



Multiple District 18 – Lions of Georgia November 2023

Notes From Your Council Chair

Fellow Lions and Leos,



As we begin our holiday season, there is still lots to be done. Unfortunately, our membership numbers continue to decline with just 4072 members as of this writing. So far, we have lost 213 members and gained only 140 new members for a net growth of -73 members. With Mission 1.5 as a dedicated effort throughout Lions International to increase our overall membership to 1.5 million members and serve over 1 billion people, we need to work hard to bring in new members.

I am challenging all clubs in MD18 to bring in at least one new member by December 31, 2023. How do we do that? "Just Ask!" If all 182 clubs in MD18 achieved one new member, there would be no membership problem. Our MD18 GMT Coordinator PDG Len Cutuli and GMA Champion PDG Willie Cooper are eager to support districts in increasing membership by focusing on rejuvenating the district with new clubs, revitalizing clubs with new members, and re-motivating members with new and exciting service. Get in touch with PDG Len and PDG Willie if you need assistance.

A review of donations for our state giving initiatives shows we are down so far this year. I encourage clubs and Lions to make donations to our state initiatives: Lions Clubs International Foundation, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Georgia Lions Camp, and Leader Dogs for the Blind/Southeastern Guide Dogs. They desperately need our support so they can help so many!

The Grace Clower Georgia Lions Leadership Retreat is scheduled for January 5-7, 2024. This year's retreat will be held at the Georgia Lions Camp in Waycross, Georgia and the registration fee is only \$75.00. Scholarships are available from the Past District Governors (PDG) Associations to cover the cost of the registration fee. This is a wonderful weekend of learning for those wanting to assume greater positions of leadership or to learn more about Lionism in Georgia. Contact PCC Vicki Hubbard for more information.

Our next Council of Governors (COG) meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the Centerville Lions Clubhouse, located at 612 N. Houston Lake Blvd, Centerville, Georgia. The meeting will start at 9:00 am. There will also be a joint meeting of the Georgia Lions Camp (GLC) Board meeting, starting at 1:00 pm, followed by the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation (GLLF) Board meeting at 3:00 pm. All Lions are encouraged to attend and see what is happening throughout the state.

Finally, Happy Thanksgiving! May the holiday bring you good things in abundance that stay with you all year long! I wish you all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Remember, we are "Changing the World."

Yours in Lionism,

Mark Anners

Council Chair MD18



MD18 Council of Governor's Meeting

Saturday, November 11, 2023, Centerville Lions Clubhouse, 612 N Houston Lake Blvd, Centerville, GA 31028

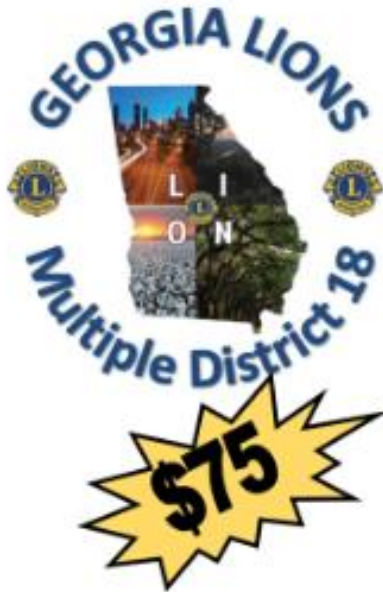
Schedule of Events

- 9:00 am - 11:00 am: Council of Governors Meeting (All Lions are invited to attend). Livestream the meeting on the Lions MD18 Georgia Facebook page.
- 1:00 pm: Lions Camp Board of Directors Meeting
- 3:00 pm: Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation Board of Directors Meeting



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Lions – Be Inspired, Enlightened, and Educated!



