

February 2010

DISTRICT 18-F NEWSLETTER



From District Governor's Desk FEBRUARY 2010

Hello fellow Lions of District 18F. Where does the time go? Seems like only yesterday that I was being sworn in as District Governor for 18F. Over the past 6 months, I have met some of the most caring and serving people in the world, the Lions of District 18F, made a lot of new friends that will last a life time.

As District Governor, I have traveled from north to south in our great state of Georgia, been in floods, threats of snow, and hot and humid weather, but, was always made welcome when I visited your clubs. With that said, District 18F is in trouble membership wise. I'm asking all 42 clubs in our district to hold membership drives. We need to build up our existing clubs with new and younger members. PDG Richard Henderson is busy trying to get a new club in our northern area, while 1st VDG Paul May is working on a new club in the southern area. I know it's hard to be a Guiding Lion, a commitment that takes you away from your home club to assist a new club. Without dedicated Guiding Lions helping these clubs get started the right way, these new clubs have a very little chance of lasting. It takes sponsoring clubs and loyal Guiding Lions willing to take on a new club; don't look at it as a job but a club project. Sharing your vast knowledge in Lionism will go a very long way in making a new club a success.

The next few months will be the overall grade as to how I have performed as you District Governor this year. Over the years, the district governors have made 18F one of the best in the state. I hope with your help, I can say when it's all over I "Got it Done."

Now to better things, our district convention is on March 5th and 6th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Warner Robins. I know the application was late getting out. Please, if you plan on attending, fill out your application and get it in the mail by February 15, 2010. We need this information so we can plan meals and etc. Our theme this year is to honor our international leader who is German. So make plans to be there and let's enjoy fun and fellowship. In the words of your redneck Governor let's "Get-Er-Done".

Harvey O. Ware
DG 18F 2009-2010

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Information on District 18F's Convention, March 5-6, 2010

Hosted by the Lions of Warner Robins and Centerville

This year's district convention for 18F will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 207 Willie Lee Parkway, Warner Robins, Georgia 31093 and the Centerville Lions club house.

Special room rate is \$109.00 (which includes a full sit down breakfast). **This rate will only be good if room is booked before February 23rd.** When booking a room, please use Code "LDC18F" in order to get this special rate. Telephone Number: (478) 971-1550, Fax: (478) 971-1590. Web site: "warnerrobins.hgi.com:"

Friday, March 5, 2010

2:00 - 6:00 pm Registration (Hilton Inn)
6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner at Centerville clubhouse
7:00 - 10:00 pm Live Entertainment
8:00 - 11:00 pm Hospitality (Pay as you go Bar)

Saturday, March 6, 2010

6:30 - 10:00 am Breakfast at Hilton
7:00 - 9:00 am Registration (Hilton Inn)
8:00 - 9:00 am Delegates Registration
9:00 - 11:00 am Cabinet meeting Centerville
11:00 - 12:15 pm PDG's Meeting Centerville
12:30 - 1:30 pm Banquet Lunch at Hilton Inn
1:45 pm Speaker & Hall of Fame Induction
(Main ballroom theater seating)
Adjourned no later than 3:45 p.m.

Some Important Information

In your packet you will have received your meal tickets.

1. For Friday night dinner, seating will not be assigned, except for ID's, DG's and VDG's.
2. The Saturday Banquet ticket is for the raffle of door prizes supplied by the host club. If you want additional chances for this raffle, there will be a table set up. 1 for \$1.00; 6 for \$5.00.
3. For those of you using your GSP to locate the Hilton, because the street is new, use 444 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins, Georgia 31093.
4. Location of Hilton Garden Inn, 90 miles south of Atlanta I-75, exit 146 is just 2 miles east on (Watson Blvd.), then left on Willie Lee Parkway.
5. From Hwy. 247/129, take Watson Blvd. (main street). Drive past the Galleria Mall, Willie Lee Parkway will be the first street past Kroger's shopping center on the right.

District 18F Lions Convention 2010

District Governor Lion Harvey Ware

Hilton Garden Inn

207 No. Willie Lee Parkway, Warner Robins, Georgia 31093

Tel: 478-971-1550 Fax: 478-971-1590

(Please call hotel directly to make room reservations)

March 5th and 6th, 2010

Advance hospitality books for 2010 18F District Convention at the Warner Robins Hilton Garden Inn for only \$40.00 each. Each book covers Friday night's meal at the Centerville Lions Clubhouse and Saturday's Banquet luncheon at the hotel.

Hospitality books increase to \$45.00 after February 15, 2010.

Reservations due by **February 15, 2010.** (Cost at the door will be \$50.00)

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Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Club & Position _____

Email Address _____

No. of hospitality books _____ @ \$40.00 Total _____

No. of hospitality books _____ @ \$45.00 Total _____

Separate meal cost (if not buying book)

Friday night ticket _____ @ \$25.00 _____ District Banquet ticket _____ @ \$25.00 _____

Amount Paid _____ Check No. _____

Make checks payable to: Warner Robins Lions Club (add in memo area 2010 18F Conv.)

Mail registration to: Lion Randall Dodd, 201 Bonanza Dr., Bonaire, GA 31093

Contact information: Lion Randall Dodd: Phone: 478-922-9491 OR 478-737-5653.

