund Raisers:

Ongoing sales of Mops & Brooms; Food Flavorings; and Annual Pecan Sales to kick off in last week in October **ACTIVITIES:** Sponsored table for Boys & Girls Club Steak & Steak dinner; Had 13 members and 1 spouse attend this function. Helped with our second Blood Drive this year at Barrow Regional Hospital. Donated \$100 to victims of the hurricanes to Carrollton Lions Club. We only had 4 categories identified that we need to work on. Lion Laura McColley is learning to do eye screening and plans on teaching other club members.

West Jackson Lions Club = Activity Report:

They have received a grant and will be doing the Dictionary Program again this year. They have worked Concession stand for their communities "Movie in the Park" as a fund raiser. They entered a float in the Hoschton Fall Festival, and will be doing the Dictionary Program again this year. They donated money for water, food, and supplies for the victims of Gulf Coast hurricane.

Toccoa Lions Club = Fund Raisers: Lion Ken Fewell reported on the program stating that whistles, walking sticks, mops and brooms are selling well. We anticipate a good sale at the Harvest Festival on Nov. 1st and 2nd. Contact is to be made with the Chamber Of Commerce to place walking sticks and information about the Toccoa Club on their location. The four candy machines with peanuts and M&Ms are selling well but not as well as expected. New locations are being considered. (D) Pancake Breakfast: Lion Russ advised that the breakfast was a moderate success. It appears several other events were going on that weekend which may have impacted the turn out. Money is still coming in so there is no final total yet. Lion Mary Ann Mojica advised us of a new fundraiser this year which is the selling of flower bulbs from Holland. The Becks Company will take our orders and ship the bulbs directly to our customers. The club will receive 45% of the sales. The deadline date for this project is November 2nd. We plan to have a display for sales on the porch of Lion Kay Royal's office during the Harvest Festival.

Pancake Breakfast to Benefit The Open Arms Clinic



At left from top to bottom are Willie Woodruff, James Black Grilling Pancakes and Ruth Payton promoting the Lions Club. Approximately \$2,700.00 was raised for the Open Arms Clinic.

Elyce Durre, who is the administrative assistant at the Open Arms Clinic. Elyce told us the current patient load is 317 with 275 currently active and about 30 to 40 cases moving in and out of different stages of assistance. The clinic deals with chronic illness and supplies medication to assist in solving these problems or referrals to agencies that can. The clinic serves clients who have no insurance for meds or doctor visits. She told us the average patient needs five meds with some only needing one and others needing more than ten. Pharmaceutical companies donate supplies of meds.



Toccoa Lions served pancakes from 6:00 am to 10:00 am at Toccoa Elementary School.. Caught resting were Forrest Connelly and his son Forrest, Bryan Gordon and his wife Florence.



Wal-Mart Toccoa donated \$1,000 to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse as a match to funds raised by our club during White Cane Days.. Heather Lockridge of Wal-Mart presents MC Stowe the check while Steve Spruill and Forrest Connelly look on. Mary Ann Mojica is behind the camera.

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Union County Lions Club = Sight / Hearing: Two applications for eye glasses and exam approved. **Lion Mints:** 336 roll of mints dispensed. **Brooms / Mops:** No report. **Collections:** No report. **Volunteer Hours:** 608. **Activities:** Members helped with at the Day Retreat – for developmentally challenged adults. Also donated monies to the Wilderness Scouts. **Membership:** Membership drive discussed and looking to form a branch club. **Donations:** Approved by Bd. To make a monetary donation to the Union County Food Bank with the Ninth District Opportunity at next club meeting along with members bringing non perishable items for the Food Bank. **Other business:** Flag pole that the Union County Lions Club helped Union County purchase for placement at Meeks Park is now up and a dedication date will be set later. The Union County Lions Club has agreed to stuff 2500 envelopes for the Lighthouse and the Day Retreat Clients will also be helping under the supervision of our own Lion Mary Arnold. Lion Lisa Little gave report on her activities and contributions by pageant entrants. In the past week, they had collected 24 cell phones, 37 glasses, 10 eyeglass cases and made a \$50 donation to the Lions Club. They also collected and gave to the Food Pantry 750 cans of food. Lion Jeff Neal is in the process of making 15 Wooden collection boxes for distribution to various businesses in this area for eyeglasses, etc. and they are almost done. These will be in addition to what we already have out and we are spreading the word that reading/over the counter type glasses are also needed.

