

THE PRIDE

News from District 18A



SERVING THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 18A

EACH ONE, BRING ONE

Do Your Part to Increase Participation

Another goal for the year is to increase attendance at ALL Lions meetings -- this means not only your club meetings, but the zone/district meetings as well.

***The picture above was provided by Lion Jim McCall, who passed away 9/28/10.*

A SNEAK PEEK AT.....

What's Inside:



Contest Standings

DG Contest

See if your club is ranked in the DG Contest -- go to p. 3 for a report from the Cabinet Secretary.

Club/Zone News

What's Going on in 18A?

Lots of cash to be given away, lots of food to be eaten.....read about all the events and activities of clubs around the district, as well as announcements of Zone Meetings.

New Feature This Month!

Mystery Lion

Be the first to identify the picture of the Lion on p. 15 and receive a prize at the Fall Rally on November 6! (And don't forget to look for DG Scott's tree too!)

The Pride

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IT'S FALL, Y'ALL!

Happy Fall Everyone! It's time for cooler weather, beautiful leaves, festivals.....and our 18A Fall Rally! The Rally will be held on Saturday, November 6, at the Lookout Baptist Church in High Point, GA (address found on p. 2), hosted by the Chattanooga Valley Lions.

Events will kick off at 10:00am with the Club Excellence Process Workshop. Come learn about how you can dedicate yourself and your club members to making your club the best it can be. Participants will discuss ways to improve your club's effectiveness and image in your community by setting goals and

creating an action plan to how to meet those goals.

Following the workshop, lunch will be served at a cost of \$6.00/person. During lunch, test your mental prowess in the **18A Trivia Challenge** -- Lions will be divided into teams and face off in a grueling test of their knowledge of completely trivial and useless facts! Prizes for the winning team will be presented at the business meeting, which will begin at approximately 1:30.

Mark your calendars now to attend and be a part of the 18A Pride!

SHOW ME THE MONEY! (AND THE FOOD!)

**Dalton Lions Club's
\$10,000 Giveaway**



Steak Dinner

Saturday, November 20, 2010
North Georgia Fairgrounds

Tickets: \$100 each
Each ticket holder will receive two
steak dinners,
catered by Outback Steakhouse in Dalton
Festivities will begin at 6:00pm

**Chickamauga Lions Club
CASH GIVEAWAY**

\$10,000 Grand Prize

\$1000 2nd Place Prize
\$1000 3rd Place Prize



\$100 Donation

Only 300 Tickets Available

Join the Lions for the Steak Dinner and
Cash Giveaway Reverse Drawing
on

Saturday, November 6

Dinner begins at 6:00
Drawing begins at 7:30

Walker County Civic Center

10052 N. Hwy. 27 in Rock Spring

For more information, or to buy tickets,
contact Lion Grover Newman at
706.375.3202

Atlanta Metro Lions

**Fabulous Food
Extravaganza**

Sunday, October 31, 2010

3:00-5:00

Adamsville Recreation
Center
3201 Martin
Luther King, Jr.
Dr.



Tickets:
\$20 for adults

Chatsworth Lions

35th Annual

\$10,000 Giveaway

Saturday, November 13

7:00pm

Chatsworth Elementary School

500 Green Road, Chatsworth

Each ticket holder will receive 2
steak dinners with all the
trimmings

First ticket drawn will receive a

Color TV!

Each person who attends will
receive a box of their famous
Chocolate Covered Cherries

Tickets are \$100 each

South Cobb Lions



October 23 & 24

Mable House on Floyd Road in
Mableton, GA 30126

\$6.00/plate

Hayrides!!! Arts and Crafts!!!

Fun for the whole family!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

What's Going On....

Once you become a Lion, you instantly gain 1.5 million new friends from across the globe! No matter where you go in the world, when you meet someone who is also a Lion, you know you have something in common with them.

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!

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

October

Lions Day with the Braves

October 2 Game time has been changed to **4:00** to accommodate a national FOX broadcast -- tailgating will begin at **12:00** in the Blue Lot. Attendees need to be in their seats by **3:15** for Bobby Cox Appreciation Day festivities

November

Fall Rally

November 6, Lookout Baptist Church, 8645 Hwy. 193, Flintstone, GA
Hosted by Chattanooga Valley Lions Club

December

Christmas Camp

December 3-5 Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind -- more details to come





Atlanta Lions Golf Tournament



The
District Governor's
Contest

District Governor Scott and Cabinet Secretary Jody have announced the top clubs in each of the categories in the District Governor's Contest for the month of August.

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

**Alpharetta
Ellijay
Jasper
Rome
Woodstock**

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

**Blue Ridge
West Cobb**

In order for your club to be entered into the District Governor's Contest, the Contest Reporting Form must be filled out and submitted at the end of each month.

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.

