

Lions of Georgia



ATTENTION LIONS OF GEORGIA:

Here is your State Newspaper. Sorry we are late, but we have come across some issues such as printing costs and mailing costs. As you know, some things are just going up in price and WE do not wish to pass on any extra costs to you. At this time, we are placing this State Magazine on the current State Web Site <http://galions.org/md18.html> . Also, this will be going out to all email addresses that we have on file.

Please, only open if you have DSL – this is a PDF file that is about 1.9MB. Hard copies will be mailed to each Lions Club President and Secretary for their action on showing their club members who do not have email access. We will be discussing this problem at our First Council Meeting – so please, if you have any recommendations or ideas – please contact your District Governor. Please enjoy.



WE SERVE



Here is your Georgia Lions State Newspaper

We apologize for the tardiness of this issue. As you can see, we have changed the format.

We would appreciate your looking over this issue and giving us your comments and opinions. Please send to edmcionh@bellsouth.net as soon as you possibly can – this is very important.

We must realize that due to the rising costs of printing and MAILING we have to determine what is best for the Lions of Georgia.

After further study of your comments, the Council of Governors for 2009-2010 will determine the future of your Lions State Magazine.



USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

33rd Annual USA/Canada Lions

Leadership Forum
September 24-26, 2009
Memphis, Tennessee

The February/March 2009 Forum Newsletter can be found in PDF format at the following link:
<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/februarymarchedition.pdf>

For all the information on the Forum, go to:
<http://usacanadalionsforum.org>



*Move to Grow - Lions Leading
Through Service*



State News



New Parade Shirt did not pass and the Constitution/By-Laws was tabled for next Lions year.

We understand the committees will be working on both the Constitution/By-Laws and new Policy Manual and will present rough drafts to the next Council of Governors for review and other Lion comments, research, further review, spreading the word, getting more feed-back, more ideas, more review UNTIL every Lion is pleased and hopefully up for a vote again next year at the next State Convention in Tifton.

Be prepared to be asked for your comments and input.

Out with the old



**In with the NEW – your 2009-2010
Council of Governors**



Pictures from SELLI

From the Southeastern Lions Leadership Institute held on April 16th through 19th at Beersheba Springs, TN. Forty seven Lions attended as students from NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS and TN. Georgia had the most students with fifteen total. District 18D had the most students of any district with seven students.

Three of the six faculty members were also from Georgia. PID John Pearce from Gainesville, PID Beverly Roberts Hephzibah and PDG Toni Walters from Woodstock were teachers at SELLI.

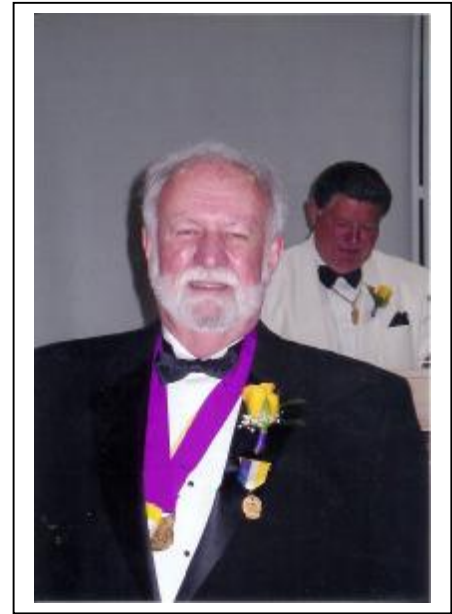


Now WHO plans to attend next years Southeastern Leadership Institute???





18-A =



Ball Ground: Great strides are being made in Ball Ground! Here are a few of their accomplishments this year:

- A 50% INCREASE in membership!
- Sponsoring a child so that they can attend the Camp for the Blind this summer, and contributed to become members of the Century Club
- Sponsored a child in the Ball Ground Youth Basketball Association
- Booth at the Ball Ground Heritage Days Festival in May
- Pancake breakfast as a joint project with the Optimist Club on the 4th of July

Jasper: At their last meeting, the Jasper Lions held their spring bake auction to help pad their tail-twisting funds, and raised \$601 amongst their members. Lion Peggie Chapman ably served as auctioneer -- those of you who have attended their bake auctions in the past know how ruthless she can be! The club will host two annual health related projects in the coming weeks. The Health Fair will be held on Saturday, April 25. Hundreds of Pickens County residents will take advantage of free and reduced cost health screenings and tests. On May 16, they will focus on the health of animals by coordinating with one of the local veterinarians for the Rabies Clinic. Last year, over 800 cats and dogs were vaccinated against rabies and other diseases. The club will also assist with the Special Olympics on May 1, and Relay for Life on May 16.