Georgia Lions MD 18
Presents the
Grace Clower GA Lions Leadership Retreat
January 5-7, 2024

Hosted at:
Georgia Lions Camp
5626 Laura Walker Rd
Waycross, GA 31503



Registration Fee Includes:

- **Lodging 2 nights @ Lions Camp in Women’s and Men’s dormitory style bunk beds**
(Hotel accommodations available at your own expense.)
- **4 Meals**
(Breakfast Saturday—Breakfast Sunday)
- **Snacks**
- **Instructional Material**

Past Council Chair Grace Clower was an amazing servant leader that blessed the Lions of Georgia with many years of Leadership as the Multiple District Global Leadership Training Coordinator. She began the GA Lions Leadership Retreat in 2018. She and fellow lions have presented training each year since including an Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in 2020 just before her illness. It is with great honor that the GA Lions Leadership Retreat continue and be named after her. Join fellow Lions for a weekend full of learning opportunities focusing on growing as a Lion Leader in Georgia.



Name: _____
 District: _____ Club: _____
 Highest Office held: _____
 Current office (if any): _____
 Mailing Address: _____

 Phone #: _____
 Email: _____

Make Checks Payable to: **Lions of Georgia MD18 (Deadline December 31, 2023)**

Mail to: Lion Vicki Hubbard, PO Box 115, Social Circle, GA 30025

Phone: 770-851-8765, Email: lionvicki@gmail.com



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Lions Clubs – Best Practices for Financial Transparency

From the Lions International document: Integrity and transparency are at the very heart of a Lions club. Sound and clear communication is critical to achieve this goal. The club should outline in the club constitution and by-laws that the board of directors should receive the club's financial report no less than monthly and the original bank statement on a regular basis. Care should be taken to ensure that the bank statement and the financial report balance.



The Financial Report should include:

1. Opening Balance – The balance that was reported during the previous meeting. The report should include the amount in each account.
2. All income – Note the amount and source of the income.
Fundraising events should include an itemized report outlining the money received and each expense paid. Every significant expense requires an invoice sent or receipt and the income should be validated by attendance, ticket sales, or some other quantifiable means. The club may establish a definition of the amount requiring a receipt.
3. All Expenditures – All payments made which were approved by the board of directors.
It should be noted that all payments must be approved by the club's board. Sometimes the expense payment approval is included in the club's budget approval process or by separate formal resolutions. Either way, the approval requires a quorum and must be reflected in the minutes. Receipts and invoices received should be obtained to verify the amount spent.
4. Ending Balance – The final amount is provided, which will be the opening amount the following month.

Stay tuned – more club financial information to come next month!

For the LCI source document, search lionsclubs.org using the keywords “financial transparency.”

**Georgia
Lions at the
USA/Canada
Forum in
Reno →**

**Next year:
Louisville!
Let's go!**





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MD18 Rising Stars

Lion Danielle J. McIntyre is a Rising Star in the Loganville Legacy Lions Club – District 18-I.



Danielle (DJ) is an energetic and dedicated Lion who possesses skills that give her the ability to successfully and effectively multi-task. In her club, she is currently serving as 1st Vice President, and she is the club's Zoom Coordinator. In District 18-I, Danielle serves as Vision Chair.

DJ is a loving daughter and aide to her visually impaired Mom – Lion Betsy Grenevitch. She is also the mother of three beautiful children, Rachel, Daniel, and Aaron who was just born on October 2nd.



She is committed to service, volunteering many hours in support of her club, district, and the Lions International Causes. DJ plays an important role in helping set the course for her club's future endeavors. (Nominated by Lion Wayne White)

Rising Stars are Lions who are growing in their service-mindedness, their leadership skills, and their attitudes of kindness. These are the Lions who energize our clubs and districts. **If you know a Lion in your club or your district that fits the above description**, please send an email to angelahelwig57@gmail.com to nominate them as a Rising Star.

Lions Service Includes Sharing Funds in Partnerships

President Judd Bailey, of the Hartwell Lions Club, presents a donation to Darlene Nixon, Executive Director of Hart County Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states and in more than 70 countries around the world. Habitat's vision is of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat works toward this vision by building and improving homes in partnership with individuals and families in need of a decent and affordable place to live.

