

Lions of Georgia



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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 (Willie Nelson Concert)



Tickets \$39.0 to \$79.00

Coolray Field, Gwinnett County

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:

Atlanta Marriott Gwinnett Place

1775 Pleasant Hill Road

Duluth, GA. 30096

770-923-1775

Toll-free Reservations 866-339-3132



Check Last page for Registration Form



State News

LION HAYNES H. TOWNSEND, INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR:

Director Townsend stated it was a pleasure to be in Georgia again, and thanked the Georgia Lions for allowing him and Donna the privilege to serve. He stated that talks are underway to see if there might be a move by LCI back into Cuba. Director Townsend stated that he had received a call from the Sight Services Chair at LCI who talked with him about a new program with a Corporation that makes eyeglass lenses. This corporation has offered a deal to Lions Clubs on their polycarbonate lenses. They would like to start with the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation since they have the new lens grinders and lens making machines there. They will sell the lens to the Lighthouse for \$1.00 per lens. He pointed out that the next Board Meeting will be in Cary, North Carolina in April. Director Townsend stated that there will be a Seminar at the International Convention in Seattle on Constitution and By-Laws. Lion Haynes will help to present this if it is approved by President Scruggs.

LION JAMES E. “JIM” ERVIN, PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT:

Lions of Georgia the opportunity to express their opinion and hopefully to redistrict the state so that the Lions of Georgia can move forward. He pointed out that redistricting does nothing for membership growth, and it does nothing for the development of leadership.

PIP Ervin stated that in January the LCI Board appointed the Global Membership Team that will take effect July 1. The purpose is to bring both together so that we can make the programs more beneficial to all levels of leadership development in the association. Lion Ervin pointed out that MD 18 has been blessed with great leadership: Dr. John Pearce, Dr. Beverly Roberts, Haynes Townsend, and Mark Miller. PIP Ervin stated that Mark Miller will be the Global Leadership area leader for the Southeastern United States. PCC Miller will continue to use the leaders in MD 18 and in Florida and South Carolina who have been leaders in helping to develop this. He urged Governors to continue to use persons who have been extremely effective on the MERL side as we look at bringing them either into the membership team or the leadership team. There is a deadline in March to have the Multiple District Coordinators put into place for both Leadership and Membership. By May all District persons

should be in place. The DG and 1st and 2nd VDGs should all be involved in making the choices of the persons who will be in these key positions for the next three years. He pointed out that PCC Miller's responsibility will be to train the Multiple District leadership people so that they can help train the district. Lion Miller will also be helping to train District people and also be doing club level training probably on an area more than just in the Multiple District. PCC Carl Harrell will be working with the membership side of it. He stated he felt there is a great opportunity to move Lionism forward in the southeast. LCI will be developing a database of all the Lions who have gone through leadership programs so that the current leadership can be encouraged to utilize those individuals. He commended the Council on their appointment of Kembra Smith and Dick Smith to the positions of GLT and GMT.

PIP Ervin stated that he has received from the Governors their recommendations for the International Awards. He stated that he and ID Haynes Townsend, and CC Grace Clower will begin to evaluate the recommendations. He pointed out that Governors will also be given the opportunity to recognize Lions at their District Conventions with Certificates of Appreciation from the speaker. Two additional Certificates of Appreciation will be given to each Governor to present at his District Breakfasts during the State Convention. PIP Ervin stated that he and Haynes would contact the Lions of Mississippi to try to get information for the Southeastern Breakfast at the International Convention.

PIP Ervin congratulated all the Lions, the Council, Gary at the Lighthouse, and Dr. John Pearce for the great job in bringing people together to make a commitment and being so successful in the campaign for the Lighthouse. He stated it was heartwarming to see the new building and the potential to move the services of the Lighthouse forward.

REDISTRICTING

After approving a redistricting plan on February 5, 2011, the Council of Governors unanimously, by electronic means, voted to revise the approved plan. The final redistricting plan is attached, along with a summary of information. This is the information that will be presented to the Lions of Georgia for a vote at the State Convention in June.

REDISTRICTING SUMMARY

A. Lions Clubs International By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 3 recognizes a district as one having 35 clubs in good standing and a total membership of at least 1,250.

B. Only 1 district in MD-18 meets the definition of a district according to LCI.

C. The Council of Governors feels that redistricting would revitalize all the other 5 districts by providing the financial support of additional membership and would expand the pool of quality leaders who have the knowledge and experience to fill key roles on the district cabinet. This redistricting would also help in filling chairperson positions. As a result, the clubs in the district would receive the support needed to thrive.

D. Therefore, the Council of Governors, on October 1, 2010, asked the Long-Range Planning Committee to develop two plans for redistricting. These two plans were presented to the Council at their meeting on February 5, 2011.

E. The Council unanimously voted to accept one of the plans (Plan B). This plan calls for a reduction from 6 districts to 4 districts. (See map on next page). The effective date of the implementation of the plan would be the later of July 1, 2013 or at the close of the International Convention.

F. If the Lions of Georgia approve the plan, it will be submitted to Lions Clubs International for their consideration at their Fall Board of Directors Meeting.

G. If the International Board approves the plan, there would be 6 District Governors elected in Spring, 2012 and 4 District Governors in Spring, 2013.

STATE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 9

"Night with International President Sid Scruggs and celebration of the birth of Lionism in Georgia (90th year of the Atlanta Lions Club), BBQ Dinner and Stone Mountain Laser Show

Friday, June 10

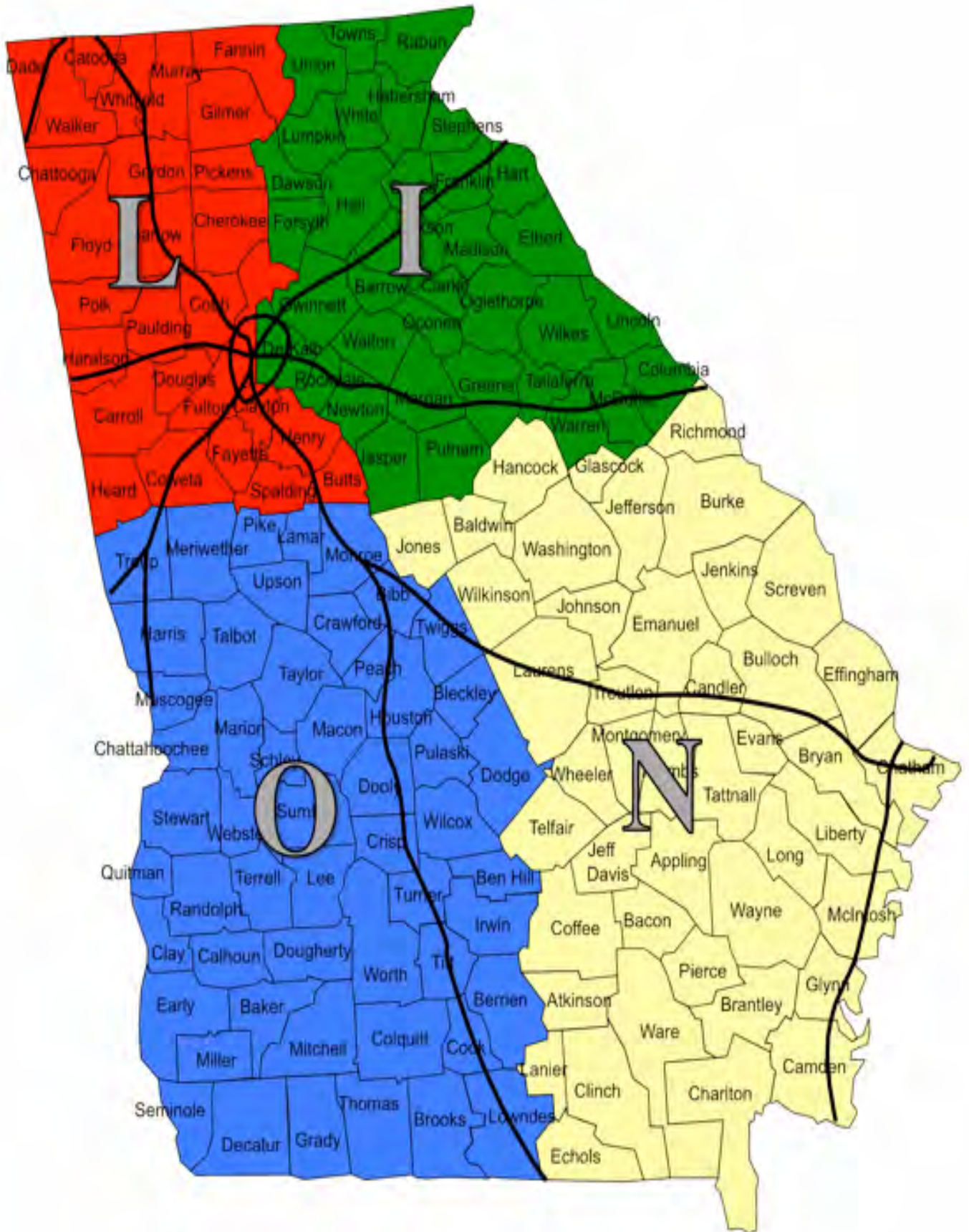
Camp for the Blind and Lighthouse Meetings and Opening Ceremony with International Entertainment Extravaganza

Saturday, June 11

District Breakfasts, Business Session with important vote on redistricting, State Awards Celebration, Melvin Jones Luncheon with Lion Wanda Scoggins from Alabama, keynote speaker. Blood Drive-Give a pint for President Sid
Training Workshops:

- (1) District Team Training-1:00 p.m. (Invitation Only)
- (2) State Committee Chair Training-1:45 p.m.
- (3) Club Excellence Process Workshop-1:45 p.m.
- (4) Certified Guiding Lion Training-1:45 p.m.