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GA. Lions Lighthouse
VP Bill Mundy
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Check out the new **Lighthouse Video**
Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

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

Dear Lions,

The Lighthouse challenges all the Lions Clubs throughout the state to host a vision screening in your community!

The Lighthouse challenges all districts to screen as many people as possible. Each month, we will tell you which district has screened the most people. At the end of the year the clubs with the most people screened will receive recognition.

If you haven't been trained to do a vision screening we encourage to make the first step and contact you district vision screening chair to receive training.

Our goal is to screen 3,370 people by June 30, 2009!

If you haven't turned in your screening report please send it to the Lighthouse, so your club will get the credit.

Christina Lennon
Executive Director

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Needs Reading Glasses!

Most of us over the age of 40 have experienced it. Our arms just don't seem to be long enough. We try to stretch as far as we can to hold brochures, programs, and books far away from our eyes. If you have experienced these symptoms you are probably suffering from Presbyopia. You have probably given in and bought yourself a pair of reading glasses to cure this condition. The sad fact is that many can not even afford readers.

At Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation eye clinics they give reading glasses to those who need them. But lately the lighter strengths have run out. In addition the Lions Lighthouse has received several requests from homeless shelters in Atlanta to provide reading glasses for their residents. Unlike prescription eyeglasses readers are legal for anyone to distribute.

Consider having your club take a collection of reading glasses at your next pancake breakfast or even at local churches and schools. It is a great way for you to have jumping off point to talk about the other good work you are doing in your community. Please make collecting readers a top priority for your club. If you have questions about this please call the Lighthouse at 404-325-3630.

Lighthouse Announcements

- **The Lighthouse needs reading glasses and non-prescription sunglasses for in-state initiatives for homeless.**
- **Ken Massingale requests that you start to recycle your used costume jewelry with gold.**
- **Are you handy? Do you live near the Lighthouse? The Lighthouse needs an on call Lion for routine maintenance issues.**
- **Volunteer Opportunities abound at the Lighthouse! Check out the volunteer section of our website www.lionslighthouse.org for an updated schedule of Lighthouse eye clinics!**

• Sign up to host a hearing screening today!

Luminary Society

Keep an eye out for a letter that the Lighthouse is mailing to you this holiday season to let you know about the good work we've done this year and our plans for next year. The Lighthouse encourages you to consider becoming a member of the Luminary Society. To learn more about the Lighthouse and its luminary society visit www.lionslighthouse.org.

Vision Screening Challenge

Last month the Lighthouse issued a challenge to all the Lions Clubs of the state of Georgia. Many have answered the call. Since July of this year the Lions Clubs of Georgia and other volunteers with the Lighthouse have screened 586 people! District A is in the lead. If you have numbers to report from your vision screening contact Shamae Duncan at the Lighthouse.

Districts	# of People Screened
A	300
B	0
C	21
D	69
E	87
F	109

The Lighthouse Staff Needs Help with Maintenance

Are you handy? Do you live near the Lighthouse offices?
Would you be willing to be on call for routine maintenance needs?

If you answered yes to all three of these questions please give let the Lighthouse know! Call 404-325-3630 and tell them you want to lend a hand!