Metro Atlanta: Lion Maynie Anthony accompanied The Overseas Evangelism and Medical Missions Team consisting of Ministers, Physicians, Dentists, Nurses, and members of Shaw Temple and other local churches on a Medical Mission trip to Monrovia, Liberia in January 28 through February 8, 2008. This mission coordinated by Lion Maynie Anthony, Dr. Iyabode Beysolow, and Dr. George Crenshaw in collaboration with the Western West Africa Episcopal District, the Department of Overseas Missions and the Department of Health and Social Concerns of the A.M.E. Zion Church. The purpose of the Mission was to provide medical care to hundreds of Liberians as well as evangelize and minister to the people. The Atlanta Metro Lions club assisted Maynie in acquiring badly needed reading glasses and some shades from the Lighthouse for the Blind. Liberians who received reading glasses eagerly expressed their

appreciation as they tried them on. Many recipients, as they exhibited their appreciation, smiled and commented that they were now able to see the fine print and physical details of many objects. Lion Maynie, who will return in February, 2009 wishes to express her appreciation to Atlanta Metro Lions and the Lighthouse for their contribution helping the mission team provide medical examinations, medicine, reading glasses and supplies free of charge.



18-B = District Governor Comments

This was a wonderful year for Judy and I as we visited clubs and attended special events. We enjoyed the company of our new Lions friends very much and hope to keep in touch to some degree after the close of the year. Southern Hospitality is alive and well in District B. It was particularly gratifying to see and hear of all of the community service projects, fund raisers and generous support to the communities, to the Camp and Lighthouse and to LCI. Our clubs had a great year living up to our motto – “We Serve”. I am so proud of our Lions, so grateful to have the opportunity to serve with them and so honored to

have represented them this year. You are all truly – “Everyday Heroes”.

“Leadership is the art of getting people to do what you want them to do, because they want to do it”.—Dwight Eisenhower





18-C =

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR DISTRICT

Blakely—Hosted picnic and recognition for the EC LEOs at Kolomoki // Awarded two scholarships to ECHS Seniors // Awarded scholarship to the Young Ambassador // Assisting with Medical & Health Clinic.

Cairo—Held Charter Night with PIP Jim Ervin and DG Georgia Taylor // Starting projects for area.

Lake Seminole—Held a successful Shellcracker Tournament April 25 raising almost \$9000 for Lions projects // Held White Cane Day raising \$400 // Helped the LEOs in the Great American Cleanup collecting 540 pounds of trash by cleaning 4 miles of highway.

Moultrie—Established a LEO Club // Membership Growth award from Lions International // Held Celebration Banquet honoring PDG JD and Wylene Goings for their years of service in Lions.



18-D = District Governor Comments

Dear “Snow” I mean “Gold Standard” Lions of 18-D,

Clearly, May begins to make it clear that this Lions year is nearing its end. What will be your club’s history for the year? Among the things I want you to carefully look at is your membership. At the end of March our district net growth and loss for the year was zero. We were back to where we started the year. We still have April results to see, but May is the key last month for you to have a positive net membership gain for the year.

You still have time to bring in a few new members and May is the month you need to make certain

that June isn’t going to be your month of dropping club members. May is the month you need to ensure that all your Lions are actively involved in your club. Everyone needs to be celebrating the end of this year and looking forward to next year!

Yours in “Miracles through Service,” Dick





18-E = District Governor Comments



Lion Gaylene Geyman of the Byron Lions Club and DG Marlene repairing the "bridge" in the Scout Hut. The other picture is the whole crew of Lions and Scout leaders. This was a new service project for the Byron Lions Club, which has been sponsoring the troop for years.

We must be able to make our Commitment to our Community needs to be Communicated within our community and perhaps Collaboration with other Lions Clubs within the District in working together in order to better our community.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR DISTRICT

New Lions Club Park caters to kids with special needs



Lasonya Heard sat at a picnic table in the shade of an ancient tree next to the Lions Club park dedicated to handicapped children on Thursday. Her son, Akoye Winston, a Central Elementary fourth-grader, sat in his wheelchair next to her, patiently waiting as she tore apart his freshly grilled cheeseburger and fed it to him piece by piece.

"I think it's awesome that they did it," Heard said.
"There's a lot of times that you want to take a kid out and by him being in a wheelchair it's not accessible."

She and her son are regular visitors to the park where special swings hold wheelchairs, and walkers and wheelchairs glide easily over the artificial turf surface. There are no other parks in the area that allow him to play like other children, she said.

The Lions Club celebrated the completion of the park, at the corner of Spring and North Park streets, by inviting local special education students to a barbecue and magic show at the park.

The project began in 2005 when incoming president of the local Lions Club Jason Harden noticed the difficulty that some children had accessing the park facilities because of their physical disabilities.

"Before this, there was just sort of a dilapidated park here," Harden said. "We had just always taken them over to the castle playground, which is a phenomenal playground, but had just seen kids out there struggling to get around. It just occurred to me that Carrollton didn't have anything like this."



So he brought the idea of building a handicap-accessible park to the Lions Club members. The group already has a mission to help handicapped children, so the project was a natural fit. The members designed a wheelchair-friendly playground, and they hit the streets, approaching businesses, civic groups and agencies for help. They eventually raised \$250,000 for the project.