FINALE-Governors Banquet with International President Sid Scruggs, keynote speaker





18-A

Scott Warren

Atlanta Lions Club

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE OF

Thursday, June 9, 2011

7:00 pm

Come join us and celebrate our

90th Anniversary of the
Atlanta Lions Club

In conjunction with the
90th Anniversary of Lionism in Georgia

Pre-convention event
Stone Mountain Pavilion
Barbeque, Anniversary Celebration, and Laser Show
with

International President Sid Scruggs
And Past International President Jim Ervin

Prior Registration required via the State Convention registration form.

Cost = \$30 per person



18-B

Jesse Powell

Savannah Lions Club

A number of dedicated, community-minded men met at the Savannah Hotel to begin one of Lionism's southernmost clubs. Father Ambrose of the Benedictine School explained the principles and organization of Lionism. On the evening of June 10, 1922 the Lions Club of Savannah received its official charter from representatives of the International Association of Lions from Chicago.

We have two main fundraisers: **Christmas Tree Sales**- An annual event since 1977 for the club and our largest fundraiser for the year, our tree lot is located in Daffin Park. We tag selected Frazier Firs at the tree farms in North Carolina in August and sales begin Thanksgiving week. **Broom/Mop Fairs** – are held throughout the year at various community events. The club's members can be seen in and around the Savannah community. You can also order brooms and mops on the club's web site.

Service Projects: **Project Vision** program provides vision screening, eye exams and eyeglasses for children in the Chatham County School System. **Used Eyeglasses Recycling**

We support: Project Vision, Lions Camp for the Blind, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Goodwill Industries, and The Salvation Army, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic and of course LCIF.





18-C

Jack Taylor



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

TIFTON LIONS CLUB

On the fourth Wednesday noon of alternate months, the van from the Georgia Lions Lighthouse in Atlanta comes to Tifton to conduct the Vision Clinic held at the Tift County Neighborhood Center on South Central Avenue. Uninsured Georgians are given eye examinations and eyeglasses. Lighthouse director Karen Kaplan with assistant, Emily, Tifton Lions with the aid of Moultrie Lions Jan and Duncan Sinclair and Ivey Davis set up the diagnostic equipment; process the applicants, as Dr. Brett Wagenhorst conducts a complete medical examination. Those who need eyeglasses select style and receive new eyeglasses by mail. Those who wish and have recent prescriptions bypass the medical exam. If more serious medical problems are detected, applicants are given medical advice and follow-up examinations at the next Vision Clinic.



Other recent Tifton Lion activities include the annual Bar-B-Cue. On March 12 we served 500 chicken dinners, prepared by Hog-N-Bones Restaurant, to drive-through Tiftonites at the First United Methodist Church. We deliver to businesses whose employees could not leave work. On March 25 we managed the SPLOST election at North-East Precinct in Tifton. We sell mops and brooms.

The profits for these services go to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, LCIF, and Georgia Lions Lighthouse, Leader Dog, and other Lion and community activities.



18-D

Ron Bennett

Snellville Lions Club

Snellville Lions Club was chartered in September 1952, since that date we began serving our community, state of Georgia and the world. This club has always been proud of the various service projects which we have been part of in the name of Lionism. Today, we now serve the communities of Snellville, Grayson, Centerville and Lilburn.

Over 50 years ago the club started their first scholarship for needed students in the community – it was only \$250.00 – but over the years we increased the scholarship project. At present, we award two \$2,500.00 scholarships. There were many service projects which we have done over the years. Some of these the club has been doing for years by using our concession trailer to serve funnel cakes, hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks.

We now do the following project to raise money:

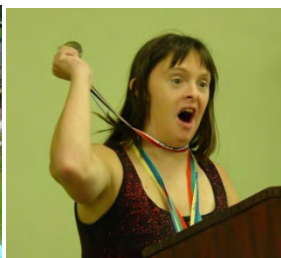
Annual Benefit Breakfast - February - You will be served a wonderful breakfast of eggs, sausage, grits, toast & pancakes. Drinks include juice and coffee. A bake sale will also be part of this event.

Annual Golf Tournament - This event will be in September in 2011. Join as a group of four or alone and take your chances on your team mates. Hole Sponsorship is always welcome.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner - Everyone loves Italian food and our chefs do a great job of preparing this meal. We are sure you will be pleased. A bake sale will also be part of this event.

Annual Elisha Winn Festival - October - Visit our trailer and tents where you are guaranteed to enjoy our great hot dogs, hamburgers, funnel cakes, drinks, and snow cones.

Proceeds from our fundraisers support the following activities and charities: 1. Lions Camp for the Blind in Waycross Georgia 2. Leader Dogs for the Blind 3. Southeast Co-op Food Ministries 4. Used Eyeglasses & Hearing Aid Collection & Distribution 5. Snellville Area Nursing & Rehab Centers 6. Eye Exams & Glasses for those Adults & Children in need 7. Emory Children's Eye Center 8. South Gwinnett, Shiloh, Grayson, & Brookwood High School Student Scholarships 9. Canine Companions for Independence Program (assistance dogs for the disabled) 10. Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic 11. Hearing Conservation 12. Lions Club International Foundation 13. Georgia Lions Lighthouse 14. Diabetes Association 15. Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation





18-E

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

Macon Cherry Blossom Lions Club

The Cherry Blossom Lions Club is very active in the Metro Macon Community. We were chartered in 1955 as the SOUTHSIDE Community Lions Club. From that time we have been actively involved in our community for the betterment of the citizenry of MACON. In our early days, we started SOUTH MACON BOYS baseball. As you can guess the first team sponsored was appropriately named the LIONS.

We also started printing and installing the: "**Enjoy the Scene ...Keep Macon Clean**" signs around the city and on our highways. This was the precursor to the Macon-Bibb County Clean Community Commission. We sponsored **Col. Robert SCOTT's: " GOD is My Co-Pilot"** movie that premiered at the Grand Opera House where a plaque still hangs to commemorate this occasion. Also we worked hard to bring the Soap box derby back to Macon.

One of our (former) members, **Jim Woods** was friends with Mr. Wm. Fickling and knew about his "cherry" trees. Jim had also visited Washington D.C. on many occasions and had enjoyed the beauty of the cherry trees there. Jim planted the trees near his home and in his neighborhood. He had a vision that he challenged our LIONS Club with. "**Let's plant these trees around the City of Macon and on the highways leading into our city. After we have planted thousands of these trees then we can start and build a festival with a theme around the CHERRY BLOSSOMS.**"

He drew plans out on a napkin with friends at a local restaurant while sharing coffee. Jim, along with several LIONS met with representatives of the Georgia DOT to find out the particulars and get permission to start planting the trees. Jim's dream has come true and our LIONS Club has made another significant impact on the city of MACON. More than that, we have provided hundreds of pairs of eyeglasses for the citizens of MACON who could not afford them worth many tens of thousands of dollars. We have also provided many hearing - aides and done hundreds of referrals to the GA Lions Lighthouse. We were instrumental in establishing the first Georgia Eye Bank. Also, we used to underwrite a nurse's scholarship's every year until the HOPE Scholarship program came into being.

We changed our name in 1994 to reflect our history in the starting and the inception of Macon's Cherry Blossom Festival! The Cherry Blossom Lions Club has been instrumental in so many things affecting the people of Macon and once we get it started we also drop back out of the lime light and let others take over. It is good to see your "baby" continue to grow!!

Recently we have been involved in gathering clothes and sending them for relief efforts in Africa and South America, providing eyeglasses for needy individuals in Macon and recycling thousands of pairs of used glasses and lots of hearing-aides every year. Our members may be few but all of us are actively involved in other organizations: church, theater, the arts, GIDEONS, and Project Linus. Our local chapter is almost 7 years old and has already made, collected and distributed over 25,000 blankets (HUGS) around the world!!

We also support the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Leader Dog, Canine Companions, LCIF, White Cane Day and our fellow LIONS around the world.

AIN'T It GREAT TO BE A LION !!! Edward Morley Adams, Sr., President



18-F

Paul May

Eatonton Lions Club

From the beginning the Lions Club of Eatonton has been excited about making a difference in our community. We began with 30 Charter Members on June 13, 2009, and today we have 28 members. Of those 28, we have a nucleus of some 8 to 10 who are always available to serve. Our sponsor Club is the Milledgeville Lions Club, and Guiding Lions are DG Paul May and ZC Ken Herbst.

Already in our two year existence we have conducted an Eye Screening at the Elementary School, provided eye exams and glasses for several citizens; helped provide Christmas for needy families, and paid a utilities bill for another struggling family.