Email: rdoddga@aol.com

FROM YOUR FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

As District Governor, Harvey has said we are starting the process for developing two new clubs. PDG Richard Henderson is leading the effort for one in the south DeKalb area and PDG Coke Geddings has volunteered to be a Guiding Lion for a new club in Waynesboro. Work should begin in February on both efforts. Starting a new club takes a lot of work and we will be looking for more volunteers to assist in these two areas. It would really be helpful if you would go ahead and call Richard and Coke to offer your assistance. As detail plans are made, we will keep you informed.

By the time you get this newsletter our district convention will be less than 5 weeks away. We still do not have anyone stepping forward for Second Vice District Governor for this year or next year. We NEED for someone to take this step or if you know someone that would make a good VDG let me know. Better yet, talk to them to encourage them to take up this challenge.

I look forward to working with and meeting more Lions during the next 5 months.

1st VDG Paul May

DISTRICT 18-F GRILL RAFFLE

1 PRIMO GRILL TO 1 LUCKY PERSON PER 100 TICKETS

PLUS

1 PRIMO GRILL TO THE 18 F CLUB THAT HAS THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE ABOVE 100 PERCENT OF TICKET SALES

DRAWING MARCH 6, 2010

DISTRICT 18-F COVENTION

QUESTIONS - BUDDY ADAMS

DAY 678-625-5112 NIGHT 770-786-3995





Successful Letter-Writing Campaigns

Lions Clubs participate in White Cane as a way of supporting your Lighthouse's eye surgery program. The traditional method of fundraising is a Bucket Drive, but the poor economy and the move away from carrying cash make these drives increasingly difficult. In an effort to increase funds raised and provide more surgeries for Georgians in need, many clubs are moving away from Bucket Drives, or adding other fundraisers.

A few Lions Clubs have been very successful with letter writing campaigns. They do take advanced preparation, but there is no standing in the cold! In preparing for the campaign, every member of their clubs made a list of 10-15 influential people they knew, and 10-15 companies they thought should receive a letter. One member of the club compiled that information on a spreadsheet, and noted who submitted which names. The letters were then mail merged, printed onto Lions Club letterhead, and brought to a club meeting. The person who submitted each name included a short, hand-written note such as, "I hope you can support this wonderful cause!" When possible, the letters were hand delivered. Individual Lions also followed up 2 weeks after delivery.

While the compilation of names, hand-written notes, and individual follow-up makes the letter-writing campaign more complex than simply sending form letters and waiting for a reply, it is also much more effective. The clubs who put the extra effort into their campaigns raised \$5,000-\$10,000, without the stress of having to hold a major event.

If your club would like to hold a letter writing campaign, you will find sample ask and thank you letters, as well as a step-by-step guide to the process in the new White Cane Packet. The packet will be available at the January Conference, and it will be mailed shortly afterward to the clubs that did not receive one at the meeting.

To request a White Cane packet or other White Cane materials, please contact Kim at 404-325-3630 x 313 or at kfletcher@lionslighthouse.org. Thank you!

Bring Glasses on Your Mission Trip!



If you or someone you know is going overseas on a mission trip, you can bring glasses along! We have single-vision glasses, bi-focals, prescription sunglasses, and non-prescription sunglasses.

Please contact Tiffany at 404-325-3630 x 308 or at tellerbee@lionslighthouse.org to request glasses. Include the number and type you want, as well as whether the prescriptions should be read. Thank you!

2010 White Cane Packets Available Soon!

The 2010 White Cane Packet will be available at the Winter Conference on January 23rd.

If your club will not have a representative present, be sure to submit a White Cane Chair and goal online at www.lionslighthouse.org. The packet will be shipped to the Chair, along with any other White Cane materials requested.

Give a Day to the Lighthouse, Get a Day at a Disney Theme Park

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The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation partnered with Disney Parks in their “Give a Day, Get a Disney Day” program. If you volunteer for a day with the Lighthouse or another approved organization, you will receive a free one-day admission ticket to a Walt Disney World Resort or Disneyland Resort theme park. Go to www.disneyparks.com to learn more about the program and to sign up to receive your free ticket.

Disney hopes to inspire families to volunteer in their communities during 2010 through this first of its kind program. One million people who perform volunteer service for a participating organization

will receive the free ticket.

“In 2010 we want to recognize and add one more reason for celebration: the contributions people make to their communities every day,” said Jay Rasulo, chairman of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts. “We want to inspire one million volunteers—people who will invest time and energy to make their own communities and neighborhoods a better place.”

Service Numbers

Since July 1, 2009:

- 1,454 pairs of glasses have been dispensed to Georgians in need.
- 853 Georgians have received a full dilated eye exam through Lighthouse clinics.
- 475 people received hearing aids. This figure represents a 10% increase over last year.
- 131 Georgians have received sight-saving surgeries through the Lighthouse.
- More than 50,000 pairs of glasses were received in our eyeglass recycling center to be

Lighthouse Foundation to Kick Off Capital Campaign

Last fall the Lighthouse Foundation underwent a feasibility study to test the viability of launching a \$2.75 million campaign. The campaign funds would allow us to:

- Secure a new property (pictured at right).
- Cover the renovations and equipment needed to expand our services throughout Georgia.
- Have our own clinic on site.
- Move from serving 6,000 people each year to over 10,000.
- Reduce our cost for a pair of glasses from \$25 to \$5.

We are pleased to announce that the community response was positive and we intend to launch the campaign on January 23rd.





NEWS FROM STATE SECRETARY



PDG Bobby Sweatt has been transferred to St. Catherines for rehab. He is getting two hours of physical therapy a day, and is working hard to be independent and get home.