November/December Lighthouse Clinic Calendar

To volunteer this month contact Shamae Duncan at 404-325-3630 or sduncan@lionslighthouse.org

November 1	Vision Clinic --Atlanta, GA	Next month = December 6
November 3	Vision Clinic --Athens, GA	Next month = December 2
November 19	Vision Clinic --Decatur, GA	Next month = December 17

Info about the Lighthouse January Meeting

The January Lions Lighthouse meeting will be a celebration of services. We will be providing activities and information for you to learn more about you Lighthouse. Come tour the Lighthouse, wash eyeglasses for our mission to Ghana this summer or learn more about White Cane. You will also have the opportunity to visit a vision clinic and attend Dialog in the Dark.

January 10th 10am to 4pm
Clairmont Presbyterian Church
1994 Clairmont Road
Decatur, GA 30033

Rooms are being held at: Emory Inn for \$99 a night Reserve by calling 1-800-93-Emory and mentioning Lighthouse Foundation or Wingate hotel for \$89 a night. Reserve by calling 404-248-1550 and mentioning Lighthouse Foundation

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Marketing Coordinator, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Better Vision. Better Hearing. Better Georgia.
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GA. Lions Camp for the Blind
VP Ken Thurmond
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From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:

I am so happy being on board to provide any and all assistance to this wonderful Camp for the Blind. We now have a Secretary by the name of Carolyn and Maintenance /Groundskeeper Bobby. I will give you a report after our meeting at Warner Robins with all volunteers. What I can do at present is to let you know that we have been busy going around with President Frank looking at the needs of the Camp. Therefore, if you don't mind, I would like to give you a **“NEEDS REPAIR”** List - **“MEDICAL NEEDS”** List of Supplies and finally a **“WISH LIST FOR CAMP”**.

“NEEDS REPAIR”

1. Fix leak on Gazebo roof
2. Remodel bathrooms in “Middle Dorm”
3. Replace rotting siding
4. Nail galvanized nails around bottom of all wooden buildings
5. Fix all door thresholds
6. Replace rotten trim
7. Repair or replace gutters
8. Clean up “Nature Trail”
9. Paint all buildings
10. Replace windows in Gazebo
11. Change sand in pool filters
12. Fix leak in Awning off Bathhouse
13. Fix rot in Director’s residential bathroom
14. Build shutters
15. Paint boys’ & girls’ Dorm sitting areas
16. Caulk & paint trim in office
17. Finish building “Climbing Wall”
18. Take our stumps at front of property
19. Paint wooden siding inside dorms
20. Finish building back porch on Groundskeeper’s house.
21. Paint ceilings in Boys’ dorm
22. Fire alarms
23. San and paint swing sets and benches
24. Paint all trim green
25. Fix & repaint wagon
26. Paint pool deck
27. Paint horse fence (white)
28. Repaint “Wishing Well”
29. Paint steel & wood railings (green)

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“MEDICAL NEEDS”

1. Ace Bandages
2. Advil
3. Aloe Vera Gel
4. Aloe Gel with lidocaine
5. Aspirin (81 mg)
6. Band-aids
7. Batteries
8. Benedryl (25 mg po) Children & Adult
9. Betadine
10. Biohazard Plastic Bags for container
11. Burn gel
12. Caladryl Lotion
13. Calamine Lotion
14. Chlortrimeton (4 mg)
15. Chloroseptic Spray
16. Coricidin-D tablets
17. Cortizone Cream
18. Cotton Balls
19. Cough Syrup
20. Dial Liquid Soap
21. Dishwashing Liquid
22. Ear Thermometer – Braun Thermoscan ear covers
23. Eye Drops (Visine)
24. Face Mask – (One-Way Valve CPR)
25. First Aid Antiseptic Spray/Analgesic (Lidocaine)
26. Fleets Enema (po or rectal) – Pediatric & Adult
27. Gauze (Sterile & Non-Sterile)
28. Disposable Gloves (Vinyl & Latex)
29. Ibuprofen