Most recently the club adopted as a project a young lady named Ravi. Ravi was born blind and has since lost both eyes to disease, but she hasn't let that slow her down. At eleven years old, she is in the Gifted classes at Putnam Middle School, active in cheerleading, and all her classmates see that she gets where she needs to be. Ravi's mother, Trina, was told by doctors that her daughter would never be able to do much in life because of her disability, but Ravi has consistently proved them wrong, both academically and physically.

Our club is learning all we can about Leader Dogs for the Blind, and working toward eventually sending Ravi to the Leader Dog School when she becomes 18. For now, we are planning a Kids 'n Coins program in Ravi's sixth grade classes so that her peers will feel they, too, are helping Ravi as she strives to become even more independent. We will also be sponsoring Ravi to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind this summer.



The Lions Club of Eatonton has conducted several successful fund raisers one of which is our annual Chicken Que. We served over 300 plates last July and hope our 2nd Annual Event, scheduled for May 14th, will be twice as successful. In addition, we have operated booths at both the Arts and Crafts Festival in October and the Christmas Festival in December. We have also been participants in the Christmas Parade and the Dairy Festival Parade. Most recently our Club was asked to host the hospitality room at our District 18-F Convention held in Milledgeville.



We may be only two years old, but we're excited to be a part of the world of Lionism...and to continue to be a Beacon of Hope in our community as WE SERVE.

Fellow Lions,

To facilitate donations, we are pleased to announce that **donations received through June 30th, 2011** to Japan Relief will be **Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible**.



Lions Clubs International

Providing Relief in Japan

Lions, LCIF Providing US\$1.25 Million in Relief for Devastated Japan

In the case of disasters, we Lions are often the first to respond, and continue to provide for as long as it takes until all work is done. Lions Clubs International Foundation and Lions are providing relief in devastated Japan. The Tohoku Region Pacific Ocean Coast Earthquake is the worst earthquake to hit Japan in over 100 years triggered a powerful tsunami throughout the Pacific Ocean.

Lions Clubs International Foundation is providing over US\$1.25 million, or 100 million Japanese Yen, for immediate relief. This includes major catastrophe and emergency grant funds as well as designated donations from Lions around the world. The Foundation has also established a [designated fund](#) for Lions to directly support this disaster. LCIF is also monitoring the impact to other Pacific Ocean nations. Please visit this page for additional updates.

Lions in Japan are coordinating their relief efforts through LionNet Japan and are using the Japan Lions Office as emergency relief headquarters. Japanese media, citing local and national police, said hundreds of people were dead and hundreds more missing. The 2:46 p.m. quake struck 373 kilometers (230 miles) from Tokyo, the United States Geological Survey said. In Sendai, 60,000 to 70,000 people are being evacuated to shelters in the area.

"I just returned from Christchurch, New Zealand, and I thought I had seen it all, but this is unbelievable. Looking to the extraordinary dimension of this earthquake and tsunami, LCIF and Lions are committed to providing immediate and long-term relief. Lions of Japan are often the first to respond to other disasters, and I ask all Lions of the world to show their solidarity and help the Japanese Lions during their time of need," said LCIF Chairperson Eberhard J. Wirfs.

LCIF has established a designated account for Lions around the world to directly support this disaster. Lions from around the world are responding generously. The 48th OSEAL Forum Committee has committed US\$10,000 and the Annur Town Lions Club in India has committed US\$5,000.

Donors can:

- Donate online at <http://lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/supporting-our-work/make-a-donation/lions-lcif-online-donation-print.php>. Select Disaster and include "Japan Earthquake/Tsunami" in the comments section.
- Make a credit card donation with a MasterCard, Visa or American Express. Fax the following information to LCIF: name, address, phone number, credit card type, credit card number, expiration date, and the amount of your donation. If you are a Lions member, please provide the name of your club, as well. LCIF's fax number is (630) 571-5735.
- Mail LCIF a check in U.S. dollars, drawn from a U.S. financial institution. Please make the check payable to Lions Clubs International Foundation, noting "Japan Earthquake/Tsunami" on the memo line. Please send the check to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523, USA, Attn.: Donor Processing.
- Make a direct deposit of local currency into an existing LCI account. Send a copy of the deposit receipt to LCIF by fax: (630) 571-5735.
- Make a direct wire transfer. For assistance with this option please contact LCIF Donor Assistance at donations@lionsclubs.org

For questions regarding donations, please contact LCIF at donations@lionsclubs.org or (630) 203-3836.

Your financial support of Your Foundation for earthquake and tsunami relief is critical the meeting the immediate and long terms needs of the most vulnerable families. Please consider supporting LCIF for this initiative and being a part of building that bridge of hope for those who are suffering. Visit <http://www.lcif.org/donate> to make your donation today.

Donations from U.S. residents are tax deductible. Donations from individuals living outside of the United States are tax deductible as permitted by the individual's country tax laws.

Although LCIF is not equipped to handle material donations, please feel free to use the [Lion-2-Lion Resource Assistance Database](#) (Lion-2-Lion Assistance) to make donations of this sort directly to the Lions in need.

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Lions of Georgia – *IT IS TIME TO ROAR*

This year the Lions of Georgia have some amazing opportunities to raise awareness and increase financial contributions for the charities that the Lions Clubs of Georgia support ---The Lighthouse Foundation, The Leader Dog Foundation, The Camp for the Blind and Lions Club International Foundation.

We are very excited and pleased to announce that we have secured a date with the WNBA’s Atlanta Dream on June 26, 2011 when they take on the San Antonio Silver Stars at Phillips Arena. The Dream has graciously agreed to give **50%** of all ticket sales that are purchased by The Lions Club to the Leader Dog Foundation for the Blind. Game day, The Lighthouse Foundation will be provided free eye screening stations and an eye glass recycling program. If an attendee of the game donates a pair of eye glasses to the Lighthouse Foundation recycling program, the Dream will give them a ticket to a future game. To make it even more rewarding the Dream has issued a challenge with a trophy and \$500.00 cash for the general fund for the Lions club that sells the most tickets. All to be presented center court during half time of the game. It is a Fox Sport TV game---so wear your purple and gold.



In addition, The Lions are currently in talks with the WPS’s Atlanta Beat Soccer team to help raise awareness and contributions for the Camp for the Blind on July 23rd and next season the Atlanta Thrashers in support of the Lighthouse Foundation and the Atlanta Hawks in support of Lions Clubs International Foundation. We hope to have all finalized and details out to all Lions in the very near future.

Our goal is to have each of the professional sports organizations in Georgia to support the Lions with an annual game day per team to raise awareness and contributions for the foundations we support. Each ticket we sell in the name of the Lions will raise awareness, allow Lions to serve, increase membership through exposure and provide needed funding to the non-profits that we as Lions pledged to support.

TO ENTER YOUR LIONS CLUB INTO THE CHALLENGE, PLEASE CONTACT JESSICA MADISON AT 678-510-7467 OR JESSICA.MADISON@ATLANTADREAM.NET

**Volunteer to SERVE the day of the event contact:
Lion Pam Schloemer 770-298-0215 or pam@schloemerbusiness.com**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA JUNE 23 – JUNE 27, 2010

Approved a final plan to phase out the MERL team program, and its corresponding four separate chairperson positions by expanding the Global Membership Team (GMT) down to the multiple district and district level, and to consolidate the current chairperson positions of Membership, Extensions, Retention (M-E-R) into a single team. The plan also aims to transform the previous function of retention into a much broader focus of “club success” to better address the root causes of low retention. Additionally, the Leadership function in MERL, and its chairperson position will be separated from M-E- and R, and be elevated to its own structure, to be known as the Global Leadership Team (GLT), which will work alongside the expanded GMT in a highly integrated and interdependent way. Going forward, the interdependent structures of the GMT and GLT will better address regional growth needs while also focusing more efforts on club success and more leadership development at all levels of LCI to enhance our service mission.

PIP Jim Ervin is the current GMT Constitutional Area 1 Chair and GLT Constitutional Area 1 Chair

Global Membership Team (Lion Dick Smith, PDG – MD GMT Coordinator)

The Global Membership Team (GMT) in tandem with the Global Leadership Team (GLT) was developed to augment the local efforts of the DG teams, operating as action oriented, parallel, mutually supportive teams - each with an enhanced focus. The GMT concentrates on membership and club growth, and on club success. The integrated efforts of the GMT and multiple district and district GMTs will address regional growth and development needs while building our membership base, improving club health, and enhancing the quality of leadership at all levels of the association.

District Global Membership Team

District GMT member responsibilities include setting membership goals, implementing action plans, and communicating the goals and plans to the multiple district GMT. The district GMT structure is:

- District Governor
- 1st Vice District Governor
- 2nd Vice District Governor
- District GMT Coordinator, supported by • Membership and Club Growth Team
- Club Success Team

Campus Club Specialist

District campus club specialists appointed by the GMT district coordinator team up with likeminded Lions to build and strengthen campus club membership.

Family and Women's Membership Development Specialist

District family and women's membership development specialists, appointed by the GMT district coordinator, are key contributors in the association's initiative to bring more families and women into Lions clubs.