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

www.18alions.com/Site/DG_Contest.html

If you have any questions, please contact Cabinet Secretary Jody Napolitano at jodynap@bellsouth.net.

DRIVE FOR BETTER VISION

Help the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation Serve over 7500 People in Need

You can play hooky, play a round of golf and do the right thing at the same time. Our mission at the Lighthouse Foundation is to provide eye exams, glasses and even surgeries to Georgians who can't afford that care. All you have to do is come out and tee it up, or be a tournament sponsor. Join us for a day of competitions, prizes and food while you contribute to the Lions who make it possible for thousands of Georgians to see and hear better.

Where:

The Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm
3030 Bradshaw Club Drive
Woodstock, GA 30188

When:

October 18, 2010
9am Shotgun Start

Buffet lunch, awards and prizes!

Get Involved – Make a Difference

- Play a round of golf : \$75 includes everything!
- Be a Hole Sponsor: \$250 per hole for your company name and logo.
- Be a Tournament Sponsor: \$500 to have your name and logo on everything!
- Give us some swag: Donate whatever you can in gifts and doorprizes.

We plan to raise \$5000 or more for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. Please call one of the following tour organizers and lend your support:

Scott Rogers–Tournament Chair: 678-886-6800
Blake Ivey: 770-855-8670
Mike Rapp : 404-455-6714
Steve Brett : 404-210-3437
David Gallagher: 678-360-5023

* Georgians who are uninsured, underinsured, and fall 200% below the Federal Poverty Guideline.



Insiders Sales Roundtable
Creating Leads...Creating Business

This frog walks into a bank to get a loan. He steps up to the counter and asks for an application from the clerk, Patty Wack. "Hi, I'd like to fill out an application for a loan." said the frog. Patty Wack replied, "Do you have any collateral for this loan?" The frog replied, "All I have is this statue of a unicorn." "Well, I don't know," said Patty Wack. "I'll have to ask the manager about this." So she goes to see the bank manager. The bank manager looks at the statue and replies: "It's a knick knack, Patty Wack. Give the frog a loan."





Zone Meeting Announcements



Save the Date



S. Region, Zone 4

Lion Teri Chambers, Chair

Austell, Douglas Co., E. Cobb, Kennesaw/
Acworth, Paulding Co., W. Cobb

Please join us for a Ghoulishly
Good Zone Meeting with Food and
Fun

October 19, 7:00pm

Cost: \$5.00

Smith-Gilbert Gardens
2382 Pine Mountain Road
Kennesaw, GA 30144

Come in Your Best Halloween Garb and
Enter the Costume Contest!

RSVP by October 10 to:
mrice@kennesaw-ga.gov



South Region, Zone 2

Lion Patty White, Chair

Monday, October 18

6:30pm

hosted by South Cobb Lions

South Cobb Community Center

620 Lions Club Drive
Mableton, GA 30126

Cost of Meal: \$10.00

Catered by Mother's Finest

Please RSVP to Ronald Kirby by

Thursday, October 14

770.994.2001

ronaldkirby118@bellsouth.net

Clubs in Zone:

Atlanta, Atlanta Buckhead Breakfast,
Marietta, Sandy Springs, South Cobb



North Region, Zone 1

Lion Sarah Henson, Chair

Tuesday, November 16

7:00pm

hosted by Blue Ridge Lions

Tin Loong Restaurant

5771 Appalachian Highway
Blue Ridge, GA 30513-4248

706.632.6090

Clubs in Zone:

Ball Ground, Blue Ridge, Chatsworth,
Ellijay, Jasper, and McCaysville

More details in next month's
issue of *The Pride*



South Region, Zone 3 Lion Willie Alexander, Zone Chair

Atlanta Metro will play host to
the meeting for South Region,
Zone 3 on Thursday, October
7, 6:00pm, at the Piccadilly
Cafeteria in the Greenbriar
Mall. The mall is located at
2841 Greenbriar Pkwy. SW,
Atlanta. All attendees will go
through the line at the
cafeteria, then pay for the
meal as you go.

The clubs in this zone are
**Atlanta Buckhead, Atlanta
Hellenic, Atlanta Korean,
Atlanta Metro, and
Hapeville.**

For more information, please
contact Zone Chair Willie
Alexander at (H)770.987.5543
OR (C)770.365.4326. You
may also email him at
willie.alexander@comcast.net.



Club Happenings



East Cobb Lions

Breakfast With Santa



Saturday, December 4

7:00am-11:00am

Powers Ferry Methodist Church
245 Power Ferry Road in Marietta
at the corner of Powers Ferry Road &
the 120 Loop

All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes

Santa will visit from

8:00-10:00

Cost:

\$5.00/person

includes a 4 X 6 photo with Santa

Bring an unwrapped toy and
receive a raffle ticket for a special
prize

Come and join the fun!