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30. Putty nail holes in Office
31. Paint picnic tables
32. Prepare flower beds & border around Office
33. Fix basketball goal
34. Pressure wash buildings
35. Clean up catfish pond
36. Repair fence & gates around trash dumpsters
37. Prepare flower beds & borders around Dorms
38. Redo bus staging area fences
39. Build new steeple on top of horse stables
40. Paint front Office door & trim out
41. Pressure wash concrete walkways at buildings
42. Tile in dorm showers (base tile)
43. Fix drywall patch in gym (right) & bathrooms
44. Repair window trim in gym
45. Cover urinals in Girls' bathroom
46. Fix exterior lighting
47. Build sound system cabinet



30. Insect Sting Relief (Dermoplast Antibacterial Spray)
31. Insect Repellant
32. Instant Hot Packs 2
33. Instant Ice Packs 2
34. Mil of Magnesia
35. Moleskin
36. Mylanta with Analgesic
37. Oral gel & Ora-Gel
38. Pedia-Care
39. Pepto Bismol & Chewable Tablets
- 40 Rectal Thermometer
41. RID (for Lice)
42. Scissors (blunt)
43. Small Wire Cutter
44. Sterile Gloves
45. Sterile Swabs
46. Sunscreen
47. Throat Lozenges
48. Triangle Band-aids
49. Tweezers
50. Tylenol Adults po
51. Tylenol Children Chewables
52. Tylenol Children Elixir
53. Tylenol Jr.
54. Tylenol Peds po
55. Weigh Scale

“Wish List for Camp”

“Welcome Baskets” for Summer Staffers

We'll be putting these small gifts together before summer and welcome any donation. Some clubs may opt to put together several to donate. That would be just GREAT! Some suggestions might be:

\$5-10 Wal-Mart Gift Cards; Bottled Water; Candy and/or gum; Sunscreen; Toothbrushes/Toothpaste; Band-aids; Snacks/Chips/nuts/dried Fruits, etc.....

Food Service Supplies

Extra strength Paper Plates
 Plastic spoons, forks, knives
 Charcoal / Lighter fluid
 Freezer unit
 Wall-mount First Aid kit
 2-ft square ceiling tiles
 Sno-Cone Machine
 Cotton-Candy Machine
 Napkins for table holders
 Zip-loc bags / diff sizes

Housekeeping & Aid

Laundry Detergent
 Clorox Cleanup & Lysol spray
 Heavy-duty Vacuum Cleaners
 Rags for cleaning
 Bleach wipes
 Pine-Sol for mopping
 OFF bug spray
 Sunscreen (high SPF)
 Wire Shelving (with supports)
 Round paper towel dispensers
 Organizer totes (any size)

Maintenance

Plywood
Various hand tools
Gas-powered Edger
Tape (masking, duct, electrical)
Ant Killer (granular & spray)
Paint brushes & roller naps
Drop cloths
White caulking
Electric Golf Cart with utility box
Year-round shrubs & bushes
¼" round trim
2'x4'x8' treated & untreated
White uncolored paint (semi-gloss)
(interior & exterior)
Motor oil 10W40 & 2-cycle
Deck screws (all sizes)
Siding T-111
1'x4' 's treated
Land-Pride flat mower blades
Gas-powered pressure washer
Rocks for landscaping
Landscaping cloth
Gutters
WD-40
Pancake air compressor

Office Suppliers

White & colored paper
Brown envelopes
Laminating sheet
Blank CD-R & CD-RW
CD Storage Racks
Binder Clips (sm. & med.)
White paper 8 1/2"x11")
Ink Cartridges HP 97 &
HP 98
Wire shelving for storage
Floor sliders

Nature & Tenting

Kites (10) Bird house kits (50) Cane Poles
Fishing line, hooks, sinkers & bobbers Rod & Reels