New Club Extension

The following information applies to the organization of a new Lions club. This includes the formation of a traditional Lions club, Campus Lions club, Lioness Lions club and Leo Lions club.

Global Leadership Team (Lion Kembra Smith, PCC – MD GLT Coordinator)

The new Global Leadership Team (GLT) provides the needed focus on active leadership development, affording Lions Clubs International a solid foundation upon which to build. The GLT encourages the identification and development of leaders at all levels of the association, while providing necessary information, guidance and motivation. Operating as a parallel, mutually supportive specialized team with the Global Membership Team (GMT), the GLT provides for an enhanced focus on and support of leadership development, which is critical to the success of every LCI program and to the future vitality of the association as a whole.

GLT Structure

[The GLT structure](#) encompasses representation at the **international, multiple district, single district** and **district** levels and includes district governor teams, provides a comprehensive global platform for developing more qualified leaders from the club level up, while encouraging regional training and development approaches to address local needs.

Operating as an action-oriented, parallel, mutually supportive team with the [GMT](#), the GLT was developed to augment the local efforts of our DG Teams. By integrating the efforts of the GLT, the GMT and our DG Teams, we will be better able to address regional growth and development needs, while building our membership base, improving club health, and enhancing the quality of our leadership at all levels of the association.

GLT - District: Each district has a GLT, comprised of a District GLT Coordinator and the District Governor Team, with the Second Vice District Governor serving as liaison to the DG Team. Other qualified Lions may be added as necessary. The GLT-D will work in cooperation with the GMT-D (DG Teams are core members of both GLT and GMT at the district level). GLT District Coordinators and other team members are appointed by District Governor, in consultation with the GLT Area Leader, GLT Multiple District Coordinator (where applicable) and First and Second Vice District Governors.

Leadership is critical to the overall success of any organization. An effective leadership team will provide the vision, guidance and motivation necessary for Lions Clubs International to continue to fulfill its mission of providing quality, relevant service to the global community. The GLT structure, which encompasses representation at the international, constitutional area, multiple district and district levels and includes district governor teams, provides a comprehensive global platform for developing more qualified leaders from the club level up, while encouraging regional training and development approaches to address local needs.



Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

Providing vision and hearing services to Georgians in financial need

FIRST CLIENTS AT THE NEW LIGHTHOUSE CLINIC, January 19, 2011

Barbara of Lithonia, GA was the first patient to receive an eye exam in the new Lighthouse clinic. After hearing about the Lighthouse Foundation on television, Barbara decided she'd had enough of struggling to read the small type on signs and on television; she sat down and called the Lighthouse right away.



Barbara had not received a full eye exam in over four years. Without insurance or a job, she would have been able to afford new glasses without Lighthouse assistance.



Rebekah and Brenda-Ann are residents of the Blair House, a Christian woman's shelter in Douglasville. While the two friends came only to pick out Rebekah's glasses, a clinic opening gave Brenda-Ann an opportunity to get her eyes examined.

While she once worked as a certified medical assistant, even bringing Lighthouse glasses on mission trips to Peru, Brenda-Ann lost her job due to a debilitating eye disease which required expensive corrective surgery. Unable to return to work afterwards, she turned to the Blair House in 2009 and was recently reintroduced to the Lighthouse through Rebekah, who has received Lighthouse glasses in the past.

"I knew the Lighthouse, but never thought I'd need its services," says Brenda-Ann. "I'm more grateful than ever that an organization like this exists. Thank you! This is all such a blessing."



Summer Service Numbers 1Jul10 — 28Feb11

District A
Eye Glasses: 517
Eye Exams: 170
Eye Surgeries: 36
Hearing Aids: 337

District B
Eye Glasses: 802
Eye Exams: 467
Eye Surgeries: 12
Hearing Aids: 116

District C
Eye Glasses: 205
Eye Exams: 177
Eye Surgeries: 45
Hearing Aids: 147

District D
Eye Glasses: 136
Eye Exams: 111
Eye Surgeries: 32
Hearing Aids: 159

District E
Eye Glasses: 233
Eye Exams: 80
Eye Surgeries: 52
Hearing Aids: 219

District F
Eye Glasses: 632
Eye Exams: 262
Eye Surgeries: 37
Hearing Aids: 173

Fiscal Year Totals:
Eye Glasses: 2525
Eye Exams: 1267
Eye Surgeries: 214
Hearing Aids: 1151



Better Vision. Better Hearing. Better Georgia.



WHITE CANE EMPHASIS IS APRIL, but don't wait until then to start planning your club's participation. A few clubs report they are too small, or they are rebuilding, or not sure how to hold a White Cane Drive. NO club is too small (or too large) to participate. A White Cane Drive can be a terrific incentive for a rebuilding club. So, how about some ideas on how to begin or improve your club's efforts.

Here are some ideas:

- * Place plastic jars on check-out counters of convenience and fast food stores. This could be done 4-6 weeks in April and can be handled by 1 or 2 Lions. Special jar lids and decals are available through White Cane Days, Inc.
- * Write letters to businesses of your community soliciting donations. Then follow up with a personal visit.
- * Hold a pancake breakfast, chili supper, chicken BBQ, or other project designated for White Cane.
- * Get publicity through having a community leader (mayor, administrator, or commissioner) sign a proclamation declaring your club's White Cane Drive and publishing it in your local newspaper.
- * If you have a Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Kroger's, or some other large retail outlet, approach management about a matching grant for White Cane.
- * Utilize your White Cane efforts to educate your community about the Georgia Lions Lighthouse in general, and your club in particular. You may be able to recruit a few new members.

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

Contact Laura at

lgriffin@lionslighthouse.org

WHITE CANE 2011

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation



It's T-Minus 6 days until April! Join us next month as we take a stand against blindness with White Cane, the only fundraiser for Lighthouse eye surgeries.

Not sure what your club can do to get donations? **FirstGiving** fundraisers, including Lions Clubs like [Atlanta](#), [Toccoa](#), and [Forsyth County](#), have raised approximately **\$1,800** for the Lighthouse so far.

There's plenty that you and your club can do for the cause of blindness prevention this month--here's just a few easy ideas!



The Atlanta Lions Club has raised \$265 from their online contacts! Sign up today to start using FirstGiving to promote our cause.

• Sign up for FirstGiving

All 18 members of the Lighthouse Board of Directors have pledged to support the Lighthouse on **FirstGiving**, an online fundraising tool. No donation is too large or too small. **Make the most of your online connections to spread Lionism and vision awareness.**

• Write a Walmart Grant

Your local Walmart offers grants of \$250 or more to charitable organizations in your neighborhood. It's not too late to apply--fill out an application [online](#) ASAP!

• Follow the Lighthouse Online

For information, updates, and more, find the Lighthouse at our [website](#), [Facebook fan page](#), or [Twitter](#).

Questions? Your White Cane contact is Lucy Zhou at 770.738.4675, or lzhou@lionslighthouse.org.

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**Lighthouse Awards
Deadline:
April 30, 2011**

Clinic Locations

We currently have 17 clinic sites throughout the state, and we will expand to 19 soon. The sites include:

Albany, Athens, Atlanta (2), Augusta, Brunswick, Columbus, Dahlonega, Chamblee, Fayetteville, Jasper, Lawrenceville, Macon, Rome, Savannah, Statesboro, Tifton, Valdosta, and Waycross.



We have vision clinics in existing free clinics. Depending on location, clinics take place monthly, every other month, quarterly, or based on doctors' availability. The areas highlighted in blue on the map indicate counties where we currently hold clinics. Residents of every county in Georgia are eligible for Lighthouse services, and last year we served people in 152 of the state's 159 counties.

The Vision Clinic Program's Purpose and Goals

In November 2006, the Lions Lighthouse started a new vision clinic program. This program provides qualifying patients three very important vision services:

1. Full dilated eye exam (performed by either an ophthalmologist or optometrist).
2. One pair of eyeglasses every 3 years.
3. Follow-up care for chronic eye conditions, such as glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy.

There are several goals that the Lions Lighthouse would like to meet with this program:

1. To address the vision needs of the uninsured and financially needy in Georgia.
2. To deliver professional vision services throughout these sites on a consistent basis.
3. To increase Lion involvement throughout the state in addressing the problem of vision needs.

Clinic Locations

Please do not walk up at these clinics for eye care, and do not call them regarding your Lighthouse appointment. They are separate organizations and will not be able to help you. If you would like to attend a Lighthouse eye clinic, please fill out and return our [vision services application \(en español\)](#) along with the supporting documentation on page one. Once you are approved, we will contact you with a date, place, and time for your appointment. Thank you!

How to Apply for Services

If there are any persons applying for service at our vision clinic, please let them visit our website at www.lionslighthouse.org/programs **To be eligible for the program, they must:**

- Have been a Georgia resident for at least one year.
- Be uninsured or underinsured.
- Fall within our income guidelines

In addition to the paper application, they must also submit: Proof of Identification, Proof of Georgia residency, Proof of Income, A copy of their current prescription if they have Medicaid or Medicare, A signed "Release of Information" form (included in the application packet).

