



# THE PRIDE

*News from District 18A*



18A HALL OF FAME

SIX ARE INDUCTED INTO 18A HALL OF FAME

SERVING THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 18A

*At the District Convention last month, 6 Lions were inducted into the 18A Hall of Fame -- (L-R) Darlene Handy, Jasper; Bob Thomas, South Cobb; Charlie Andrews, Alpharetta; PDG Jane Price, Atlanta; Bill Pinson, Rome; and Bill Leinmiller, Ellijay.*

A SNEAK PEEK AT.....

## What's Inside:

### State Convention

This is the last month to register for the State Convention for \$95.00 -- after April 30, the cost goes up to \$120.00. Go to p. 13 for a registration form and send it in today!

### Night of Spectacles

Night of Spectacles, a fashion event benefitting the Lighthouse, is coming up on April 30. Make your plans to attend -- it's great fun! See p. 6 for details.

### Lions University

For a list of the classes offered at Lions University this year, go to p. 2.

## LIONS \_\_NIVERSITY -- WE NEED "U"!

District Governor-Elect Alan Bethel has announced plans for the 2011 Lions University, to be held on Saturday, May 21 in Roswell. The Roswell Lions are



playing host to the event, and it will be at the First Baptist Church, 710 Mimosa Blvd. in Roswell.

This event is recommended for all new and seasoned Lions, as well as for officers.

All activities begin at 10:45, and will end at 3:30. The event itself is free

-- the only cost to participants will be \$5.00 for lunch from Chick-fil-A. Please RSVP to Lion Frances Parsons by May 13 if you plan to attend -- you may contact Lion Frances by phone at 770.594.0278 or by email at [wjparsons@charter.net](mailto:wjparsons@charter.net).

For more information, including a list of course offerings and directions to FBC Roswell, please visit our district website at [www.18alions.org](http://www.18alions.org).

See p. 2 for a complete listing of course offerings for Lions U.



## The Pride

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# Lions University Faculty and Course Offerings



## FACULTY & CURRICULUM

Lion John Hathcock	Roswell Lions	New Member Orientation
Lion Patricia Bates	East Cobb Lions	Lions Club President
Lion Leslie Miller	Jasper Lions	Lions Club Newsletter
Lion Jeff Hammen	Roswell Lions	Healthy Club Assessment
PDG Ray Moore	East Cobb Lions	Lions Club Tail Twister
Lion David White	Marietta Lions	Lions Club Treasurer
Lion Jeff Hammen	Roswell Lions	Offering a Community Eyeglass Program
PCC Mark Miller & Lion Doug Brooks	Jasper Lions	Club Public Relations in Community
Lion Leslie Miller	Jasper Lions	Lions Club Secretary
PDG Lester Dean	West Cobb Lions	How to Run a Good Club Meeting
PDG Jane Price	Atlanta Lions	Program Ideas for Lions Clubs
PDG Vanessa Stanley	Atlanta Metro Lions	Creative Events for your Club
Lion Steve Helwig	State Leo Club Chair	Youth Programs-An Investment in the Future
Lion Shelia Morrow	Atlanta Metro Lions	Your Club and the Web
PCC Mark Miller	Jasper Lions	Building Relevant and Stronger Clubs with a Passion to "SERVE"



# Membership Retention

*-submitted by PDG Kenneth Moore,  
18A Retention Chair*

Your current Lions Club members, regardless of age, like to be with a winning organization. Keep them active and involved with your Club activities. It is difficult to beat a "hands-on" relationship. A strong, well-publicized community relations activity, plus effective public relations to project a winning image, will work wonders for the morale of your membership. Also, recognition of individual members' service records and awards for exceptional

performance is very important. Always take advantage of your member's professional abilities and put them to effective use for your Club.

Please keep in mind that there is a very close relationship between effective Community Service Programs, Communications, New Members and Membership Retention. Each has a direct bearing on the other!



People want to be a part of an organization that is successful -- one that is involved in its community. Keep your members involved in your club's activities!



**AND**



## ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE??

### WNBA's Atlanta Dream

presents the

## 2011 Lions Leader Dogs Challenge

Sunday, June 26, 2011

Atlanta Dream vs. San Antonio Silver Stars

Philips Arena

### ***Here's the challenge:***

All participating Lions Clubs will have their own specific ticket link. The Club with the most tickets sold will be crowned as the 2011 Lions Leader Dogs Champions -- and win \$500 for their club, compliments of Schloemer Business Services! The winner will be announced and the prize presented during the game. The challenge is being led by the Atlanta Lions Club.

Tickets are \$20.00 each, with \$10.00 going to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Tickets can be held at Will Call and picked up on game day, or can be printed online.