Pool / Aquatics

Chlorine stabilizing tablets
Omni (pucks)
Head Stabilizer on Backboard
25 Bags of sand (50 lbs. each)
Pool-side umbrellas
Pool cleaning hose & pole
25 pool noodles
Cool deck/Paint for pool deck
Pool football
Basketball hoop
Volleyball net



Sports / Games

Soccer goals / nets & balls
Tandem bikes
Big parachute balls
Huge colorful balls
Baseball bases, bats, balls,
helmets, and gloves
Parachute (specifically
made for games)
Potato sacks
Beeper balls
Plastic cones

Arts / Crafts

Fabric Paints
Paint Brushes
Finger & Acrylic Paints
Glue Sticks & Glue
Markers
Scissors
Construction Paper
String
Clay & wet-set clay
Corkboard
Paper mache' boxes
Glitter
Play Dough



Music / Drama

Puppets
Guitars
Karaoke CD's
Batteries & Chargers
CD Player (5-disc)
Fog Juice
Floam Machine (Industrial
strength)
I-Pod
Sound system in Gazebo
Bubble Machine

Christmas Camp will be held on December 5-7 at the Camp in Waycross

Please make every effort to attend both of these events so you can meet your new camp staff and they meet the greatest district. Yours in service.



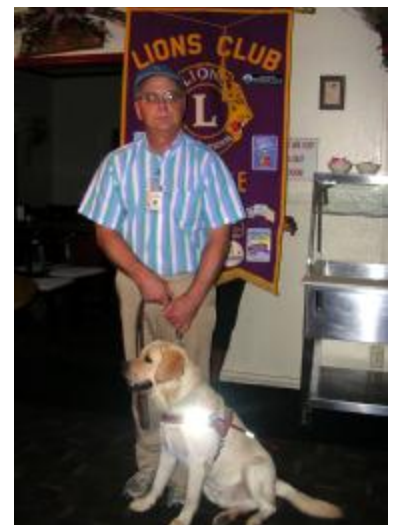
Leader Dog Chair Lion Diane Wall
liondianewall@bellsouth.net

Ricki Robbins, Club Secretary, Greenville Lions Club

Tommy Atkinson, a member of Greenville Lions Club, recently received the gift of a life time. You see he was accepted as a candidate for a Seeing Eye dog through Leader Dog in Rochester Michigan. Lion Tommy began life sighted, but his vision has deteriorated in the last 10 years to the point that he can see only vague shapes. He went through mobility training and learned to use a cane, but he was not able to live a fully independent life. His counselor in Atlanta advised him to apply to the Leader Dog program. His lions club (Greenville), pastor and many others volunteered to recommend him. During the time that his application was being considered, Lion Dave Knight, 18E's representative for Leader Dog, came to present a program. He reassured Lion Tommy that the wait was normally not very long and that he would be hearing soon. The next day he received a call from Leader Dog reassuring him that all of his paperwork had been received. Within the week Lion Tommy was informed that he had been accepted. He flew to Detroit and was transported to the dorm. The dorm was in the shape of a "U" with 10 private rooms on each side. The staff sought to match 20 teams each month. The first 5 days the staff worked with the human member of the team. Lion Tommy noted that the trainers were very selective about who was ready to partner with a dog. Several candidates at the school were sent home because the staff did not think they would be good partners for the dogs. Lion Tommy met with their approval, and he was introduced to Owen, an 18 month old yellow lab. The love and trust began to grow immediately. Lion Tommy had much to learn about how to communicate with Owen, groom Owen and feed him. They made many trips to Detroit under the watchful eye of the trainers. Although he and Owen bonded and began to work well together he was told that their working relationship would continue to grow for the next 6 to 8 months. At the end of this time, they would truly be a working team.