This wonderful organization is worthy of Lions' support and provides clubs with more opportunities for service. Clubs, please consider contacting your local community's Habitat for Humanity for volunteer opportunities.



LionsCon 2024 – Make Your Plans Now!



There's so much to be proud of as a Lion, and there's no better place to show your pride than at the 106th Lions Clubs International Convention in Melbourne, Australia!

Celebrate your service with Lions and Leos from around the world and enjoy world-class speakers and entertainment in one of the most unique and exciting travel destinations on Earth.

Visit [LionsCon Melbourne 2024](https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/convention/2024) to learn more about all the great events we have planned for you. **Your early registration discount ends January 12, 2023, so register today!**



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Georgia Lions Clubs – Important Nominations Needed



Every Lions Club is invited to nominate a recipient for each of the following Awards that will be presented during the 2024 Georgia Lions State Convention.

- Outstanding Blind Award
- Outstanding Deaf Award
- Anne Sullivan Award

Please note that the deadline for submitting a nomination is April 1, 2024, so don't delay!

Nominations should be submitted to the State Office and to your District Governor. They should be emailed or sent by USPS.

There are worthy recipients all over the State. Help us find and recognize them for their outstanding accomplishments! For criteria and more information, please contact State Chair Lion Betsy Grenevitch at blindangel61@gmail.com.

Lions In Action – Vision Screening in Schools

The **Milledgeville Lions Club** has been very busy in October screening elementary school students at Putnam County Primary (in partnership with the Eatonton Lions Club) and Lakeview Primary School. Good job Lions! (Info provided by Lion Mary Anne May)



Lions in Northeast Georgia Will Miss Lion Margaret



Margaret Lee Ayers, age 96, of Lavonia, passed away Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at her home. Lion Margaret was proud to be the oldest person in Lavonia who was born in Lavonia. She began her career at Northeast Georgia Bank in 1944, after graduating from Lavonia High School. For more than 79 years, she represented “the Bank,” as she affectionately referred to it.

A Lion for 37 years, Margaret served the Lavonia Lions Club as Treasurer for many years and also served on the District level as a Zone Chair. In addition to her Lions activity, she was a member of Lavonia First Baptist Church, was historian for the City of Lavonia, and served as a member of the board of directors of the Lavonia Housing Authority. She was a charter member of the Lavonia Pilot Club and was a member of the Lavonia Hospital Authority, the Lavonia Historic Preservation Commission, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Friends of the Lavonia Library, the Lavonia Woman’s Club, the Franklin County Historical Society, and the Lavonia & Franklin County Chambers of Commerce.

“No one has ever become poor by giving.” – Anne Frank

“Kindness is the language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see.” – Mark Twain



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Chattanooga Valley Lions Club Hosts Zone Meeting

Per Zone Chair Jan Morris, on Tuesday, October 17th, the Chattanooga Lions hosted 35+ Lions from 5 out of 6 clubs in the Zone. Guests included Walker County Sheriff Steve Wilson and Deputy Bruce Coker who gave a presentation on their Christmas "Stocking of Love" project. Another guest was Lion Robert Lique from Ellijay who talked about the Georgia Lions Camp. Lion Bela Csepi from the East Cobb Club, who is an Associate Director on the Lighthouse Board, talked to us about the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. District Governor Dennis Chapman was also present along with Immediate Past District Governor Al Hernandez and Wanda, his spouse. In addition to hearing from speakers, the Lions Clubs shared information about their upcoming events.



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Lions In Action – Serving Our Humanitarian Cause



On Tuesday, October 24, the **Tucker La Vista Lions Club** members were happy to prepare care packages for the unhoused people of Tucker. Every care package was personally distributed to encampments in Tucker to extraordinarily grateful people. Thank you Lions and volunteers! Special thanks go to Vinh Nyguen for distributing the care packages with Lions Robin Biro and Bob Cooper. Thank you Tucker La Vista Lions for your service!