April 2011 Wihakakta cepapi Wi – Moon of Fattening

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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

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May 2011 Wojupiwi Wi – Moon of Planting

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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12 State Convention Gwinnett Place Center, Georgia	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26 Lions with the Atlanta Dream Help support Leader Dog	27	28	29	30		

July 2011

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August 2011

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September 2011

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From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:



Where do I even begin? The past few months have been exciting, exhausting, and the most challenging of my short career. There have been days when I have felt the weight of every decision being made. I don't take my job lightly. I feel like much has been given to me and much will be required. I have had no greater joy or honor than leading this camp into a new day. In the last two months I have:

Spent a week in California absorbing and learning as much as I could in order for us to be reaccredited this upcoming summer.

I have spent time with my administrative staff for this upcoming summer already and we have planned all sorts of new things for the summer of 2011. I have interviewed 3 potential summer staffers. On Wednesday of this week I have a meet, greet, and eat event with more potential staffers up at Mercer University.

We have successfully, tearfully, and deliberately undertaken a MAJOR renovation.

We have transitioned from Ms. Carolyn to our wonderful new addition,

And last but certainly not least we have Work Weekends coming up. . There is still a ton of work that needs to be done! No, really a ton! Will you please join us for at least one of these great weekends, if not both? The reservation form is in this newsletter. Please let us know if you are planning on coming, so that we can ensure that we have enough food. We promise

We promise there will be enough work.

Ascending,
Kristen

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Dear Georgia Lions,

Things around here have been sort of hectic but progressing at a rapid rate. Everything is starting to come together. I am still in training, so please remember that when you send money to the camp notate your District and Club information and category where the money needs to be applied. I will certainly appreciate it so much.

Just a Few Important Reminders:

- **DEADLINE APRIL, 30TH:** All donations to be considered for Awards at the State Convention in Duluth June 10-12, 2011 **must be postmarked by April 30, 2011.**
- **SEND-A-KID-TO-CAMP:** Will is still accepting donations along with sponsorships for summer campers. If you sponsored a camper last year please continue to do so.
- **GRAND TOUR OF GEORGIA:** This event begins April 1st, 2011. The application can be found on the Website.

Thanks to all of you for the support as I know I have big shoes to fill. Carolyn still comes by to check on us and we love seeing her smiling face. If there's anything you need from us, please call or email me at glblindsec@accessatc.net.

Merri Blount
Camp Secretary

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Dear Friends of the Camp,

I hope this Newsletter finds you doing well and ready to start some work at our Camp. It is that time of year again...

I have been a busy man over the last few weeks. Today I travel to my last District Convention for the year. Every weekend has been occupied doing that or being out of the country. I started out for District C's Convention two weekends ago on my bike and did not make it. I ended up in a Hotel half way there suffering through a high fever and all that came with that. I limped home on Sunday afternoon and was very happy to get here. I am doing much better now.



This coming weekend is our first of two Work Weekends. There is plenty to do and I look forward to seeing many of you there. We will work you hard, feed you well and provide a place for you to lay your head at night. Good work, good food and good company - How can you beat that? I will see you there; you will love the way the camp looks.

As you well know, we have been busy upgrading our Camp's Facilities. They look great and we are getting closer to the end of this project. Thank the Lord for that! Here are a couple shots of the improvements being done.



(They will begin the new roof this week)



(Inside the girl's dorm- sleeping area)

Mike and Kristen will have many more shots of this very time consuming project for you to view. Please join me in thanking both Mike and Kristen for their hard work in driving this Project every day at the Camp. They are the troopers that are getting it done!

In two weekends we get to host the State LEO Gathering at our Camp. This is the third straight year that we have done that and it is a busy and fun packed weekend to say the least. If you would like to help with this event, please contact MD-18 LEO Club Chair Lion Steve Helwig at lion.swampthing@gmail.com and help. I will be there after I kick off our 2011 Grand Tour of Georgia at a Bike Rally in Augusta on Saturday the 26th.

So, as you can see, we are busy now and we are getting ready for our upcoming Camping Season as well. As always and even more so now, we need your help. Our General Funds are not where they need to be to kick off a Camping Season. Please dig deep and send your Camp some funding so we can continue to help those "We Serve".

Take Care and God Bless!

Frank



A TISKET, A TASKET, PART II:

That's right, Lions! The extremely popular Silent Auction of themed baskets, which first debuted at the 2010 State Convention in Tifton, will once again take place at the 2011 Convention. Now is the time for your club to begin planning what theme and contents your basket will have. We need your club's support to make this another successful fundraiser for your Camp. Let your imagination run wild and the creative juices flow.

We'll have a room for displaying and bidding. We ask that you attach a card listing the title or theme and the contents, as well as an estimated retail value of the basket. Try to bring them to that room on Friday, or as early on Saturday as possible. Bidding will go until late Saturday afternoon. Winners will be posted and baskets should be picked up that evening. Please let Lion Doy Barks know if your club will be sending a basket so we can be sure to have sufficient display tables ready. She can be contacted at hankbarks@msn.com or 478-923-5649.

- April 29-May 1, 2011 – Work Weekend at the Camp.
- June 10, 2011 – Board of Directors Meeting at the State Convention in Duluth, GA.
- June 13, 2011 – Summer Camping Season starts!

How many will come?

July 23, 2011 – Lion Day at the Camp, 35th Anniversary Celebration!

CENTURY CLUB PURPOSE EXPANDED:

At the February 5-6, 2011, Camp meeting, the Executive Committee voted to expand the purposes for which the Century Club contributions could be used. Previously limited to capital improvement expenses only, the funds may now be used at the discretion of the Camp's management.

With the recent receipt of the large grant, which is strictly limited to capital improvements, this change will give the Camp more latitude in allocating Century Club funds to areas of greater need. Anyone can become a Century Club member.

Click on this link <http://www.glcb.org/donate.php> to read about the different ways you can donate to the Camp and download an application.

A CHALLENGE:

Has been given to the Lions of 18-E to help our Lions Camp climb out of a very serious funding deficit! A Lion, who wishes to remain and shall remain anonymous, has offered to match individual donations to the Camp up to a grand total of **\$10,000**. To show the faith in Lions of 18-E, an advance donation of \$1,000 has been placed. At the present rate of donations, our Camp has enough reserve funds to keep the gates open for 2 to 3 years. After the remaining funds are used, the camp will become a memory only. This challenge will last until June 30, 2011. Individual Lions from 18-E can send their check to Dave Forrest, and the dollar amounts will be passed on to the challenger. As an example, your individual gift of \$100 will become a Camp donation of \$200. To show my (Dave Forrest) support, an initial check of \$200 will be given to the Camp.

The Camp has recently received a grant for \$419,500; however, these funds can only be used for capital expenditures. This will be spent for construction, renovations, and improvements. NONE of this money can be used for operating expenses of the camp. Georgia Lions will have a greater and much improved camp, which will meet state, federal, and ACA guidelines; however, the Lions must step forth with funds to pay for daily operations. Many thanks to Camp President Frank Spinney and to District 18-E and Columbus Noon Lion's member Alice Staggs for making this grant possible!

25 Project Ideas to Serve Children



1. Organize a monthly food drive and donate collections to the food pantry.
2. Provide meals at a homeless shelter.
3. Assist with a school lunch program.
4. Make hygiene kits for children at homeless shelters.
5. Collect children's clothing and shoes for a shelter for battered women and children.
6. Collect suitcases or backpacks for orphaned children; fill with school supplies.
7. Work with healthcare professionals to provide free immunizations.
8. Work with healthcare professionals to provide health screenings or free clinics to provide physical, dental, hearing exams; and follow up with assistance, if necessary (professional referrals, assistive devices).
9. Assist at children's camps focusing on diabetes, blindness, deafness or hearing loss, and other camps serving children with special needs.
10. Make baby supply kits for newborns in need.
11. Collect safe soft toys (no small, removable parts) and/or coloring books for a children's hospice or children's hospital.
12. Supply Braille and large-print books for children who are blind or visually impaired.
13. Help to provide safety identification for children with serious/chronic illnesses (medical bracelets, necklaces, etc.).
14. Establish a tutoring program (reading, math, science) for children or youth.
15. Develop a reading program or "story day" for pre-school and elementary grade school children.
16. Team up with a youth organization to mentor at-risk youth.
17. Refurbish used bicycles and distribute to children and youth.
18. Assist local law enforcement with a neighborhood photo identification project for children. Georgia Masons are presenting **GACHIP** program *free of charge to the public*
19. Collect usable furniture for an orphanage or family in need,
20. Organize a book or board game drive for a community center, children's after-school center, hospital facility or school library.
21. Remodel a children's center or school room; paint, repair and landscape.
22. Provide safe soft teddy bear toys (no small, removable parts) to local emergency service professionals for presentation to children during an emergency.
23. Donate blankets (or crochet, knit or make fleece blankets) for orphanages, foster children or other children in need.
24. Prepare and send handmade cards to youth affiliated with children's shelters and organizations.
25. Sponsor a sports day for children and youth facing physical challenges and other disabilities.



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Bio Lion Wanda Scroggins & Leader Dog Harley

will be at the Georgia Lions State Convention

Lion Wanda resides in the piney woods of L.A. You got it...Lower Alabama. She is a country gal who loves to travel, chase her twin grandsons; John Houston and James Matthew, volunteer in her area as resource for those dealing with the challenges of loss of eyesight.

