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THE PRIDE

News from District 18A



DGE SCOTT & LION NANETTE

STATE CONVENTION IN TIFTON, MAY 2010

SERVING THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 18A



Great things are on the horizon for the Lions of 18A! Look inside *The Pride*, and keep up with all the news and activities!

A SNEAK PEEK AT

What's Inside:

August 7



Save the Date!

Let's get the new Lions year off to a great start -- attend the 1st Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, August 7 at New Victoria Baptist Church in Woodstock. Details are found on p. 2.

Camp News

Lions Day at the Camp is set for July 24. Also, the Camp for the Blind received a grant from Sawnee EMC. See p. 5 for details.

Lighthouse Updates



The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation honors Chairman Mark Miller, and continues their Capital Campaign. Read more on pp. 2 & 3.



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WELCOME TO THE PRIDE!

Pride. Webster's Dictionary defines the word as the quality or state of being proud; reasonable or justifiable self-respect; and delight or elation arising from some act. Pride is also defined as a company of lions.

Here in 18A, we are a proud company of Lions, thus defining DGE (soon to be DG!) Scott's theme for 2010-11: **PROUD, RESPONSIVE, INVOLVED, DEDICATED, ENTHUSIASTIC.**

In the words of the famed boxer, Mohammed Ali, "Service to others is the payment you make for your space here on earth." Whatever the need, Lions are proud to respond with a helping hand. We're involved in our

community, and are dedicated to making it a better place in which to live. "We Serve" with enthusiasm unmatched by any other service organization in the world.

When you serve others, you are also serving to make a difference in the quality of your own life. Former President PCC Jimmy Carter once said, "Throughout my life, I've seen the difference that volunteering efforts can make in people's lives. I know the personal value of service as a local volunteer."

Make it your mission each and every day to be the best you can be, and join the 18A Pride!

Woodstock Lions to Host Kick-off Rally at New Victoria Baptist Church

Mark your calendars for what is sure to be an exciting day for the Lions in 18A! On

Saturday, August 7, the Lions of Woodstock will kick off Lion Scott's year as our District Governor by hosting the first Cabinet Meeting at New Victoria Baptist Church. This is the same location at which Lions University was held. The *tentative* schedule is as follows:

10:00-10:45 Training Opportunities

11:00-11:45 Training Opportunities

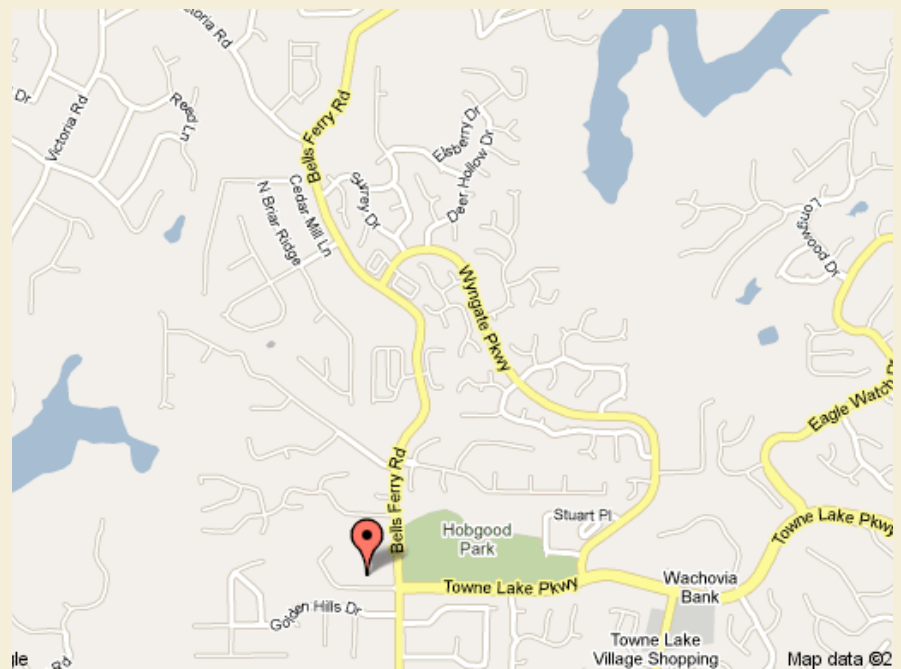
11:45-12:30 Light Snacks

12:30-2:00 Business Meeting



Training classes will be offered for those Lions serving as **President**, **Treasurer**, and **Secretary**, as well as for those serving as **Newsletter Editors**. The President and Treasurer classes will each be offered twice, and the Secretary and Newsletter Editor classes only once.