"We just thought there was the need," said Richard Tisinger, current president. "We wouldn't have got it done without all the help of many other clubs in the

community and many individuals in the community."

The surface was a big issue in the design of the park. It had to be soft enough that if a child fell, they would be cushioned, but firm enough that wheelchairs could navigate it. The first surface didn't work well, so it was recently replaced with a concrete surface topped with a layer of shredded rubber all covered by the artificial turf. Besides the special swings for wheelchairs, the slides are reached by ramps instead of stairs and many of the features are lower to the ground than a typical playground.

"We wanted it to be so that kids could move through with a wheelchair," Tisinger said.

The first phase of the project was finished in 2007, and this final phase - which expanded the playground, replaced the playground surface and added the pavilion - was finished this year.

"You come out here on any Saturday, Sunday, pretty day like today and the playground is just loaded with people playing on it," Harden said. "If just for the hour they're out here playing they can just forget about whatever bad hand they've been dealt, that's the whole point of this."

The students at the park were obviously having fun as they ran and rolled around.

Justin, a fourth-grade student from Central Elementary, glistened with sweat as he raced around.

This was his first visit to the park. His favorite amenity ♦ " the tire swing.

"It's cool," he said.

That's just what the members want to hear.

"The end product is really well worth it," said member Joe Harris as he watched the children play. "It's great."

This is the only handicap-accessible park for miles, and as soon as the park was in planning, people from other communities were calling to see when it would be available, he said. In fact, the handicap-accessible parks have become a priority for the Georgia Lions Clubs.

"That really made us feel good," Harris said.

LCIF provided \$60,564.00 toward the \$250,000.00 project.



18-F = District Governor Comments

KEEPING OUR GOOD MEMBERS

Let's keep our good members along with bringing in the new!



Miracles though Service-International President Al Brandel's Theme

Our International President, Al Brandel, says that Lions are everyday heroes. "The real modern-day heroes may never be seen on TV or have a book written about them," "But the things they do, like bringing a food basket, put a smile on someone's face. Lions Clubs are making a big impact in people's lives. My role is to let everybody know the miracles happening around the world-and that they can make miracles happen in their backyard." President Al then also understands that we work best within teams or groups that can take on a needed community project with help from other non lions. Find what is needed and find another group to help. This way more hands with good directions can accomplish more. This is a great way to show Lions Club leadership and resources and get others involved in Lionism.

Serving with Pride-District Governor Richard Henderson's Theme

When you go to an international convention, you see the pride Lions take in themselves. In the areas that Lionism is growing the most are areas that it is considered a privilege to be asked be a Lion. Officers are on a waiting list to serve. I was in a training class with 2 District Governors from the country of Nepal. They both know who will be their district leaders for the next 3 years. This a country that has many problems: among them transportation , food, political, and national disasters. Through all this they added thousands of new Lions who want to give back their skills and time and money to support their communities and other LCI projects in the world.

It is time that we take more pride in being a Lion. Wear your Lions pin out in the community, to church, shopping, etc. Find a person that you would like to be around, ask that person to help you and your club with a project, and then ask them to come to a club meeting . Remember that they may ask you about Lionism, what it is and what you do. You need to have the answers. Maybe a "cheat sheet" in your pocket would help. There are many good people in our communities who want to make a positive difference in the world; it's up to us to inform them and give them that chance.





Last Council Meeting of 2009



New Council Chair and Council Advisor



Start of New Council for 2009







Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

Better Vision. Better Hearing. Better Georgia.



Better Vision.

Better Hearing.

Better Georgia.

**An increased demand has led to a rise in
the number of people the Lighthouse helps**

Service numbers below reflect patients served from July 2008 to May 2009



VISION CLINICS
1442 Exams Provided



EYE SURGERIES
307 Surgeries Provided



HEARING AIDS
1463 Aids Provided

2332 Eyeglasses Provided

- 95 percent of eye surgery patients feel safer in their homes after surgery.
- 60 percent of eye surgery patients are able to drive again.
- 1 in 3 people over the age of 65 will experience hearing loss.
- Many people go without hearing aids because they can't afford them.
- The Lighthouse vision clinics target populations at risk for suffering from chronic eye disease, such as patients with diabetes or hypertension, the leading causes of blindness in America.
- For every 1 dollar donated, the Lighthouse can provide 5 dollars in medical services.
- 94 percent of all donations go directly to Lighthouse programs and services.

Check out the new **Lighthouse Video**

Click here to view the Lighthouse Video!