Bob's last surgery was Sat. afternoon and was done to clean out the area of the incision. Infection was still causing a fever that rose to 103. Since then he was having extreme spikes in blood sugar They changed from insulin shots to IV drip and back again! He is stable now and seemed more responsive today.....better appetite, sleep, etc.his has been going on since about Oct.19. It seems like forever, but I continue to remind Bob we only have one day at a time to concern ourselves with. Finding joy in what each day holds is key. Sunrise, sunset....they will add up....skin will grow. Beau and family have been wonderful.....stretching to take care of us both. Beau has picked up all of Bob's loose ends, a considerable number!

Thank you for your continued love & support, please keep Ann and Bob in your prayers also.

PDG Jerry Kaiser continues to work hard in rehab and is improving slowly from the stroke and the knee implant. Please continue to pray for Jerry and Brenda.

Please see the below email from Lion Faye Smith, MD 18 Youth Camp and Exchange Chair. She needs your help and participation in the program...please consider serving as a Host Family for a Youth Exchange Student

Dear Lions,
Please consider being a Host Family for an Exchange Student from Italy, Finland or France. The length of time involved is 3 to 6 weeks, beginning June or July. Only expense involved is room and board. They have their on spending money and insurance.

Contact Lion Faye H. Smith, MD 18 Youth Camp and Exchange Chair. I will be happy to provide you with information and answer any questions.
E-mail fayehsmith@hotmail.com or telephone 770-683-0038.

Please let me hear from you. Students are waiting for the opportunity to visit America and experience our culture. They would also like to attend your Lions meetings and speak about their culture if you would like.

Best Regards,

Lion Faye H. Smith
MD 18 Youth Camp and Exchange Chair



ENVIRONS



By Wade Hodges, 18F Environmental Chair

In my internet ramblings, I came upon this article generated by Stanford University concerning effects of coconut palms on guano production in the tropics. This demonstrates the unusual effects simple changes in the environment can have unexpected results.

I have printed part of the article and will give a link for the entire presentation, including a video at the end.

Stanford Report, January 20, 2010

Coconut palms bring ecological change to tropics, Stanford researchers say

Those graceful coconut palms swaying in tropical breezes are lowering nutrient levels in the soils and the plants around them, thereby altering the eating habits of animals. Researchers say its one example of how a change in a plant community can disrupt an entire ecosystem.

Jack Hubbard/Mark Shwartz

Stanford researchers on Palmyra Atoll found that birds stay away from coconut palms, depriving forests of bird guano nutrients.

BY LOUIS BERGERON

Coconut palms, the epitome of South Seas tranquility, turn out to be doing more than just soothing vacationers and inspiring aloha shirts. As they continue to spread to new areas, they are also changing the very landscapes they grace, according to Stanford researchers. Seabirds are shunning the palms as nesting sites, favoring other tree species instead, sending a ripple through island ecosystems.

With the birds has gone the rich cargo of guano that they normally dispense so freely to the earth under their abodes. The absence of that precious input has caused the soil around the palms to become nutritionally deficient.

That, in turn, is lowering the nutritional content of plant species growing around the palms and is causing the creatures that feed on those plants, such as crabs and grasshoppers, to forage elsewhere.

To view the complete type in this link in your address bar:

<http://news.stanford.edu/news/2010/january18/birddrop-palm-trees-012110.html>

LCIF Responds to Haiti Earthquake



Dear Fellow Lion,

Since I last wrote you, we have all learned more about the extent of the devastation in Haiti. At Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), we have also learned more about the situation on the ground from the Lions of Haiti. My heart goes out to all the Lions in Haiti, who have been personally affected by this disaster, losing at least two club members as well as many close relatives. Yet they have put aside their own needs to help their community. LCIF is working non-stop with Lions of that area to support "Lions Hope for Haiti."

Lions Hope for Haiti has mobilized more than US\$350,000, to date. Lions around the world are responding generously and quickly to the LCIF designated fund for this disaster. Donations are continuing to pour in from individuals, clubs and districts, and I thank all of you who have already pledged your support.

LCIF is working directly with Lions of Haiti as well as Lions in neighboring countries to assess the immediate needs and also develop a long-term reconstruction plan. Maureen and I will be traveling to the Dominican Republic in the next few days to lead a team delivering urgently needed supplies into Haiti.

Lions around the world are also assisting:

Lions in neighboring Caribbean countries are sending cargo containers of requested supplies through connections with transportation companies.

Lions in Sweden are sending large tents through the Swedish government to provide housing for those who are now homeless as well as relief workers, as they did for the China earthquake.

Lions from District A-9, Ontario, Canada were in the area when the earthquake hit, helping to establish a clean water system for an orphanage, and responded by establishing a make-shift medical clinic, treating 600 people.

Lions are contributing generously, some examples include: US\$86,000 pledged from Lions in Norway; US\$20,000 from Lions in China; US\$14,000 from District 105-I, England.

Like other previous disasters, LCIF is not only committed to meeting the immediate needs of the people, but will be working through the Lions in the region to provide relief for years to come. After other relief organizations have moved out of the area, Lions will still be on the ground, overseeing long-term reconstruction projects. Similar to previous disasters, Lions will be discussing the possibility of rebuilding homes and hospitals, redeveloping the eye care delivery system, providing human resource support, and assisting the disabled, including those disabled as a result of this disaster.

As we continue to work with the Lions and determine needs, we will update the [information online](#) with our plans and any news. We also hope to have photos to share soon, that we will post online. Lions can promote their efforts locally by sharing this information along with any local efforts with the local media, and I encourage you to repost our videos and other postings on your individual and club Web pages. LCIF is also working to promote our actions within the media. Our Foundation has been added to several lists of reputable organizations assisting the area.