Wanda was issued Leader Dog Harley on February 12, 2011. Harley is her hairy chest guy she has been seeking in all of those "blind dates". Wanda & Harley live on a large farm located only 17 miles from the nearest loaf of white bread.

Wanda lost her eyesight at the age of 41 years old. . She waited 8 years dealing with her loss of eyesight before the Lions of Auburn Alabama insisted she go to Leader Dogs for the Blind to receive her first Leader Dog, Gibson. Harley is her second Leader Dog.

Lion Wanda is: Grandmother of 3 grandsons. Is a Lion member of Auburn (34-B) and Andalusia (34 C). Auburn University Grad: Bachelors in Communications specializing in Public Speaking with Minor in Rehab Services; Masters-Rehabilitation Counselor, Certified Christian Counselor for the Visually Impaired. (She accomplished this after she turned 49 years old due to the support of Auburn Lions and Leader Dogs for the Blind)

Director of the Covington Blind & Low Vision Support Group, Graduate Field Representative for Leader Dogs for the Blind, C.A.T.S. (Consumer Advisory Team) Board Member for Leader Dogs for the Blind, National Federation of the Blind, American Council for the Blind, Lutheran Blind Missions, Private Practice Counselor, Coordinator of Camp Ex-Blind Camp for Adults

Future Plans: Travel as much as possible to share my quest for increasing blind awareness and Blind sensitivity as a LION



All in a Day's Work



CCI Facility Dogs

We hear story after story of how the dogs become an integral part of the wards, floors, offices, and homes they work in. With these dogs and their professional partners, Canine Companions is able to help thousands of people with disabilities gain independence or sometimes just a special moment in the day where a dog's look can mean the difference between a good or bad day.

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Have you connected with us on Facebook yet? If not, here's some of what you're missing:

- The most popular photo on the CCI Facebook page is featured on one of our new Holiday Cards (see page 7)
- Connecting with over 5,600 people who also "like" Canine Companions
- Facebook friends get all the latest CCI news
- Over 100 amazing photos
- Graduation and event information
- Interesting postings from other CCI supporters like you

Not on Facebook? It's Easy, Here's How...

- Go to facebook.com
- Fill out the form (just your name, email, gender, and birth date)
- Create your profile so your friends can find you
- And have fun!

Search for the Canine Companions for Independence page (facebook.com/caninecompanions) and click on "Like."



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"A new assistive technology application dramatically widens accessibility of educational content for people with learning differences. 'Our members have asked for our content on devices they enjoy using in everyday life,' says Andrew Friedman,

RFB&D President and CEO." [Read more...](#) go to <http://www.rfd.org/Press-Room/130/>



FOX-5 Atlanta: Group Helps Blind, Dyslexic Students



"According to the National Center for Learning Disabilities, 15 million Americans struggle to succeed in school, work and in some cases life. But a studio in Athens is doing more than its part to help get Georgians on a level

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Jan DeGraw-Higgins The View from Both Sides

Jan DeGraw-Higgins' degree in veterinary technology came in handy when it came to puppy-raising, and she absolutely adored the two puppies she raised for Southeastern Guide Dogs. Having lost her husband, she and her daughter pulled together as a team to train and care for them. Twice they said tearful goodbyes when returning the puppies for formal harness training. "My passion was puppy-raising," she says. "In my heart, I just wanted to serve."

Meanwhile, Jan was being treated for Lupus with a drug that created a toxic reaction known as Bull's Eye Maculopathy - which resulted in circular bands of vision loss. When Jan's vision worsened, she turned to her daughter for help with getting around.

Puppies grow up and so do daughters, and Jan's daughter eventually headed off to college. In the midst of grieving yet another loss, Jan decided to regain her independence quickly. And she knew exactly where to find the help she needed: Southeastern Guide Dogs.

"Never in my life did I ever think I'd need a guide dog," she shares, reaching down to her new black Labrador, Pioneer. Now that she has Pioneer, Jan's outlook has brightened considerably and she is moving forward. "Pioneer is the perfect match!" she says.

"I never was on this side of the process," Jan shares, referring to handling a guide dog compared to puppy raising. "I'm so blessed...now that I've seen both sides, I am loving it ! I want to let other people know what it is like. I want to give back!"



Are Carbs the Enemy?

The debate over eating and diabetes By Tracey Neithercott

When it comes to diabetes, there may be no topic more fraught with controversy than carbohydrates. Sure, everyone agrees that the body uses carbs for energy in the form of glucose. But how much carbohydrate should people with diabetes really eat? That question has divided researchers, doctors, dietitians—and people with diabetes themselves. Some insulin users in particular find that their blood glucose is far easier to control when they limit the carbs in their diet. Others think people with diabetes deserve to eat (and enjoy) the same healthy diet recommended for all Americans. All are deeply passionate on the subject. And, in a sense, they may all be right.

Today, most people with diabetes are encouraged to eat a balanced diet of lean meats and dairy, whole grains, healthy fats, and fruits and vegetables. This concept is backed by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) as well as the American Heart Association and American Dietetic Association, and it incorporates recommendations from agencies like the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services. While the ADA does not specify exact grams or percentages of calories from carbohydrate, the approach is generally moderate in carbs. According to Marion J. Franz, MS, RD, CDE, a registered dietitian and nutrition/health consultant in Minneapolis, studies have shown that people with diabetes generally get about 40 to 45 percent of their calories from carbs.

The moderate-carb approach stresses that grains should come in the form of whole grains instead of refined grains (like white flour), which have been stripped of important vitamins and minerals. Research has shown that eating a moderate-carb, high-fiber diet (like one that includes whole grains) may improve post-meal glucose levels and lower the risk for cardiovascular disease.

What’s more, foods that contain carbohydrate also tend to contain a lot of other healthy things. Consider the four major categories of foods that have carbs: fruits, vegetables, grains, and dairy. Many of the individual foods in those categories are nutrition powerhouses. Legumes like lentils and black beans are chock-full of soluble fiber, which helps lower cholesterol levels. Veggies and fruits are a great low-calorie source of vitamins and minerals. Low-fat dairy products provide calcium and, in many cases, vitamin D.

Not only that, but carbs are an efficient source of energy. “Like gasoline powers a car, glucose powers your body,” says Neal Barnard, MD, adjunct associate professor of medicine at the George Washington University School of Medicine and author of *Dr. Neal Barnard’s Program for Reversing Diabetes*. “The idea that carbohydrate is a problem is, in my opinion, a mistaken one.”

According to Franz, as long as people eat less or cover their carb intake with medications, they can keep blood glucose levels in check with a healthy diet. “What determines the blood glucose

level,” she says, is “certainly the amount of carbs you eat, but it’s the balance between carbs and insulin.”

What’s more, she points out, and the moderate diet is all about freedom. “If someone told me you have diabetes but you can’t eat carbs, I’d be floored,” says Franz. “I would cry out in alarm and say, ‘But I deserve the right to eat healthfully, and I can keep my blood glucose in control by watching my portion sizes and, if necessary, taking medication.’ ”

Indeed, a lot of those newly diagnosed with diabetes are happy to find out that they can still have most of their favorite foods, in moderation—as long as they lower their blood glucose with medication and exercise. (People who control their diabetes without medication or who take oral drugs will need to watch how carbs affect their glucose levels and then work with their doctor to determine the right number of carbs and amount of medication needed to stay in good glucose control.) Gone are the days of “diabetic diets” that were meager and confining. Today, the idea is that people with diabetes can eat everything recommended to those without the disease. “If we look at what’s important for all of us,” says Franz, “it’s important to eat healthy foods in the right portion sizes.”

To read more on the following other paragraphs below go to:
http://forecast.diabetes.org/magazine/features/are-carbs-enemy?utm_source=Homepage&utm_medium=DFTabArticle&utm_content=DFContents-mar2011&utm_campaign=Df

The Low-Carb Approach

When Richard Bernstein, MD, FACE, FACN, started eating a low-carbohydrate diet 40 years ago, he had heart disease and kidney disease, complications of uncontrolled type 1 diabetes. Bernstein says he cut the majority of carbs from his diet, and eventually his complications retreated.

The Fat Question

Both sides mostly agree that a low-carb approach will end up being high in fat, including saturated fat. What they don’t agree on is whether that’s a bad thing. According to low-carb proponents, the idea that saturated fat causes cardiovascular disease is misguided. “There’s some misunderstanding about saturated fats,” says Frank Nuttall, MD, PhD, chief of the Endocrinology, Metabolism & Nutrition Section at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System and professor of medicine at the University of Minnesota. “We really don’t have good evidence that saturated fat causes coronary heart disease. It can raise cholesterol levels, but whether that’s sufficient to raise the risk for coronary heart disease is not conclusive.”

The Right Way?

Part of the reason for the great carb divide is that science hasn’t settled the debate. In addition to the research that demonstrates the success of a low-carb diet, there are also plenty of studies that show benefits of high-carb diets. Barnard’s 2006 article in *Diabetes Care*, for instance, found improved cholesterol and decreased A1C in people on a vegan diet (consisting of no animal food or products, including dairy) that was a whopping 75 percent carbohydrate. Barnard supports a vegan diet because it beat out both low-carb and moderate diets when it came to heart health and glycemic control.



