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Georgia Lions State Convention



**10-12 June 2011
Duluth, Georgia**

SPECIAL Thursday Event: For those coming in early, Thursday, 9 June, we will have “Night Out at Stone Mountain with International President Sid Scruggs”. Transportation will be provided to Stone Mountain. The cost will be \$30.00 – this includes getting into Stone Mountain Park, a reserved pavilion, a meal, talk with the International President and watch the Laser Show.

Friday: Registration and Exhibits; Organizational Meetings – Lighthouse and Camp meetings; Opening Ceremony + Seminars – **OPENING** Ceremonies you will enjoy – for those who have not been able to go to an International Convention we will have an International Flair.
(Friday Night Meal Tickets TBA).

Saturday: District Breakfasts; General Convention Business Session; Melvin Jones Luncheon (\$30.00); Seminars; State Awards; District Governor’s Banquet +

Sunday: District Breakfast; Necrology Service; Final Convention Business Session; Sunday Surprise (Baseball Game?)

HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM

Hospitality Books only - \$95.00.

Reservations are due no later than May 15, 2011.

Books purchased by NEW LIONs as of 1 June 2010 - \$85.00.

Hotel Info:

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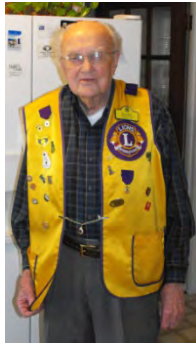
State News

LION HAYNES H. TOWNSEND, INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR:
Director Townsend discussed the recent board meeting. He stated that the Board adopted the resolution to be reported to the 2011 International Convention to amend the International By-Laws increasing membership dues by \$4.00, to be phased in over two years beginning July 1, 2012. The Convention Committee approved Kevin Scruggs to emcee the 2011 International Show in Seattle. The Board amended the Policy Manual regarding the Guiding Lion Program to limit the Guiding Lion to serving no more than two clubs at any point in time and to require certified Guiding Lions to retake the Certified Guiding Lions Course every three years to maintain their certification. Policy manual was amended relating to DGE seminars to increase the hotel stay an extra day to allow the DGE the ability to fully participate in the International Convention. Director Townsend reported that LCIF approved 36 Standard International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling 1.84 million dollars. LCIF approved a grant in the amount of 1.1 million dollars to extend the Lions Special Olympics Opening Eyes Program. Director Townsend discussed the proposed dues increase, pointing out that each member would pay \$41.00 a year in 2012 and 2013, and \$43.00 in 2013 and 2014.

LION JAMES E. “JIM” ERVIN, PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT: PIP Ervin shared information about his trip to Ethiopia. In one region alone, there were 20,000 volunteers trained within a ten year period. Records for every village are handwritten. Ten million doses of zythromax were distributed in one week. Think of how many of those people had their sight saved. PIP Ervin discussed the GMT and GLT and the changes that will be taking effect July 1. PIP Ervin has been asked to lead the GMT and GLT for the United States. The coordination of the program will be in the same areas as the GMT presently. Area leaders for the GLT will work closely with the GMT leaders. PCC Mark Miller has been asked to serve as the Southeastern GLT Representative. There will be a GLT and GMT leader in each Multiple District, and they will serve a three year term. PIP Jim discussed the Guiding Lion program and stated that all Lions who have been certified as Guiding Lions must be re-certified. PIP Ervin discussed the Club Excellence Process and stated that it is a tool which can be used to help a struggling club; it will work for a club wishing to assess themselves to see what they are missing or what they need to help themselves.

LION W. MYERS BANISTER, PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR: PID Banister gave a report as Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee. He stated that his committee will have a short meeting after the Council Meeting today. The Committee will begin deliberations as requested by the Council on Redistricting and on Committee structure. The LRP Committee will present the Council with an overview at their February Council Meeting, so that they can choose what they desire to present to the Lions of Georgia.

NOW WHO CAN BEAT THIS -



Winder Lions Club – Lion Roy Rice He is 102 years old and still active in the club. Helps in the concession stand at Friday night Bingo. I spoke to him today and best he remembers he joined the Toccoa Lions club sometime around 1936/1937, but did not really become active until after the war. He was a member of the Dawson Lions Club for 10 years and 1 year in the Montezuma Club. He transferred to the Monroe Club and then to Winder about 1974 and has been active since. Also, we have one member Haase Arnold who is 90 years old and joined the Lions in 1951.

Union County Lions Club – Lion Arthur Gurr with 48 years of perfect attendance.

Marietta Lions Club – Lion William (Bill) Dodd, perfect attendance since February of 1961 and is 85 yr old. Lion Grady Holcombe, perfect attendance since March of 1962 and is 84 yr old. Lion Charlie Kuhn is 92 years old and is a regular participant at the meetings, which he attends with his grandson, Jeff, who is also a Lion in our club.

Woodstock Lions Club - only remaining and active charter member – Lion Denver Rainey.

Twin City Lions – Lion John Wm Turner Charter member has attended 46 years. Lion Sam Smith's 50 year membership at the same time (and he's in his 90's)

Woodbine Lions Club - Lion Henry Williams Sr., age 91, charter member joined 1953.

Oxford Lions Club - was chartered in 1951. We have two active charter members. Lion John Burson who was born in 1923 and Lion Carlos Meyer who was born in 1927. Lion Claude Phillips is our oldest active member. He was born in 1918, which makes him 92.

Rome Lions Club – Lion Paul W. Camp, PDG. And two Lions with 50 years perfect attendance - Lion Dewey L. Stevens. Lion Robert A. Swanson is 95 Years Old.

West Point Lions Club - above 90 years of age. Lion Glenn Smith (born 8/21/1915) Member since 11/1946
Lion John Whipple (born 6/30/1919)

Conyers Lions Club - Lion Bob Kelly joined in 1960 and has 45 years perfect attendance.

Macon Rutland Lions Club –Lion Earl Pace – 100% - 50 years and Lion Charles Lump – 97 years old

Boynton Lions Club - Charter Member Lion Willis Dietz. Still attends regularly and serves on board of directors after 58 years.

Toccoa Lions Club – Lion Andy Crawford has 65 years of service – joined in 1946.

West Cobb Lions Club - One of West Cobb's members, Melvin Couey, was among the 13 Atlantans selected to be a "Holiday Hero" by the Atlanta Journal Constitution. A very nice article about him appeared in the Dec. 20 edition of the AJC. He is our only remaining charter member, and has been an active Lion for many years. The article can be found at this link:

<http://www.accessatlanta.com/atlanta-holiday-guide/year-in-review/holiday-heroes-a-simple-783466.html>



Melvin Couey, 87, has collected about 36,200 pairs of glasses over the past 15 years for the Lions Club to be distributed to the vision-impaired. His work was always blue-collar, the retired welder and plumber says. His spelling never was the best, he apologizes, showing a

visitor a datebook where what really stands out are the number of charitable and church activities it contains.

His formula for success? Being deceptively, effectively direct. "I've always found that if you come right out and ask, you can get a whole lot more than if you hint around," Couey, 87, said recently during a chat in his sun-flooded Powder Springs home.

Asked and received, Couey has — over 36,000 times. That's how many pairs of donated eyeglasses he's collected as a member of the West Cobb Lions Club. Although by the time you finish reading this sentence, there'll probably be a few more in the drop-off donor boxes Couey oversees as part of a worldwide vision program run by Lions Clubs International. From the local water department office and Wal-Mart to a beauty shop and even a couple of funeral homes, 13 locations in all act as temporary way stations for the hundreds of bifocals, horn rims and tortoiseshells that people simply have no use for anymore.

To read more – go to the web site listed above.
Did you have any HERO's put in your local paper???

'By faith and not by sight' as taken from the Gwinnett Daily Post front page on 24Nov10 by Tyler Estep –

Lions Clubs help award-winning blind pianist

NORCROSS – Nancy Jones rarely wears the T-shirt she wore that day and she was only at that particular Wal-Mart by happenstance, killing time during her son's piano lesson. The day was more than a year ago, one where she met Pete Stamsen.

"I just happened to see on the back of the shirt that it had something to do with 'blind,' so I immediately struck up a conversation with her," said Stamsen, president of the Lawrenceville Lions Club.

Jones' T-shirt was one she had gotten from a convention for the National Federation of the Blind. Her oldest son Timothy, the same one at a piano lesson that day, was born without sight.

The eventual fruit of her random encounter with Stamsen was a recent ceremony at the Norcross Lions Club, just a few miles from the Jones family home. A group effort by six Gwinnett County Lions Clubs – Buford, Dacula, Lawrenceville, Loganville, Norcross and Snellville – gave 17-year-old Timothy two pieces of technology to make his homeschooling much easier.

Timothy, an award and scholarship winning pianist, received a talking scientific calculator and an upgrade to the operating system of his PAC Mate, essentially a personal computer for the blind.

"I was stunned and awed that they chose to do both," Nancy Jones said. "We are just overwhelmed with their kindness and support."

Timothy was born with Leber's congenital amaurosis, a rare hereditary eye disease that can skip as many as 10 generations. By the time he was 2 years old, his parents caught him picking out one of their favorite songs on the family piano.

He was enrolled in lessons by age 6, and has since mastered the piano, keyboard and organ. "I'd like to be a church musician," he said.

Performing since 2000, Timothy has taken top honors at the Georgia Music Teachers Association Auditions two years in a row, and was recently awarded a pair of scholarships by the National Federation of Music Clubs.

The words "by faith and not by sight" printed in Braille on his business cards, Timothy will take the state at the Lions Clubs' statewide convention next June.

"He is such a gifted and talented pianist," Stamsen said.

The gifts given to Timothy by the Lions Clubs, though, had nothing to do with his talents in front of a piano. The updated PAC Mate technology will help him check his e-mail more easily, keeping up with school assignments and friends. The talking calculator from Texas Instruments will help the aspiring broadcaster as his studies begin to require more complex calculations that cheaper versions can't do.

"I really appreciate the Lions Clubs going to all the effort to try and make it a little easier for me," Timothy said. It all came from a chance encounter born of the right wardrobe choice by his mother.