Have you had a chance to see the new **District Governor's Contest**? It is quite different from what we've become accustomed to in the last few



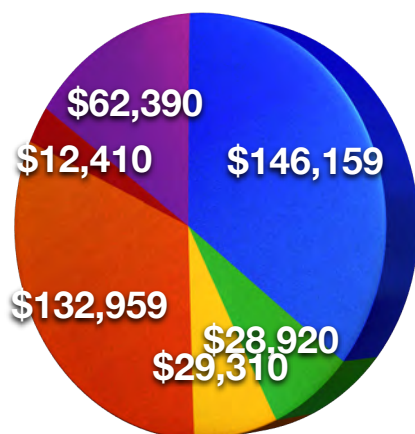
New Victoria Baptist Church is located at 6659 Bells Ferry Road in Woodstock. For directions, please visit their website at <http://www.newvicbaptist.org>.

years. If you are a club president or secretary, it would be beneficial for you to attend the Secretary session at this meeting, for the main topic of the meeting will be the DG Contest. If you attended Lions University and received the information at that time, you may find you have questions about

it. Lion Jody Napolitano, Cabinet Secretary, DG Scott, and Lion Leslie Miller, the leader for that session, will be on hand to address any concerns that you may have.

Hope to see you there!

Lions \$412,000 Pledges



Lighthouse Capital Campaign Continues to Raise Funds

- District A
- District B
- District C
- District D
- District E
- District F

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse has been hard at work since January raising funds for its new building. During the Capital Campaign, the level at which clubs, other foundations, and individuals have contributed has been astonishing, especially given the current state of the economy.

The closing on the building is scheduled for the end of July, so more information will be available at that time, but the graph to the left shows the levels of contribution by district to date. If you or your club would like to make a pledge toward the new building, it is not too late -- contact the Lighthouse today! For more information, visit www.lionslighthouse.org.

Lighthouse Honors Chairman Mark Miller at State Convention

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation held its last meeting for this Lions year during the recent State Convention in Tifton. At that meeting, Lions were updated on the services provided during the last year, the increase in the number of vision clinics across the state, and a report from the capital campaign. Also, the following Lions were introduced as the new officers for the coming year: **Chairman Gary Vaughters** (Dahlonega); **Vice Chairman Sandy Mercer** (Sandersville); **Secretary Donna Townsend** (Dalton); and **Treasurer Mike Kelley** (Clarksville).



Reflecting on his tenure as Chairman, Mark thanked the members of the Board and the staff at the Lighthouse for part that they play in making a difference in people's lives each and every day. Although he's had many jobs in Lionism, Mark stated that being in the leadership at the Lighthouse has by far been the most rewarding.



PDG John Rudert (L) and Chairman-Elect Gary Vaughters (C) pictured here with the table that was presented to Imm. Past Chairman Mark. This beautiful table was handmade by PDG John.

Chairman Mark presented the members of the Board with a token of appreciation -- a framed photograph of a bear (his favorite animal!) with a personal message from him on the back.

On behalf of the Lighthouse, Chairman-elect Gary presented

Mark with a beautiful table, handmade by PDG John Rudert. That table is now on display in Mark's home -- because Leslie wanted to enjoy it too, and wouldn't let him take it to his office! 😊

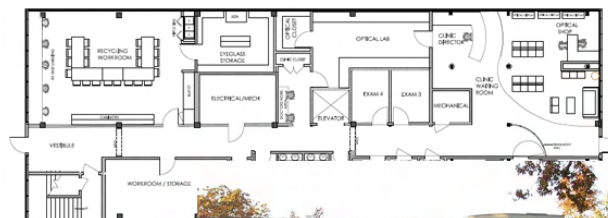
Congratulations to Mark on a job well done!



Georgia Lions
Lighthouse
Foundation

The mission of the Lighthouse is to provide vision and hearing services through education, detection, prevention and treatment. Through collaborative partnerships we enable greater independence and increased quality of life for Georgians in financial need.

New Lighthouse Facility



MESSAGE FROM OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Lions of 18A:

First let me say thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your District Governor for Lions year 2010-2011. Looking at the list of Past District Governors of this great district, it is an honor in itself just to be associated with those Lions. I can only offer my 100% best to live up to the standard set by them and the expectations you have.

This promises to be another challenging year and I know this district will be up to the task once again. We chartered two new Lions Clubs last year in Douglas County and Ringgold and another was formed and will likely charter in July or August this year. Yet, membership still remains a problem. The main emphasis this year will be on retention, followed closely by adding new clubs. Our goal is to add one new club in each region.