Georgia Lions Lighthouse Sends Out Thanks



Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, staff, donors, and attendees for making the 2023 *Evening in the End Zone*, "A Night of Spectacles," a success and memorable! Your contributions support our mission to improve sight for Georgians who need it most. Lion VIPs enjoy the event →

With your help we raised over \$370,000! Please share our mission with friends and family today to help us reach our goal of \$400,000.

For more information or to donate, visit <https://www.classy.org/event/evening-in-the-end-zone-2023/e479637>.





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Special Honor for the Atlanta Chinese American Leos



On Saturday, October 21st, at the District 18-I Cabinet Meeting, IPDG Steve Helwig presented the 2022-2023 Leo Club Excellence Award to Leo Advisor Lion Lee Tam (also District Leo Chair) who accepted on behalf of the Atlanta Chinese American Leo Club. This is the highest award that a Leo Club can receive from Lions International. **Great work Leos!**



Lions In Action – Vision Screening Partnership



On October 14th, the **Madison Lions Club** hosted vision screenings in conjunction with the Madison Lions Fall Fair. Through the Georgia Vision Group, the Madison club connected with the **Emory University School of Medicine** which provided two third-year Ophthalmology students to conduct vision tests and screenings. From this testing, several people learned they needed additional eye care, confirming “Service is Important!”

Reminder – Georgia Lions Lighthouse Board Elections



The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation will be electing officers at the February 17, 2024 meeting for the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year. *Excerpts from the Bylaws concerning the Officers, Officer Elections and Term Limitations, and Fiscal Year are attached at the end of the newsletter.*

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**Lighthouse
Foundation**

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions and meet the qualifications, then please submit your letter to Past Board Chair Kembra Smith at kembra@gmail.com, stating the desired office with a signed letter from your club president that states your club is endorsing your nomination. Please keep in mind that the deadline to submit your letter of intent with endorsement is **December 1, 2023**.

If no applications are received then nominations can be made from the floor at the February meeting in Perry, Georgia.

PCC Tamera Sears, Board Chair, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation Email: tamera.sears@yahoo.com

Dare to Dream – 2023-2024 Peace Poster & Essay Contest



Reminder to all clubs – the deadline for submitting your Club’s winning entries to the District Governor (or appointee) is November 15, 2023.

I hope to see many great posters and essays!

PCC Marlene Humphry
MD18 Peace Poster Chair



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Save the Date – Celebrate With the Byron Lions

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
SAVE THE DATE
THE TIME IS COMING
TO CELEBRATE!
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 16, 2023
CHEROKEE PINES
EVENT CENTER
PERRY GA
THE BYRON LIONS CLUB
WILL BE CELEBRATING
75 YEARS OF SERVICE

DETAILS COMING SOON

Strengthen Your Club – Change the World

Changing the world begins with healthy clubs. Here are four great resources to help strengthen your club and the service you give to your community:

- Community Needs Assessment – Understand what your community needs and how your club can make an even bigger difference in people’s lives.
- Service Launchpad – Find the right project planner to help you serve in new ways.
- Just Ask! – Invite great new members who can help your club make an even bigger impact.
- Leadership Development Institutes – Give your Lions/Leos the opportunity to learn, lead, and grow.

Let’s keep working together to change our communities and make a difference in the world we share. For questions about these resources, please contact the District & Club Administration Support Team at clubofficers@lionsclubs.org.

October Global Service Team Information

From GST Report by Lion Doreen Stallworth

What is Reportable Service Activity (RSA)? There are two types of RSA:

- Direct – Lions and Leos plan and implement a service project to serve community needs and interact directly with the people being served.
- Indirect – When Lions serve but do not interact directly with beneficiaries.

In MyLion, you can measure the impact of your service activity/project by reporting the following metrics:

- Number of people served (adults and youth)
- Number of volunteers who participated (Lions, Leos, and non-members)
- Number of volunteer hours spent in planning, fundraising, and implementing the activity or project.
- Additional metrics to report environment and community improvement service activities.