"I've often thought about how very serendipitous it was," Nancy Jones said. "It was one of those God moments that I was there at that time, (Stamsen) was there, and I was wearing that T-shirt."



"We May Not Have It All Together, But Together We Have It All"

When the going gets tough, the tough get going.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do.





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Scott Warren

Marietta Lions Club



The Marietta Lions Club has a signature project which is done each year at the 4th of July. The Club utilizes a 1950's rescue truck which is kept at the Marietta Fire Department's Fire House Museum. The truck was given to the fire department long ago by the Lions and more recently completely reconditioned by the Lions prior to its placement into the museum with several other antique fire trucks. The rescue truck leads the City of Marietta's 4th of July parade which travels over two miles through the major part of the downtown area of the city as well as through its downtown area. The downtown area consists of an old time town square. This town square is very unique as it still retains most of its original buildings, parks and other structures. The entire parade is carried live on government TV channel 23. Alongside the rescue truck are many members of the Marietta Lions Club who give out over 10,000 American flags to the citizens that line the parade route. Once the group of Lions reach the town square, the television commentator interviews the Lions President and discusses the Lions' purpose in leading the parade and the American flags. The entire process of moving through the parade route takes about 45 minutes. Following the Lions are the many floats of the parade including civic organizations, elected officials and other floats of organizations such as Miss Cobb. During the parade, the Lions also sell food and drinks to the citizens enjoying the parade until the evening when the streets are all closed, people completely cover the streets, and a fireworks display is presented at dusk.





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Jesse Powell



The Heart of a Lion– Lucretia Nobles and Hardy Thomas present their fellow Lion Stan Bazemore with a plaque for his service to the Lyons Lion Club and to Lionism around the world. IT S YOUR DAY - Lions Mayor John Moore declared October 25, 2010, as Stan Bazemore Day in the city and here he presents the man of the hour With the order from the Lyons City Fathers.

Jekyll Island

The Jekyll Island Lions Club has many beneficial activities and excels in its financial assistance to international and local causes, especially the blind and hearing impaired. For the club year ending in June, it gave away a record of \$18,297.00! The group’s 31 members strive to follow the Lionism’s motto, “We Serve”.

For almost 30 years, the club has produced a telephone directory for the island, usually every two years. The directory also includes a reverse directory by street locations, which is a great service for residents. With sales of the books and the advertising inside, the club raises funds, which are passed along to various Lions projects.

Lion members “ring the bell” for the Salvation Army every December and have a “White Cane” campaign for the blind every spring. Every March, the Jekyll Lions host an annual golf tournament on one of the island golf courses, which draws many local players. Jekyll Island residents and regular winter visitors alike look forward to the club’s periodic sales of Baby Swiss cheese from a cheese factory in Millersburg, Ohio. This November’s “Cheesehead” event sold nearly 1,000 pounds of cheese and raised a nice sum of money to benefit the blind.

Other activities the Jekyll Lions are involved in are collection of used eyeglasses for reclamation and redistribution, work on maintenance for the Camp for the Blind near Waycross, Ga., record books for Lion’s program “Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic” and serve as trained volunteers for Coastal Medical Access Project.

Additionally, Jekyll Lions pay for eye exams and eyeglasses for those in need, repair talking book machines and place American flags outside local businesses on holidays. A “Lions Club Open House” held on November 9 was a first time event, planned by the membership committee. The club invited the entire community to come have refreshments and learn about local and international efforts of Lions in helping those who have problems with sight and hearing. Many guests came to hear the talks given by several Lions, read the literature, view displays and learn more about Lionism. We feel this was a very successful event and has shown a positive result for recruiting new members.

The president of the Jekyll Island Lions is Ronald “Tom” Muse.



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Jack Taylor

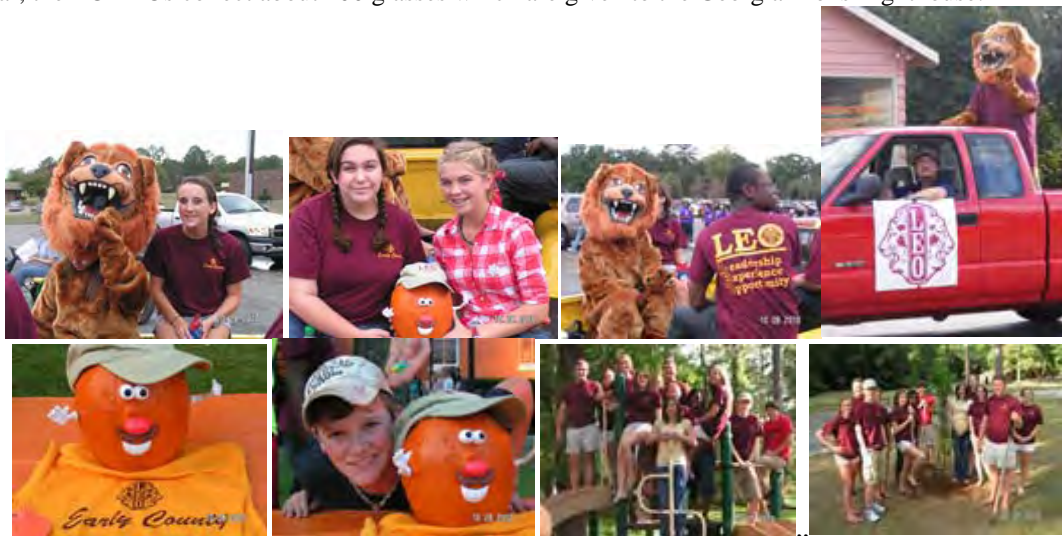


I am proud that we have very active LEO clubs, advisors and Lion volunteers working with our LEO's within our District.

Early County LEO Club

The Early County LEO Club was chartered in 2005. Since that time, the EC LEOs have been recognized by Lions International as an International LEO Club of Excellence for four of our five years. Some of the projects completed by the EC LEOS have included: partnered with the Blakely Lions Club with the calendar sales, Club Rush and several Fall activities at Early County High, Hometown Kickoff program, attending the Georgia Lions Lighthouse and Camp meeting, Fall Recognition Banquet (the most recent with Early County Superintendent of Schools and Early County High School principal as guest speakers), Sight Night at the Fall Festival on the Square collecting over 600 used eye glasses to send to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, sponsorship of a puppy with Southeast Guide Dogs, Thanksgiving projects, Holidays on The Square, Early County 2055, Pajama Party with Santa at Early County Elementary, EC Literacy Team, Lions District and State Young Ambassador program, Relay for Life serving as Junior Luminaries, Send-A-Kid to Camp, UNICEF School-in-a-Box, and planting of the LEO tree at Kolomoki State Park during the Spring Picnic with the Blakely Lions. Some of the previous EC LEO Club and Individual Awards have included: four Lions International LEO Club of Excellence awards, Georgia LEO Club of Service, Top LEO Club in District, Best LEO Service to the Lighthouse, Southeast Guide Dogs LEO Honor, LCI Sight Night and Recycle for Sight, Serving Together / Lions Partnerships, Spotlight on Children Services and UNICEF, LEO State Gathering Awards, District & State Young Ambassador, and Lions Young Leaders. Through contests and state awards of the Georgia Lions, the EC LEOs have been awarded 1st place for Essay, Scrapbook, and Young Ambassador.

The Early County LEO Club has participated in the Sight Night program for the past 5 years with help from the sponsoring Blakely Lions Club and the Early County School System. Each October, boxes are placed in each school and glasses collected from students and faculty. The collection culminates with the community Pumpkins on The Square each Thursday before Halloween when citizens are asked to bring their old glasses. (The LEOs also help with the fun booths, children's costume contest, and pumpkin carving contest.) Each year, the EC LEOs collect about 200 glasses which are given to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse.



The Blakely Lions Club was chartered on January 17, 1940 and has been proud to serve the citizen of Blakely, Early County, and the world for 70 years through Lions International. While small in members, the club works diligently to provide services to the local community and the world-at-large. Through their partnership with ophthalmologist Dr. Jerry Prchal of Blakely & Albany Eye Care, the Blakely Lions provide eye exams and glasses for those in need, especially school children. Donations are made to Lions projects at the district, state, and international levels. In recent years, the Blakely Lions have sponsored the Early County LEO Club and the Young Ambassador program. Not only with Lions projects, the Blakely Lions are a strong support for local and community activities ranging from health, citizenship, youth and children, Relay for Life, Early County 2055, education, and scholarship. While proud of the past, the Blakely Lions look forward to a bright future as a "Beacon of Hope."



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Ron Bennett

Lavonia Lions Club

The Lavonia Lions Club has been serving the community and Lionism since 1934. Over the years our projects have changed, but our desire to serve the community and those less fortunate remains the same.

Sight Conservation has always been a top priority for our club. The Sight Committee has worked hard to help those needing glasses as well as hearing aids. We collect use glasses and have collection boxes in several locations.

More recently, we have made education of our local school children a goal. A few years ago we were inspired by a Lions Club in South Carolina to start a computer program. They helped us get started by donating 100 used computers to us. A committee was formed and one of our members started working to recondition them. Articles in the paper and publicity on the local radio station has generated help and donations from individuals and the business community. We have now donated over 100 computers to elementary aged children who do not have a computer in their home. The program has been extended to help with after school programs in churches and adult education classes.

Fundraising for any project is always an on-going thing. Over the years we have done the usual things, chicken ques, ham and egg suppers, raffles, etc., that all clubs have tried. Currently our efforts have been our mop and broom sales, Lions calendar, candy and gum machines, Lions mints, a yearly yard sale (a good way to clean out the attic) and building and raffling off a playhouse. Each year a group of our members design and build a playhouse to be raffled off at the Lavonia Fall Festival in September. This is always a favorite with the community. The cost of building materials has gone up a lot and donations have not been as good as in the past.

As with other clubs we are finding fundraising in this economy difficult. We are going to have to be more creative in order not to cut back on any of our current projects and the community. We enjoy visiting with other clubs and seeing what ideas they have come up with. We are fortunate to have so many active clubs in our area.