<http://www.eventstreams.com/lighthouse/010fst/>

July 2009

SUNDAY	MOND	TUESDAY	WEDNESDA	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 92nd	7 International	8 Convention,	9 Minneapolis,	10 Minnesota	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 CAMP FOR THE BLIND Summer CAMP Lions Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 MD Zone Chair, MD MERL, and District MERL training in Centerville
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August 2009

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September 2009

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Council of Governors Mtg. Joint Georgia Lions Lighthouse and Camp for the Blind Meeting, Tifton, Georgia
13 Lions Lighthouse and Camp Meetings Continued	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 USA/	25 Canada Memphis,	26 Forum Tennessee
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October 2009

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November 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Mule Day Calvary, GA.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 54th District 18-D Rally, Gainesville, GA.
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December 2009

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From Kristen Picus, Camp Director:

You are cordially invited to attend

GEORGIA LIONS' CAMP FOR THE BLIND, INC LIONS' DAY AT THE CAMP

"ON THE FLIP SIDE"

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2009

Activities begin at 9:30 a.m.

LUNCH & PROGRAM AT 12:00 NOON

COST: \$8.00 per person in advance

RESERVATIONS PLEASE TO:

Lion Doy Barks

614 Todd Circle

Warner Robins, GA 31088

(478) 923-5649

E-Mail: hankbarks@msn.com

Each year your Camp has the honor of hosting the Council of Governors, the Lions, the Lionesses and LEOs and their guests on Lions Day. It is with great pleasure that I extend an invitation to you for this year's event. Lions Day will be held on Saturday July 18, 2009. Activities start at 9:30 am with lunch at noon. Lunch is \$8.00 a person. Make your reservations by July 14. Reservations may also be sent to the Camp.

Casino Night for the Camp

The date is set for October 3, 2009. The place will be Doubletree Hotel at Windy Hill. The time for the event will be 6 PM to 11 PM and gaming will be from 7 PM to 10 PM, expecting to begin cashing out between 9:30 and 9:45. This event will be an up-scale affair with a quality party company to generate funding for the Georgia Lions Camp. We all know our Camp needs funding to operate and offer our campers a safe and fun time during their stay. Our Camp requires nearly \$300, 000 annually to run without any fringe benefits, this covers our normal expenses only without any room for a major emergency.

Game Table Sponsors

\$ 300 – slots, Cards, Roulettes

\$350 –Craps Table Each Side

Make Checks Payable to Georgia Lions Camp

Send to Ed Ressler

3935 Admiral Drive

Atlanta, Ga. 30341

What can you do? We need Lions help with the tables, ticket sales and collection at the door, during the auctions, during the raffle, general set-up and take down, hosting our guests, and generating gifts for the silent auction and raffle items. If you can help contact:

Ed Ressler - 404-444- 2064 or 770-986-4185 or

Steve Humphry - 478-225-8121 or 478-956-3854.



Other Project News



Alumni Spotlight

Gail Kilbourn Keeps Her Household Moving

Imagine a household of three boys, a German exchange student, and two dogs – seems like a busy place, but it works just fine for Gail Kilbourn. “It’s nice having to care for my family every day,” says Gail with a laugh, “sometimes they run me ragged, but someone has to do it.” Gail is often surprised when people are amazed that she can raise three boys with her visual impairment. Blind since birth, Gail is just living her life the way she knows how - for her, not seeing is normal.



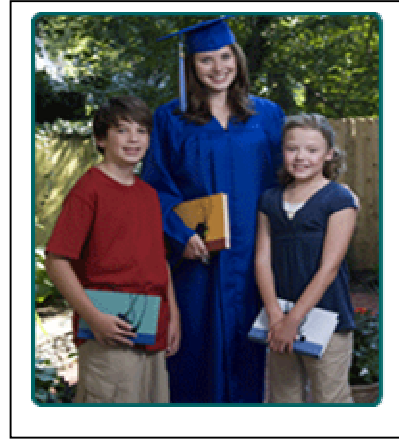
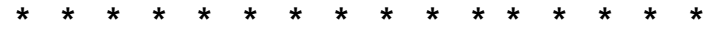
Gail received her first Leader Dog in 1990 and has been working with dog guides ever since. Her sons (Joshua – 8, Jacob – 7, and Matthew – 1) are used to having Gail’s current Leader Dog “Mya” go everywhere with them. “I don’t need to explain to people that they can’t pet Mya when she is working,” she says. “The boys do it for me. When told to, Mya will even follow Joshua through stores and restaurants. She won’t follow Jacob yet, I guess she thinks he’s still too small.”

Even though Gail and Mya have only been working together since October of 2008, they have developed an unspoken understanding of how fast to walk in different situations. “I’ve noticed that Mya is extra careful and walks slower if I’m carrying the baby or have the older boys with me. When it’s just her and I, we both take advantage of the fact that we can walk at a faster pace.”



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Terry And Ron



Terry Staggs lost his eyesight while clearing a building in Kuwait City during Desert Storm.

He regained his mobility three years later when he obtained his first guide dog from a guide dog school up north.

But eight years ago, he suffered a setback when a stroke landed him in a wheelchair. Fortunately, that too had a solution, and Terry learned how to navigate again, this time with a specially trained wheelchair guide dog.

In 2007, his first wheelchair guide dog retired unexpectedly – but this time, the successor dog didn't work out. For eight months, he says, "I couldn't go anywhere unless someone went with me."