ATLANTA LATINO LIONS



In July, the Atlanta Latino Lions held a bingo fundraiser at Rancho Grande Mexican restaurant with over 90 attendees that raised approximately \$1,400, earmarked to be used for a hearing testing machine to be donated to a clinic for deaf children in Palmira Valle, Colombia, S.A. In addition, the club was able to provide 4 local children with new eyeglasses to go back to school. In August and September, the Atlanta Latino Lions Club spent 3 Saturdays manning a booth in the Plaza Fiesta Mall in Atlanta and the parking lot of the La Carreta Restaurant in Marietta collecting clothes, non-perishable food items, and donations deposited into a special account for the people in Monterrey, Mexico that were directly affected by Hurricane Alex. Club members were able to get local Spanish language radio station La Raza 102.3FM to broadcast the event. The Atlanta Latino club in Marietta has coordinated with a Lions club in Monterrey in order to distribute the items that were collected (see photo above).

The Atlanta Latino Club has also welcomed 3 new members during this 3 month period.

ATLANTA METRO LIONS

The Atlanta Metro Club greeted DG Scott Warren and 2nd VDG Thurmon Morris at their August 5th meeting. The club had been looking forward to their meeting with the District Governor and was very happy that 2nd VDG Morris came with him. DG Scott was fresh from his trip to the International Convention in Australia and wished everyone a "G'day, Mate!" He talked about the beauty of Australia and some of the information that he learned at the Convention. He informed members that his theme for the district this year is, P.R.I.D.E. And that his primary goal is RETENTION. He laid out the direction that he is taking the district and our club is very willing and looking forward to supporting DG Scott in all of his endeavors. The club is also committed to raising our membership. South Region, Zone 3 Chair Willie Alexander was also present at the meeting.

Eight Lions from Atlanta Metro attended the District Cabinet Meeting in Woodstock on August 7th. They were Zone Chair Willie Alexander, Jean Ector, Pauline Finch, Dolores Marshall, Harry Price,

Preston McCoy, Walter Wiggs and Shelia Morrow. On August 14th, 10 Atlanta Metro members provided hearing and vision screening at the B.E.S.T. Academy's Hearing & Vision Screening hosted by the 100 Black Men of Atlanta and Atlanta Metro Club. Thirty-Two adults were screened for vision along with forty-eight children. Of the adults, four were recommended for further evaluations and one child was recommended. For the hearing screening a total thirty-four adults were screened and twenty-seven children. Fifteen adults were recommended for further evaluations and two children were recommended. Lions volunteers for the day were: Vanessa Stanley, Willie Alexander, Harry Price, Preston McCoy, Carl Roberts, Pauline Finch, Jean Ector, Eugene Thomas, Annie Marie Johnson and Walter Wiggs.



Atlanta Metro Lions Getting Ready for Fabulous Food Tasting Extravaganza

*Submitted by:
Lion Shelia C. Morrow, President
Atlanta Metro Lions Club*

Atlanta Metro Lions are hosting their 18th annual Fabulous Food Tasting Extravaganza on October 31st from 3-5pm at the Adamsville Recreation Center. There will be over 50 chefs serving up delicious dishes for your palatable pleasure.

The Extravaganza is the club's largest fundraiser that began in 1993 when Atlanta Metro was chartered. It was first held at the Quality Living Services building and within 2 years relocated to St. Paul AME Church to accommodate the number of guests. The number of guests continued to grow therefore the site had to be moved once more to the Adamsville Recreation Center. The number of guests has grown to over 200.

Each guest can taste food from as many chefs as they like. It is a veritable feast and no one leaves hungry. There are foods prepared for vegetarians and vegans, alike. Food choices range from salads to meats, vegetables, casseroles and desserts.



Now in it's 18th year, the Fabulous Food Tasting Extravaganza is so much fun -- these Lions really know how to put on a spread! Come hungry, leave happy!!!

Ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 3-12. Please contact Lion Willie Alexander at 770-987-5543 or by email at irmoalexander@aol.com for ticket information. We invite everyone to come, take part and be filled with

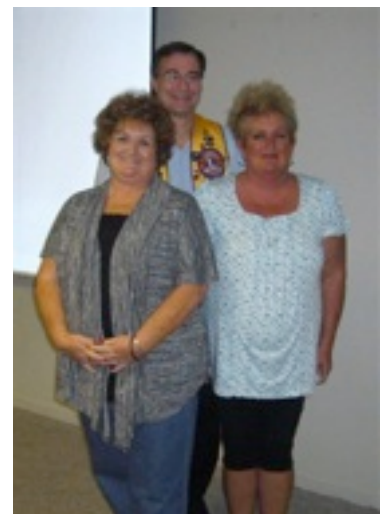
great food, fun and fellowship. You will not go away hungry!!!