Some of the community projects that we are involved with are: Boy Scout Troop 51, Lavonia Food Bank, National Night Out Against Crime co-sponsored with the Lavonia Police Dept., Franklin County Habitat for Humanity, the Lavonia Carnegie Library and the Franklin County Little League. A few years ago we installed a fountain and landscaping in the downtown area. We have enjoyed maintaining the fountain area each year. As always, we are proud to support the State, National and International objectives of the Lions organization.

We are working hard to maintain and to increase our membership. Each year we have a get-together in a member's home and invite prospective members. It is a fun time for all





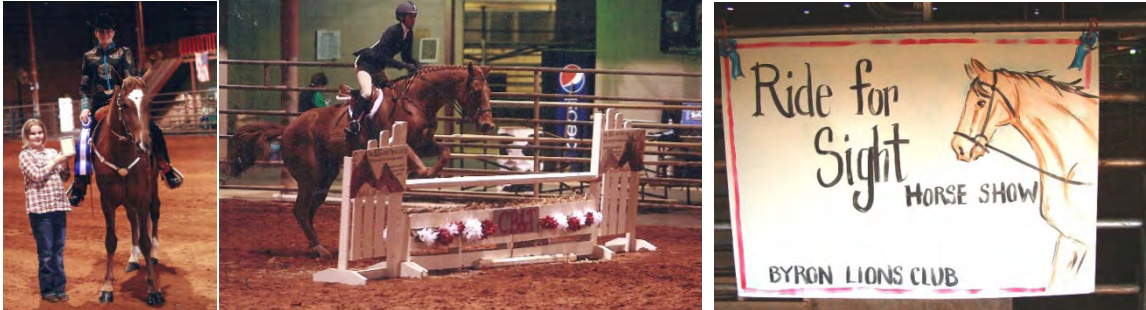
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Bob Smith

The Griffin Lions - Come Cruise with the Griffin Lions Club to PAMANA September 24, 2011 to October 2, 2011 on the Carnival Cruise Lines Freedom of the Seas. Embark at Fort Lauderdale, FL, with ports of call at Cozumel, MX, Limon, Costa Rico, Colon Panama, with an optional excursion through the Panama Canal. Oceanview Cabins from \$787.00. \$50.00 INITIAL deposit, installments accepted, \$ 300.00 due by 04/10/2010, full payment by July 1, 2011. Port and Gratuities can be paid in advance or when boarding the ship. Passports are required. FOR MORE INFORMATION call 770-229-4826

Byron Lions Club

This has been an exceptional year for the Byron Lions Club. Since the first of the year we have inducted three new members, and have several more prospective members lined up. Secondly, we hosted our first ever charity horse show, Ride for Sight. The show, held in April, was a big success and we have determined to make this an annual event.



We have participated in the Battle of Byron and the first annual Chili Fest in Byron. Both activities helped us raise money for our charitable endeavors as well as get our club out in the local community. We have provided vision and hearing screenings in two elementary and one middle school, helping to identify problem areas. If necessary, the Club will help with eye exams and glasses for the students. In October and November we worked with the Middle School art teacher and sponsored the Peace Poster Contest, with over 140 students participating. The top three winning entries will be our guests at an early 2011 meeting and will receive checks for their efforts. Also in November, the Club sponsored our annual Turkey Shoot. Over 30 turkeys were given out, and the proceeds will help us to continue to provide needed service in the community.



December is a big month for the Byron Lions Club. First, continuing a tradition begun by the now disbanded Byron Lioness Club, we sponsored our Annual Love-Light Tree ceremony. This year we joined together with the Byron Area Historical Society and the Byron Better Hometown to make the event even bigger and better. Entertainment included the 5th grade chorus from Byron Elementary School. All proceeds from this event go to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. The next day we participated as we do every year in the Annual Byron Christmas Parade. We are the last float in the Parade, as we sponsor and bring Santa and Mrs. Claus to Byron! Coming up is our Annual Christmas Party. In lieu of exchanging gifts, each attendee has been asked to bring an unwrapped toy, which will be donated to Kids Yule Love, a local charitable organization that provides Christmas cheer to needy youngsters in the area.





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Paul May

Evans Lions Club - On The Go...

The Evans Lions chartered on March 17, 2007 and has 37 members. The club meets on each 1st and 3rd Thursday morning and attracts members who enjoy a breakfast meeting before their workday. The club has a diverse age range of members and is guided by three members that have been Lions for five years or more that transferred from other clubs. The majority of the members have two years or less experience which gives a constant stream of new enthusiasm and fresh ideas

The clubs primary fund raiser is the Jim Metts Memorial Car Show held in Evans each spring. The fourth annual car show is scheduled for April 17, 2011 and will raise funds to support the GA Lighthouse for the Blind, GA Camp for the Blind, LCIF, LCIF specific needs like Haiti relief, Leader Dogs for the Blind and charities in Columbia County. Our pledge to support the Lighthouse building campaign is funded by this event. Each year the car show brings in new entries from many surrounding states in addition to our local loyal annual participants. The event is kicked off by a "cruise in" through the city of Evans to the event location.

Last October the club hosted its third annual Dog Walk in partnership with the Columbia County Humane Society. Proceeds supported the Humane Society as well as our support to Leader Dogs for the Blind. The club also supports other area charities. The club manned a break station in the spring for the Columbia County Great Dam Ride which supports the local burn foundation and is one of the premier bicycle road race events in GA. The club is also supporting the Salvation Army Bell Ringing fundraiser by manning kettles at the Evans Wal-mart on 22 December. Besides collecting used eyeglasses the club is also going to start a partnership with Walton Options rehab center to assist in providing eyeglasses to the needy.

The club participates in a quarterly road clean up of its sponsored road in support of the counties area beautification program. Local residents always honk and wave in support when they see our yellow Lions t-shirts at work.

The club held its first pancake breakfast on October 30th and raised funds for its Columbia County relief fund. The breakfast was held at the Evans Fatz Café, and raised over \$1000 for the club. A Halloween costume contest for the kids was as much fun for the members as it was for the participants. Thanks to Fatz Café for supporting this event and other club activities over the last few years. The club provides the Columbia County First Responders with small stuffed lions wearing club t-shirts to have available to provide to small kids in tough situations. This campaign was initially started by one of our founding Lions Jim Metts.

The club donates to the Columbia County program to assist struggling families such as the weekend sack lunch for kids program, the Day with a Sheriff Deputy program that sponsors kids shopping for Christmas gifts for their families, and donations to specific families in need. The club also donates funds to the local Mechanics Ministry to buy repair parts to repairs cars to donate to families in need of transportation to help them keep their jobs.

The club is conducting its annual Toys for Tots drive and will present the toys collected to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in Augusta at its last meeting of the year on 16 December. The club has already noticed an increase in community support to its collection boxes despite what is still a tough economy for some. Each year the club also manages to find more schools and businesses that wants to host a box.

The club awarded its second Melvin Jones Award in July.

Photos for consideration are attached separately

1. Pancake Breakfast. Ladies with a clown. Lions Denny Turner, Patrice Larson, Rosemary Lynn, Myrna Hackett and Melody Abbott 2. Man standing with his back towards camera in yellow t-shirt. Lion Jody Frey manning the kitchen at the Pancake Breakfast. 3. 2010 Jim Metts Memorial Car Show 4. Leader Dog information booth at the Oct 2009 Dog Walk. Lions Art Turner (yellow t-shirt) and Lion Mike Cox 5. Dog Walk participants. 6. Toys for Tots Drive Dec 2009 (2 photos) Augusta U.S. Marine Corps Reserve with Evans Lions

What Lions Are and What They Aren't

Lions are members of the world's largest and most active service club organization.

Lions aren't looking through membership in a civic club to build their own personal business connections.

Lions are people who have decided to give something back to their communities, who are dedicated to finding people in need, and who meet those needs in an efficient caring way.

Lions aren't people who simply write checks to benefit the hard work of charities in their community. Lions are those people working hard in those community charities.

Lions are men and women who believe that that by working with other dedicated Lions, they will accomplish far more for their communities than would be possible alone.

Lions aren't concerned with building personal prestige or reputation. Lions have a great reputation because of the hard work they perform. Their service speaks for itself.

Lions are committed to solving major, worldwide health social problems, and to realize that solutions are possible when every Lions Club does its share.

Lions aren't people who raise funds locally to send elsewhere. Although Lions charities benefit state and worldwide activities, the majority of each Lions Club's activities focus on local needs.

Lions are people who cherish friendship and fellowship with their own Club, but also feel a close kinship with fellow Lions in more than 206 countries and areas throughout the world.

Lions aren't just about work. Lions have fun and fellowship. Friendships made in Lionism last a lifetime, because they are based on a common commitment to serve. Lions work hard, but have fun all along the way.

Lament of a District Governor's Wife

The District Governor's wife knocked at the pearly gates;
Her face was worn and old, she stood before the man of faith;
Seeking admission to the fold.

Well, what have you done St. Peter said, to gain admission here?

Well, I've been the wife of a District Governor, for many, many
a year.

He'd come home only once, just a minute to change his clothes,
What he did the rest of the week – I'm afraid the good Lord
only Knows!

I hung this picture on the inside door; I told the kids it's sad,
But if a man knocked and looks like that
Let him in he's your dad.



USA/CANADA FORUM

September 22 - September 24, 2011

Anchorage, Alaska

UGH, UNBELIEVEABLE - I was going to put something else in this space, but I have not Received what I ordered. Thus, I will put it in the next issue.

Anyways, while I was up in Alaska in December, I was at this office waiting for my daughter and scanning thru magazine's – found this one I swear it was TIME (I usually do not read). I found an article that really got to me – it really was amazing. *Believe it or not, a college student started a non-profit to help the blind because she could not find any organization that did so.* WHAT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As some of you old fogies out there, (I for one) we should remember that we had bankers, doctors, lawyers, judges, teachers, some great professionals and so on. **WHAT HAS HAPPENED?????**

I do know for the last few years I have asked many people if they knew anything about Lions and 95% came back and said WHO..... Well, I just keep trying and ASK. I know there are people out there somewhere who would want to join – but they have not been asked.