Then the veteran learned about Southeastern Guide Dogs, and on March 12, 2009, he graduated with a beautiful, loyal and highly skilled Labrador named Ron. The two make a perfect match. With Ron, Terry says, "I can go where I want when I want; with a great sense of security."

Terry and his wife, Sun, have been married 32 years and live in the rolling hills of Tennessee.



Unwavering discipline.
Steadfast loyalty.
Elite training And
A cold wet nose.

The Four Types of Dogs.

Service Dogs assist adults with physical disabilities by performing daily tasks, including:

- Retrieve dropped or out of reach items
- Open and close doors and drawers
- Pull a lightweight manual wheelchair
- Turn lights on and off

Hearing Dogs alert the deaf and hard of hearing to important sounds, including:

- Alert to environmental sounds
- Show partners the source of sounds

Skilled Companions enhance independence for adults with cognitive disabilities, including:

- Retrieve dropped or out of reach items
- Open and close doors and drawers

Facility Dogs work with a professional in a visitation, education or healthcare setting by assisting with:

- Physical therapy
- Cognitive exercises
- Speech therapy
- Motivation and comfort



National Diabetes Fact Sheet, 2007

National Estimates on Diabetes

Estimation methods

The diabetes estimates in this fact sheet were derived from various data systems of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the user population database of the Indian Health Service (IHS), the U.S. Renal Data System of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the U.S. Census Bureau, and published studies. Estimates of the total number of persons with diabetes and the prevalence of diabetes in 2007 were derived using 2003–2006 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), 2004–2006 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), 2005 IHS data, and 2007 resident population estimates. Many of the estimated numbers and percentages of people with diabetes were derived by applying diabetes prevalence estimates from health surveys of the civilian, no institutionalized population to the most recent 2007 resident population estimates. These estimates have some variability due to the limits of the measurements and estimation procedures. The procedures assumed that age-race-sex-specific percentages of adults with diabetes (diagnosed and undiagnosed) in 2007 are the same as they were in earlier time periods (e.g., 2003–2006), and that the age-race-sex-specific percentages of adults with diabetes in the resident population are identical to those in the civilian, no institutionalized population. Deviations from these assumptions may result in over- or under-estimated numbers and percentages. For further information about the methods for deriving total, diagnosed, and undiagnosed diabetes prevalence from NHANES data, see

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5235a1.htm>. More detail on the data sources, references and methods are available at <http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/pubs/references07.htm>.

Prevalence of diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes in the United States, all ages, 2007

Total: 23.6 million people or 7.8% of the population have diabetes.

Diagnosed: 17.9 million people

Undiagnosed: 5.7 million people

Prevalence of diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes among people aged 20 years or older, United States, 2007

Age 20 years or older: 23.5 million or 10.7% of all people in this age group have diabetes.

Age 60 years or older: 12.2 million or 23.1% of all people in this age group have diabetes.

Men: 12.0 million or 11.2% of all men aged 20 years or older have diabetes.

Women: 11.5 million or 10.2% of all women aged 20 years or older have diabetes.

Non-Hispanic whites: 14.9 million or 9.8% of all non-Hispanic whites aged 20 years or older have diabetes.

Non-Hispanic blacks: 3.7 million or 14.7% of all non-Hispanic blacks aged 20 years or older have diabetes.

Prevalence of diagnosed diabetes in people younger than 20 years of age, United States, 2007

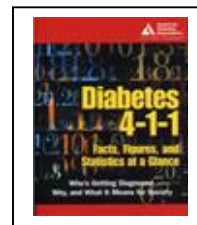
- About 186,300 people younger than 20 years have diabetes (type 1 or type 2). This represents 0.2% of all people in this age group. Estimates of undiagnosed diabetes are unavailable for this age group.

Incidence of diagnosed diabetes among people aged 20 years or older, United States, 2007

About 1.6 million new cases of diabetes were diagnosed in people aged 20 years or older in 2007.

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Further Reading . . .

[Diabetes 4-1-1: Facts, Figures, and Statistics at a Glance](#) offers media

professionals, government employees and students access to

up-to-date accurate numbers and solid facts about diabetes from the preeminent diabetes source.



"Peace Begins
With Me"
2008-09 Grand
Prize Winner

2008-09 Finalists = checkout all 24 pictures – go to:
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/youth_peace_poster.php3# = look for 2008-09 Finalists on right side



Fellow Lions,

This is an excellent opportunity for us to partner with our Leos on projects and raise awareness of Leos and Lions. **It would be great if every LEO Club (as well as the Lions Club that sponsors them) hold an event, or do a special project together to raise awareness. Here are some suggestions for ways that Lions and LEOs can work together:**

White Cane Month (Lighthouse)
Send a Kid to Camp (Camp)
Spotlight on Children
Record-a-Thon (RFB&D)
Liberty Day
Kids 'N Coins (Leader Dog)
Any local-needs project

If there is no LEO Club in your area, organize one today!

HISTORY:

1957 – First Leo club founded by Glenside Lions Club in Abington, PA with 35 Abington High School boys.