"Vision of Peace"
2010-11 Grand
Prize Winner
Raj
Phairembam, a
11-year-old boy
from Moirang,
Manipur, India.

"Children Know Peace"

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.



REPORT OF MD 18 LEO CLUBS CHAIR – LION STEVE HELWIG: In my last report I informed the Council that the Leo Council had endorsed the Lighthouse Capital Campaign at their 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 and would appreciate any support from the Lighthouse and the Council. The current balance in the MD18 Leo checking account as of 12/31/10 is \$235.02. The statements for the Leo club levy/assessment will be sent out next week. I still do not have the contact information - especially addresses - for all the Leo clubs so will be sending the statements to the Leo club in care of the sponsoring Lions club Secretary. The clubs I have not heard from will receive a statement for 20 members. It is VERY distressing to me that we can't get cooperation from many of our clubs to obtain even BASIC information but I'm sure the Council shares my frustration in this area.

April is Leo Awareness Month. The attendees at this year's Gathering will be discussing things the MD18 can do to promote Leos.

CLUB REPORTS (by district)

18A - Chattanooga Valley (Ridgeland H.S.) - Met with Lions club President Steve Woodward to plan future projects. Jasper- ~submitted by Lion Melanie Effler, *Fill-a-Stocking Chair and 18-A Leo Chair*. The Annual Fill-a-Stocking Program, sponsored by the Jasper Lions, is that club's biggest service project. This year, the program provided Christmas for almost 1100 children ages 0-14, representing 471 Pickens County families. To raise funds, the Jasper Lions accepted donations from local businesses, as well as collected well over \$5800 through their Bucket Brigades. Many other organizations assisted the effort by donating toys or sponsoring families. The Lions, the local LEO Clubs, and many other volunteers logged countless hours toward making this project the success it has become over the last several years.

18B – No report

18C - Colquitt County - Clubs at MS-JH-CCHS - Presented \$500 to the Camp for the Blind and made decorations for the banquet with symbols of Lions - 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 - Preparing for Young Ambassador and District Convention - 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- In August, they visited patients at the Phoebe Cancer Center in Albany and distributed handmade items to the patients, they worked at the concession for all the home football games with the Donalsonville Lions, marched in the Harvest parade in October and the Spirit of Christmas parade in December and had a booth at the Harvest festival which raised \$100 for our Capital Campaign pledge to the Lighthouse (will bring to Gathering). They held a food and toy drive in November and December -the toys went to SC Secret Santa and the food was given to the Lake Seminole Lions for their food baskets for needy families in SC and they held a year end banquet & dance. We have a YA Candidate (Johnelle), they will be assisting at our 18-C District Convention, are making plans for the LEO Gathering and have a Relay for Life Team raising funds for ACS. There are a couple of other projects in the works and I'll let you know as they arise. Reed Rognstad, Advisor/18-C Leo Chair I want to commend Lion Reed for the EXCELLENT work she's done in her district! If he has not I encourage DG Jack to recommend her for a recognition from Lions International (Certificate of Appreciation, etc.)!

18D – Clarke Middle School - Club recently received from CC Grace Leo Club of Excellence Award for 2009-2010. This is the 4th year in a row the club received LCI's highest award for a Leo club! Club is working on projects and planning for trip to Gathering. New clubs being chartered in Loganville and Jefferson - waiting for charters from LCI and are planning Charter Nights.

18E - No report

18F - I will be speaking to the Madison Lion club February 8 about getting a Leo club there. The Chinese American Leo Club of Atlanta recently participated in the 'Keep DeKalb Beautiful Program' and adopted the street between Intersection of Chamblee Tucker Rd & New Peachtree Rd [Oriental Pearl restaurant] and Intersection of Chamblee Dunwoody Rd & New Peachtree Rd [Doraville Marta Station]. The program requires the participating organizations/groups to clean the street every quarter, and the county will provide the supplies, including safety vests, pick up tools, gloves, and garbage bags. The Leo Club did their first project on 11/14/2010. It was a sunny and beautiful day, total 35 Leo members and parents came to this worthy community service. Every member got their safety vest on, pick-up tool in hands, and were anxious to get the mission started. Less than two hours later, both sides of the street, 1 mile long, were cleaned. The results: 8 bags and 120 lbs of trash, plus I tire were collected! And a clean, shiny street!

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. If any of you would like to attend the Leo Gathering and be around the great kids and other Lions please let me know. As exhausting as it is I always find my batteries re-charged afterward! The registration deadline will be March 15th.

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LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM –

The Youth Exchange Program was authorized by the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors in 1961, for the purpose of furthering the first objective of Lionism:

“To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.” Objectives of the program are:

a. To bring young people into contact with youth and adults from other countries.

b. To share family and community life of another culture.

c. To promote international understanding and good will throughout the world of Lionism.

Please read and circle the following options –

1 .I am interested in learning more about the Lions Youth Exchange Program.

YES I will think about it I am not interested

2. Do you have young people or know young people here in Georgia who may be interested in traveling to another country next summer? Ages – 16-23.

YES I will ask my friends

Questions most frequently asked by prospective Host Families –

1. What does this cost? Answer - The student pays for flight costs. Sometimes a club will offer to pay for part of the fare to assist student.

2. How long does a student stay? From two to six weeks, or longer if agreed on by both parties.

3. What part of the year do they arrive? Answer - In the summer months when school is out. June, July, or August. You select the months best for you. (Youth Chairs in other countries are already working on placing students for these months.)

4. Will I have any information on the student in advance? Answer - Yes. The student writes a letter to you telling all about him/her or their family. You may also e-mail the potential student. They all speak English, very well.

Lion Faye Smith e-mail – fayehsmith@hotmail.com
State Youth Exchange/Camp Chair

Interested Lion e-mail address and phone number

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Johnelle Simpson named 18-C LIONS YOUNG AMBASSADOR

18-C Young Ambassador – Johnelle Simpson was named the **2011 Lions Young Ambassador** for District 18-C at the Lions of Georgia District 18-C Convention held February 26, 2010. Simpson was sponsored by the Seminole County LEO Club and Lake Seminole Lions Club in this event. **Nancy Moreno** was named a finalist for the **2011 Young Ambassador**. Moreno was sponsored by the Early County LEO Club and the Blakely Lions Clubs. The Lions Young Ambassador of the 21st Century program was established to recognize youth for outstanding community service involvement, leadership accomplishments, public speaking skills, and scholastic achievement. Both Simpson and Moreno are active participants and leaders in a variety of school, community, and church service events. The YA program centered on the Lions 10-11 International theme of **“A Beacon of Hope.”** Lions Past International President Jim Ervin, Lions International Director Anne Smarsh, 18-C District Governor Jack Taylor, and 18-C Lions Youth Opportunities Chair Karen Wynegar presented the Young Ambassador Awards.



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- Three Branches Diagram
- Business Reply Mail envelope



Attend the annual Lions Quest pre-forum seminar

Lions Quest and Lions Clubs International Foundation invite you to attend the Lions Quest pre-forum seminar at the USA/Canada Forum in Anchorage, Alaska. This annual informative and interactive event will take place on Thursday, September 22, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, immediately prior to the opening of the Forum.

The seminar will be held in the Mid Deck room, first floor, Captain Cook Hotel, 939 West 5th Avenue, Anchorage. A registration form is available on the Lions Quest [Web site](#). Please note that all hotel reservations and Forum registrations need to be made directly through the Forum, at <https://usacanadalionsforum.org/>.



Story of the Week: Condoleezza Rice to Keynote Lions Clubs 2011 Convention

January 11, 2011 tags: [Condoleezza Rice](#), [International Convention](#), [Lions club](#), [Seattle](#), [YouTube](#) by lionsclubs.org



For more than 90 years, thousands of Lions from around the world have gathered to celebrate at our international convention. We hope you'll join us at this year's event, July 4-8, 2011, in Seattle, Washington, USA.

Convention is an ideal setting for you to reunite acquaintances and make new friends. Learn about other club and district projects. And make personal connections with our leaders and headquarters staff.

This event also gives you the chance to take part in the festive [Parade of Nations](#). Attend seminars and [vote on our association's future](#). And enjoy event highlights, including an exciting exhibit hall, [action-packed plenary sessions](#) and a [keynote speech by former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice](#).

Take a "sneak peek" at this exciting event – [watch our Convention Preview on YouTube](#)

<http://blog.lionsclubs.org/2011/01/11/story-of-the-week-condoleezza-rice-to-keynote-lions-clubs-2011-convention/>



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 ?