SOUTH COBB LIONS RECEIVE DONATION

When the word gets out about the service provided by the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, people respond.

Recently, members of the South Cobb Lions Club provided some very interesting information about the Lighthouse and the Foundation Fighting Blindness to Patti Pruitt and the Women's Heartfelt Ministry at Austell First Baptist Church. This group responded by donating \$500 to the Lighthouse Capital Campaign. This was presented to the club at their regular meeting on Monday, September 20. President Ronald Kirby accepted the donation from Linda Hackney and Kay Hall (pictured at right), and it will be forwarded to the Lighthouse. Thanks go to Lion Lester Fielder and his wife, Reisa, and to Lion Prissy Dutton for making the contact!



-submitted by Lions Reese Munch and Boskey Stanley

MORE CLUB HIGHLIGHTS!

BALL GROUND LIONS

Ball Ground Lions Club is pleased to be the recipient of 21 American Flags from the Jasper Lions Club, presented at their September 9th meeting. Members proudly erected the flags for display in downtown Ball Ground to commemorate Patriot's Day on September 11. Five other patriotic holidays will be observed by flag display, with the next holiday being Veteran's Day on November 11th.

Our first ever "Lions Road Block" fund raiser is scheduled for Friday, October 1st at the Hwy. 369/372 intersection and Howell Bridge Road/Hwy. 5 intersection. If you are in our area, stop by and help promote the Lions.

Members are excited about the "Meet & Greet" new member recruitment to be held Sunday, October 17th, hosted by members Sue & Glenn Densmore. Our current membership totals 17, with our newest member, John Arnett, having joined in September. Hopes are the "Meet & Greet" will be successful, so that we can continue to grow and serve the needs of our community.

~submitted by Ball Ground Secretary Beth Ingram

Members of the Ball Ground Club hanging up their flags



Jasper Lions presenting flags to the members from Ball Ground



Twenty-six Lions from Atlanta Metro, Cartersville, East Cobb, Kennesaw-Acworth, Sandy Springs, and West Cobb helped man the phones at the Jerry Lewis Telethon to benefit Muscular Dystrophy. The Telethon was held on Labor Day.



18 Lions ready to accept donations for Jerry's Kids



Woodstock Lions Elaine Schmidt and Joy Williams



The first major fundraiser of the year was a great success, LIONS Day at Chick-fil-A, a combined effort of the Woodstock and Canton Lions Clubs was held September 25th. The project was the first joint project for our clubs in many years. We are looking forward to more in the future. We accomplished most of our goals; we increased community awareness about who LIONS are and what we can do for the community. We have formed a great alliance with the operators of Chick-fil-A in Cherokee County.

~submitted by Lion Ginger Eatman, Woodstock



Canton Lions Debbie Day Peck and David and Penny Cline



MENLO LIONS ANNUAL RODEO

The Lions in Menlo held their annual rodeo on Saturday, September 18. Featured here are some of the pictures from that event.

~submitted by Lion Beth Swords



Lions Jimmy & Carole Hosmer preparing hot dogs at the concession stand



Some of the children who participated in the Boot Scramble. The winner received \$25.



First rodeo



DG Scott made his Official Visit to the Roswell Lions on September 20th. While he was at their club meeting, he inducted Virginia Robinson into the club. She is pictured here with her husband/sponsor, Lion Robby.

USA/CANADA FORUM

Anchorage 2011

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 he and Lion Leslie will be traveling to Anchorage this month for that committee's first meeting -- they will come back with more information about this amazing opportunity to visit Alaska next year.

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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kmalone@cruiseshipcenters.com

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Thoughts on Retention

A strong active membership is the lifeblood of our district and our mission is to serve our communities. As club membership grows so do the resources necessary to help maintain our numbers. Therefore, our focus on membership growth needs to be a 365 day a year activity. Why does the membership in our clubs continue to drop? We do a good job of recruiting members in our existing clubs and we have started several new clubs throughout our district and state. However, the total number of Lions continues to drop. RETENTION, retaining members in our existing clubs is the major causes of membership loss. Many Lions drop out for perfectly understandable reasons but most leave for reasons that could have been prevented by the club. With a strong membership development and retention program many of these losses could be prevented.

Effective Membership Retention goes back to basics – back to the reason we all became Lions. People join our clubs because “WE SERVE” and will stay for that very reason. I believe that clubs should take a managerial approach to service. By this I mean clubs should seek out new and fun service opportunities and experiment with new methods of meeting their community’s most “pressing” needs. Clubs that follow this approach will be effective and their retention numbers will improve.

Providing members with a positive experience is an also an excellent way for clubs to improve retention numbers and increase membership. Members do not just come to us. Countless hours are spent attempting to recruit a quality member. Once a person has decided to become a member, they want and need to feel that they are appreciated and needed. All club members should remember:

1. Retention begins the moment an individual is asked to become a Lion.

2. Retention is a process that involves all Lions at all levels within a club.
3. Retention is every Lion’s responsibility
4. Individual Lions need to develop action plans to ensure that all club members are proud to be Lions.