1964 – The Leo Club Program became an official district project and started to grow rapidly in PA and other surrounding states.

1967 – Became an official program of LCI.



LEO Objective: To provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community.

LEO Motto:

Leadership: Leos develop skills as project organizers and motivators of their peers.

Experience: They learn team work and cooperation can bring about change in the community and world.

Opportunity: Leos gain opportunities to excel, develop positive character traits and receive recognition for their contributions.

LEO Statistics as of February 2009

Leo members: **144,400** (approx)

Leo clubs: **5,755**

Alpha clubs: **2,319**

Omega clubs: **3,436**

Countries: **140**

Benefits of Sponsoring a Leo Club

- Raises club visibility in community, reaching new audiences.
- Lions serve as role models for community service and fulfill the Lions motto "We Serve"
- Satisfaction of fostering and helping to shape a community's future leaders.

Leos and Lions Working Together

- Lions benefit from joint service projects by multiplying community service efforts.
- Leos benefit from joint service projects by developing confidence, leadership and organization skills.
- The community benefits whenever Leos and Lions volunteer together to help meet the needs of the community.

~submitted by **Lion Steve Helwig, State LEO Chair,**
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In Service, Steve



GLASB Mission

The Georgia Lions All State Band is a Georgia Lions supported youth activity with the goal of providing a great opportunity for middle and high school musicians from across the state of Georgia to enjoy a rewarding musical experience with some of the best directors in Georgia.



Participation allows the student the opportunity to showcase their musical talents with other gifted musicians from across the state. The band each year performs before the Lions of Georgia each year at its State Convention and travels to the Lions International Convention (US Convention).

*Youth Becoming
Music Ambassadors
To The World*

Georgia Lions All-State Band 2009



LIBERTY DAY—YOUR LIONS CLUB AND SCOUTING PROJECT

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America has recognized Liberty Day as a citizenship project. Older Cub Scouts (Webelos 4th and 5th grade), Boy Scout troops, and Venturing crews are encouraged to undertake a project at least once a year under the BSA program, Good Turn for America. Liberty Day is now listed as one of the suggested projects.

Liberty Day Kids is the ideal method of a Webelos den, Boy Scout troop or Venturing Crew to complete a Good Turn for America project using Liberty Day. For Liberty Day Kids, the scouts learn a set of questions and answers directly out of the Constitution. They then take these questions and answers out to the public in a mall, post office, or other gathering place and ask adults the questions. Every adult questioned is given an “I Got Quizzed” sticker or an American flag lapel pin along with a pocket Liberty Day booklet.

This is a great way for a Lions Club to be involved in Scouting. The relationship between Lions and Scouting goes back to the beginning of both organizations in the United States. The cooperation between Scouts and Lions benefits both organizations. Young people need the guidance and mentoring of quality adult role models—Lions. For more information, read the section on Scouting in the “Lions of Georgia Handbook” (pp 148-149).

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.





LIBERTY DAY GEORGIA
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE/U.S.
CONSTITUTION



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 

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NEW YORK, NEW YORK, USA MARCH 9-14, 2009

1. Toronto, Ontario, Canada was chosen as the site for the 2014 International Convention.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/exec_summary_mar_09.pdf

Family Cub Program Coming Soon and How You Can Help

The new Family Cub Program, in connection with the Family Membership Program, is being introduced at the 92nd Lions Clubs International Convention in Minneapolis. Formulated especially to encourage families to volunteer together, children under the age of 12 will have the opportunity to build a lifelong dedication to helping those in need. Cubs will be distinguished with age-specific patches and Lions clubs will be equipped with a guide full of age-appropriate activities.

Now here is where we need your help! Cubs will be divided into three age categories: under age 3, ages 4-7 and ages 8-12. Lions Clubs International is looking for a series of names to give to each of

the three age categories. Submit your Cub name ideas at the Extension & Membership Booth at the Minneapolis convention or to the **Membership Programs and New Clubs Marketing Department**. Look for more information on the Family Cub Program coming in July.

Reminder: New Transfer Form For Club Secretaries Attention Club Secretaries: A new **transfer form** is now available for your use. The form contains vital information for both clubs commonly involved in the transfer process and also contains a contact us section for the MMR/WMMR user.

Opportunities for Service and Membership Growth

Did you ever think that your eyeglass collection program could help your club to grow? Lions Clubs International receives numerous phone calls and e-mails from business owners, teachers, parents, scout and other youth group leaders, who have heard about the Lions Eyeglass Collection Program and want to participate. When your club learns of someone interested in collecting used eyeglasses for you, contact them in a timely manner and make arrangements to help them get started. Your club's guidance and support can reap not only more glasses, but also future members! Be prepared to respond! **Learn more about the Lions Recycle for Sight Program.**

New LCIF Volunteer Structure

In order to strengthen LCIF and build on the momentum of Campaign SightFirst II, LCIF has established a new enhanced

volunteer structure to provide consistently trained and longer serving LCIF Coordinators in every district and multiple districts worldwide. These volunteer coordinators will serve as ambassadors of LCIF in all regards. They are being appointed and trained during this Lions year (2008-2009) for a four-year term (allowing for some variation to address local needs). The new LCIF MD and District Coordinators will fill the role formerly served by MD and District LCIF Chairpersons. Therefore, the former LCIF Chairperson position will no longer exist beginning in July 2009. This new structure will be effective following international convention in Lions year 2009-2010. The list of LCIF MD Coordinators is available **online**. Please give these leaders your best advice and full support as they prepare to support our Lions Clubs International Foundation. Working together, Lions have the opportunity to build a stronger foundation and create a better world.