If you haven't already done so, I ask you to consider [making a donation to LCIF](#) to support this disaster. You can donate in confidence to LCIF, as 100 percent of every donation will go directly to Haiti relief, as administrative costs are paid by interest earned on investments. LCIF just recently received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the highest rating possible from the independent charity evaluator. In 2007 LCIF was named the #1 non-governmental organization with which to partner, a title our Foundation still holds today.

The needs are great, but we can make a positive impact on the people of Haiti for years to come.

Together We Serve,

Al Brandel
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



GETTING TO KNOW TO OTHER LIONS



As you may recall, I made a loss prediction of 25% for the Lions of Georgia at the half way point of our Lions year. I was slightly wrong: the loss is actually 27.4% (1825 members). And, yes, the loss of members increased to 7.4% for the month of December. How do we reduce this loss of members in our clubs and possibly your club?

To date I have discussed two related club actions: (1) making certain that new members receive Lions' Orientation and (2) that the activity goals of these new Lions are matched with the activities of the club they joined. New club members need to understand what your club does and what we jointly do as Lions. If this does not happen, they are likely to no longer remain Lions. In reverse, a club needs to know what new members want to accomplish as a Lions. If new Lions can't pursue their goals, then they are likely to become retention drop outs.

The third club action I am going to discuss now concerns the connection between a new Lion and his or her sponsor as well as the other members of the club this new member joined. Who recruited your new members? As all Lions know, they are most of the time the club sponsors. However, what is the relationship between the sponsor and the new Lion? Is the new Lion a relative, personal friend, co-worker, fellow church member, neighbor, etc., of their sponsor? Are there any similar relationships between the new member and other members of your club?

The strength and type of relationship between a new member and their sponsor is related to the retention of this new Lion. Sponsors need to strengthen their relationship to a new Lion if he or she is going to continue to be a member of your club. Yes, this does mean that a Lion Sponsor will have to slightly modify their club behavior a bit to ensure that a new member is talked to, sat with at meetings, etc. Similarly, it is important for new members to develop solid relationships with other members of a club. We often say that it is important to get new members involved in club activities quickly. One of the key reasons this is an important club action is that it encourages new members to become linked to current members of a club. Lions with good relations with multiple members of a club are more likely to remain members.

My discussion of retention actions has been focused on actions we should be doing with the new members to keep them as Lions. However, many of these actions can also help us keep current members. Current members may not need orientation, but are their goals need to match what they are doing for your club. Equally or perhaps even more important, is the strength of the relationships between current members. Members who end up becoming weakly connected to other Lions are likely to drop out.

Richard "Dick" Smith
MD-18 MERL Retention Chair

Grovetown Lions Club –

The Grovetown Lions Club held their monthly business meeting on January 12th. at 7:30PM. The club had an excellent attendance (18 members) and discussed various plans for year 2010.

Some highlights:

- Lion Tony Wilmoth and Lion Deborah Wilmoth assumed duties as President and Secretary, respectively, due to the recent resignation of those officer positions.
- The 2009 Turkey Shoot Fundraising event (September – December) was once again a success with net profits in excess of \$8,500.
- The club voted to schedule only one meeting a month for year 2010 (the 2nd Thursday of the month) with a meeting time of 7:00 PM. This is on a trial basis and will be adjusted if needed.
- The Calendar of Events for year 2010 was approved.

The Club inducted two (2) new members.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11th, 2010 at 7:00PM. Expect to hear more from this group in 2010!



Jan. 26th Madison Cub Scouts Troop 91 and troop leader Stacy Jernigan were our special guests and speakers.

The Madison Lions Club are sponsors for Troop 91 providing the 67 children involved an opportunity to do their annual pinewood derby race held each March. (see attached)-- President Jim Howell giving a check for \$100 to Cub Scout Troop 91 Leader Stacy Jernigan.

Madison Lions Club are renewed members of the Madison Morgan Chamber of Commerce.

Square Dancing at the Madison Lions Club First and Third Tuesdays. Lion Dr. Ken Tennant provided eye exams and eye glasses for four needy individuals.

34 members.

Scheduled events at the Madison Lions Club:

Feb 4-6th Midwest Tool Sale

OXFORD LIONS ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY, 2010

The Club now has a brochure that tells what our club does, who we are, and what we support. these can be given to interested persons.

District Governor Harvey Ware visited our club and ask for suggestions to obtain new members.

The Indian Creek School Peace Poster won 1st place at district and Cousins School won 2nd place.

Posters, sponsor forms and participant forms for the golf tournament to be held on March 26 were passed out to the members. The committees and jobs involved were discussed.

Nancy Henderson worked 16 hours with the literacy program John Burson and Mac Cranford worked about 14 hours with Scouts.

Members are selling and/or buying raffle tickets for the Camp For The Blind and the District raffle.

MONROE LIONS CLUB:

Club paid semi-annual membership dues to Lions International, and paid corporation registration renewal fee to Secretary of State of Georgia.

Club provided eye examinations and purchased new eyeglasses for six approved applicants.

Club made a \$250.00 contribution to the Lions International Foundation (LCIF) for the Haiti Earthquake Relief Program.

Club donated \$500.00 to the general operating fund of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation.

Club donated \$500.00 to the general operating fund of the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind.