To enter your club into the challenge, contact Jessica Madison at 678.510.7467 or by email at [jessica.madison@atlantadream.net](mailto:jessica.madison@atlantadream.net)

**GOOD LUCK AND GO DREAM!**



## WHAT'S GOING ON IN 18A

### Diabetes Expo

Georgia World Congress Center  
Saturday, April 9, 2011

EXPO is a full day of diabetes and healthy loving workshops, exhibits, and demonstrations for children and adults.

*There you will find:*

Six diabetes education classes  
Cooking and exercise demonstrations  
Free health screenings  
Educational and fun stuff for kids in the Kids' Corner  
Exhibitors with product demos and free samples

*Many areas are bilingual*

Located in Building C, Exhibit Hall C-4  
corner of Northside Dr. and Ivan Allen, Jr. Blvd

Reserved and reduced rate parking in  
**Yellow** and **Blue** Lots on  
Northside Dr.

For more information or to order supplies,  
contact Carole Helms at  
PH: 404.320.7100, x3097  
FAX: 404.581.1904  
Email: [chelms@diabetes.org](mailto:chelms@diabetes.org)

### Roswell Lions

~submitted by Lion Robby Robinson



Pictured above (L to R) are Roswell Lions Milt Brand, Tim Dunn, Jeff Hammen, Mike Henleben, Vince Kartley, and Cheryl Henleben. On a cold winter morning, these Lions completed a trash pickup on 1.75 miles of Wileo Rd. in Roswell. For several years, the Roswell Lions have participated in this activity, which is part of the City of Roswell "Keep Roswell Beautiful" project.

### East Cobb Senior Center Recycles Used Eyeglasses for Lions Club

~submitted by Lion Bob Hennessey

The East Cobb Senior Center, located at 3332 Sandy Plains Road, collected 365 pairs of used eye-glasses and presented them to the East Cobb Lions Club on February 14. Kathy Lathem, Resource Development Coordinator; Holly Barnes, Program Specialist; and Sandee Panichi, Program Coordinator with the Cobb County Senior Center managed the outstanding recycling effort and participated in the event as the eyeglasses were turned over to the East Cobb Lions for processing and distribution.



At the Lions Recycling Center the glasses will be cleaned, sorted, and the prescription measured. At that point, Lions and trained eye care professions dispense the glasses, free of charge, to needy children and adults in developing nations.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## What's Happening.....

Get involved in Lionism outside of your community. Visit another club's meeting, activity, or fundraiser. Assist a club in your zone/region with one of its projects. Attend zone and district meetings, as well as the meetings of our leading state charities, the Lighthouse and the Camp for the Blind. There's a whole new world out there!

### April 2011

#### Thriving Club Workshop

Saturday-Sunday, April 2-3, Kingwood Resort in Clayton, GA -- see [www.18alions.com](http://www.18alions.com) for more information and registration

#### Night of Spectacles

Saturday, April 30, Mason Murer Fine Art Gallery -- see [www.nightofspectacles.org](http://www.nightofspectacles.org) for more information

#### White Cane Month

What is your club doing for White Cane Day?

#### Camp for the Blind Work Weekend

Friday-Sunday, April 29-May 1

### May 2011

#### Lions University

Saturday, May 21, Roswell

### June 2011

#### State Convention

Friday-Sunday, June 10-12, Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place, Duluth

### July 2011

#### International Convention

Monday-Friday, July 4-8, Seattle, WA

#### Lions Day at the Camp Celebrate the Camp's 35th Anniversary!

Saturday, July 23 -- Camp for the Blind, Waycross

# Atlanta Metro Updates

*-submitted by Lion Shelia Morrow, President*

Eight members of the Atlanta Metro Club provided vision and hearing screenings at the Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development's Health & Wellness Fair on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Clark Atlanta University. The annual health fair is a community service project of the CCRTD. There was a large array of health and health related services/information available to everyone in attendance. Lion Walter Wiggs spearheaded the project with the help of Harry Price, Willie Alexander, Preston McCoy, Jean Ector, Vanessa Stanley, Carl Roberts and Shelia Morrow.

Lions Walter Wiggs and Eugene Thomas spent their day at the Lighthouse on March 9<sup>th</sup> washing eyeglasses. Kudos to these Lions for their service.

On a sad note, Atlanta Metro said goodbye to an amazing charter member, Lion Claude Marshall. Lion Marshall passed away on February 19<sup>th</sup> following a long illness. Lion Claude served as the club's president and treasurer for nine years. The projects and programs that he set up are still mainstays of the club; for example, how the club collects funds for White Cane Days. He dedicated himself to Atlanta Metro and never stopped giving and serving in spite of his illness. He would always send his dish to the Food Tasting Extravaganza and sold ads when he couldn't come. Lion Claude was a retired executive of Coca Cola



**Atlanta Metro Lions performing vision screenings at a recent Health Fair.**

USA. He leaves a beautiful wife, Margaret, four children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His brother, Lion William Marshall, and brother-in-law, Lion Herb Eber are members of our Lions Club. His greatest legacy to Lionism was authoring our "Lions Parting Words" that our club recites at the end of each club meeting.