Lion Tommy learned that the Leader Dog program breeds the dogs at the kennels on site. The puppies are raised by puppy handlers who are volunteers and pay all expenses related to the puppy during the first year. Then they return the dogs to the trainers who work with the dogs for 5 to 7 months. At the time that Lion Tommy's group was being matched, there were 30 trained dogs from which to choose. After the pairs are matched, trained and returned to their home, the Leader Dog staff monitors the pair for 2 years before they allow the dog to be adopted. The dogs generally serve their masters for 8 to 9 years. Then the master has the choice of keeping the dog or returning him to Leader Dog. Lion Tommy was able to meet and talk to Owens puppy handler. She was a college student, and she took him everywhere with her. She was very attached to Owen, but she was happy to see that he performed well enough to be paired with Lion Tommy.

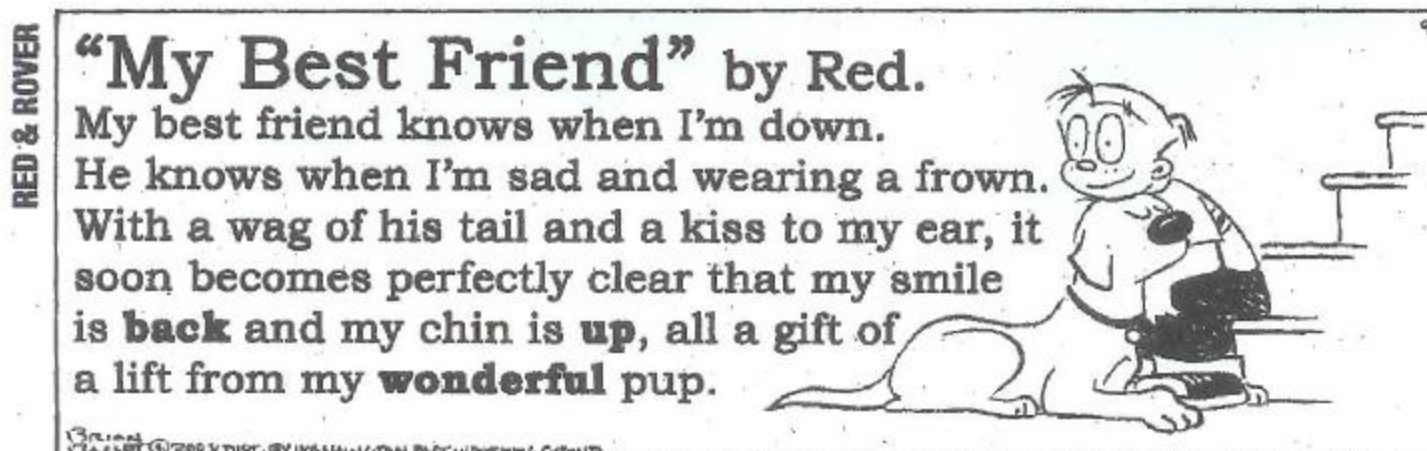
Lion Tommy explained that the kennel can hold up to 400 dogs. They match around 250 dogs a year. Those dogs that do not perform at the highest level are placed in other programs. Lion Tommy was told that at least 70% of the cost of breeding, training and placing the dogs comes from Lions clubs all over the country. He noted that the facility, personnel and training were of a superior quality. Most trainers are college graduates majoring in animal science. His trainer, Jamie, majored in animal psychology and animal science.



Lion Tommy brushes Owens coat with 2 different brushes, washes his face and brushes his teeth at least 2 times a day. (He noted that Owen really appeared to like the toothpaste, so he tasted it and agreed with Owen that the tooth paste tasted good.) Owen also gets a massage every day. Because Seeing Eye dogs are under stress when they are in service, they need this interaction to relax them and help them live a long and health life. Owen is feed dry Purina rice and lamb dog food once a day. He constantly monitors Owen's water in order to make sure that he has fresh water. Owen is given a different set of commands when he is in his working harness than when he is not working. When he is working, he cannot be petted by strangers or friends. This distracts him and may cause problems. When he is not in his harness, he can play and socialize.