CLUB NEWS—DISTRICT 18F

Decatur Lions Club Activities Report-January 2010

Collected and turned in to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation 112 pair of used eye glasses. Year to date total 1,487 pair.

Four (4) members worked a total of 49 man hours at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation Office on the used eyeglasses recycling program. Year to date total 381 hours:

Ken Massingale	Barbara Southern
Genie Massingale	Sandra Wheeler

Paid international dues \$380.25.

Purchased, delivered and donated to the Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry (DEAM) the following:

3 cases of individually packaged sugar, 2,000 per case (6,000 packs total)

54 quarts of shelf milk. 109.24

	Contributions:	Cumulative
Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic	300.00	700.00
Leader Dogs for the Blind	300.00	1,000.00
Southeaster Guide Dogs	300.00	1,300.00
Georgia Lions Lighthouse	600.00	1,900.00
Georgia Lions Lighthouse Capital Campaign	1,000.00	2,900.00

**LAVISTA LIONS ACTIVITY REPORT FOR
JANUARY 2010**

Members:.....39
 Active.....25
 MAL.....14
 Attendance.....72%

New Members:
 Lion Jane M. Mattox
 Lion Stephen Magget

Donations:
 Georgia Lighthouse
 Eye Glasses.....1,1003
 Frames.....575
 BTE AIDS.....5
 ITE AIDS.....38
 Cell Phones.....7
 Contact Lenses.....2 Boxes

Partners in Educations Programs - Tutoring:
 Lion Bob Deryck and Remy Lachat 28 Hours
 Vision Screening
 Lion Mary Goldenburg 12 Hours
 Lion Don Smith 6 Hours
 Lighthouse General Work:
 Lion Ray Baskette, 10 Hours

Conyers Lions Club

On January 2, Lion Frank Jones got our new year off to a good start by volunteering 3 hours to help 67 children assemble wooden projects at the Conyers Home Depot Kids Workshop. Lion Charles Cope volunteered 5 hours of time to work at the 10th annual Martin Luther King workday in Decatur on January 17 & 18. This project assists elderly community members who would not otherwise be able to perform routine repairs and maintenance on their homes. We purchased 4 pairs of glasses for needy members of our community and collected 12 pairs of glasses for recycling. During January we were excited to receive and accept applications for membership for three new members, but we are certainly sad to report the death of Lion Darrell Davis at age 42

**North Decatur Lions Club
Activities Report
January, 2010**

The Club donated 4 cell phones to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse.

Lion June volunteered at the Malachi Storehouse for a total of 9 hours.

Lion June volunteered at the Lions Lighthouse for a total of 3 ½ hours.

CENTERVILLE LIONS CLUB JANUARY 2010

Club membership 42 – Total, 35 – Active, 4 – Affiliate, 1 – At large, 2 - Honorary

Percent attendance of active members – 83.3%

Two club members worked Centerville Recycle Center for a total of 36 hours volunteer time

Club meetings – Jan 4 – Board meeting – Board reviewed upcoming projects, finances & membership. Board approved membership for two persons. Discussed club building use restrictions.

Membership meeting – Membership and finance reports were presented. Various members reported on preparation for upcoming projects. Blood Pressure, Glaucoma & Hearing Screening – Jan 30, Camp for the Blind meeting & dinner – Feb 6 & 7, Sweetheart Run for Sight & Bake Sale – Feb 13

Dinner Meeting Jan 18 – Pres. Randy Snowden welcomed members, their spouses and guests. Our guest speaker was Jeanne Bauer of the Centerville Development Authority. Ms. Bauer spoke on the city's development of a city park which will feature a flower & butterfly garden plus other items. Pres. Randy presented Ms. Bauer a certificate & club pin for being our guest speaker. A fine meal and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

PDG Bill Craig performed the induction of two new members who are Larry Elbrecht sponsored by Lion Lloyd Britt & Edward Tucker sponsored by Lion Bob Smith.

Other Events – Jan 5 – Club members took several items & toys for group home persons supported by the Phoenix Center valued at \$100

Contributions – Club provided eye exams and glasses for eight people. Club contributed \$82 to White Cane, \$50 to Athens Recording for the Blind as a memorial, \$90.58 in tail twister fines to each of the following Lighthouse, Leader Dog & Camp for the Blind, Semi-Annual contributions were made as follows: GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation \$450, GA Lions Camp for the Blind \$450, Leader Dogs for the Blind \$450, Athens recording for the Blind \$250, LCIF \$250, LCIF-Sight First II \$500, Lighthouse Emory Eye Center \$375, Canine Companions \$150, Southeast Guide Dog \$150, GANSU \$250, Heart of GA development Ministries \$100- TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS OTHER THAN EYE EXAMS AND GLASSES \$3,778.74

Items collected for the Lighthouse: Regular glasses 292, Sunglasses 56, Frames 19, Lens 47, Hearing aids 13, cell phones 11.

Publicity – Article in district newsletter, upcoming events have been posted with local radio stations and newspapers

GLASCOCK COUNTY LIONS CLUB

We approved one eye exam.

We met at the Historic Pebbles House, Gibson, GA for our meeting. We discussed where to have the meetings in the future, as Usry's Diner is no longer open in the evenings. We decided on the Community House at Brassell Park and moved the meetings back to Monday nights at 6:00pm

CLUB NEWS—DISTRICT 18F

MILLEDGEVILLE LIONS CLUB

Total 18 [17 active members: 1 affiliate]

Mr. Carl Enchelmayer, Director of our local "Meals on Wheels" presented our first meeting in 2010. Lion Bob Diebold, accompanied by his spouse, Marie and leader dog, Radar journeyed to our club to talk about the Leader Dog program. He added personal touches about having a leader dog.