From July 2009 through May this year, District 18A has added 171 new members. In the same period it lost 210. Some of the losses were, unfortunately, due to death and transfers out of our district and there's little we can do about that. The vast majority of losses, however, may have been prevented. Our district cannot survive losing more members than it gains. There are many reasons why individuals drop their membership, but I believe the majority of those reasons are preventable.

We have an excellent MERL team in this district which is ready and willing to do whatever it takes to help our clubs with issues of membership, extension, retention & leadership. All it takes is a phone call or email.

Some of the other goals this year are:

- Lower the average age of our membership by recruiting some younger members;
 - Improve attendance at ALL Lions meetings, especially first timers;
 - Have 2 from each club attend the USA/Canada Forum;
 - More inter-club, inter-zone, and inter-region visitations;
 - Add new community service projects. Remember our motto is "We Serve", not "We Sell". Let's make ourselves known in our communities.
- 100% club participation in White Cane

If any district can accomplish all those goals, it is District 18A: the "PRIDE" of Georgia Lionism.

I look forward to working with all of you this year.

Scott



"Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

-Helen Keller

OFFICIAL VISITS, ETC.

Where's DG Scott?

To schedule DG Scott to come to your club for his Official Visit, please email him at pres701@yahoo.com, or call him at 770.928.1382.

July



6 Cartersville OV
17 Zone Chair Training, Centerville
20 Ellijay OV
24 Lions Day at the Camp, Waycross

August

5 Atlanta Metro OV
7 Cabinet Meeting, Woodstock
10 Dalton Noon, OV
27 Atlanta OV

September

2 Kennesaw/Acworth OV
9 Chickamauga OV
10-12 Council of Governors/
Lighthouse/Camp
Meetings, Gwinnett County
23-25 USA/Canada Forum,
Milwaukee, WI



WE'RE ON THE WEB!

Visit www.18alions.com for announcements of events and activities here in our district
(Note: This site will not be available until after July 4.)

Lions Day at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Set for July 24

It's that time of year again! Time for Lions Day at the Camp for the Blind! If you've never been to a Lions Day at the Camp, then you've really missed something special. Activities will begin at 9:00am with tours of the grounds, followed by the Fish-a-Thon, the climbing tower, and the campers taking on the Lions in a friendly goal all competition. Lunch will begin at 12:30. If you wish to eat lunch with the campers, you can make a reservation by contacting **Lion Doy Barks** at 478.923.5649 or hankbarks@msn.com by **July 21**.

There are several area hotels that are offering a special rate for the weekend. When making reservations, please let them know that you are with the Georgia Lions to receive their special rate for the weekend:

Jameson Inn
\$67.20 Standard, \$72.99 Premium
912.283.3800

Holiday Inn
\$59.95
912.283.4490

Days Inn
\$50.00
912.285.4700

Hampton Inn
\$74.00
912.285.5515

Econo-Lodge
(formerly the Comfort Inn)
\$48.00
912.283.3300

Best Western Bradbury Inn & Suites
\$72.00
912.284.0095



Make plans now to attend Lions Day at the Camp. You won't regret it!



Lion Ed Ressler, Past President of the Camp, receives a check from **Gary Helton**, Director of the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation, in the amount of \$1050. This money is to help sponsor campers from the Sawnee EMC service area, which covers Cherokee, Dawson, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, and Lumpkin Counties. These funds are generated from donations of members of Sawnee EMC through Operation Round-Up.

CAMP RECEIVES GRANT

Camp Mission

It is the mission of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. to provide personal growth experiences for children, teens, and adults with visual impairments through use of recreation, education, socialization, and rehabilitation in an outdoor setting.

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To learn more about the Camp and its goals and objectives, visit their website at www.glcbl.org.

Update from Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

I magine if every time you looked at a book....Every time you tried to read a newspaper....Every time you tried to read a billboard or STOP sign....The content sometimes seems incomprehensible. Jumbled. Inside-out. Or something that just didn't make sense. That's what it's like for a person struggling with dyslexia. The frustration, the pain, and the trauma can last a lifetime.

That's what it was like for Skye, one of those kids who knows exactly what it's like to grow up with a print disability. Even though she is incredibly bright and capable, Skye was born with dyslexia, which made reading an ordeal for her. While her friends in school were enjoying the Harry Potter books, Skye struggled to read even the simplest textbooks.