Lion Tommy noted that Owen had already saved him from injury. He was walking to the post office with Owen and came to a point that he needed to cross the street. He gave Owen the move forward command, and Owen blocked his path. He listened and did not hear anything. He gave Owen the command, and again Owen refused. He was just about to give Owen a correction, when he saw a gray shapeless mass pass in front of them. Owen had been waiting on an electric vehicle of some kind to pass. After the danger was gone, he led Lion Tommy across the road.

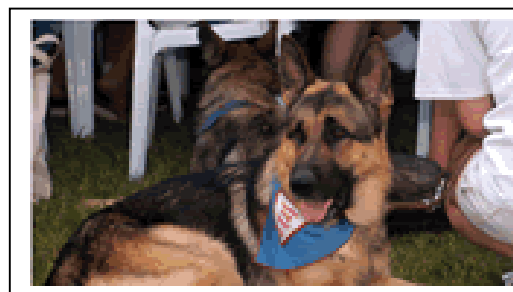
We in Lion Tommy's club are grateful to the people at Leader Dog, 18E's Leader Dog representative and all the puppy handlers and lions across the United States for their service to low vision individuals. It is a privilege to have Lion Tommy and Owen as members of our club.



“Turkey” Dog Cookie

NOTE: for dogs only Makes 24 servings

- 1 ½ cups whole wheat flour
- 1 ½ cups biscuit mix
- 1 package dry turkey gravy mix
- 2 teaspoons chicken bouillon granules
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- ½ cup milk



Place all ingredients in bowl of electric mixer. Mix well until stiff dough forms. Roll out on floured surface to ¼ to ½ inch thick. Cut with turkey shaped cookie cutter. Place in ungreased cookie sheet & bake for 30 minutes. Allow to dry thoroughly. For mix Layer all dry ingredients in 1 quart jar. Add directions. Attach turkey shaped cookie cutter to jar with ribbon.



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World Diabetes Day – November 14:

Begin planning for World Diabetes Day and other diabetes activities during November, Lions Diabetes Awareness Month. Here are some ways for clubs and districts to get involved and provide awareness of diabetes, a growing world epidemic:

Organize a [STRIDES: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness](#) in your community. Visit the International Diabetes Federation for ways to become involved in the [2008 World Diabetes Day](#) campaign focusing on "Diabetes in Children and Adolescents". Promote awareness of diabetic retinopathy by showing a DVD entitled, "[Protect Your Vision: The Dilated Eye Exam](#)". Visit helpful diabetes Web sites for educational information and handouts, such as the [National Diabetes Education Program](#), the [American Diabetes Association](#) or other professional diabetes associations in your area. Provide support to your nearest Lions diabetes camp for children and adults. Participate in the American Diabetes Association Library Program for Lions. E-mail to the [Health & Children's Services Department](#) for more information on this program.

Ask the Expert go to <http://www.diabetes.org/home.jsp>

Welcome to the American Diabetes Association's **Ask the Expert** area. Designed with you in mind, this area provides expert information to help you better manage your diabetes and live a healthier lifestyle; getting answers to your questions - straight from a healthcare professional.

Select the topic that fits your area of interest below. Once there, you can ask the expert your questions by clicking on the Submit Your Questions Here link located on the right side of the page. Check back in two weeks to view your answers.

You will also find a list of **Frequently Asked Questions** on each expert's web page with answers to ten commonly asked questions. Please visit us again, as these FAQs are updated periodically.



Fellow Lions,

I am writing to invite your respective organization to be a part of this year's LEO Gathering. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to reach a whole new group of potential benefactors (not just the LEOS but the Lions and adults who come with them!) and tell them all about the vital work being done.

This year's Gathering will be held February 13-15, 2008 at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind in Waycross. LEOS from Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and South Carolina have been invited to attend this regional event so we are expecting a good # of attendees. Each organization who sets up a table (probably in the gazebo) and sends a representative will be given time to address the group and be available to answer questions, etc. It will also give the person who comes a great experience interacting and working alongside these wonderfully dedicated young people!