We, now, leave these words to say farewell to a favorite Lion that we love with all of our hearts: "The pleasure of our fellowship reluctantly we end; although our paths now grow apart our hearts and friendships blend. Although we go our separate ways this pledge we maintain; that we shall live as LIONS should until we meet again."



**Lions Jean Ector and Preston Jones at the Health Fair**

## Protecting Our Planet

To participate in IP Sid Scruggs' last initiative of the Lions year, DG Scott has announced that any club who comes up with a NEW SERVICE PROJECT during the month of April that satisfies the requirements of the initiative, such as planting trees, recycling, a celebration of Earth Day, etc., will received 1000 bonus points on the DG Contest. **To receive the bonus, this must be a new project, it must be completed in April, and it must be reported on the April DG report.**



Also, anything that hasn't already been reported must be included on your April tally sheet to be considered for the DG Contest.



## MORE NEWS UPDATES

### ***Did you see the piece on FOX News about LCIF in Japan?***

Click on the link below (or cut and paste into your browser window) -- watch the short commercial, then the news about relief efforts following the recent earthquake and tsunami.

[http://video.foxnews.com/v/4591782/relief-efforts-in-japan/?playlist\\_id=162726](http://video.foxnews.com/v/4591782/relief-efforts-in-japan/?playlist_id=162726)

Visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) for more stories about Lions in Action in Japan.



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

### ***Atlanta Lions***

*90th Anniversary*

Thursday, June 9, 2011  
7:00pm

*In conjunction with the 90th  
Anniversary of Lionism in Georgia*

Stone Mountain Pavilion  
BBQ, Anniversary Celebration,  
and Laser Show  
with  
IP Sid Scruggs  
and PIP Jim Ervin

Advance reservations required -- see  
State Convention Registration Form  
Cost \$30/person

### **Come out for the 4th Annual Night of Spectacles, an eyewear fashion event benefitting the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation!**

Each year the Lighthouse receives over 100,000 eyeglasses and lenses to be recycled. A portion of the glasses received are scratched, broken, or otherwise beyond repair. Rather than throw them out, they are given to local design schools and artists to be transformed into wearable dresses. The artists show off their work and compete for scholarships at the Night of Spectacles.

The evening will include a silent auction as well.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.nightofspectacles.org](http://www.nightofspectacles.org).

GEORGIA RETINA  
PRESENTS  
**NIGHT of  
SPECTACLES**  
an eyewear fashion event  
Benefiting the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation's  
vision services for the uninsured  
**Saturday April 30, 2011**  
Tickets available at:  
[www.nightofspectacles.org](http://www.nightofspectacles.org)  
Georgia Lions  
Lighthouse Foundation  
Better Vision. Better Hearing. Better Georgia.

OFFICIAL VISITS, ETC.

# Where's DG Scott?



If DG Scott hasn't visited your club yet, please email him at [pres701@yahoo.com](mailto:pres701@yahoo.com) or Lion Nanette at [nkoschin@yahoo.com](mailto:nkoschin@yahoo.com).

## April

2-3 Thriving Club Workshop  
15-16 Council Meeting  
18 Menlo OV  
21 S. Reg., Zn. 4 Meeting

## May

21 Lions University, Roswell

## June

6 W. Cobb LC Installation of  
Officers  
8-12 State Convention, Duluth  
25 Woodstock LC 50th  
Anniversary

\*\*OV = Official Visit



## MORE ABOUT OUR CLUBS

### Ball Ground

~submitted by Lion Beth Ingram,  
Secretary

March has definitely come in like a Lion, like a Ball Ground Lion! Members have been active in so many areas. Ball Ground Elementary was the spot for "Donuts for Dads" on March 4 & 5, with Lions assisting the PTA in serving a special breakfast. On March 16<sup>th</sup> Lion Nancy Sosebee-Madden conducted a Liberty Day presentation to 3-Ball Ground Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Additional Lions distributed Liberty Day Pamphlets and American flag pins to the students. Vidalia onion sales are as brisk as March winds, with a friendly competition going on between members to see who sells the most. So far, Sue Densmore is in the lead. Plans have already been made to send our local 12-year-old camper back to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind this June.

A major new project is underway. The City of Nelson accepted the offer from Ball Ground Lions Glenn Densmore and Randall Ingram to restore the faded and peeling "Jim Edmondson Field" ballpark mural. Jim, a former POW, is a decorated war-hero, Boy Scout Troop Leader, and spent 28 years as Chief of Drafting, Design and Engineering at Georgia Marble Company's Nelson Plant. The mural has been moved to an area where work will take place to return it to its former glory.