The first thing a Lions Club should do if it is losing members is to understand why they are losing these members, and then take the necessary action needed to improve them. Listed are some of the most mentioned reasons for dropped members:

1. No meaningful club projects
2. No participation or involvement
3. Lack of friendship or fellowship
4. Poor club leadership
5. Poor orientation of the new member
6. Improper induction ceremony
7. Boring meetings

These are just a few of the reasons why Lions leave our clubs. Think about these and evaluate your own club. RETENTION must take place at the CLUB level, just as MEMBERSHIP takes place at the CLUB level. Set a goal to never drop a member until you have contacted that Lion and found out why he/she no longer wants to be a Lion. You might be surprised what you learn.

*~submitted by PDG Kenneth Moore
18A Retention Chair*



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 Lion Nanette at nkoschin@yahoo.com.

October

- 4 West Cobb OV
- 5 Sandy Springs OV
- 12 Ball Ground OV
- 19 S. Reg., Zn. 4 Mtg., Gilbert Gardens
- 26 Woodstock OV
- 28 Alpharetta OV
- 31 Atlanta Metro Food Extravaganza

November

- 1 South Cobb OV
- 2 Chattanooga Valley OV
- 6 Fall Rally, Flintstone
- 7 Atlanta Latino OV
- 11 S. Reg., Zn. 2 Mtg.
- 12-13 18D Fall Rally, Gainesville
- 16 N. Reg., Zn. 1 Mtg., Blue Ridge
- 20 Council of Governors Meeting, Warner Robins

December

- 1 Dalton Christmas Parade
- 4 Cartersville LC Christmas Party
- 14 Boynton Christmas Party and OV

****OV = Official Visit**

Wanted: Fundraising Ideas for Your Camp for the Blind



Lion David E. White, GLCB Fundraising Committee



FUNDRAISING IDEAS for the GA Lions Camp for the Blind – Do **you** have any? If you attended the recent GLCB Board Meeting held in Duluth, GA, you were reminded how the Camp really affects the lives of the people we serve. If you were not there, you missed a terrific presentation by Camp Director Kristen Picus.

The excitement and enthusiasm she spreads is making our Georgia Lions Camp one of the best around – one that is growing, even in these economic times. As Georgia Lions, we all have a vested interest in supporting our Camp through our dedication to service - as well as doing our part financially.

The financial support is the point of my writing. We, the Fundraising Committee for the Camp, met for our normal committee meeting on September 11th as did the other Camp committees. We have an enormous challenge, one that affects the future of our Camp and the lives of the many people and families we are currently serving, as well as those who we can/will serve in the future.

My purpose is to appeal to all interested Lions for assistance – and, if you are

reading this, I do believe you are interested. The Fundraising Committee is only 6 people – one representative from each of the Districts in MD18. We realize there are many Lions over the MD18 who are very supportive of the Camp - and would love to assist us in helping to find ways to financially support it. We seek your assistance to meet this challenge.

We are **not**, at this time, asking you for MONEY (although money would NEVER be turned down if you were to insist on giving), but we **are** asking you for some workable and usable **FUNDRAISING IDEAS** as to how we could **EARN the MONEY** to support our Camp so we can continue serving others through it.

If you, the Lions of Georgia and 18A, would submit some Fundraising Ideas with a **brief** description as to how the idea might work (some ideas may be self explanatory, but some won't) to us, we would greatly appreciate your effort. We ask that you...

- Keep the idea(s) brief and to the point.
- Include your name, address (email is preferred because

of speed, but regular mail works), and phone number just in case we need to contact you for clarification.

Two ways to get the ideas to us...

- Send the ideas to David White, dapat@bellsouth.net preferred, but my home address is 2662 Whitehurst Dr., Marietta, GA 30062 - if you prefer regular mail. I will get them evaluated by the Fundraising Committee.

- OR -

- Send the ideas to Kristen at the Camp, glcftb@bellsouth.net (again, email preferred, but regular mail to the Camp's normal address works) – she will then forward them to me for evaluation by the Fundraising Committee.

I want to thank you in advance. I feel sure some good, usable ideas will start coming in from across the State to help support our Camp.



Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind News

State Charitable Contributions Program

~submitted by Lion Ed Ressler

From September 1, 2010 to November 19, 2010, employees of the State of Georgia and University System have an opportunity contribute to the charities of their choice through payroll deduction. This process can be completed online for the 2010-2011 SCCP, and is done through Team Georgia Connection <http://team.georgia.gov>. Employees can select a monthly or one-time contribution amount.