New Lions Quest Video

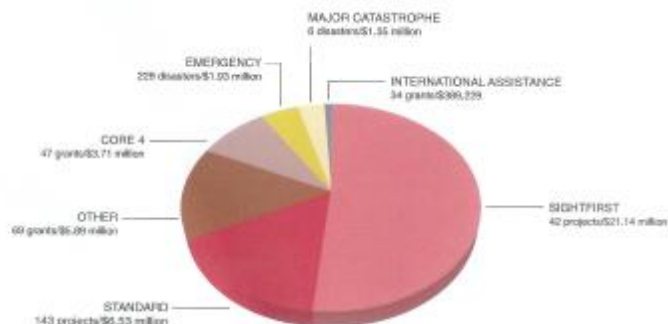
A new Lions Quest video is available free of charge from Lions Clubs International Foundation. The DVD is available in all official Lions languages. It spotlights successful Lions Quest programs around the world. Lions Quest is the life-skills program for kindergarten through 12th grade. View the video online or **contact Lions Quest** to learn more.

DVD for Lions Community Health Events

Lions Clubs International is pleased to offer an outstanding 12-minute film, "Protect Your Vision: The Dilated Eye Exam"



Melvin Jones Fellowship



MAJOR CATASTROPHE = 6 disasters/\$1.35 million

EMERGENCY = 229 disasters/\$1.93 million

CORE 4 = 47 grants/\$3.71 million

OTHER = 69 grants/\$5.89 million

STANDARD = 143 projects/\$6.53 million

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE = 34 grants/\$389,229

SIGHTFIRST = 42 projects/\$21.14 million

We're #1. As the global leader in humanitarian service, Lions Clubs International Foundation helps Lions members serve their community and the world community. Named the number one non-governmental organization in the world with which to partner, LCIF is the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International.

We Serve. Grants fund large-scale Lions humanitarian projects for sight, youth, disability, health and disaster. In fiscal year 2007-2008, LCIF awarded \$40.93 million for 570 projects.

We Provide. Since LCIF began in 1968, it has awarded 9,000 grants totaling \$640 million.

We Give 100 Percent. Every dollar donated to LCIF goes directly toward a grant.

We Partner. LCIF works hard to leverage all donations through partnerships with local and international organizations, governments and corporations, stretching each contribution substantially beyond its original value.

You Gave. In fiscal year 2007-2008, LCIF received \$78.46 million in donations, including historic support for CSFII. This was an increase of \$24 million over the previous year.* Thank you for your support!

*Donations include cash received and pledges.

**All funds reported in US\$.

LCIF's Unprecedented Opportunity

LCIF is in a position of unprecedented opportunity. Now, more than ever, Lions worldwide are engaged in the work of LCIF. The unwavering efforts of Lions throughout CSFII have further established the SightFirst program as a leader in the fight against preventable blindness, and solidified LCIF as a prominent global foundation. There is a better understanding of the need for the humanitarian service that only LCIF and Lions can provide.

LCIF has provided a wide range of humanitarian service to those in need for more than 40 years. The SightFirst program is only one aspect of the humanitarian work of the Foundation. LCIF also combats disability, provides disaster relief and supports the health and education of youth. Through LCIF, Lions develop projects that address the immediate and long-term needs of their local and global communities.

It is indeed an exciting time for LCIF and Lions worldwide. The Foundation has not only been very successful in helping Lions serve others, but with expansion comes new opportunities for service. LCIF is dedicating more resources to expand the Foundation, and a stronger LCIF that is committed to a core mission has the power to transform all aspects of Lions.

"The quality of life you offer is like night and day to see once again. I so appreciate everything you are all doing. Your programs and assistance are desperately needed and so very much appreciated."