We inducted a new member, Zel Murray. She has volunteered at the GA Lions Camp for the Blind and is an educator working with the deaf and blind in Baldwin County. Her sponsor is Lion Wade Hodges. Her spouse is Lion David Murray with the Sparta Lions Club.

We conducted a Adopt-a-highway pickup recently with one person participating: Lion Edward Powelski, who will assume the chair of the Broom & Mop Sales Committee from Lion PDG Don Glover.

Lion Alvin Thomas has received permission to place eyeglass collection boxes in seven schools in our county.

Upcoming projects include the Annual Spaghetti Supper 2/25/2010 and Annual "Kids Fishing for Sight" Fish-a-thon 5/15/2010.

Lion Ed Menger, Jr. attended the recent Cabinet Meeting in Social Circle as well as those previously reported.



Lion Gene Arnold with Lion Bob and Marie Diebold



Lion Gene Arnold with guest speaker Meals on Wheels Director, Carl Enchelmayer



New member: Lion Zel Murray with sponsor Lion Wade Hodges

Leader Dog Info



Instructor Ellie Carlson uses tactile sign language to explain the intersection configuration to a student that is Deaf-blind.

Deaf-blind Communications

Many people are familiar with the famous scene from "The Miracle Worker" when Anne Sullivan pumps water into a young Helen Keller's hand while signing the word "water" into the other. It is a life-changing moment for Helen; she is learning tactile sign language.

Tactile sign language requires the people in the conversation to physically touch each other in order to communicate. The person "speaking" signs into the hand of the "listener," while the "listener" cups their hands around the "speakers" hands to feel the words being formed. Because this is such an intimate form of communication, instructors only train one or two people per class.

Some of the Deaf-blind students that come to Leader Dog do not use tactile sign language. They may have enough sight to see sign language close-up or may have enough hearing, with the help of hearing aides or cochlear implants, to hear someone from extremely close range.

Name Signing

In the Deaf community, the sign representing a person's name is given to the person by someone that is Deaf. Often the sign combines the first letter of the person's name with an attribute distinct to the individual – their vocation, a favorite hobby, or a personality trait. This is also true when a person who is Deaf-blind "names" their Leader Dog.



Tammy signing the name "Marnie"

Tammy "Ally" Ader signs the name of her Leader Dog "Marnie" by combining the finger positioning for the letter "M" with the sign for "proud." Ally thought this was good sign for Marnie because of the pride she displays when she is wearing her harness

Anna Sparks' Leader Dog is "Sadie Mae." She signs the name by combining the finger positioning for the letter "S" then letter "M" with the sign for "smile." She chose this sign because Sadie Mae always seems to be happy and smiling.



Anna signing the name "Sadie Mae"

Helen Keller and the Lions

On June 30, 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions International Convention. Her compelling speech set the Lions on course to work tirelessly to aid people who are blind and visually impaired.

Helen ended her address with the following appeal. Would you have been able to resist her request?

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



IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE CABINET SECRETARY— JUNE PHILLIPS

CLUB PRESIDENTS, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE!

INSTRUCTIONS AND TIMELINES FOR ELECTION OF 2010-2011 CLUB OFFICERS & SUBMISSION OF PU-101 (CLUB OFFICERS REPORTING FORM) TO LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL (LCI) AND TO THE 18F CABINET SECRETARY, JUNE PHILLIPS (lionjune18f@comcast.net).

February 2009 – Form a Nominations Committee

March 2009 – Nominate candidates for 2010-2011 Club officers

April 15, 2010 – Deadline for Election of 2010-2011 Club Officers

May 15, 2010 – Submission deadline of 2010-2011 Club Officers Reporting Form (PU-101) to International, District Governor and Cabinet Secretary.

The following excerpts are extracted from the Standard Form of Club Constitution and By-laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, revised July 10, 2009.

Extracted From the By-laws:

ARTICLE IV

Elections and Filling Vacancies

The officers of this club, excluding the immediate past president, shall be elected as follows:

Section 1. **NOMINATION MEETING.** A nomination meeting shall be held in March of each year, with the date and place of such meeting to be determined by the board of directors and notice mailed to each member of this club at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 2. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** The president shall appoint a nominating committee which shall submit the names of candidates for the various club offices to the club at the nomination meeting. At this meeting, nominations for all offices to be filled in the succeeding year may also be made from the floor.

Section 3. **NOMINEE UNABLE TO SERVE.** If in the interim between the nomination meeting and the election meeting any nominee is unable for any reason to serve in the office to which he/she was nominated and for which office there was no other nominee, the nominating committee shall submit, at the election meeting, names of additional nominees for that office.

Section 4. **ELECTION COMMITTEE.** An election meeting shall be held no later than April 15 of each year, at a time and place determined by the board of directors, and fourteen (14) calendar days prior written notice shall be given to each member of the club by the secretary, by mail or personal delivery. Such notice shall include the names of all nominees approved at the preceding nomination meeting, and, subject to Section 3 above, a statement that these nominees will be voted upon at this election meeting. No nominations may be made from the floor at the election meeting.

Section 5. **ANNUAL ELECTION.** Subject to the provisions of Section 8 of this Article all officers, other than directors, shall be elected annually and shall take office on July 1st, and shall hold office for one year from that date, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.