Lions, LCIF Providing Disaster Relief in Japan



Following the largest earthquake in Japan’s history, Lions in Japan provided disaster relief, while our Foundation mobilized more than US\$5 million to support immediate and long-term relief efforts. Lions in Japan themselves are working to raise \$3 million, coordinating relief efforts via social media and using the Japan Lions Office in Tokyo as their emergency relief headquarters. [Read blog.](#)

Lions Clubs International Convention Mobile



Phone App

The 2011 international convention mobile phone App gives you access to the latest convention news at the touch of your fingers! It works on all major smart phone platforms, including iPhone, Droid and Blackberry. App users can preview the convention schedule to create their own custom event plan, view delegation event information, and connect to social media tools like Twitter and Facebook to communicate with fellow Lions and much more. [Download App now.](#)

New Video Message from President Scruggs

President Scruggs is asking Lions to shine a light on the environment during a special service action campaign, “Protecting Our Environment.” In April, your club can join Lions around the world to raise environmental awareness in connection with Earth Day. Organize a hands-on project to mobilize your club members. And help show the strength of our worldwide network. [Watch the “Protecting Our Environment” video message.](#) [And get resources you can use to plan your club’s “Protecting Our Environment” project.](#)

New Champions Lions Club Materials

With a primary focus on projects that serve Special Olympics athletes, Champions Lions clubs build accepting communities for persons with

intellectual disabilities and their families. Learn how you can start a Lions club with a primary focus on Special Olympics athletes in the new [Champions Lions Club Guide](#) (PDF). You can also [contact our new clubs team](#) to get in touch with your local Special Olympics Program and to request [Champions Lions Club Brochures.](#)

Make Plans to Recycle for Sight in May

May is [Lions Recycle for Sight](#) month. Take this opportunity to start a club eyeglass collection project – or raise awareness of your club’s ongoing efforts – by placing [collection boxes](#) in highly visible locations, such as libraries and schools. Ordering [Recycle for Sight supplies](#) to promote your collection. And shipping collected eyeglasses to a [regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.](#) To learn more, [contact us.](#)

View Dues Discounts and Gender of Members by Club and District

Now there’s an easier way to identify dues discounts and the gender of members. The new Summary of Membership Types and Gender by Club Report gives you access to information on Student, Leo Lion and young adult membership information for your club and district. To view this new report, click Summary of Membership on the [Reports List.](#)

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.](#)

State News Con't

International Environmental Contest

Lions of Georgia sent the following to Lions International



Mary Anne's May of Milledgeville Lions Club Lilly photo for the

Club Secretaries ----

April, as you know, is Club Elections. (This means it is time for each Lions Club to elect its officers—President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer (or Secretary-Treasurer), Directors, and Membership Committee—for the 2011-2012 Lions year!).

It is **VERY** important that you submit your PU-101 Form AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - the present Secretary should go online and complete the PU-101 Report of Officers for LCI. Send copy to DG and DGE.

As President elect – you should be ready to appoint members to specific committees. You will find in your current State Directory in the back a copy of 2010-11 **Lighthouse / Camp / RFB&D appointment form** (just change the year date)

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 QUARTERLY



Watch [LQ](#) to see how Lions are helping millions around the world.

HIGHLIGHTS

[Relief for New Zealand](#)

Learn how Lions, LCIF are helping earthquake victims in New Zealand.

[Lions Clubs Blog](#)

Read our blog to get news updates during the month.

CONTESTS

[International Contest](#)

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

[Peace Poster Contest](#)

Sponsor a 2011-2012 Peace Poster Contest in your community.

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE





Fellow Lions,

I am deeply humbled by the generous outpouring of support from Lions worldwide to my call last week to donate funds to the Foundation's Japan Relief Fund. Already, LCIF has received donations or [commitments exceeding US\\$6 million](#), including US\$3 million that the Lions of Japan are working to raise themselves during their own crisis. Again, it's so very humbling to see such compassion by the network of caring Lions and Leos worldwide. I thank all who have already donated from the bottom of my heart.



With the expected death toll now exceeding 18,000 and rising, the devastation is clearly greater than anyone could have imagined. And more than 400,000 people are still in shelters, in the cold, often going without a hot meal for days on end.

Now that the roads have re-opened, Lions from all over Japan are sending relief aid from every corner of the country -- 30 tons of rice is being sent from Sapporo, US\$50,000 worth of baby formula from Hokkaido, and women's health products from the southern area of Shikoku - all through the Lions network in Japan. Within a day of the disaster, many courageous clubs distributed 20 tons of food, water and emergency supplies, despite great risks and challenges to themselves. Even our Lions blue-colored Lions relief tents are being delivered to give

shelter for Lions volunteers and other relief workers in the hardest-hit areas.



To distribute the aid effectively, the Lions of Japan quickly set up four Lions relief aid warehouses in affected areas. Lions are coordinating relief aid distribution with local government officials and with the Japanese Red Cross. As a result, Lions are helping coordinate blood donation campaigns within Japan.

As you know, we have 31 Lions clubs in Sendai - the largest city affected by the quake - and nearly a club in every town up and down the coastline. Whether its clothes and food today, or shelter next week, or a wheel chair the week after, Lions will be there to give dignity to those who have suffered such unimaginable pain and suffering.

While many of you have [already generously donated](#), for which I am very thankful, please encourage your fellow Lions, Leos and friends to also [donate](#). Please know that every donation will be put to careful use, and 100 percent will go to the cause. Also, donations received between March 11 and June 30, 2011 will be eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships.

I am again humbled by your generosity to date. The Lions of Japan have always been there for the rest of us in times of need. So I am proud of you, and never prouder to be a Lion, when we come to their aid in the wake of this historic, awful tragedy.

Distribution of Contributing Membership Pins

Contributing Membership

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.

Lions, LCIF Providing US\$1.25 Million in Relief for Devastated Japan

In the case of disasters, we Lions are often the first to respond, and continue to provide for as long as it takes until all work is done. Lions Clubs International Foundation and Lions are providing relief in devastated Japan. The Tohoku Region Pacific Ocean Coast Earthquake is the worst earthquake to hit Japan in over 100 years triggered a powerful tsunami throughout the Pacific Ocean. Lions Clubs International Foundation is providing over US\$1.25 million, or 100 million Japanese Yen, for immediate relief. This includes major catastrophe and emergency grant funds as well as designated donations from Lions around the world. The Foundation has also established a [designated fund](#) for Lions to directly support this disaster. LCIF is also monitoring the impact to other Pacific Ocean nations. Please visit this page for additional updates.

Lions in Japan are coordinating their relief efforts through LionNet Japan and are using the Japan Lions Office as emergency relief headquarters. Japanese media, citing local and national police, said hundreds of people were dead and hundreds more missing. The 2:46 p.m. quake struck 373 kilometers (230 miles) from Tokyo, the United States Geological Survey said. In

Sendai, 60,000 to 70,000 people are being evacuated to shelters in the area.

"I just returned from Christchurch, New Zealand, and I thought I had seen it all, but this is unbelievable. Looking to the extraordinary dimension of this earthquake and tsunami, LCIF and Lions are committed to providing immediate and long-term relief. Lions of Japan are often the first to respond to other disasters, and I ask all Lions of the world to show their solidarity and help the Japanese Lions during their time of need," said LCIF Chairperson Eberhard J. Wirfs.

LCIF has established a designated account for Lions around the world to directly support this disaster. Lions from around the world are responding generously. The 48th OSEAL Forum Committee has committed US\$10,000 and the Annur Town Lions Club in India has committed US\$5,000.

Donors can:

- Donate online at www.lcif.org/donate. Select Disaster and include "Japan Earthquake/Tsunami" in the comments section.
- Make a credit card donation with a MasterCard, Visa or American Express. Fax the following information to LCIF: name, address, phone number, credit card type, credit card number, expiration date, and the amount of your donation. If you are a Lions member, please provide the name of your club, as well. LCIF's fax number is (630) 571-5735.
- Mail LCIF a check in U.S. dollars, drawn from a U.S. financial institution. Please make the check payable to Lions Clubs International Foundation, noting "Japan Earthquake/Tsunami" on the memo line. Please send the check to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523, USA, Attn.: Donor Processing.
- Make a direct deposit of local currency into an existing LCI account. Send a copy of the deposit receipt to LCIF by fax: (630) 571-5735.
- Make a direct wire transfer. For assistance with this option please contact LCIF Donor Assistance at donations@lionsclubs.org

For questions regarding donations, please contact LCIF at donations@lionsclubs.org or (630) 203-3836.

Your financial support of Your Foundation for earthquake and tsunami relief is critical the meeting the immediate and long terms needs of the most vulnerable families. Please consider supporting LCIF for this initiative and being a part of building that bridge of hope for those who are suffering. Visit <http://www.lcif.org/donate> to make your donation today. Donations from U.S. residents are tax deductible. Donations from individuals living outside of the United States are tax deductible as permitted by the individual's country tax laws. Although LCIF is not equipped to handle material donations, please feel free to use the [Lion-2-Lion Resource Assistance Database](#) (Lion-2-Lion Assistance) to make donations of this sort directly to the Lions in need.

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

HOSPITALITY BOOK AND EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

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

Club:	District:
Address:	City, State, Zip
Email Address:	

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

Hospitality Books	#	@	/each	Total Amt. \$
Melvin Jones Luncheon	#	@	30.00 / each	Total Amt. \$
Night Out at Stone Mountain – Thursday Night June 9 th w/ International President Sid Scruggs Dinner, Laser Show, Transportation	#	@	30.00 / each	Total Amt. \$
			TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$
Check No. /Cash	Date Paid	AMOUNT PAID		\$

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Included is a reservation web-link for your June conference for those who prefer to make their guestroom reservations online. The below website will take you to the Marriott Reservations website with your conference dates, group code and rate already entered. The dates can then be modified to fit the individual's needs.

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