Now here is one idea – I was on recruiting duty while in the Marines and went around to many colleges in one state. SO, why could we not have a team of no less than 2 and no more than 4 who are dedicated and committed? This would be a Recruitment Team (to be able to PASS the word on what LIONS do and try and get new Recruits) who would go to each college within their District. They would have to get permission as all recruiters have to and set up a table to be able to pass information out and try and recruit students to form a Campus Club. This can be done at least twice a year. Set-up is usually in the Student Affairs or Unions. Lions International has plenty of brochures for the asking.



Believe it or not – there is information out there on the Lions web site. Why not go to:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/stu1.pdf>

If all else fails, at least we were able to PASS THE WORD ABOUT LIONS to the students. At least they would know first-hand that there is an organization out there that does take care of the blind and much more.



Also, these new Recruiters could be able to go to other areas as well – retirement homes, shopping malls, festivals, anywhere where there would be a large group of people, etc.....

This would not involve any new committee. Each District Governor would appoint a Recruitment Team and place it under the control of one of the Vice District Governors. If we are able to get new Lions, fine.

If not, at least we were able to PASS THE WORD. Communication here again, is the KEY if we are unable to get any newspaper coverage. We have to get the word out.

MD 18 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CHAIR – LION C. MARK MILLER, PCC:

Club Excellence Process: *The Club Excellence Process (“CEP”) is a new program developed by LCI as part of the efforts to increase membership. It is designed to be a course in which Club Leaders take a good long look at their own club, and develop at least one action plan for making their club a brighter beacon of hope in their community. How is this going to work? In Georgia, we are asking each District to be responsible for putting on at least one CEP session. **District Leadership Chairs and their CEP faculty are invited to attend a training session on the program on November 20, 2010 in Centerville.** At that session, they will be given the materials and coached on holding successful training events. The GaLT has taken the material provided by GMT, streamlined it a bit, and produced a DVD for the District Teams to use to put this program on. The result is a half-day program that looks very polished and professional. Past International President Jim Ervin and International Director Haynes Townsend helped put this DVD together, and we are proud of the resulting product. Who should attend? The success of these workshops depends on who comes---this is geared toward a group of club officers coming and working together through the workshop. As this program is promoted in each District, club officers should be encouraged to come as a group to the workshop. If they attend as a group, then they leave the workshop with a working action plan for a great project.*

Thriving Club Retreat: *Many folks may remember the Dynamic Club Workshops that were held a few years ago. Well, think of the Thriving Club Workshop as the Dynamic Club Workshop on steroids. Below is a draft schedule for the two day event. This workshop will focus on the Lions Club. Whether you have a strong or weak club, this workshop will help Club Leaders develop their personal leadership skills to build and strengthen their club. No, this is not just an officer training school: this course is about the dynamics of building a quality club program...and sustaining that club by building and keeping quality members. As of this printing, the dates and logistics are subject to change. That said, here is what we hope the arrangements to be:*

Dates: 2-3 April 2011

Location: Kingwood Resort, Clayton, Georgia

Costs: Rooms (put to 4 per room) \$89 per night

Registration of \$30.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, 2 April 2011

12:00-1:00 Registration

1:00-1:45 Is Your Club Hanging By A Rope?

2:00-2:45 Dealing With Change

3:00-3:45 Club Meetings

4:00-4:45 Managing Speakers

5:00-5:45 Handling the Business of Your Club

6:00-7:00 Dinner

7:00-9:30 WE SERVE: more than a motto

9:30-10:15 Vision Experience

Sunday, 3 April 2011

7:00-7:45 Breakfast

8:00-8:45 Winning in Conflicts

9:00-9:45 Community Image

10:00-10:45 Recruiting New Members

11:00-11:45 Keeping the Lions You Have

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-1:45 You are Our Beacon of Hope

State Convention Training: *A training matrix for State Committee members and chairs will take place prior to State Convention so that they could be trained at the State Convention as well as have the opportunity to meet with the outgoing chairs of those committees. This would require three consecutive three hour sessions during the State Convention.*



Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

Providing vision and hearing services to Georgians in financial need

LION GARY VAUGHTERS, CHAIR, GA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION, INC.:

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse remains focused on our mission of bringing sight and sound to Georgians who have no other recourse. Because of the commitment and determination of Lions Clubs throughout the State, the Lighthouse has empowered the lives of many more Georgians than ever before. In the past four years, we have increased our points of service by 600%. The first quarter of 2010, we provided glasses to 698 clients in seventeen eyeglass clinics across Georgia. 259 people received 482 hearing aids and 69 received sight-saving surgery. Because of your support, many clients returned to work, school, and lives of competence and independence. We all have much to be grateful for, this Thanksgiving. Operations funding is somewhat less than it was this time last year. The Lions of GA contributed \$33,000 of the \$332,000 total contributions. White Cane and Luminary (individual) giving will be in the spotlight the first quarter of 2011.

Excitement continues to build as we put finishing touches on our new home, and prepare for a December move. In our current offices, the Lighthouse is at the absolute limit of service we are able to provide. Dr. Mary Lynch is ready to begin working with clients in our new clinic; and staff members are eager to push the Lighthouse into its future of bringing many more Georgians into a world of sight and sound.

The Capital Campaign is in the final stages as I write. Thanks to Lions and other Lighthouse supporters, we will raise \$2.75 million in less than a year. L.C.I.F. recently contributed to our Capital Campaign with a \$75,000 grant to equip the optics lab. District A sponsored this request, as District D sponsored the \$50,000 request for mobile clinic equipment. Please join me in thanking PIP Jim Ervin, ID Haynes Townsend and Immediate Past Lighthouse Chair, Mark Miller, for encouraging support from L.C.I.F. 1775 Clairmont Road is FOR SALE. We have listed the property with Ackerman & Co for \$565,000.00. The Lighthouse is in the process of going paperless, with applications and other documents scanned into the computer. Files and boxes, that are no longer needed, are being recycled and removed. We are clearing out our offices to make them as attractive as possible for sale. Thank you for all your support in positioning the Lighthouse to dramatically increase service. Our commitment, with you, is that no Georgian should go without vision or hearing services just because he or she cannot afford them. Every Georgia neighbor deserves a chance to fulfill his or her unique dreams.

Summer Service Numbers July 1—Nov 30, 2010

District A
Eye Glasses: 81
Eye Exams: 28
Eye Surgeries: 11
Hearing Aids: 103

District B
Eye Glasses: 150
Eye Exams: 60
Eye Surgeries: 2
Hearing Aids: 43

District C
Eye Glasses: 61
Eye Exams: 49
Eye Surgeries: 8
Hearing Aids: 49

District D
Eye Glasses: 33
Eye Exams: 31
Eye Surgeries: 5
Hearing Aids: 52

District E
Eye Glasses: 41
Eye Exams: 25
Eye Surgeries: 10
Hearing Aids: 55

District F
Eye Glasses: 128
Eye Exams: 49
Eye Surgeries: 8
Hearing Aids: 41

Fiscal Year Totals:
Eye Glasses: 494
Eye Exams: 242
Eye Surgeries: 44
Hearing Aids: 343



We've moved – check page 16

Better Vision. Better Hearing. **Better Georgia.**

2011 Lighthouse Winter Conference



Saturday, January 29, 2011
Holiday Inn Atlanta Northeast
2001 Clearview Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30340

The 2011 Georgia Lions Lighthouse Winter Conference, scheduled for January 29, 2011.

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Atlanta Northeast. Come for the opening of the new Lighthouse, committee meetings, and updates for the year to come!

Accommodations are available at the Holiday Inn for \$69 a night. Call (770) 455-3700 and mention the Lions Lighthouse to reserve your rooms at the preferred rate.

Tentative Schedule:

9:30 A.M.
Optic Training Workshop
Planned Giving Breakout Meeting

10:30 A.M.
White Cane Breakout Meeting
Luminary Society

11:30 A.M.
Voluntary Luncheon (\$15.00 per person)

1:00 P.M.
Trustees Meeting

2:30 P.M.
Lighthouse Open House – join us for the official opening of new home.

We hope to see you there!

Lighthouse Awards Deadline:
April 30, 2011



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

Register with the Lighthouse at dogoodgetrewards.com to earn rewards for your service. Questions?

Contact Laura at

lgriffin@lionslighthouse.org

The Gift of Sound: Sarah Vann's Story



While some might think that all it takes to make music is a sense of rhythm and a good ear, Sarah Vann of Brunswick, GA, knows that it's not that simple.

"I started playing the piano at age two, before I could even walk," she says, remembering how naturally her hands would move across the keys.

Yet when Sarah's vision began deteriorating two years ago, prompting family to purchase bifocals for her, she found that her new glasses prevented her from properly reading her sheet music. Following the music up and down the page, requiring her to switch rapidly between her lenses' two different prescriptions, was so disorienting that Sarah was forced to give up her hobby of 47 years.

Discovering the Lighthouse's vision clinic was the key to bringing music back into Sarah's life. Using the glasses she received from the Lighthouse exclusively for playing piano, Sarah is now able to read sheet music again without problems. She credits the Lighthouse with not only her restored vision, but also the renewed joy she takes in being able to play the music that she loves once again.

We've Moved!

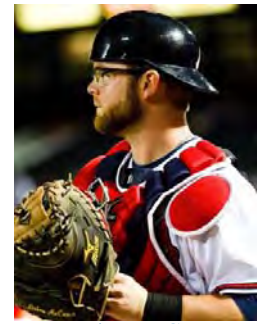
After a year's worth of planning, rallying, fretting, and hoping, the Lighthouse is proud to announce a successful move to our new home in Chamblee!

None of this would have been possible without your support throughout the Capital Campaign, purchase of the building, and transition to our new offices. Thank you for your time, generous donations, and all the many contributions that have made this move a success!

In our new facilities, we will be able to provide expanded services, including weekly vision clinics, and an optical lab which will allow us to produce our own glasses at much reduced cost.

The Lighthouse will hold an official open house for the new building during the Lighthouse conference on January 29, 2011. Come to tour the space, hear more about what the future holds for the Lighthouse, and find out how you can stay involved as we continue to grow!