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Section 6. **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.** A membership committee shall be composed of three elected members for a three year term. Initially three members will be elected. One member shall serve for one (1) year, the second member for two (2) years and the third member for three (3) years. Each year thereafter, a new member will be elected. Each member shall serve for three (3) continuous years on a rotation system subject to annual confirmation for the years remaining by the club's board of directors. The first year member shall be a member of the committee, the second year member shall be its vice chairperson and the third year member shall serve as its chairperson and as membership director on the club's board of directors. The first-year member is encouraged to focus on membership development, the second-year member is encouraged to focus on retention and leadership, while the third-year member (chairperson) is encouraged to focus on extension.

Section 7. **DIRECTORS ELECTION.** One-half of the directors shall be elected annually and shall take office on the July 1st next following their election, and shall hold office for two (2) years from that time, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified, with the exception that at the first election held after the adoption of this constitution and by-laws, one-half of the directors shall be elected for two year terms and the other one-half of the directors shall be elected for one year terms.

Section 8. **BALLOT.** The election shall be by ballot by those present and qualified to vote. A plurality vote shall be necessary to elect.

Section 9. **VACANCY.** If the office of president or of any vice president shall become vacant for any reason, the vice presidents shall advance in office, according to their rank. In the event such provision for advancement shall fail to fill the office of president, or any office of vice president, the board of directors shall thereon call a special election, giving each member in good standing prior fourteen (14) calendar days notice of the time and place, which time and place shall be determined by said board, and such office shall be filled at said election meeting.

In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the board of directors shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

In the event vacancies shall be of such number as to reduce the number of directors to less than the number required for a quorum, the membership of the club shall have power to fill such vacancies by an election held any regular meeting of the club upon prior notice, and in the manner, specified in Section hereafter. Such notice may be given by any remaining officer or director, but if none, then by any member.

Section 10. **REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS-ELECT.** In the event any officer-elect, before his/her term of office commences, is unable or refuses for any reason to serve therein, the president may call a special nomination and election meeting to elect a replacement for such officer-elect. Fourteen (14) calendar days prior to notice of such meeting, setting forth the purpose, time and place shall be given to each member, by mail or personal delivery. The election shall be held immediately after nominations have been closed and a plurality vote shall be necessary for election.



2010 Lions of Georgia State Convention

Georgia Taylor, Convention General Chair
8307 Lake Carroll Drive, Donaldsonville, GA 39845
Residence 229-861-2190 Cell-229-220-5848

Dear Lions of Georgia:

Did you know that in 2010 we will be in Tifton, Georgia at the UGA Campus Conference Center? We are looking forward to seeing each and every one of you there. There is a lot to see and do – from the Agrirama (Georgia's Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village), National Peanut Museum, The Golf Club of Georgia, to downtown Tifton with great shops!

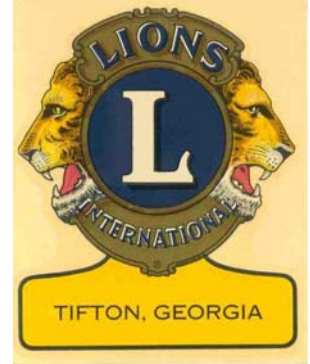
Now is the time to register! Registration includes a hospitality book covering two District breakfasts, all at the Conference Center on Saturday and Sunday, and the District Governor's banquet on Saturday night. The Friday night and Melvin Jones banquets are only \$20 and \$20 extra and are well worth it. The cutoff date for registration is May 15.

You can make your own hotel registration now. Hotel information is on the registration form. District Hotels are: Dist. A at Courtyard, Dist. B&C at Comfort, Dist. D at Country Inn, Dist. E at Fairfield, Dist. F at Holiday Inn. We look forward to seeing you on May 28-30 at the University of Georgia Conference Center in Tifton.

Mail your reservation form with payment check to:

Lion Dick Chalfant
P.O. Box 305
Chula, GA 31733

**LIONS OF GEORGIA
2010 MD-18 89th CONVENTION
@ TIFTON GEORGIA
MAY 28 to 30, 2010**



**REGISTRATION AND
HOSPITALITY BOOK ORDER FORM**

Price beginning Dec. 1 is \$80, then \$85 on April 1.

Reservations are due no later than May 15, 2010. Books purchased after this date will increase to \$95.00. PLEASE INDICATE IF A LION

NAME(s) & TITLE (Lion, DG, PDG, etc): _____

ADDRESS: _____ TOWN: _____ ZIP _____

CLUB: _____ DISTRICT: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

No. HOSPITALITY BOOKS _____ @ \$ _____ = _____

FRIDAY NIGHT MEAL TICKETS _____ @ \$20 = _____

MELVIN JONES LUNCHEON TICKETS _____ @ \$25 = _____

CHECK NO: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT PAID: _____

**A NAME FOR EACH BOOK IS NEEDED FOR CONVENTION ID
IF A CLUB PURCHASE PLEASE SUBMIT LIST OF NAMES ON BACK**

The official convention hotels are off I-75 @ Exit 62 / Hwy 82:

§ **Comfort Inn and Suites** (905 West 7th St.. Tifton, GA 31794, 229 382-8250) \$82/night

§ **Country Inn and Suites** (901 West 7th St.. Tifton, GA 31794, 229 382-8100) \$82/night.

§ **Ramada Inn** (1211 Hwy 82W, Tifton, GA 31794, 229-382-8500) \$58/night.

§ **Days Inn & Suites** (1199 82W, Tifton, GA 31794, 229-382-8505) \$58/night.