Ball Ground Lions have been actively involved in the "Love for Lily" fundraising benefit. Seven-year-old Lily Haynes will undergo a kidney transplant just after Easter due to Cystinosis, a rare genetic disease affecting cells and organs, especially the kidneys and eyes. Lily's 4-year-old sister Maggie also has Cystinosis. We have been raising funds towards the \$45,000 goal to aid the Haynes family with medical expenses, as Mom Ashley Haynes will be Lily's kidney donor. Members are selling Belk department store tickets for a special sale to be held April 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$5 with all proceeds going to Lily's fund. (The \$5 purchase price is refunded to the ticket holder at first purchase, so basically the tickets are free to the buyer.) Donning bright gold Lions shirts with "Love for

Lily" in hot pink, members conducted a "bucket brigade" fundraiser on March 17<sup>th</sup> & collected over \$1000 in just 3 hours. "Love for Lily Family Fun Night" at Free Home Elementary on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> truly was just that—good old fashioned family fun! Our Lions pitched in by selling popcorn, nachos, brownies, cookies, & Belk tickets, along with donating items for the raffles and silent auction. Through proceeds from our efforts combined with other vendors and the school, over \$12,000 was raised Saturday night. As little Lily was going to bed Saturday night, she told her Mom "this was the best night of my life!"

Additionally the Lions will host a "Love for Lily Zumbathon" at Ball Ground Community Center on Friday, April 1 from 7 to 9 PM. For those unfamiliar with Zumba, it is a dance-fitness program set to Latin inspired music. Come on out and feel the beat and help us help Lily. As ever, Ball Ground Lions follow our motto of "We Serve".



Edmondson Field Mural in 2002



Maggie Jo (L) and Lily Grace (R)  
Haynes



USA/CANADA FORUM 2011

# North to Alaska!

Start planning now for the trip of a lifetime to the 2011 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Anchorage, Alaska, September 22-24. PCC Mark Miller is on the Planning Committee for this Forum, and attended the first planning meeting back in the fall. Please watch for more information in upcoming issues of *The Pride* on how you can make the most of your visit to Alaska this fall.

Many cruise lines are offering pre-Forum Alaska Cruise Tour packages, as well as land tour options. Please visit the following websites, and start planning your adventure today!



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[katemalone](http://www.cruiseshipcenters.com/katemalone)

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East Cobb Lions Club Presents ...



# EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join Us For ...

ALL YOU CAN EAT

**Pancakes**

**Grits Eggs Bacon**

**Coffee Sausage**



Only **\$5**  
(per person)

When: Saturday, April 9 from 7 to 11 am

Where: Powers Ferry Methodist Church  
245 Powers Ferry Rd. Marietta GA

How: Pay at the Door

100% of Proceeds go to Charity:  
The East Cobb Lions Club Foundation  
ec lions.org

# Hole In One Sight For All

20th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

benefiting the ...  
East Cobb Lions Club Foundation

April 28 at 8:00 am



Putting Contest  
Awards & Cash Prizes  
Chance to Win a New Car  
Closest to the Pin Contest  
Door Prizes

Golfers

Only \$125 each

Ft. Lauderdale Style Tournament

All Skill Levels Welcome

Sign up by April 21

Sponsors

Program Ads Starting at \$50

Business Card to Full Color Page

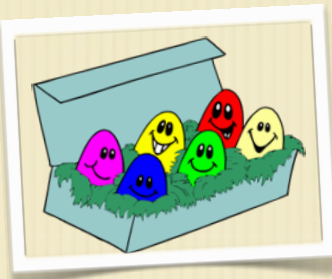
Hole Sponsorships Starting at \$500

Includes Golfers & Program Ad

Sign Up / More Info: [ec lions.org](http://ec lions.org)

The Golf Club at Bradshaw Farms

3030 Bradshaw Club Drive  
Woodstock, GA



## HUMOR MOST "EGGS-CELLENT".....

What do you call a line of bunnies walking backward?

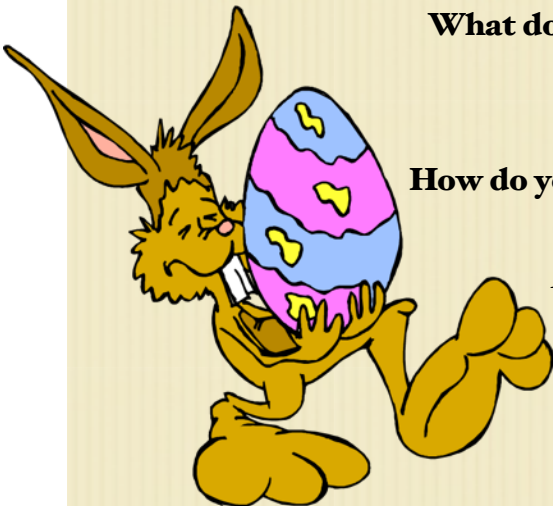
*A receding hareline*

What does the Easter Bunny do to stay healthy?