The number for the Georgia Lions' Camp for the Blind, Inc. is 141000. Should you have any questions about credit for your club, please contact **Lion Ed Ressler** at 404.444.2064 or eressler65@bellsouth.net.



John Deere Gator Compact CX Series

Ideal for turf, property tasks -- fits easily into tight spaces!

You could win this Gator OR \$5000 in cash!

Drawing to be held February 6, 2011 at the Camp for the Blind Meeting in Warner Robins -- you do not have to be present to win.

Tickets are \$1.00 each and are available from
18A Vice President Lloyd Foster

(C) 269.357.1149

lloyd.r.foster@lmco.com



In Memory.....



Lion Jim (center) in the 18A Hall of Fame, March 2009

Lion James A. "Jim" McCall

18A Lions are saddened to learn of the passing of one of its elder statesmen, Lion James "Jim" McCall on Tuesday, September 28, 2010. Lion Jim was an active and faithful member of the Atlanta Lions Club for 40 years. He served in many capacities over the years, including President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Lion Tamer. For the last 10 years, he served as the LIONEWS Editor and received numerous state awards for his publication.

He was active at the district and state levels as well. He was very involved with the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, where he served as President for 2 years and Treasurer for 7 years. He also served on several state committees. He and his wife, Jeanne, were familiar faces at Lions' meeting all over the state.

Lion Jim was inducted into the 18A Hall of Fame at the District Convention in Dalton in March 2009.

Lion Jim will certainly be missed, and our thoughts and prayers go out to Jean and all the family.

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

Lighthouse News



Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

The Sound of Faith: Kathy Ausbrooks's Story



“The Lighthouse shed light on a whole different side of my life.”

Kathy Ausbrooks describes her hearing aids like miracles.

“From the moment I put the hearing aids in my ears, I heard things I never knew you could hear,” she explains; “I must have screamed. The doctor ran in and asked me what was wrong—I said, oh my Lord, I could hear what you were saying in the other room! It’s been a totally different world for me ever since.”

Her enthusiasm is no surprise: it was impaired hearing that lost Kathy, a single mother, her job as a nurse. People assumed Kathy was ignoring them, when in fact she couldn’t hear what they were saying. She accepted her hearing loss, she says, because she assumed that affordable hearing care was absolutely out of reach for her.

“It really took a toll on me for a minute,” she admits. But Kathy has always been a fighter: she began taking courses at Southern Crescent Technical College. Still, her hearing loss was a constant challenge. When a teacher recommended taking a course online rather than straining to hear in class, Kathy hit her tipping point: through the college, she contacted the Georgia Department of Labor, which pointed her towards the Lighthouse. Not long after, she was amazed to find an approval letter in her mailbox. She received two behind-the-ear hearing aids in March 2010.

Today, Kathy is still awestruck by the difference her hearing aids have made, describing them as the “best thing that could’ve happened to her.” While she used to avoid meeting people, not wanting them to know about her poor hearing, spending time with and speaking with her family and friends is now her greatest pleasure. As for her classes at Southern Crescent, being able to hear her lectures and ask questions in person has made all the difference.

“I never for a moment believed that there was help for me,” she says. “But getting hearing aids has restored my faith in people. Thank you to the Lighthouse for really making a difference in people’s lives!”



DID YOU KNOW:

3 out of 5 people who received glasses at the clinic believe the **glasses helped them keep their job?**

4 out of 5 surgery clients say their **surgery helped them keep their job?**

7 out of 10 hearing clients believe their **hearing aids helped them keep their job?**



Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

2010 'Beacon of Hope' Award Celebrates Eye Care Heroes

This July, the Lighthouse Foundation was proud to present Henry G. Croci, MD and Alan Hymowitz, OD with the 'Beacon of Hope' Award. The 'Beacon of Hope' honors eyecare professionals who show an outstanding commitment to vision healthcare for the uninsured.

Receiving the 'Beacon of Hope' from the Lighthouse and the Georgia Society for Ophthalmologists, Dr. Croci was a clinical practitioner in Ohio for 32 years before retiring to Savannah in 2002. His volunteer work with the Lighthouse and St. Mary's Community Center, providing 350 hours of service and over 2,000 eye exams, reveals a remarkable dedication to bringing quality eye care to the underserved.



Combining a passion for volunteerism and over two decades of experience in optometry, Dr. Hymowitz is the recipient of the 'Beacon of Hope' from Lions Lighthouse and the Georgia Optometric Association. In addition, his volunteer mission work has taken him to South America, Asia, and Africa, bringing quality eye care to the underserved across the globe. From everyone at the Lighthouse, thank you and congratulations!