§ **The Courtyard by Marriott** (814 W 7th St. Tifton, GA 31794, 229-388-0803) \$89/night.

§ **Fairfield Inn & Suites** 806 W. 7th St., Tifton, GA 31794, 229 387-8288) \$80/night.

§ **Holiday Inn** (1208 Hwy 82W, PO Box 1267, Tifton, GA 31793, 229 382-6687) \$75/night.

DON'T FORGET TO MENTION THAT YOU ARE WITH THE GA. LIONS!

Tournament

"Swinging For Sight"



Oxford Lions



The Oaks Golf Course
Friday March 26, 2010

11:30 Lunch and Registration 1:00 Shotgun Start

4 Person Team Scramble \$75 / Person

\$10,000 Par 3 Hole in One !

3 Other Par 3 Prize Holes !

Contact Todd Sherman 770-500-6552 or Nancy Henderson 770-786-4896

Please return application with check payable to:

Oxford Lions Club Golf Committee

P.O. Box 1417

Oxford, GA 30054

Fellow Lions,

I regret to advise you that Mrs. Nancy Mundy, wife of Lion Bill Mundy and mother of Lion Anne Mundy passed on early today (Saturday) January 16th at the Chestatee Hospital in Dahlonega. She was 81 years and was in the hospital about 1 week.

Visitation and viewing will be Monday, January 18th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Memorial Park Funeral Home at 2030 Memorial Park Road, Gainesville, GA 30504 PHONE 770-287-8227.

Grave side services will be at Dahlonega Memorial Park Cemetery on Tuesday January 19th at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Nancy can be sent to The Benevolent Fund c/o Dahlonega Baptist Church, 234 Hawkins Street, Dahlonega, GA 30533

Cards can be sent to Bill and/or Anne Mundy, 238 Lake Circle, Dahlonega, GA 30533

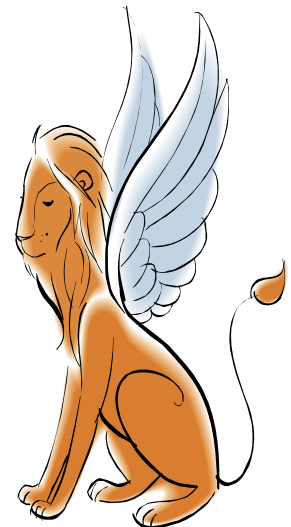
PDG Joe Bill Brannon has advised the State Office of the death of Lion George Jackson, President of the Statesboro Noon Lions Club, and retired Georgia State Patrol Trooper. Lion Jackson also served as a member of the Anne Sullivan Award Committee. Please keep his wife, Lion Theresa, and family in your prayers. Details of arrangements will be sent as soon as they are known.

Read more about this outstanding Lion at <http://www.statesboroherald.com/news/article/20663/>

Lion Morley Adams, President, Macon Cherry Blossom Lions, has advised that Lion Judy Caldwell's daughter, Traci, has died. Please keep Judy and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Lion Randy Boyd asked that we forward the following information concerning the death of William Cobb "Bill" Candler. "Lion Bill Candler passed away suddenly on Dec. 31st at the age of 95. He was a charter member of the Villa Rica club that began in 1966. He received the distinguished service award in 1996. In 2003 he was named a Melvin Jones Fellow for dedicated humanitarian service and received a life membership.

Services were held Saturday Jan. 2nd, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church in Villa Rica. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in memory of Bill to the First Presbyterian Church of Villa Rica Building Fund 519 Main St Villa Rica, Ga 30180."





The Motto

Our motto is a thing of beauty.

For all us lions it becomes our duty.

For over 90 years it has survived.

Lions world wide, work to keep it alive.

Our founding fathers came up with the word.

From all the lions it can be heard.

You'll find on letters and the oath we take.

It is the real thing not a hoax or a fake.

When we say "we serve" that is true.

We are looking for new members could that be you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1, 2010	International Peace Poster Contest winners will be notified on or before this date
February 5-6, 2010	MD 18 Council Meeting, Warner Robins, GA
February 6-7, 2010	Camp for the Blind Winter Meeting, Warner Robins, GA
February 12-13, 2010	18-E District Convention, Columbus, GA
February 19-20, 2010	18-B District Convention, Fort Wentworth, GA
February 26-27, 2010	18-C District Convention, Cordele, GA
March 1, 2010	Deadline for MD to submit a single Lions Environ. Photo Contest entry to LCI
March 5-6, 2010	18-F District Convention, Warner Robins, GA Third Cabinet Meeting, time TBA, Warner Robins, GA
TBA	Lions Day with the United Nations
March 12-13, 2010	18-A District Convention, location Roswell, GA
April 23-24, 2010	MD 18 Council Meeting, Tifton, GA
April 24, 2010	Lions Worldwide Induction Day
May 1, 2010	Deadline for International Convention regular registration fees and Deadline for advance convention registration and hotel room requests to be received
May 11-17, 2010	White Cane Week
<u>May 15, 2010</u>	<u>DEADLINE FOR FILING OFFICER REPORTING FORM (PU-101)</u>
May 26-27, 2010	Deadline for DG Club of Excellence form
May 28-30, 2010	MD 18 Council Meeting, Tifton, GA
June 1, 2010	MD 18 Convention, Tifton, GA
June 28-July 2, 2010	Deadline date for convention hotel deposit refunds for cancellation Helen Keller Day 93 rd International Convention, Sydney, Australia



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