Our new address:
5582 Peachtree Road
Chamblee, GA 30341
(404) 325-3630



Brian McCann
Honorary Campaign Chair
Atlanta Braves Catcher



We're thrilled to announce the success of the 2010 Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation's *Bring the Future into Focus Campaign!*

Last January, we began the capital campaign with high hopes and a bit of uncertainty. However, with *your* help, we've **exceeded our \$2.75 million goal by over \$250,000!**

With the outstanding success of the campaign, the Lighthouse will be able to move forward immediately with the installation of an elevator, which will give disability access to our third floor, and make our entire building more accessible. We will also complete the second stage of our landscaping plan to create a memorial garden, which will recognize Lions Club members and supporters while also providing our clients and their families an outdoor space to wait at our clinic.

We cannot thank you enough for your commitment to the future of the Lighthouse.

Sincerely,

Gary Vaughters
Lions Lighthouse Board Chair

January – Relieving the Hunger

January 2011

Wiotekika Wi – Moon of Hard Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11	12	13 <i>Melvin Jones Birthday</i>	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Lighthouse Meeting/ Celebration
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February 2011

Cannapopa Wi – Moon of Popping Trees

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Council of Governors Meeting /Camp for Blind Meeting Warner Robins, GA.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 18-E Convention Griffin, GA
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 18-B Convention Port Wentworth, GA
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 18-C Convention Lake Seminole, GA
27	28					

March 2011 Istawicayazan Wi – Moon of Snow Blindness

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	18-F 5 Convention Milledgeville, GA
6	7	8	9	10	11	18-A 12 Convention Alpharetta, GA
18-D 13 Convention Dawsonville, GA	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 2011 Leo Gathering and Conference	26 2011 Leo Gathering and Conference, Camp for the Blind, Waycross
27 2011 Leo Gathering and Conference	28	29	30	31		

April 2011 Wihakakta cepapi Wi – Moon of Fattening

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		White	Cane	Month	1	2 Thriving Club Retreat Kingwood Resort Clayton, Georgia
3 Thriving Club Retreat	4	5	6	7	8 VDG Training	9 VDG Training
10 VDG Training	11	12	13	14	15	16 Council of Governors Mtg, Gwinnett Place Center, Georgia
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Awards End

Submit PU-101 report on President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair

May 2011 Wojupiwi Wi – Moon of Planting

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 <i>Awards Start</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
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June 2011 Wipazuka waste Wi – Moon of Good Berries

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:



“Go Tell it on the Mountain...”

I absolutely adore this time of season because of the sweetness that is shared in fellowship with others. It is with that thought that I will begin to tell you how wonderful Christmas Camp was. I will be honest this may have been the sweetest experience of my life. I have never been a part of something that encompassed the saying “Tis better to give than to receive.” It was truly a sweet time. Many a camper commented on how much they loved the weekend and how delightful it was to be able to provide Christmas for another person. Thank you to everyone who sent in a gift card or money for this big project. You truly made a difference!

Christmas Camp is by far the icing on top of the cake. As I sit and reflect on this past year, I can think of no better way to end it than by spending a weekend with those we serve. I watched as over 75 people, including volunteers, descended upon the camp to spend a weekend growing and learning together.

Speaking of Blessings, as you all know by now Ms. Carolyn is going to re-retire! I am so very happy for her, but my heart is saddened at the thought of her not being around here every day. Don’t be surprised when we show up with her in tow somewhere. She is not only the secretary, but a friend to the camp and myself!

My favorite part of the weekend was not the snowball wars, although that was by far the most fun, it was making the goodie bags for the homebound. Every camper made two bags for someone else. They saw the good in lending a hand. Isn’t that what you as a Lion do... Lend a hand?

This Christmas as you count your blessings, know that there are campers all over this state that count you as a Blessing!

Merry Christmas,
Kristen

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Dear Lions of Georgia,

Another Christmas is almost upon us, and the Holiday spirit has consumed the Camp during Winterfest!! So many Campers!! So much fun!! So much good food and fellowship!!

The Send-A-Kid-To-Camp (SAKTC) campaign postcards were mailed during the latter part of September. We’ve received several dozen donations since then and want to encourage the clubs that haven’t made a donation to send one whenever you can.

I’m still so thankful that most everyone of the checks we’ve received lately have the particular funding category written on them. You’re doing a great job!!

If any club or individual has any ATV Raffle tickets checks or money, please send the monies on to the Camp. You may also send any ticket stubs along, or send them to your VP. We need especially to get the checks deposited before the dates are more than 5-6 weeks old.

Please call or email if you need any help with anything.

Sincerely,
Carolyn

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Merry Christmas,

It is my hope that you are blessed this Christmas and enjoying time spent with family and friends in fellowship. We have been blessed for the last 34 years to have a young child (in mind) to enjoy this time of year with. That is truly Neya's and my gift each and every year. We could not be any more blessed!

I just got to spend another great Christmas Camp with those we serve. Winter Fest this year was very special and we had a full house. I'll let Kristen share all the details on the Camping Session itself, but I will tell you I had a blast! I went shopping with eight young ladies that were buying gifts for a 10 year old little girl. At first I was wondering, "what the heck have I gotten myself into here?" But watching those visually impaired young ladies go about their shopping business and using so many of their skills was very heart warming.



We have been blessed at our Camp to have wonderful year round Staff that really have the best interest of those we serve at heart. Carolyn is a special part of that Team and it is with both sadness and gratitude that I tell you that she has decided to leave the Team. Carolyn has submitted her resignation due to personal reasons and her last day as an employee of our Camp will be January 14, 2011. She has mentioned that she will still be a part of the Team from a volunteer perspective. I have said in the past: we hired Kristen and Mike but God sent us Carolyn. When I first took over as President there were a few days when we had no staff at all. I requested a person to answer the phone and be at the Camp until Kristen started; the answer to that request was Carolyn. I know that I speak for all Georgia Lions in thanking Carolyn for her service, wishing her the very best and saying that she is always welcome at our Camp!

In closing this letter and wrapping up another great year of service by and for our Camp, I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year. Enjoy this season of giving and be thankful that we get to live this season year round as Lions. Get some rest as well because we have a lot of work to do to make our Camp better next year. More to be said about that in next month's Newsletter.

Take Care and God Bless! *Frank*

John Deere Gator Compact CX Series



I remind all the Lions and Lions Clubs to keep selling the raffle tickets for the gator. Send the stubs to your District Camp Vice President and the money directly to the Camp by 15 January 2011. Please remember to indicate on the check memo area - "ATV raffle", in order not to have it placed in the wrong account.

We are rapidly approaching the end of our sales period for the John Deere Raptor ATV - ideal for turf, property tasks, and easily fits in tight spaces. You could win this Gator or \$5,000 Cash. Drawing to be held on 5-6 February 2011 at Warner Robins, GA. You do not have to be present to win. Funds from this raffle will help send blind children to camp and benefit. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a ticket.

The Christmas Camp week-end has concluded. The donations some of you made for the campers to purchase gifts for the Salvation Army were greatly appreciated - Thank You.

Let's keep up the good work for the camp in 2011.

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LION FRANK SPINNEY, PRESIDENT, GA LIONS CAMP FOR THE BLIND, INC.

It is a quiet time at our Camp but that is getting ready to change. Here are a few things that have been going on in Waycross and beyond:



Bobby submitted his resignation just after the Fall Joint Meeting. We then started the process on finding his successor. We posted the position in the local media and the response was just what you would expect in our current economy. Kristen and Carolyn were flooded with applications. Kristen narrowed it down to the top five and on October 16th; Carey VanLandingham (Building and Grounds Committee Chair), Kristen and I

interview those five. The outcome is what we believe will be a fine Building and Grounds Manager for years to come. His name is Mike and Kristen will introduce him in depth in the upcoming newsletter.

· On Friday following the interviews mentioned above; Carey went into surgery for a personal health issue. I am happy to say the surgery went well and that he is now home and recovering nicely. Please keep Lion Carey in your thoughts and prayers. I do know what the Lions Family and their support can do to help one get better.

· I have been on the road giving presentations on our Camp and the Lions Clubs I have been to are very excited about what we got going on at their Camp!

I think it is a good time to talk about the upcoming elections that will happen at our District Conventions. They are not that far away!

· District C will need to elect a new Vice President to the Camp. Lion Carey is wrapping up his second term in that position. Per the Constitution the term limits are two terms of two years each.

· District D will either need to re-elect Lion Thois Masters to another term or elect a new VP.

· District F will either need to re-elect Lion Helen Troha to another term or elect a new VP.

These are very important positions and play a big role in weather your Camp is successful or not. Please get this process out in front of your respective Districts and ensure it gets the attention it deserves.

Also Districts C and D will need to either re-elect their current Trustees to the Camp or elect their replacements. District C's Trustee is currently Lion Jim Lapham and District D's Trustee is Lion Joe Hirsch.

Here are some upcoming Camp dates to remember and share:

- February 5-6, 2011 - Camp Winter Committee and Board of Directors Meetings in Warner Robins, GA.
- March 18-20, 2011 – Work Weekend at the Camp.
- March 25-27, 2011 - LEO Gathering at the Camp.
- April 29-May 1, 2011 – Work Weekend at the Camp.

The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Winter Board of Director's Meeting is rapidly approaching as well as the chance to serve those in need. Here is what will be going on at this very important Meeting:

- The Standing Committee Meetings will be held at the LaQuinta Inn on Saturday, February 5th. There is lots of work being done by these Committees. A schedule for these Meetings is enclosed.
- On Saturday evening we will celebrate our living up to our Lion's Motto of "We Serve". We will be having a Steak Dinner that is once again hosted by the Centerville Lions Club. If you have been to one of these in the past, then your mouth is already watering.
- The Board of Director's Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 6th at the Centerville Lions' Club House at 11:00AM.

As many of you know; our Camp was the recipient of \$419,500.00 donation just before Christmas and I will be sharing with you our plans to use those funds to upgrade our Camp's Facilities. So - please plan on joining us in celebrating our successes at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. I look forward to seeing each of you there in February.