To effectively tell our story, measure our impact, and grow membership, it’s critical that all clubs report service. Every project we participate in as Lions and Leos, no matter how big or small, is valuable in our journey of serving our communities and the world.





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Georgia Lions Camp Board Elections



The Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. will be electing its officers for the Lions Year 2024-2025 at the Winter Board Meeting on February 17, 2024. The officers of the Camp to be elected are Board Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. All letters of intent should be sent to Immediate Past Chairman Lion Paul May at pafastphoto@windstream.net by December 1, 2023.

Per the Georgia Lions Camp's Constitution: Article III Officers, Section 1. Annual Election of Officers (d):

A member of a Lions Club in Multiple District 18 desiring to become a candidate for the office of chair, vice chair, secretary, or treasurer of the Board of Directors shall be required to submit a Letter of Intent stating their desire to become such a candidate. Such Letter of Intent shall include their qualifications for the office they are seeking and include a statement from the Secretary of their home Lions Club attesting that they are a member in good standing and that the club has endorsed their candidacy. Such letter must be received by the Chair of the Nominations Committee by no later than December 1st.

All offices have one-year term limits and therefore are up for election. If you are interested in running for the board or serving on a committee, I encourage you to let us know!

Jay Taylor, Chairman of the Board for the Georgia Lions Camp, Inc.

Membership Growth at the Sparta Lions Club



On Monday, October 16th, Past Council Chair Paul May (Milledgeville Lions Club) had the honor of inducting four new members into the **Sparta Lions Club** in District 18-N. These new Lions have almost doubled the club's membership:

- Lion Barbara Doyle
- Lion Robert Soliz
- Lion Shirley Forrest
- Lion Charles Forrest

Congratulations to all Sparta Lions!

Where There's a Need, There's a Lion! Our Lions International Causes:



Childhood Cancer

Diabetes

Disaster Relief

Environment

Humanitarian Efforts

Hunger

Vision

Youth

"In the face of isolationism, protectionism, racism—the simple concept of looking outwardly and beyond ourselves, of kindness and collectivism, might just be as good a starting point as any." – Jacinda Ardern



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Lions in Action – Serving Special Friends

In addition to their many other projects such as White Cane, the Gilmer County Fair, Blood Drives, White Christmas, and the Apple Festival, **the Ellijay Lions Club** has a special program called “Special Friends.”

The program was founded by Lions Emma Lou Stover and Jane Weaver who both have a passion for mentally and physically challenged individuals in Gilmer County. These caring Lions realized that the mentally and physically challenged had no social activities at all. Special Friends began with three special needs individuals and currently serves more than thirty.

Lions Jane Weaver and Stephan Latka are the current co-chairs of the program and they organize nine (9) events throughout the year. The events vary from things like Bingo, Valentine's Day, Halloween, Christmas Party (with Santa), the Gilmer County Fair, and various field trips. When events are held at the club our kitchen staff provides the meals at no cost to the

individuals enrolled in the program, their siblings, or their caregivers. Just before the Christmas Party a certain amount of money is provided for the individuals enrolled in the program to purchase gifts with the assistance of their caregivers. (Information provided by Lion Jane Weaver and Lion Ted Vickroy.)



Lions Emma Lou, Jane, and Stephan

Lions in Action – Serving Cobb County Students

In a cooperative effort, **District 18-L Lions in Zone E** have served their community by completing vision screenings in the Cobb County Elementary Schools. They screened approximately 10,000 students in 36 schools. Zone E wishes to thank IPDG Al Hernandez, and Lions Bela Csepi and Bill Bailey for their efforts in coordinating the screenings. (Thank you Lion Barry Krebbs for all the information!)