*Eggs-ercise*

How do you attract the Easter Bunny?

*Make a noise like a carrot.*



off the mark.com by Mark Parisi

HONEY, REMEMBER THAT EASTER EGG NOBODY COULD FIND?



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# Important White Cane Update! New WalMart Community Grant Application Process

*-submitted by Lion JC Coefield,  
MDr8 White Cane Chair*

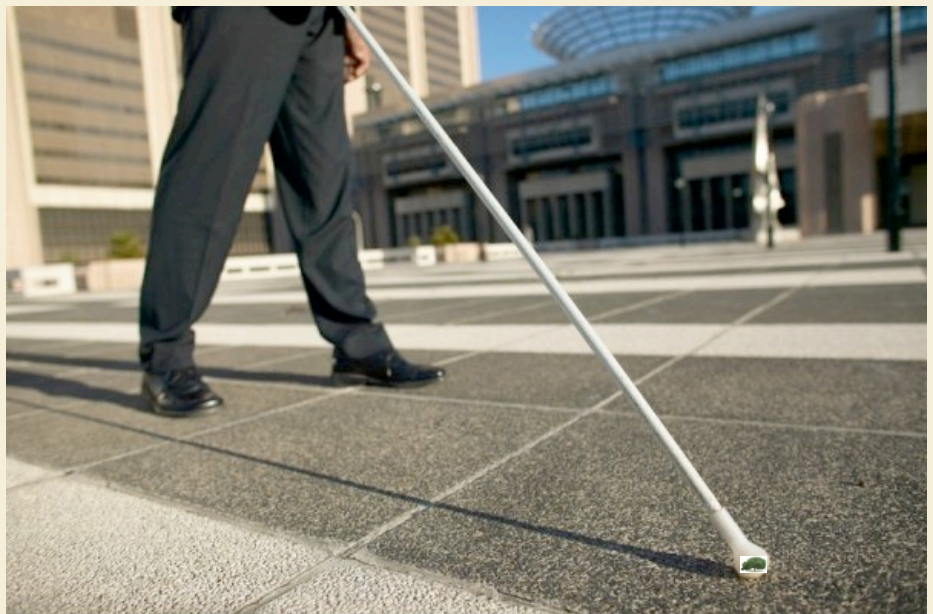
WalMart has changed the way they do their community grants. Applications are now done online.

- Go to [www.walmartfoundation.org](http://www.walmartfoundation.org)
- Click on the “Community & Giving” tab
- Click on “Facility Giving Programs”
- Click on “Local Community Contributions”

You will need to set up registration. Choose the store through which you will be requesting funds, then answer the questions. Use your local club’s address, but use the following organization name: Georgia Lions Lighthouse/Name of Your Lions Club. The Lighthouse tax ID number is 58-0548732. The Board of Directors of the Lighthouse has approved for this number to be used for WalMart grant application purposes ONLY.

**Please do not use this number for anything but the WalMart grant applications directly specified for White Cane.**

In addition, you will greatly increase your chances of receiving one of these



**Did You Know??** In 1921, James Biggs, a photographer from Bristol, England, became blind following an accident. Because he was feeling uncomfortable with the amount of traffic around his home, he painted his walking stick white to be more easily visible.

grants if you make a connection with your local WalMart representative. Even though the process is electronic, people still make the decision, and people give to those they know!

This application process works for WalMart and Sam’s Club locations.

STATEWIDE  
WHITE CANE GOAL:

**\$167,000**

It’s time for PU101 Reports to be submitted to the District Governor. If your club hasn’t begun the process of electing officers for the coming Lions year, you need to get cracking!

To submit your report, go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). Click on ‘Submit Reports’ at the top of the home page. Log in, then click ‘Club’ at the top of the page that comes up. Click on ‘Club Officers’ to review/update your officers. Use the pull-down menu to select 2011-2012. Save a copy of your report, and email copies to DG Scott and to DGE Alan Bethel.

## Another Camp Work Weekend in April

Many of you should have received the schedule and “to-do” lists for the upcoming Work Weekends at the Camp for the Blind. If your club wishes to attend one or both of the weekends, please fill out the registration form included in that packet, or contact the Camp at 912.283.4320,



1.888.297.1775 (GA Only), or by email at [glcblindsec@accessatc.net](mailto:glcblindsec@accessatc.net).

## Camp for the Blind News

*-submitted by Lion Lloyd Foster,  
18A VP to the Camp*

The first of the two work weekends at the Camp went very well. There is still plenty to do, but the Camp is looking great for its upcoming season!

Just a few important reminders:

- All donations must be postmarked by April 30 to be considered for the awards at the state convention.
- The Camp is still accepting donations for Send-a-Kid-to-Camp along with sponsorships for summer campers.
- The Grand Tour of Georgia began April 1. The application for the Tour can be found on the Camp's website at [www.glcbl.org](http://www.glcbl.org).