Take Care and God Bless! *Frank*



2011 Red Circle Calendars are here!

(Available only through February 2011)

Official Lions Pocket Calendar

18 month calendar, January 2011 through June 2012. Durable, attractive dark blue vinyl cover includes pocket for money or other valuables and Lions emblem imprinted in gold.



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[Personalized Pocket Calendars](#) (Item G540GS) - \$4.25/each

(Special area on the covers for your club's name to be imprinted in gold, if desired. Unless ordered online, club name must be provided in writing exactly as you would like it to appear on the calendars. Minimum 25 calendars. Allow two weeks for delivery.)

Visit our online [Lions Shop](#) to order these and other fine Lions products.



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What a way to make a statement with this new line of product finished with designer graphics!

Paint Splatter T-Shirt and Ceramic Mug

Add pizzazz to your club name with a splash of color in blue and gold with "Sir Lion" and two-color Lions emblem



2009-2010 Fiscal Year Achievements

OR, HOW WE ARE SPENDING THE MONEY

The consistent support Leader Dog receives from Lions is a common topic of discussion around the office and kennel. Leader Dog understands how hard it has become to fundraise in this slow economic climate. Because of this, we are especially careful to be good stewards of the funds that Lions donate to Leader Dog.

Leader Dog is proud that we have been able to undertake some new programs and implement improved procedures while staying within our annual budget. Call it bragging, but Leader Dog wants to let you know some of what we have accomplished this past year and what we're looking forward to for 2010-2011.

2010 accomplishments included:

A reduction in the client to instructor ratio, from 6:1 to 4.5:1, allowing for more one-on-one instruction helping both the client and the dog.

The implementation of more stringent class-ready standards for our dogs. This means that every dog has even stronger skills before they are paired with a client.

Inclusion of additional Leader Dog graduates on our board of trustees and as members of a new consumer services program committee that provides guidance on current procedures and potential program changes.

Improvements to look forward to in 2011:

A new pedestrian GPS, called Kaptan, to replace the Trekker unit we currently use with guide dog clients. The new unit is smaller, more powerful, and less expensive.

Numbers for 2009-10 fiscal year:

- 177 guide dog teams graduated
- 207 guide dog teams serviced
- 4 Deaf-blind guide teams graduated
- 25 cane travel clients graduated
- 20 kids attended summer camps
- 11 adult GPS graduates
- 285 graduates visited in their homes
- 314 potential clients in-home visits

Veterinary department numbers:

- 413 dogs spayed/neutered
- 26 dogs had major surgery
- 469 dog training entrance exams
- 22 specialized dental procedures
- 663 graduate telephone consults
- 60 onsite working Leader Dog exams
- 988 breeding/puppy program exams
- 1272 procedures done under anesthesia
- 717 puppy visits

Referrals from Lions: 65

(24% of new client applications)



All in a Day's Work



Walking together in stride, Child Life Specialist Jennifer and Canine Companions Facility Dog Nilani, confidently move through the busy halls congested with rolling gurneys, diligent doctors, compassionate nurses, beeping pagers, worried parents and sick children. They're headed to meet the next patient.

A 13-year-old girl, whose life is ending, has a request. Nilani knows what her job is and gently places her loveable Labrador head on the little girl's lap.

Soon the patient sits up and, speaking for the first time that day, says, "She's pretty." In that moment, her mother, her father, her sister — the loved ones she's leaving behind — fill with gratitude and appreciation knowing that these last moments are filled with love — theirs and Nilani's.

Without knocking over an IV stand, stepping on an extension cord, or wagging her tail, Nilani follows Jennifer's commands and they leave the room together. Standing outside the doorway, Jennifer breathes deeply. Nilani looks up at her with her knowing eyes. Jennifer slowly strokes Nilani's ears, "Good girl Nilani. Let's go."

The team resumes their stride through the hallway. It's 2 p.m., time to visit the playroom. Jennifer and Nilani work at the University of California San Francisco Benioff Children's Hospital and are one of hundreds of Canine Companions Facility Dog Teams around the country providing comfort, inspiration and motivation — changing lives by shaping moments for countless numbers of people affected by disabilities.

Facility Dogs are expertly trained dogs partnered with a facilitator working in a health care, visitation or education setting. Trustworthy in professional environments, the dogs perform over 40 commands designed to motivate and inspire clients.



From the desk of State RFB&D Chair Lion Fred Smith

lionfredsmith@gmail.com

Free RFB&D ReadHear by gh is a Hit with Mac and PC Users



The U.S. Department of Education calls our new RFB&D® ReadHear™ software player "a positive step forward for accessibility" - and it's easy to see why. The player is free for individual members,

runs on both Mac OS and Windows systems, and enables users to download and enjoy RFB&D's entire library of DAISY-formatted content. Since its release just after Thanksgiving, reviews are pouring in from members, who say ReadHear is quick to install and simple to use. [Read the national announcement on the new RFB&D ReadHear solution.](#)



Did You Know?

Our annual **Record-A-Thon** joins hands with national [Read Across America Day!](#) We will help celebrate the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss, while bringing awareness to the *different ways* that children read.



While our volunteers try to keep our recording booths 100% full in order to increase production during Record-A-Thon week, our three goals are to raise crucial funds, raise awareness of the *different ways* children read and learn, and recruit volunteers to help us with our vital work!

Mark the week of March 2nd on your calendar and look for more details in our upcoming issue of *The Download!*



Internships will run at NASA locations nationwide for ten weeks from May 31 through August 5, 2011. If you have a GPA of at least 2.8 and are working toward a degree

in STEM fields, a NASA internship extends a great opportunity to enhance your education and potentially launch your career.



Dreary. That's the word Patricia Allen used to describe her life during the first years of her vision loss.

Diagnosed with diabetic retinopathy in the 1970s, her vision worsened until she was forced to resign from work. Her world began to narrow. Trips out of the house ceased. She took up piano lessons to keep busy, but life in the country offered no easy access to society, and she relied wholly on family. Unhappiness drifted in as the littlest freedoms drifted away.

After moving to St. Petersburg, Patricia joined a dog training club where she heard about an upcoming open house at Southeastern Guide Dogs. She showed up on campus on a Friday and found out from a friendly staff member that the event was on Saturday! The next day she was back, and the welcoming visit encouraged her to apply.

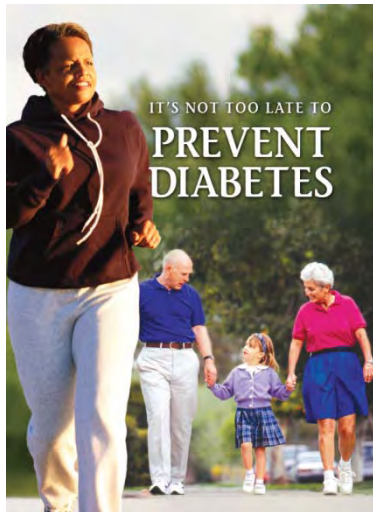
"Joining the program was scary at first," she admitted. "I wasn't sure what to expect. But the instructors are so outgoing and helpful; they made me feel comfortable right away." Patricia immediately fell in love with her new guide dog Dave, an intelligent Goldador named after a generous sponsor. Since meeting Dave, her confidence has grown tremendously.

For Patricia, life is anything but dreary now. A lifelong learner, Patricia takes art and computer classes at the University of South Florida. She volunteers as a docent at the Salvador Dali Museum and has taken up machine knitting, making gifts for friends and their children.

One thing she's learned: it takes courage to step out into the unknown, but it's easier with Dave by her side. Now Patricia looks forward to hiking, navigating the US F campus, and walking among paintings at the museum. Her world is widening again, one courageous step after another. Alongside Dave, of course.



TIPS FOR PEOPLE AT RISK FOR TYPE 2 DIABETES



As you get older, your risk for type 2 diabetes increases. If you are age 60 or more and overweight, you are at risk for type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes. Take these small steps to prevent or delay the onset of the disease. Lose a modest amount of weight (10 to 14 pounds for a 200-pound person) by moving more and making healthy food choices.



START NOW to get moving and have fun!



Physical activity can improve your strength, flexibility, and balance. Set small goals to start. Add a little more activity each day until you reach at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week.

WARM UP. Warm-ups get your body ready for physical activity. Shrug your shoulders, tap your toes, swing your arms, or move in place. Warm up for a few minutes before any activity.

STRETCH. Stretching can help you be more flexible. It can make it easier for you to tie your shoes or look over your shoulder when you back up the car. Stretch when your muscles are warm. Don't stretch so far that it hurts.

FIND AN ACTIVITY YOU ENJOY:

- _ Brisk walking is a great way to be active. Be sure you have proper walking shoes. Walk in safe places, such as indoor or outdoor walking paths, a shopping mall, or a community center.
- _ Dancing is also a fun way to be active. Get off the couch, turn on the music, and move.

EASY STEPS to increase daily activity!

- _ Put away the remote control — get up to change the TV channel. Stretch during commercial breaks.
- _ Walk around the house while you talk on the phone.
- _ To take more steps, park the car farther away from stores, movie theaters, or your office.
- _ If it is safe, get off the bus or train one stop early and walk the rest of the way.

EAT RIGHT to prevent type 2 diabetes!

Reduce the amount of food you eat to help with weight loss.

CHOOSE HEALTHY FOODS:

- _ Whole grain foods such as whole wheat bread, crackers, and cereals, and brown rice, oatmeal, and barley.
- _ A variety of colorful fruits and vegetables.
- _ Small portions of heart-healthy fats such as nuts, seeds, and vegetable oils.
- _ Low fat or skim milk, yogurt, and cheese.



TRY THESE TIPS:

- _ Eat three ounce servings of meat, poultry, and fish — about the size of a deck of cards.
- _ Choose fish and lean meat and poultry without the skin.
- _ Choose foods that have been baked or broiled instead of fried.
- _ Limit sweets and desserts. They usually contain a lot of fat as well as sugar. Have a small serving at the end of a healthy meal — and not every day.
- _ Share large portions when eating out.
- _ When your grandkids visit, offer them healthy snacks such as fruit instead of cookies and chips.
- _ Choose water to drink.
- _ Eat breakfast every day.