USA

Christine, Oregon,

What has LCIF done for Georgia

<u>Project</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>District A</i>		
Flood Relief	\$5,000.00	6Mar90
Tornado Relief	\$5,000.00	29Mar94
Habitat Home- Alpharetta	\$21,819.00	4Apr02
Tornado Relief	\$5,000.00	20Nov02
Hurricane Katrina Evacuee Relief	\$10,000.00	9Sep05
Allergen Glaucoma Screening Project	<u>\$7,500.00</u>	28Feb07
	<i>\$54,319.00</i>	
<i>District B</i>		
Flood Relief	\$5,000.00	27Jul94
Tornado Relief	\$2,393.32	1Oct94
Flood Relief	\$5,000.00	29Aug95
Expand Lions Camp for the Blind	\$75,000.00	28Jun96
Tornado Relief	\$10,000.00	14Apr98
Habitat Home – Waycross	\$37,500.00	30Sep00
Habitat Home – Effingham	\$6,606.00	7Oct04
Equip School District with CCTVs	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	18Mar08
	<i>\$166,499.32</i>	
<i>District C</i>		
Flood Relief	\$5,000.00	26Jul94
Flood Relief	\$10,000.00	11Mar98
Tornado Relief	\$10,000.00	19Apr99
Equip Tech Lab for the Blind @ Thomas College	\$3,305.00	23Oct99
Tornado Relief	\$10,000.00	14Feb00
Habitat Home – Albany	\$52,500.00	4Apr00
Habitat Home – Cordele	\$27,000.00	30Sep00
Tornado Relief	\$5,000.00	16Mar01
Habitat Home – Moultrie	\$51,750.00	25Jun01
Flood Relief	\$10,000.00	16Sep02
Tornado Relief	\$10,000.00	20Mar03
Tornado Relief	\$5,000.00	2Apr05
Tornado Relief	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	2Mar07
	<i>\$209,555.00</i>	
<i>District D</i>		
Purchase Medical Van – S. Africa	\$5,000.00	8Apr78
Tornado Relief	\$5,000.00	29Mar94
Tornado Relief	\$10,000.00	20Mar98
Habitat Home – Toccoa (2 Homes)	\$65,250.00	30Sep00
Equip Recording for the Blind	\$51,211.00	4Apr01
Habitat Home – Bogart	\$39,375.00	26Nov01
Camp Kudzu Adolescent Diabetes Program	<u>\$24,800.00</u>	28Sep02
	<i>\$200,636.00</i>	

District E

Training Program at Institute	\$22,077.00	17Nov92
Flood Relief	\$5,000.00	25Jul94
Habitat Home – Warm Springs (2 Homes)	\$63,750.00	30Sep00
Habitat Home – West Point	\$60,000.00	26Nov01
Habitat Home – Macon	\$11,061.00	28Sep02
Tornado Relief	\$5,000.00	8Sep05
Tornado Relief	\$10,000.00	12Mar07
Lions Playground for the Disabled	\$60,564.00	18Mar07
Habitat Home – Lagrange	\$15,000.00	27Jun07
	<u>\$252,452.00</u>	

District F

Tornado Relief	\$5,000.00	9Dec92
Habitat Home – Dublin	\$22,500.00	4Apr01
Tornado Relief	\$10,000.00	12Mar07
	<u>\$37,500.00</u>	

MD-18

Georgia Lions Fight for Sight	\$50,000.00	1Mar88
Arts/Crafts Bldg – Ga. Lions Camp for the Blind	\$24,000.00	1May91
Equip Lions Eye Care Unit	\$50,000.00	5Apr95
Purchase Mobile Eyeglass Clinic	\$75,000.00	13Mar96
Tornado Relief	\$10,000.00	14Feb00
Tornado Relief	\$5,000.00	13Apr05
Construct Health Center for Camp for the Blind	\$75,000.00	8Nov05
Equip Lions Mobile Screening Program	\$37,535.00	18Mar07
Equip Lions Audio Book Recording Units	\$5,301.00	26Sep07
	<u>\$331,836.00</u>	

Grand Total: Received from LCIF = \$1,252,797.32



We could learn a lot from crayons... Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box."

== NOW – GO TO THESE WEB SITE's AND CHECK IT OUT ==

<http://ca.youtube.com/lionsclubsorg>

<http://www.myspace.com/lionsclubsorg>

<http://twitter.com/lionsclubsorg>

facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lions-Clubs-International/27922222491>

NEW BOOK DETAILS HISTORY OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL



OAK BROOK, IL, USA, February 2, 2009 – “Lions Clubs in the 21st Century,” a newly released book detailing the history and success of Lions Clubs International, is now available for purchase through the association and select online retailers.

Written by Paul Martin and former LION Magazine senior editor Robert Kleinfelder, the book traces the development of Lions Clubs International from its birth in 1917 at Chicago’s LaSalle Hotel through its growth into a globally recognized humanitarian and service organization of 1.3 million members.

“This book is the story of the world’s largest voluntary service club organization, but it’s also a story of the human spirit,” said Kleinfelder. “The compassion and self-sacrifice of Lions for 90 years are an inspiration. That’s what this book is about.”

Published by AuthorHouse in late 2008, the 396-page book also delves into the success of the Lions Clubs International Foundation and the SightFirst program and SightFirst II campaign, as well as the advent of family, cyber and other new types of clubs.

“Lions Clubs in the 21st Century” is available for purchase through the Club Supplies Department of Lions Clubs International by visiting the [Lions Store](#) or calling 630-571-5466, and through select online retailers.

Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization with 1.3 million members in 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. Learn more at www.lionsclubs.org.



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