The Camp will again have a Silent Auction of themed baskets at the state convention. Last year's event raised approximately \$4000! Now is the time for your club to begin planning its theme, and what your basket will have in it. Please attach a card to your basket listing the title/theme, the contents in the basket, and the estimated retail value of the basket. Bring your basket to the auction room on Friday, or as early on Saturday as you can. Bidding will go on until late Saturday afternoon, and the winners will be posted and baskets picked up after the banquet on Saturday night.

If your club is sending a basket, please contact Lion Doy Barks at 478.923.5649 or by email at [hankbarks@msn.com](mailto:hankbarks@msn.com).

## 18A LEOs Attend State Gathering

*~submitted by Lions Darlene Handy and Tony Pishnery,  
Jasper Lions Club*

Nineteen members of the Pickens High and Pickens County Middle School LEO Clubs joined with other



LEO Clubs at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind for the 6<sup>th</sup> Statewide LEO Gathering. They were

accompanied by Lion Lawton Baggs, Lion Darlene Handy, Lion Tony Pishnery, Lion Brandy Childers, Stephanie Baggs, and Christy Hill.

Starting with breakfast at 7:30, with LEOs helped cook and clean the kitchen, then they worked all day. They picked up sticks, pine cones, and debris so that the visually impaired will be able to walk without tripping. They raked pine straw and leaves, cleaned the tree house and the pond, mopped floors, scrubbed the railing leading to the lake, painted the railing of the outside buildings, replaced siding, and much more. They also helped with lunch and dinner, including scrubbing pots and pans.

In addition, they made time for short leadership seminars and ice breaker games. There was a rodeo theme this year and Pickens High School LEOs Sawyer Henderson and Kayla Watson won 1<sup>st</sup> place in one of the afternoon "rodeo" events. Saturday night we had a campfire with S'mores, a dance and a talent show, known as the 'Mane Event'. Alexa Baggs and Ellie Boothe from the Pickens High School LEO Club won first place singing "Anything You Can Do" from the "Annie Get Your Gun" musical and Tessa Smithmier sang her way to 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Three of the LEOs from Pickens High School -- Kayla Watson, Brittney Hill, and Alexa Baggs -- have attended all 6 LEO Gatherings.

The LEO Gathering is a great way for our young people to discover ways of using their talents and abilities, to discover they are needed and appreciated, and have an enhanced awareness in the welfare of others.

It was obvious they enjoyed the togetherness and the selflessness shown was overwhelming. Nothing compares to the energy and passion of youth serving and it is always amazing at how much passion and dedication they have when we give them significant opportunities to make a difference.



*LEOs working on the Activities Building*



*Jasper Lions and parents who accompanied LEOs from Pickens County*



*LEOs from Pickens HS and PCMS*



# In Memory -- PDG Grover Newman

**Grover James Newman** age 71, of Chickamauga, GA passed away peacefully Monday, March 14, 2011



in a local hospital. He was born on April 21, 1939 in Paulding County, Georgia to the late Vance William Newman & Annie Ruth Coalson

Newman. He graduated from Rockmart High School in 1957. He has resided in Chickamauga for over forty-five years where he was a former member of Fellowship Baptist Church and a current member of First Baptist Church of Chickamauga. Grover began working for the Georgia Power Company in 1959 and retired after thirty-six years of service as our local manager. He was an active member of the community. He served as president of the Walker County Chamber of Commerce and was a past member of the Chickamauga Business and Professional Association. He was a member and the Past Master of Crawfish Springs Masonic Lodge F&AM #300. Grover's true passion was the Chickamauga Lions Club, where he had forty-three years perfect attendance. He served as club president, vice-president, treasurer and a member of the board of directors. He also served as District Governor in 1984-85. Grover was a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a member of the District 18-A Hall of Fame. He has received numerous club, district, state and international awards as well. He received the Ervin-Crumbley Medal in 2010, the highest honor given by the Lions of

Georgia. Through his work with the Lions Club and his community involvement, Grover cherished that he was able to touch the lives of many people.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his sisters: Wilma Robinson and Shirley Newman. He is survived by his wife Darline Newman of Chickamauga, GA; son: Jimmy Lee Newman of Rockmart, GA; daughters and son-in-law: Joanna Lynn Newman Brock & Harold "Duck" Brock of Cartersville, GA, Leah Brooke Newman of Nashville, TN; grandchildren: Kristy and Michael Williams, Ashley and Deidra Wooten all of Rockmart, GA; Jared and Jennifer Brock of Cartersville, GA, Randy and Amanda Brock of Rome, GA; nine great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 17, 2011. Members of the Chickamauga Lions Club served as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers. Interment followed in LaFayette Memory Gardens.

Memorial donations may be made in honor of Grover's life and years of service to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse at 5582 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30341.