"The Power of Peace"
2009-10
Grand Prize
Winner

The theme for the 2010-2011 Lions International Peace Poster Contest will be **"Vision of Peace."** Peace Poster Kits will go on sale on January 15 from the Club Supplies Sales Department. See the order form (PR 785) for more details.

Now check out the ones that were submitted to the Council of Governors – guess the winner?



18-F



18-E



18-C



18-A



18-D



State LEO's are out and about:

Chinese American Leo Club: **September** – Car Wash. **October** - Doraville Day, AIDS Walk, JDRF Walk and Trick-or-Canning. **November** – CCC Cleanup - Stretches from the Marta stations (near CCC), to Sheltering Arms. It is at intersection of Chamblee Tucker Rd & New Peachtree Rd (Peachtree Rd), and at intersection of Chamblee Dunwoody Rd & New Peachtree Rd (Peachtree Rd). Let's give Leo Club a good name by having the cleanest road around! **December** - Winter Formal held at **Medlock Bridge Clubhouse**. Gift Wrapping. There was music, dinner, and of course, a raffle!

They have future plans: **January** – Community Gardens, Light House Volunteer. **February** – Valentine Veterans, Chinese New Year Festival. **March** – Hunger Walk, Talent Show. **April** – Light House Volunteer. **May** – Elections. And there could be **MORE**.

Sincerely,
Chelsea Kim
Secretary of the Chinese American Leo Club of Atlanta

Chinese American Leo Club has 35 members and around 5 parents clean up the street between Chamblee Dunwoody rd and Chamblee Tucker rd at the DeKalb County Clean Day on 11/14/10. The results: 8 bags and 120 lbs of trash, plus 1 tire were collected! And a clean, shiny street!



The Club Officers...

- Brandon Sheu: President
- Michelle Li: 1st Vice President
- Chris Fu: 2nd Vice President
- Chelsea Kim: Secretary
- Justin Wang: Treasurer



LEO Clubs Summaries in 18-C:

Colquitt County Clubs at MS-JHCCHS - presented \$500 to the Camp for the Blind and made decorations for the banquet with symbols of Lions / LEO service - Collected goods for the Food Bank and needy families - Purchased patio table for school - Collected quarters for Leader Dog - Purchased toys and supplies for needy children and local half-way house. **Early County LEO's - Collected 250 glasses at schools - Santa Clause Pajama Party on December 2 for elementary students - Holidays on The Square Santa picture taking and parade on December 4- LEO Banquet on December 7 with Superintendent of School and High School Principal as Guest Speakers. Seminole County LEO Club at SCMS-HS - Assisted the Band Boosters for the Green Machine - Participation in the Christmas parade and helping the Cub Scouts - LEO Banquet on December 14.**

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REPORT OF MD 18 LEO CLUBS CHAIR – LION

STEVE HELWIG: I apologize for not being able to attend this meeting but have already taken my weekend for November so have to work. You should have received a copy of the minutes from the September Leo Council meeting but I have attached them to this report for your review.

The Leo Council endorsed the Lighthouse Capital Campaign at the May meeting. I have heard from a couple of clubs that have already set goals and worked on projects but we need the support from all Georgia Leo clubs to reach our goal. The Council President appointed a committee to coordinate these efforts. We are in the process of sending statements to each club for the levy the Council endorsed at the last meeting. I have only heard from one District Chair (Reed Rognstad from 18-C) concerning the number of members in their clubs but expect to get the information before the end of this month. If no information is received I am asking the Council for permission to bill the club for 20 members. Since I do not have the contact information for every club I am also asking permission to send the statement in care of the Lions club Secretary and/or Treasurer to forward to the Leo club. As I stated in earlier reports MD18 Leo has a budget and these funds will be used for the Administrative

expenses of the Council so it is obviously important that we receive all monies justly due.

Please continue to encourage your District Chairs to get/stay in contact with me and to send me reports of their clubs' activities. I would like to be able to report to the Council all the great things our Leos are doing but have to know about them before I can report.

The MD18 Leo website will be updated shortly after the holidays. I had to get new software and am in the process of figuring out how it works. Angela did it in the past but her plate is full. Again - if your clubs send me information and pictures I will post on the website. If you have pictures of the Leos at this year's State Convention or other events please send to me.

The Leo Gathering and Conference committee is working on this year's event. Once we get through the holidays we will "ramp up" the planning and promotion. Unlike past years I have entrusted many of the details to this committee but will work closely with them to ensure a successful event. I will be the liaison between the Leos and the Camp to make sure everything goes smoothly. We will hold another MD18 Leo Council meeting and the elections for MD18 Leo officers for 2011-2012 at this year's Gathering and Conference so I will once again be encouraging participation from every Georgia Leo club so they can be properly heard and represented. In past years we have seen various Leo clubs and some clubs have been to each of the previous ones but we have never had at least one club from every district and that is my goal for this year.

Reports by district:

18-A: I am still attempting to get several clubs in 18-A to respond, but here is what I have so far: 1. Pickens High School Leo Club – 30. 2. Pickens County Middle School Leo Club – 14. 3. South Cobb High School Leo Club - 61

18-B: No report

18-C: Membership numbers: Here are the numbers I have for 18-C LEOs: Early County has 43. Seminole County has 44. Colquitt County has 45 at WJW Middle School and 82 at the Jr. High School - 127 total Bainbridge will not respond

18-D: Is working on forming two new Leo clubs in Jefferson and Loganville. Kings Bridge Middle School (Jefferson) has already had three meetings and elected Officers and I know Lion Wayne White is working on the club in Loganville. One of my goals for this year was the chartering of at least three new Leo clubs so we have some work left to do to achieve that goal. Clarke Middle School is busy again but membership is down slightly due to the meetings being moved to the after-school program, which put it in competition with some other popular programs

Membership numbers: Clarke Middle - 24

18-E: No report

18-F: 1st VDG David Murray is doing an excellent job in

18-F. He has contacted all his clubs Chinese American Leo Club had 35 members and around 5 parents clean up the street between Chamblee Dunwoody Rd and Chamblee Tucker Rd at the DeKalb County Clean Day on 11/14/10.

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Youth Camp and Exchange

REPORT OF MD 18 YOUTH CAMP AND EXCHANGE CHAIR – LION FAYE SMITH:

E-mails were sent to the district Youth/Exchange Chairpersons requesting they contact families in their districts for hosting students from other countries. I provided them with tips and ideas to contact possible host families. Also explained I would assist them in any way needed. As of the above date, no one has contacted me.

Request from Peru, Finland, and Italy have already arrived for travel as soon as January 2011. These particular requests for host are only for 3 weeks in January (their winter break). During the month of September, I spoke at club meetings in Byron and Thomaston explaining the Youth Exchange Program. Good response was received. One of the Newnan hosts families, who is not a lion (yet), spoke at our club meeting this month about how rewarding it was to have sponsored a student this past summer from Finland.

Again, no interest has been shown for U.S. students to travel to any foreign country for the summer of 2011.

Solutions and Comments - I cannot successfully do this job alone. District Youth Chairs need to present this program to the clubs of their district and encourage all Lions to participate.

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Leo Club of Excellence Award: I am proud to announce that the Clarke Middle School Leo Club is one of them-for the 4th year in a row! CC Grace has the award. We are working with her to make arrangements for a proper presentation and will send photos.

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Lions Quest

Why is Lions Quest Important?



* Lions Quest (LQ) is a social and emotional learning (SEL) program. SEL teaches self awareness, social awareness, responsible decision making, self management and relationship management.

* Research has shown that when students' emotional needs are addressed, children do better academically. Statistics have shown that SEL programs can improve academic performance by at least 11 percent!*

* LQ positively impacts the rate of drug abuse, the violence rate, and the dropout rate and problem behavior.

*LQ teaches 21st century workforce skills such as:

- Cultural literacy and global awareness
- Complex thinking and reasoning
- Real world application of planning and management

* LQ supports character education – teaching values-based skills such as ethical decision making and social consciousness. LQ meets the Character Education Partnership's Eleven Principles of Effective Character Development.

*LQ uses civic engagement and service learning as a hands-on tool to teach these character and SEL skills.





Liberty Day

CELEBRATION AMERICA

"If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito." -Betty Reese

Liberty Day is a firm believer that every American, no matter what age, has the potential to make a difference in the world. Even more, we know that each and every one of us has a civic duty to get engaged and involved.

That's why we begin by teaching 5th graders about the U.S. Constitution – and why Liberty Day has launched our *Celebration America* Student Volunteer Program for high school and college students.



This exciting service project gives youth a real chance to make a difference in their communities by visiting 5th grade classes for two, one-hour sessions to teach kids about the U.S. Constitution.

If you're looking for a truly rewarding volunteer experience, where you'll see the rewards right in front of you as you do it, read on to learn more about this unique community service project!

Making a Real Difference: Getting Involved with *Celebration America*

Liberty Day's *Celebration America* program goes well beyond mere participation in something on the Constitution. This is your chance to really do something that will truly make a difference in your community!

Interested in being a Liberty Day Constitution Coach and/or bringing Liberty Day's *Celebration America*

program to your high school, college, or university? E-mail [Jimmy Sengenberger](mailto:Jimmy.Sengenberger) or call us toll-free at 866.718.3434!

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



ATTENTION ALL SCOUT LEADERS

Did you know that Lions who are Scout leaders—Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts—can qualify for the Lions Club Scouting Service Award?

This honor is to recognize an individual Lion who acts as a role model and renders distinguished and dedicated service to Scouting through active service, leadership or other exemplary contributions to the Boy Scouts of America or the Girl Scouts USA as an active Lion.

The requirements are simple. "Keeping with the objectives and principles of both Lions International and Scouting, the nominee must have encouraged character development, leadership, citizenship, and personal growth for scouting youth."