Norton Park-180 students



Argyle-130 students



LaBelle-180 students



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ATLANTA CARIBBEAN LIONS CLUB



2nd Annual Fundraising Dinner & Gala

January 20, 2024
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

DEKALB CONFERENCE CENTER
(Free parking, located inside GA Piedmont Technical College)
495 N. Indian Creek Dr.
Clarkston, GA 30021

Formal Attire
Tickets: \$75 (\$85 after December 9th)

- Entertainment, Door Prizes & Raffles
- Ken Ryce/Saxophonist & Andy Alexander/Guitarist
 - DJ Flava
 - Macca's Steel Pan
 - Keynote Speaker



Purchase Tickets At:
Zelle Acct: AtlantaCaribbeanLions@gmail.com
or Make Checks Payable to Atlanta Caribbean Lions Club,
PO Box 870981, Stone Mountain, GA 30087

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



Contact us
770-835-5169



Website

<https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/atlanta-caribbean/>





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Our Environmental Cause – It's The Little Things



According to a Facebook Post that I've seen a couple of times, there's a lady who buys "vintage casserole dishes when she sees them at thrift stores or yard sales and uses them when she brings a meal to someone!" The recipient has the choice of keeping the dish or reusing it in the same manner.

It is a great idea to buy reusable dishes at thrift stores and yard sales and not just for delivering meals to others. So many people forget about reusing goods as an environmentally friendly thing to do.

I urge you to seriously consider donating to and shopping at places like Goodwill, the Habitat Restore, and other thrift shops – not just for cookware but for clothing, shoes, furniture, decorative items, etc. Another great way to reuse is to join your local "Buy Nothing" group on Facebook.



Speaking of reuse – I have a tip for you if you are collecting medicine bottles for **Matthew 25 Ministries**. After you've washed the bottles in very hot water and there's just a little stubborn sticky stuff left, try using a soap pad such as Brillo to scrub off the residue. Believe it or not, it doesn't hurt the bottles.

And, more reuse – Don't throw away old LEGOs! The company has a new service called LEGO Replay. They will wash, sort, and donate the old bricks to charities that work with children. They will even cover the shipping costs. Per the lego.com website, "LEGO Replay wants to inspire LEGO brick owners to pass along the bricks they aren't using. Play has the power to change children's lives. When children play, they learn how to problem-solve, collaborate, and think creatively. The LEGO brick is so unique as it can be rebuilt, replayed with and with LEGO Replay have a new creative life with kids who need it most." [Click here for more information on LEGO Replay.](#)

Please remember to reduce first, reuse and/or renew second, and then recycle!

Lion Angela Helwig, MD18 Environmental Chair

A Message from Your Newsletter Editor

Thank you so much for reading this newsletter! Thank you to everyone who contributed information for this month's issue! Your help is so appreciated!

I encourage you Lions of Georgia to continue sharing your stories of service with me, including photos when available. Here's what you need to know when submitting stories for the newsletter:

- Be as detailed as possible by including club names, event dates, times, locations, any fees/charges, speaker names and titles, and captions and names for photos.
- Please DO NOT use all caps 😊 when sending information because I will have to retype it, as opposed to just copying and pasting. Important to know – regular print is actually easier to read than all caps.
- Please be aware that I will edit the information sent to me by correcting typos, misspellings, and grammar mistakes. I may also edit for clarity or to make the information fit into the space available.

The deadline for submitting articles for the December issue is November 25th.

Lion Angela Helwig, MD18 Newsletter Editor Email me at angelahelwig57@gmail.com.



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From State Awards & Information Technology Committees

The State Awards Committee encourages everyone to apply for the Council of Governors State Awards in each of these three areas:

1. Awards for the most Service Hours supporting the Five Global Initiatives
2. Awards for best physical or digital Scrapbooks documenting the activities of your club
3. Awards for the best marketing of your club on Social Media

Service hours posted in the MyLion section of <https://www.lionsclubs.org> between July 1, 2023, and April 15, 2024, will be considered when granting the awards. Scrapbooks must be submitted by April 15, 2024. Social Media sites will be monitored between when the awards committee is notified of your club's desire to be considered and April 15, 2024.