*"For I am among you as one who serves."*

*"Well done, good and faithful servant."*

## MD18 PDG Association Plans Welcome for New PDGs

The MD18 PDG Association invites all present Past District Governors to the annual reception on Saturday, June 11, 5:30pm, during the upcoming State Convention, to induct the 2011-2012 class of Past District Governors to the Association.

Those to be inducted are: Scott Warren, Jesse Powell, Jack Taylor, Ron Bennetti, Bob Smith, and Paul May.

Current PDGs should send their registration to PDG Ed Hashbarger at the address below.

*Please print the form below, enclose it with your check, and send to:*

PDG Ed Hashbarger  
1411 Burycove Circle  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

*Cut and enclose with check*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

PDG Ticket: \$12.50  
PDG + Spouse Ticket: \$20.00  
(If spouse is also a PDG, the cost is \$20.00)

Total Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Your tickets will be available at the door.

## WITH SYMPATHY....

Lion Pauline "Polly" Baker Burnette, age 88 of Calhoun, passed away Friday evening March 11th at her home



following three weeks of declining health.

Polly was born in Calhoun on

February 6, 1923, daughter of the late Ed and Mamie Harris Baker. She was a member of the Calhoun First Baptist Church, the Gordon County Historical Society, the Calhoun Lions Club and the Sequoyah Garden Club. Polly had loved her work in several different companies making bedspreads and draperies and prior to her retirement was employed at Crown Craft. She had a passion for sewing, quilting, and embroidering. She loved working her flowers, cooking, and making sure she had something to give anyone who visited her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, PDG Frank Burnette, and two brothers, Hoyt Baker and James Lloyd Baker.

She is survived by four children, Don Cooley and his wife Sandy of Fairhope, AL; Brenda Boswell and her husband Edward of Calhoun; Pat Autry and her

husband Dan of Calhoun; Jimmy Burnette and his wife Helen of Sugar Valley; grandchildren, Chip Cooley, Chad Cooley, Dena Autry Wofford, Mike Burnette, John Boswell, Russell Boswell and Michelle Chapman; great-grandchildren, Morgan Cooley, Jay Cooley, Bristol Wofford, Matthew Burnette, Madden Burnette, and Brynn Boswell. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews, as well as her special friends that she considered family: Jim Lay, Darren Gunter and her neighbors, Julian and Jimmie James, Barbara Pinion, and Calvin and Louise Caldwell.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 14th at 11am from the chapel of Thomas Funeral Home with Rev. Clifford Free and Jim Lay officiating. Special music was provided by Russell Boswell and Doug Roebuck. Burial followed in Chandler Cemetery with Dr. Bert Vaughn in charge of graveside rites. Grandsons served as pallbearers. Honorary Escorts included: Julian James, Estes Pass, Calvin Caldwell, Darrin Gunter, Billy Taylor and Eddie Taylor, as well as members of the Calhoun Lions Club.

*~submitted by Lion Richard Hobgood  
Calhoun Lions Club*



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

# Seattle 2011



The Lions Clubs 94th International Convention will be held for the first time in the dynamic city of Seattle, Washington, USA. The Convention will take place July 4-8, 2011.

July is a wonderful time to be in Seattle. The cosmopolitan "Emerald City," surrounded by mountains and water, is the quintessential destination where visitors can enjoy abundant sightseeing attractions, cultural activities, shopping and international cuisine in the heart of a scenic and vibrant city. Seattle's "Essential Hits," which include the Space Needle, Puget Sound, and Pike Place Market, are among the many favorites not to be missed.

The convention week will be packed with lively business sessions, special events, and get-togethers that are sure to energize and entertain attendees of all ages. The rousing International Parade of Nations, a gala international show, and the installation of LCI's 2011-2012 International President are but a few.

For more information, email:  
[convention@lionsclubs.org](mailto:convention@lionsclubs.org)

To register, click on the following link, or type the address in your browser window:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and->



**LIONS OF GEORGIA  
2011 MD 18 STATE CONVENTION  
GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA  
JUNE 10 – 11 – 12, 2011**

**HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION FORM**

Name	Hospitality Book	Melvin Jones	Stone Mtn Night	LION	LEO	Guest	Dietary Restrictions

<b>Club:</b>	<b>District:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>City, State, Zip</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>	

**Hospitality Book includes two district breakfasts and the District Governors' Banquet Saturday Night.  
Cost of Hospitality Book \$95.00 through April 30, 2011; After April 30, 2011 Cost is \$120.00.  
New LIONS joining after May 31, 2011: Cost \$85.00**

Hospitality Books	#	@	/each	Total Amt. \$
Melvin Jones Luncheon	#	@	30.00 / each	Total Amt. \$
Night Out at Stone Mountain – Thursday Night June 10 <sup>th</sup> w/ International President Sid Scruggs Dinner, Laser Show, Transportation	#	@	30.00 / each	Total Amt. \$
			<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Check No. / Cash</b>		<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>AMOUNT PAID</b>	<b>\$</b>

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Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place  
1775 Pleasant Hill Road  
Duluth, GA 30096  
770-923-1775  
866-339-3132

**Make Reservations Directly with the hotel -- tell them you are w/ Lions Convention**

## AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR GOVERNOR.....

Lions of 18-A,

Spring has sprung. The trees are leafing and flowers are budding. Something else is budding, too. By the time you read this, we should have a new Lions Club budding in Trenton. It is one of two we had hoped to start this year. So watch for a new bunch of helping hands in our cause.