I sincerely hope to see each of you there!

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**Steve Helwig
District 18-D Leo Chair
State Leo Gathering Coordinator
MD-18 Leo Clubs Chair**



Youth Programs

Numerous programs exist to assist Lions in fulfilling the needs of the youth in their communities.

Lions participate in a wide variety of [services for children](#), as well as programs that offer young people opportunities to learn, grow, serve and earn [awards](#). These programs include the:

- [Leo Club Program](#)

- [Lions International Peace Poster Contest](#)
- [Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange Program](#)
- [Lions Quest](#)

Many Lions clubs also sponsor [Scouts](#) (Lions sponsor more Scout troops than any other non-religious organization) and the association upholds [partnerships with other youth organizations](#).

For news and information on Lions youth programs, read "[Opportunities](#)," the biannual youth chairperson newsletter. Multiple district and district chairpersons are encouraged to read the [Lions Opportunities for Youth Guidelines](#).



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

- * Take a child to a zoo, museum, or amusement park.
- * Volunteer for Big Brother or Big Sister.
- * Provide children with opportunities for diversity; let them interact with kids who have disabilities, or are of different religious, racial, or ethnic backgrounds.
- * Help them establish goals for their studies, careers, service, and lives in general.
- * Instill in them belief and pride in their own capabilities.
- * Invite single parents and their children to attend your club's family oriented activities.
- * Be a good listener.



Information Technology News

Rick Mizell, PDG, Information Technologies Chairperson. At the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Saskatoon, LCI Information Systems Manager, Lion Wayne McPherson made the following announcements.

Over the past Lions year the following improvements was made at LCI Headquarters in Oak Brook. The old computer network and telephone cabling has been replaced. The new telephone equipment has the capacity for Voice over Internet or VoIP. This will allow voice and video teleconference capabilities world wide, reducing the need for long distance travel. A new, higher capacity UPS (Battery Back up) unit was installed in the data center. This will allow all computer systems to remain operational during power outages. And a new Document Imaging System has been installed. All paper that is received by International is now being scanned and is stored on the network for easy retrieval

For the Lions year 2008-09, the following improvements have been approved; Upgrading or replacement of all computers at Oak Brook, upgrading of the financial system and upgrade of the membership system. The WMMR system will be upgraded as follows; Club officer update pages will be made more user friendly. District Governors will be able to define region and zones. Region and Zone chairpersons will be able to access membership data in their area. I.D. and passwords will be distributed by letter.

Cabinet and Club Treasurers will be able to view bills on-line and make E-Payments as well. This will reduce postage costs. Club Secretaries will be able to print Membership Cards on-line. A new WMMR web site for LEO Clubs will be on-line soon. Leo Club officers (not Lions) will be able to record and maintain Leo membership information. This system will allow LCI to have name information of Leos and track the progression of Leos who become Lions.

In early 2009 the LCI web site will be updated to improve appearance and ease of use.
For more information, email LCI at wmmr@lionsclubs.org.



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The Information Technology Division plans, organizes and controls the overall activities of computer equipment throughout the entire organization. This includes hardware, software, systems analysis, programming, data entry, and the preparation of various financial, statistical, inventory and membership reports. The division handles all membership reports and is responsible for maintaining all club and officer records on computer equipment.

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Passwords – Ext. 722

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Address changes/club officers & chairman – Ext. 588

Address labels – Ext. 233

Officer Reporting Forms (PU-101) – Ext. 238

Deceased membership – Ext. 312

Eulogies – Ext. 312

Honorary/Privileged members – Ext. 588

Life membership – Ext. 234

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Certification of convention delegates – Ext. 312

Member lists/member status – Ext. 312

Club histories – Ext. 250

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Reinstatement of Lions – Ext. 249

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