Then one day two wonderful things happened which changed Skye's life forever. First, her mom took her to a neuropsychologist, who diagnosed Skye with dyslexia. The other thing was RFB&D!! Thanks to Lions like you and me, RFB&D was able to reach out to Skye, becoming her extra set of



RFB&D receives more than 2000 requests for help each day! In Georgia, they currently serve 5,160 students, but know of more than 36,000 who could benefit from their services.

eyes and ears in the classroom. By using her specialized CD player, and RFB&D CDs for her homework, Skye was able to keep up with her class, and learn from the very same books her classmates were using.

Thanks to the efforts of the Lions through RFB&D, barriers were

removed for Skye and thousands of young people just like her throughout Georgia and the US. Thanks for providing the tools they needed to help them reach their potential!

*-submitted by Lion Steve Helwig,
MD18 RFB&D Chair, 2009-10*



Did you know that there are 45,000 Lions Clubs and more than 1.35 million members around the world today? This makes us the world's largest service organization.

Invite someone to join "The Pride" today!

Peace Poster Contest Kits Available Now

Each year Lions Clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This contest encourages young people worldwide to artistically express their visions of peace.

The theme of the 2010-11 contest is "Vision of Peace". Students ages 11-13 on or by November 15 are eligible to participate.

For more information on the contest, or to order a kit, please visit www.lionsclubs.org.



CLUB, ZONE, AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ball Ground



The Ball Ground Lions have been hard at work! Since December, they have added 4 new members, and have been busy selling Merchant Discount Cards. With the money they've raised, they

are donated funds to Ball Ground Elementary School's Reading Competition Program. Also, they donated 50 cards to Boy Scout Troop 1755 so they could raise money to provide uniforms for Scouts in need.
~submitted by Beth Ingram, Secretary



Got an iPhone? Then visit the Lions Clubs International website at www.lionsclubs.org, and download the Lions Clubs App to stay up-to-date on the latest news and information!

Also, keep up with events on Facebook and Twitter!



Jasper

The Jasper Lions are gearing up for their annual Independence Day Celebration, which will be held **Saturday, July 3** at Lee Newton Park. The festivities will begin at 11:00am with a parade down Main Street, followed by bingo and entertainment down at the park. There will be food, prizes, carnival rides, and fun for the whole family!

“Service to a just cause rewards the worker with more real happiness and satisfaction than any other venture in life.”

~Carrie Chapman Catt,
Pioneer in the women's suffrage movement.



UPCOMING EVENTS

What's Happening....

Get involved in Lionism outside of your community. Visit another club's meeting or activity. 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!

Watch this space for upcoming events and local, district, and state activities.

July

Zone Chair Training

July 17, 9:30am-3:00pm, Location TBD
Zone Chairs to receive information via email as soon as it becomes available

Lions Day at the Camp

July 24, Beginning at 9:00am

Deadline for August Issue of The Pride

July 25 -- email info/pictures to Lion Leslie at leslie.miller@mac.com

August

Cabinet Meeting

August 7, 10:00am-2:00pm
New Victoria Baptist Church, Woodstock

September

Joint Lighthouse/Camp Meeting

September 10-12 (Also Council of Governors Meeting), Gwinnett County, site of 2011 State Convention

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 23-25, Milwaukee, WI
Visit <https://usacanadalionsforum.org/> for information/registration



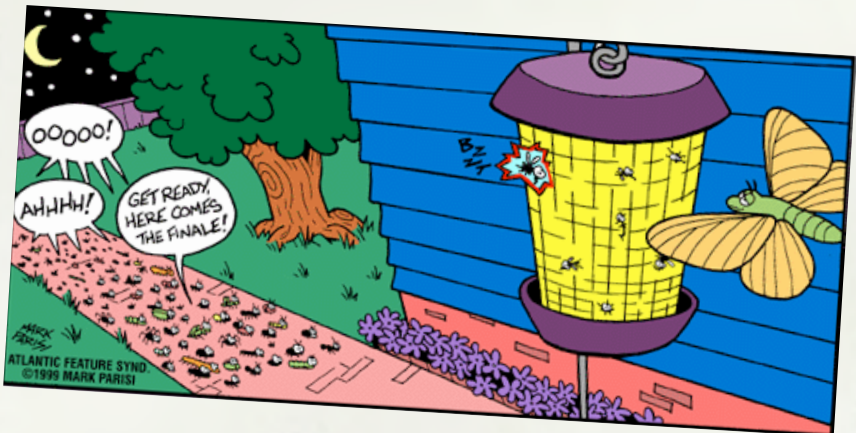


If Barbie is so popular,
then why do you have to
buy her friends?

*I would stop eating
chocolate, but I'm no
quitter.*

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE.....

Insects' 4th of July:



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