Thanks to the Alpharetta Lions Club for a job well done hosting the District Convention. It was a huge success. The church facility and hotel accommodations were great. The band in the hospitality room Friday night added to the festivities and played songs we all actually remembered and we could understand the words. We had over 100 Lions & guests registered for both the Friday night Hall of Fame ceremony and the Governors banquet Saturday night. I am still hearing compliments from around the state on our convention. Congratulations to our new Hall of Fame inductees: Charlie Andrews (Alpharetta), Darlene Handy (Jasper), Bill Leinmiller (Ellijay), William "Bill" Pinson (Rome), PDG Jane Price (Atlanta), and Bob Thomas (South Cobb).

A lot of business was conducted at the cabinet meeting Saturday. We elected a new cabinet for next year: Alan Bethel (Roswell) as District Governor Elect, Thurmon Morris (Rome) as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Elect, David White (Marietta) as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Elect. Also elected were PDG Kenneth Moore (Chatsworth) as District Lighthouse Director and Willie Alexander (Atlanta Metro) as District Librarian. We know 18-A will have another great year under their guidance.

The Redistricting Plan approved by the Council of Governors passed unanimously and will now go before the Lions of Georgia at our state convention in June. If it passes there, it goes to the International Board for their approval. After passing their scrutiny, MD-18 will become 4 districts, identified as Districts L-I-O-N, effective July 2013. Our District 'A' will become District 'L' and will add 9 counties to the south. The "PRIDE" is spreading. If you are a voting delegate at the state convention, we urge you to vote YES on the redistricting proposal.

I don't think we could have had a better couple as our convention guests than ID Ron Johnson and his wife, Lion June. They were both a delight to be around and we enjoyed showing them our southern hospitality. They are always welcome and we hope they come back to north Georgia soon. Following ID Ron's speech Saturday night, he presented an International President's Certificate of Appreciation to a couple of worthy recipients. Congratulations go to Lions Garner Andrews (Alpharetta) and Nanette Warren (Woodstock). Congratulations also go to Lion Robby Robinson (Roswell) on being selected for, and presented, the district's PRIDE Award. The last item on the Saturday night agenda was drawing for the TV. And the winner was...(drum roll)...who else, but our own International Director Judge Haynes Townsend.

The Thriving Club Retreat was April 2-3 at Kingwood Resort in Clayton. I hope all who attended were inspired by the classes and will go back to their clubs excited and with new ideas on how to make their clubs even better.

By now, every club should have their officers and directors elected for next year. Next thing to do is get your PU-101 forms in as soon as possible. It is critical we have contact information for your new officers to compile the state directory and let the new administration know how and whom to contact in your club next year. Send copies to International, DGE Alan and me.

I will be looking for YOU at the state convention June 10-12 at the Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place. All meetings and activities will be at the Marriott. Park Friday and there's no need to leave the hotel until Sunday.

Yours in Lionism,  
DG Scott



ID Ron Johnson with Nanette and DG Scott



DG Scott and ID Ron with Garner Andrews



DG Scott and Lion Robby Robinson, recipient of the PRIDE Award



HOW'S YOUR CLUB DOING?

## DG Contest



These are the standings in the DG Contest as of the end of **January**. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the State Convention to see who comes out on top this year!

In the large club category (> 25 members), listed **alphabetically**, the top five clubs are:

**East Cobb**  
**Ellijay**  
**Jasper**  
**Rome**  
**Roswell**

The top clubs entered in the small club category (< 25 members) are:

**Blue Ridge**  
**Rossville**  
**West Cobb**

The contest began **May 1**, so on your next report include anything that you haven't already reported since that time. Please include any of the back-up material and/or explanations where applicable/required.

**April** marks the end of the DG Contest. You must have reported everything by the end of the month for it to be considered for this year.

For a copy of the DG Contest Reporting Form, please click on the link below if you're viewing the newsletter online, or type this address into your browser window:

[www.18alions.com/Site/DG\\_Contest.html](http://www.18alions.com/Site/DG_Contest.html)

If you have any questions, please contact Cabinet Secretary Jody Napolitano at [jodynap@bellsouth.net](mailto:jodynap@bellsouth.net).