- The Lion must be in good standing with his/her local club, a current registered Lion for five years, and be nominated by the current president of the Lions Club and/or the District Governor.
- Be registered in a Scouting position at a unit, district, or council level for a combination of five years.
- Be fully trained in his/her scouting positions and his/her Lions Club/district leadership positions
- Have strengthened the relationship between local Lions Clubs and Scouting
- Assisted Lions Clubs in forming new units
- Exemplifies the BSA/Girl Scout Law and Lions Motto

For more information and the nomination form, go www.lionsclubsscoutingsserviceaward.com



LCI NEWS



Where in the World

Have you ever checked the Lions Web site – click on Lions Newswire or check out

Lions News Network
• LQ-Lions Quarterly ?

December/January – Relieving the Hunger



Organize food drives and projects to feed the hungry. With the downturn in the global economy, many hunger relief organizations are finding it difficult to keep up with demand. Help alleviate hunger by planning events around the end and beginning of the calendar year to collect and distribute food.

2011 International Convention

More than 12,000 Lions attended our 2010 convention in Australia. And now, we're looking forward to our 94th annual International Convention in Seattle, Washington, USA. Lions from around the world will come together from Monday, July 4, 2011 through Friday, July 8, 2011, to enjoy this exciting four-day event filled with fellowship, learning and fun. To learn more



our 2010 convention in Australia. And now, we're looking forward to

about convention events, registration and official hotels, please visit the Convention section of our Web site.

Lions-Measles Initiative Program to Protect 41 Million Kids



As part of the Lions-Measles Initiative pilot program, Lions are helping vaccinate 41 million children against measles, a leading cause of childhood blindness. LCIF Chairperson Eberhard Wirfs recently traveled to Madagascar with staff from international headquarters to help vaccinate at-risk children. In seven days, our effort reached 2.6 million people in Madagascar alone. Overall, we hope to reach at least 95 percent of children ages 9 to 47 months in Ethiopia, Mali, Madagascar and Nigeria by early 2011. Read our blog for a behind-the-scenes look at this program.

Do the Write Thing

The Lions International Essay Contest offers you a wonderful opportunity to support local visually impaired youth. And to promote your club by working with local schools and families to identify young people who are interested in participating. The contest is open to visually-impaired students, ages 11-13. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

The theme for the essay is "Power of Peace." Each essay must be submitted in English with a completed entry form, be no longer than 500 words, type written in black ink and double-spaced. Download complete rules and entry form.

Peace Poster Contest Theme Announced



For more than 20 years, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest has given young people a chance to express their visions of peace. And now, we're excited to announce the theme for our 2011-2012 Contest – "Children Know Peace." If your club would like to sponsor a contest in a local school or youth group, Peace Poster Contest Kits will go on sale on January 15, 2011 from Club Supplies. Learn more about the 2011-2012 Peace Poster Contest, including how to order a kit.

New and Improved Service Activity Report

We've recently redesigned the Lions Club Service Activity Report to provide clubs with more tools to monitor their service activities and share information with others. The new system allows club and district officers to designate signature activities and set service goals that can be tracked throughout the year. Officers

can also search activities that other clubs choose to share using key words, geographic location, program area and other criteria. [Learn more about the report and upcoming informational Webcasts.](#)

Lions Can Help Children in Need

If your club would like to plan a project to help children in need, here's great news! The Lions Children First program has the tools and resources you need to organize a food or clothing drive, host a vision or hearing screening, promote literacy in local schools and more. [Review the Lions Children First Program Kit for materials you can use to implement a successful Lions Children First project in your community.](#)

President's Service Blog: Special Olympics Torch Lighting, Costa Rica

December 28, 2010

tags: [Special Olympics](#), [Sid Scruggs](#), [opening eyes](#), [champions lions clubs](#)

by Sid Scruggs

Judy and I had the honor of attending the Special Olympics games in San Jose when we traveled to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Lions in Costa Rica. Helping an athlete light the torch was one of the most powerful moments of my presidency.

Surrounded by 850 athletes who are overcoming their disabilities to live the best lives possible, I was reminded that we all have

the ability to motivate and influence others. With [Champions Lions clubs](#) forming to assist the efforts of the Special Olympics and our [Opening Eyes](#) partnership, we are empowering the disabled and improving lives.



Story of the Week: The Lions Christmas Ship Delivers Holiday Cheer to Islands

December 22, 2010

tags: [charity](#), [volunteers](#), [Lions club](#), [community service](#), [YouTube](#), [helping children](#), [Christmas](#)

by lionsclubsorg

Our members are willing to do whatever it takes to make our communities better places to live. With Christmas just days away, we wanted to share one of our favorite [LQ](#) stories.

We sent a film crew to Bellingham, Washington to see how Lions help people in small island communities where access to the mainland is limited. And children rarely have the chance to visit Santa. To bring holiday joy to these children, Lions set sail on the Christmas Ship dressed up as pirates, elves, clowns and Santa.

During the two-day cruise, Lions give away hundreds of gifts. Santa also makes time to visit with the elderly and

homebound during this event. "It's certainly well received on the islands," says Harry Lane of the Main Island Lions Club. "It's an event nobody's gonna miss, that's for sure."

EVENTS

[Calendar of Events](#)

Review upcoming Lions events your club can promote locally.

[2011 International Convention](#)

Get all the details about our 2011 convention in Seattle.

[Lions Day with the UN](#)

Register to attend Lions Day with the UN in New York and Nairobi on March 18, 2011.

LIONS QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ video magazine](#) to see how canines become life-changing companions.

HIGHLIGHTS

[Lions Symposium Program](#)

Apply for grant funding for a children's symposium.

CONTESTS

[International Contest](#)

Enter your Newsletter, Trading Pin, Banner or Web Site today.

[Environmental Photo Contest](#)

Submit Multiple District photo entries by March 1, 2010.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Fellow Lions,

This holiday season, Margit and I want to share with you a short message that touched our hearts. This special envoy of hope expresses our Lions global network of friendship, even as we each celebrate our different holidays with different traditions.

Our international foundation is the candle that keeps burning so that dreams of those in need are realized. Margit and I will never forget how we were inspired by the mothers and children waiting in line for hours for a life-saving vaccination against measles. We hope that during this season of reflection and cheer, you are also inspired to continue to make dreams of hope a reality in 2011.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Eberhard and Margit*

President's Service Blog: Little League Tournament, Panama

January 4, 2011 by Sid Scruggs

Judy and I had a great time attending a Little League baseball tournament when we visited Panama. Supporting Little League has been a Lions signature service project there for more than 50 years. The stadium, built with an LCIF grant and dedicated fundraising, is considered one of the best in Latin America.

The U.S. Embassy in Panama provides uniforms and equipment for the youngsters. U.S. Ambassador to Panama Phyllis Powers (center, back row) met with me during our trip. She threw out the first pitch while I took a turn at bat.

Ambassador Powers and I spoke about how activities such as Little League and [Lions Quest](#) help fight problems affecting youth such as drug abuse. With projects supporting our community's young people, we are a beacon of hope for the next generation



Distribution of Contributing Membership Pins

Contributing Membership

100% of every donation to LCIF goes to help those in desperate need worldwide. Since only US\$6 is needed to save someone's sight, **every dollar raised is precious**. You do not need to be a major donor to be a hero. The Contributing Membership program is a great way to acknowledge and thank almost any undesignated donation to LCIF.

Contributing Membership and the Melvin Jones Fellowship are both recognition programs for **unrestricted** donations to LCIF. The Contributing Member program is for those donors making smaller, but not less significant, donations. If a donor is planning to give larger donations to LCIF (at least US\$1,000 over the next five years) the Lion donor should be acknowledged through the MJF program. To clarify, contributing member donations do not receive MJF credit and vice versa. If the donor is unsure of the level of funds they will donate, the recognition can be applied at a later date.

There are three types of Contributing Member donation Pins (see picture to the right):

- ✓ Gold for a US\$100 donation
- ✓ Silver for a US\$50 donation
- ✓ Bronze for a US\$20 donation



Thank you to those coordinators that have zipped through their 25 Contributing Member pins and already asked for more. Great job! In addition, clubs can receive banner patches if every member in the club is a Contributing Member. In 2009-2010, there were **581** 100% Contributing Member clubs worldwide.

Are you interested in increasing the number of Lions and clubs that contribute to LCIF? If you want to increase participation, the Contributing Membership program is the perfect way to introduce members to the impact of just US\$20.

We Serve Youth

Watch how LCIF helps children laugh and learn in Uganda



Teaching Life Skills to 12 Million

View how the Lions Quest program is having an impact in Tennessee



Opening Eyes for 200,000 Athletes

Read how LCIF is helping improve eye care for Special Olympics Athletes



We Improve Health

Learn how LCIF is helping prevent Trachoma for 10 million in Ethiopia



Preventing Diseases

View how LCIF is fighting measles for 41 million



We Empower the Disabled

Watch how LCIF is fulfilling Matteo's Dream in California



We Give Hope

Read how LCIF provides a place for children to heal in Germany



DVDs

The LCIF videos are a powerful way to show the value of LCIF. They can be shown to Lions at club meetings and district conventions as well as provided to local programming television stations or shared with non-Lions to educate them about the impact of LCIF. The programs are available in DVD format in all official languages. (The DVDs will work on DVD players in the United States and Canada and on region-free players elsewhere.) To view DVDs go to this web site –

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/materials/promotional-materials/dvd-and-psa.php>

The videos can be viewed and ordered online, and additional videos are available on the [Lions News Network](#). Or, contact LCIF by [e-mail](#), by fax at 630-571-5735, or at LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL, 60523-8842, USA, Attn.-LCIF Communications

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

HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM

Each book covers two district breakfasts and the District Governors' Banquet on Saturday night. Cost will be \$95.00. After May 1, 2011, cost will be \$120.00.

New Lions joining after May 31, 2010 cost will be \$85.00.

Name	Lion	LEO	Guest	Hospitality Books	Melvin Jones Luncheon	Dietary Restrictions
Club:			District:			
Address:			City, State, Zip:			
Email Address:						
No. of Hospitality Books	#	`@		Total		
Melvin Jones Luncheon Tickets	#	`@ \$ 30.00 each		Total		
Thursday "Night Out at Stone Mountain With International President Sid Scruggs"	#	`@ \$ 30.00 each		Total		
				Check Number		
				Amount Paid		

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