Being presented on of these State Awards at the Multiple District Convention will demonstrate your ongoing commitment to serving your community and will serve as a source of pride for many years to come.

Larry M. Griggers, Chairman, State Awards Committee

The Information Technology Committee recommends that clubs avail themselves of Artificial Intelligence tools to help them with their club planning. There are many tools now available on the Internet, but one of the largest of these is ChatGPT and it is free for your use (a paid option with more features is also available, but the free version works great!)

You can download the app to your smartphone or computer and type in a question like, "Design me a program to attract new members to my local Lions Club." ChatGPT will instantly give you a detailed program to do just that. You can fine-tune answers with follow-up requests like, "Refine the program to make it more attractive to young business professionals."

Other suggestions where ChatGPT can help you design club programs are:

- "Create a plan for a fundraiser for my Lions Club that involves the sale of food,"
- "Design a plan for discovering the needs in our community that our Lions Club could help meet with a service project,"
- "How can I, as the Lions Club President, motivate my members to ask others to join our club?"

You will be surprised at how thorough and insightful the answers can be, and it's free!

Another free Artificial Intelligence tool is Google Bard. It is very insightful. Use both tools and compare the answers!

Of course, great ideas for how to better run your club and serve your community may be found online at the Lions Clubs International website (<https://www.lionsclubs.org>) or in the LCI magazine. There are lots of ways you can grow your club and provide more services to your community. Avail yourself of one today!

Larry M. Griggers, Chairman, Information Technology Committee

"I have found that it is the small everyday deed of ordinary folks that keep the darkness at bay. Small acts of kindness and love." – J. R. R. Tolkein

"It seems to me that no matter what religion you subscribe to, acts of kindness are the stepping-stones to making the world a better place – because we become better people in it." – Jodi Picoult



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MD18 Past District Governors Association Meeting

The MD18 Past District Governors Association Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9th at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom with login information provided by email. All MD18 Past District Governors are invited to attend.

Lions of Georgia Calendar

Oct 31 – Nov 4	Central Georgia Fair	Cordele Lions Park, 2101 US Hwy S, Cordele, GA
Sat, Nov 11, 2023	MD18 Council of Governors Mtg	Centerville Lions Clubhouse
Tue, Nov 14, 2023	World Diabetes Day	Everywhere
Wed, Nov 15, 2023	Peace Poster deadline for submitting entries to the District Governor or their appointee	
Fri, Dec 1, 2023	Deadline to apply to serve on Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. Boards	
Tue, Dec 5, 2023	International Leo Day	Everywhere there are Leos
Sat, Dec 16, 2023	Byron Lions Club 75th Anniversary	Cherokee Pines Event Center Perry, Georgia
Sun, Dec 31, 2023	Deadline to register for the Grace Clower Leadership Retreat	
Fri, Jan 12, 2023	LionsCon 2024 early registration discount ends. Register today!	
January 12-14, 2024	Grace Clower Lions Leadership	Georgia Lions Camp, Waycross, GA
Sat, Jan 20, 2023	Atlanta Caribbean Lions Club's Fundraising Dinner and Gala	Dekalb Conference Center, Clarkston, Georgia
April 26-28, 2024	MD18 Lions State Convention	Dubose Porter Center, 560 Pinehill Road, Dublin, GA

More to come next Month!

"Never lose a chance of saying a kind word." – William Makepeace Thackeray

Have a Wonderful November!



We Serve

From the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation Bylaws regarding Board elections:

Article IV Officers

Section 1. Officers

All officers of the Lions Lighthouse must be Lions in good standing of a Lions Club in Georgia at the time of their election, and at all times while serving on the Board.

A. The Chief Volunteer of the Lions Lighthouse shall be the Chair of the Board (“Chair”). The Chair must have served on the Board of Directors within the last five (5) years before standing for election. The Chair shall be the driving force in setting the policies for the Lions Lighthouse.