Above, Dr. Henry Croci and Lighthouse Executive Director Christina Lennon at the award ceremony Below, Dr. Alan Hymowitz receives the 'Beacon of Hope'



NAUGHTY OR NICE

2nd Annual Holiday Fundraiser

He checks it twice! Nominate friends to be on the list and give the gift of sight and sound to Georgians in need! Your tax-deductible donations starting at \$20 includes a personalized email from Santa to your nominee, festive holiday pins for the "nice" and lumps of coal for the "naughty". All proceeds benefit the vision and hearing programs of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation.

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Have you chosen a White Cane Chair?

White Cane and other Lighthouse events are around the corner—here's a checklist to keep you and the Lighthouse on track:

- Submit the name and contact information for your **associate director (AD)**. The AD will serve as the liaison between your club and the Lighthouse.
- Submit the name and contact information for your **White Cane Chair**.
- Determine and submit your **2010-2011 goal for White Cane fundraising**. You do not need to meet your goal, but knowing how much you think you can raise helps us set our budget for the year.
- Ensure that the **LCIF's information** for your club is up to date. We use LCIF for everything from contact information to club size for awards.

Please send information to Lucy Zhou: via phone at 404-325-3630, via email at lzhou@lionslighthouse.org, or through post mail to the Lighthouse. Thank you!

Georgia Lions All State Band Seeking Donations for 2011

-submitted by Lion Lynn Infanger, MDI8 GLASB Chair

I want to ask you to consider the GLASB in your donations. This band is made up of 100 or less students who will attend the International Convention representing the Georgia Lions in Georgia Jamboree and the International Parade. The students in the band range from graduating 8th grade through 12th grade.

The costs for these students to travel, eat, and lodge at the International Convention will be \$1000.00 Each student is asked to pay this amount, plus provide their own horn. We would like to ask the clubs to help us pay for the recruiting of the band in the stamps for the mail outs, brochures, and other ways to invite musicians around the state in every district.

The Georgia Lions All State Band Committee and directors also have costs related to the promotion of the band. These men and women serve the Lions through their volunteer efforts and look

to you to help support the students. All of their efforts are directed to recruiting students, raising funds for the budget, and promoting its good cause in their district.

Our funds are low at this time, and I would like to ask the Lions of Georgia to donate money to help. There isn't enough in the budget at this point to cover all of the recruiting paperwork. Therefore, we need your help! We have had donations range from \$75 to \$150 to \$1000 from clubs in past years. Won't you consider helping, too? You can make your checks payable to the Georgia Lions All State Band and mail them to:

Lion Lynn Infanger
GLASB Chair
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The Georgia Lions All State Band has traveled to seven International Conventions. In addition, a LEO Club was chartered among members of the band, and at one time, there was a student who joined a Lions Club upon her graduation from high school, and she returned as a member of the band the following year. As you can see, the band has benefitted not only the Lions of Georgia, but members have gone on to become a part of our organization.



VDG Alan at LCI Headquarters



Future Leader Dog!

ADVENTURES OF 1ST VDG ALAN BETHEL

Lion Alan Bethel, r8A 1st VDG, and his wife, Lion Carole, have had a busy travel schedule over the past several weeks. They visited LCI Headquarters in Oak Brook, IL, where they toured the offices, met and visited with the staff, and viewed the Japanese gardens. They went from there to the Leader Dog School in Rochester, MI. There they were given a tour of the facilities, an introduction to the breeding program and the training the dogs have to go through before they can be assigned to someone who is visually impaired.

VDG Alan and Lion Carole also visited Camp Kudzu, a camp for children with type I diabetes. The camp is located in Cleveland, GA.

They spent the day touring the camp and meeting the campers and the staff. The children learn ways to better manage their diabetes, as well as make new friends, and learn the importance of monitoring their diets.



Camp Kudzu

Mystery Lion

Lion Mary Graham from the Chattanooga Valley Club features a photo of a Lion from that club in her bulletin each month. The photo is from the “archives” from the other members, and the members are challenged to identify the “Mystery Lion”.

Your editor of *The Pride* decided to feature an “old” photo this month, so see if you can guess who the “Mystery Lion” is! Hint: It is a Lion from 1847

Email Lion Leslie Miller your guess for the photo – the first person who guesses correctly will receive a prize at the Fall Rally on November 6.

If anyone else has an old photo that you can scan and email to me, I'll feature it in a future issue!

Don't forget to search for DG Scott's tree too!



FRIGHTFULLY FUNNY.....