B. The Vice Chair must have served on the Board within the last five (5) years prior to being elected. In the event the Chair is not able to perform his or her duties, the Vice Chair will assume the role on a temporary basis. The Vice Chair shall perform such duties as assigned by the Chair.

C. The Secretary is responsible for recording and documenting the actions of the Board, will serve as the custodian of all corporate documents, and such other duties assigned by the Chair.

D. The Treasurer shall chair the Finance and Audit Committee, oversee the finances of the Lions Lighthouse, present for approval the annual budget, and perform such other duties as assigned by the Chair.

Section 2. Election of Officers

A. The annual election of officers shall be conducted during the first calendar quarter of each year at the Annual Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation Volunteer Meeting. The date and location for this meeting shall be set by the Board at least 30 days in advance with proper notice of the meeting being provided. The Board shall determine whether the meeting shall be held in person, virtually or in a hybrid format and shall set forth applicable attendance requirements in the meeting notice.

B. Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International shall be entitled at the annual election of officers for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation Board of Directors to designate one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members of such club who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown by the records of Lions Clubs International on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the election is held. Each delegate (or alternate, as applicable) shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each officer position to be filled by and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to the respective convention. The affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be declared as decisive and be reviewed and affirmed by the Board. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district and properly registered, whether attending in person or virtually, for the meeting.

C. By December 1st of each year, any Georgia Lion who meets the qualifications for the office being sought may run for a Lions Lighthouse officer position and shall submit to the Immediate Past Chair (or designee) and Governance Committee Chair for eligibility vetting a letter of intent to stand for election. Said letter must be countersigned by the president of the candidate’s home Lions Club certifying the club’s endorsement of the candidate. In the event that no candidate submits a letter for a position, a nomination may be accepted from the floor, provided that the nominated person is a Lion in good standing from a Georgia Lions Club.

D. The Immediate Past Chair (or designee appointed by the Board Chair if the Immediate Past Chair is unable to preside over the election) shall preside over the election portion of the meeting, provided he or she is not standing for election. In the event of contested elections, each candidate will be allowed four minutes to speak to the delegates. Only the candidate will be allowed to speak. In the event of only one qualified candidate for an office, a vote by acclamation is in order. To prevail in an election, the winning candidate must receive 50% of the vote plus one. In the event that no candidate receives the required votes, the two candidates with the most votes shall stand in a run-off election.

Section 3. Term Limitations; Fiscal Year and Vacancies

A. The Officers shall each serve a one-year term that begins on July 1st of each year and ends on June 30th of the following year. This will also act as the fiscal year for the Corporation.

B. The Chair and Vice Chair may serve only two consecutive terms in their respective offices; however, there is no lifetime limitation on their service.

C. A vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board or any committee or officer to whom authority has been delegated by resolution of the Board.



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Registration Form

Club:	District: 18-
Address:	
Email Address Contact:	

Rates are inclusive of everything unless you choose individual events. Each attendee must pay a Registration fee no matter what session they will be attending. No meal reservations will be accepted after April 10, 2024.

Name	Registration Fee \$35.00	Friday Night Award Dinner \$40.00	Saturday Awards lunch \$40.00	Saturday Awards Banquet \$65.00	Late Registration fee After 3/1/2023 \$40.00	Dietary Restrictions
Total Reservations #		x \$		Total Amt Due \$		
Make Checks Payable to: Lions of Georgia State Convention						
Date: _____		Check #: _____		Cash _____		
				Total Amt Paid \$ _____		

Early Bird \$150.00/each	July 1 –September 30, 2023 \$160.00/each
Oct 1 – Dec 31, 2024 \$170.00/each	Jan 1– March 31 ,2024 \$180.00/each
April 1–April 10, 2024 \$185.00/each	After April 10, Registration only \$40
CANCELLATION in writing to Frank Dowd. REFUNDS: Prior to 1/1/24 = 75% re- fund; Prior to 4/1/24 = 50% refund; After 4/1/24 No refunds can be made.	

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