What is a mummy's favorite type of music? *“Wrap”!*

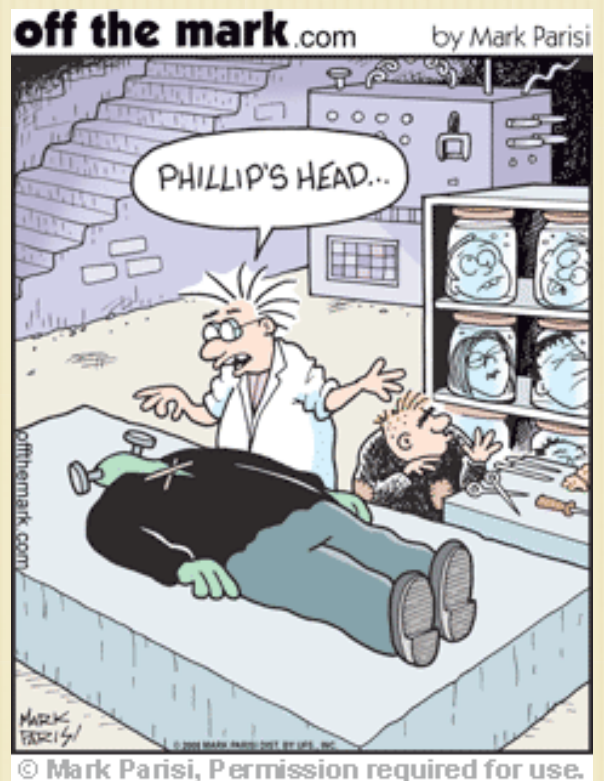
Why didn't the skeleton dance at the party? *He had no “body” to dance with!*

What kind of test does a vampire take in school? *A blood test!*

Why did the ghost go into the bar? *For the “boos”!*

Where do vampires live? *The Vampire State Building*

What's a ghoulish favorite breakfast cereal? *Rice Creepies*



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.....And Now a Word From Our District Governor



The first 3 months of this Lions year are over. Since we started in July, I have been

concentrating on the district goals and sharing them in the district newsletter and with the clubs I have visited. Beginning with my club visits in October and with this month's newsletter, I will start reporting progress on some of these goals. Because RETENTION is our number one priority this year with membership growth being a close second, here are couple statistics as to how our efforts are going so far.

Our losses last year were 225. The goal for this year was 100 or fewer due to reasons other than death or transfer/moved. Through September 15, we have lost 27, which, continuing at this rate, puts us on a course to lose 128 this year. Not quite the goal, but much better than last year IF we stay on that course. Thirteen of our clubs have lost members through September 15. But, 17 of our clubs have added a total of 40 new members. Only 1 of those clubs is at or above the 20% growth goal. However, at the current rate we could add 190 new members, exceeding our goal of 180. It is only October, so keep spreading the good word and work of Lionism and your club to quality friends, neighbors and co-workers and tell them how and why they should join us. You are doing GREAT so far.

We had a good joint meeting with the Lighthouse and Camp for the Blind on September 12. A couple people who have benefitted from their services were there and shared their stories of how much they appreciate

what we are doing for them and others like them. We also had our first Council of Governors meeting. As you may, or may not know, this year is a transition year from the old MERL (Membership-Extension-Retention-Leadership) team to the new GMT (Global Membership Team) and GLT (Global Leadership Team) programs. One of the most significant results to come from the council meeting was voting to fund PCC Mark Miller's MD18 Leadership Development Plan. The GLT program will include: a Pride Building Program, Club Excellence Process, Thriving club Retreat, VDG training, Zone Chair Training & Support and State Convention Training Sessions. You will be hearing more on those as the year progresses. I wouldn't be surprised if there is something on them elsewhere in this newsletter.

DG Contest: So far participation is a little disheartening. Through August, only 12 of our 43 clubs are participating and only 2 of those are in the "small club" category. The purpose of the contest is three-fold: (1) to have some friendly competition among the clubs; (2) to help reach our district goals; and most important is (3) the betterment of our communities through the actions challenged by the contest parts. Looking at the contest and at the district's goals, you can see how they are related in many ways. The top 5 clubs in each category, small (<25 members) and large (≥25 members) will be listed, in alphabetical order, in the newsletter until January. For the last 3 months of the contest period, no one will know how they stand. Then the top 3 in each will be awarded at the state convention in June. So please, let's every club join in the fun and start competing. It really is very simple and easy to do. If you have any

questions, please contact me or our cabinet secretary, Jody Napolitano. There is still a long way to go and plenty of time for all clubs to compete and have a good time. Please send your MMRs and DG contest tally sheets at the same time to me or the Cabinet Secretary to be sure of getting credit for all the hard work you are doing.

Don't forget, October is the month for IP Sid's "Sharing the Vision" service campaign.

Plan vision health projects and work with the visually impaired. Many Lions already celebrate World Sight Day in October. This is a great month to organize a vision screening, volunteer at a nearby Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, organize an eyeglass collection or an activity to benefit the visually impaired in your community. **DG Contest Bonus Points – Each day a club holds a vision screening during October will earn an additional 25 points in the contest. Number of days and dates must be shown on October DG contest tally sheet.**

Reminder: Only about half our clubs have scheduled my official visit. Please contact me or PR Chair Nanette as soon as possible to get those scheduled.

