



Multiple District 18 – Lions of Georgia September 2023

Notes From Your Council Chair

Fellow Lions and Leos,



The month of August just flew by! Vacations have come to an end, children are back in school and your Council of Governors has been hard at work. All districts have completed their first cabinet meeting, the first Council meeting was held in Perry, Georgia, Vice District Governors' initial LCI-mandated training was completed and the First Vice District Governors attended the Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, Michigan to get a firsthand look on how the dogs are trained.

There is lots of hard work going on all over the state in membership, training, and impactful service projects. Our MD 18 GST Lion Doreen Stallworth, GLT PCC Vicki Hubbard, GMT PDG Len Cutuli, and GMA PDG Willie Cooper are working to support the districts to help increase membership by focusing on rejuvenating the district with new clubs, revitalize clubs with new members, and re-motivating members with new and exciting service. August was a slow month for our membership growth but I am confident our districts will turn the numbers around in September and the months ahead.

One of our goals this year is to increase our service impact by urging clubs to complete service in five of the LCI Global Causes - Vision, Hunger, Environment, Pediatric Cancer, and Diabetes. Last year MD 18 served over 1,100,000 people. I believe we can do even more and our service is needed now more than ever. Lion Doreen Stallworth will be reaching out to the districts on the importance of conducting service projects and reporting your service. Our goal is to have 65% of our clubs reporting service monthly using MyLion.

Our 2024 State Convention Committee met in August and planning is underway to have a spectacular state convention at the Dubois Porter Center at the Oconee Fall Line Technical College in Dublin, Georgia April 26-28, 2024. I hope everyone will make plans to attend. Be sure to sign up before the next price increase on September 30th.

With your support, MD18 will experience countless new achievements this year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I look forward to meeting all of the Lions and Leos in our state!

Remember, we are "Changing the World".

Yours in Lionism,

Mark Anners

Council Chair MD18

There's Still Time to go to The Forum!



GET READY RENO - THE LIONS ARE COMING!

The 2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will take place from Thursday, September 21st through Saturday, September 23rd in Reno, Nevada. Going to a USA/Canada forum is one of the best ways to increase your knowledge about Lionism and about all the different ways that Lions Clubs serve across the US and Canada. Over three days, the forum features a plethora of seminars on service, marketing, membership, LCIF, and more. There will be at least four opportunities to hear dynamic speakers including Lions International President Patti Hill. Four meals are included, and all programs are within walking distance on the "Row." This forum promises to be fabulous! For more info, visit <https://lionsforum.org/>.


"The need is great and so are the opportunities to make a difference." — Paul Newman



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Check It Out – Your Georgia Lions Website

Info from your MD18 IT/Webmaster Team about our state website at <https://www.georgialions.org/>:

- **Global Action Team page:** The GAT page is complete and live. To access it you must go to the Lions Den, find, and click on the grey GAT Button to see MD18 service statistics charts and newsletters. The Lions Den is password-protected for use by members only. For password, contact your district IT Chair or Webmaster. 
- **Leo Clubs page:** <https://www.georgialions.org/md-18-leos.html>
This page has resources for Leo Clubs, Leo leaders, and Lions Club Sponsors. We'd love suggestions for what else might be needed on that page, and we would love to get some photos of Leos in action to brighten the page.
- **Training page:** <https://www.georgialions.org/training.html> This page has training modules and e-nooks for Clubs, Leos, District officers, and Multiple District officers. Please give us feedback as to other training items that might be needed there.
- **Mission 1.5 page:** <https://www.georgialions.org/mission-15.html>
Promoting the Lions International initiative "Mission 1.5" – this page replicates information on the Lions International site and explains what the mission is. It has resources for Clubs to take part. Check with your district leaders to see what Mission 1.5 programs they may have. District 18-I has already implemented a campaign "23 in 23" to support the mission.
- **COMING SOON:** District pages – these pages will be the place to go to see District information, calendars, and upcoming events, and to get answers to your questions. We request that the District's Cabinet Secretaries promote these resources in their district newsletters. We also ask that the newsletters be sent to their District Webmasters to be archived on the district pages.

Please be sure to review the website and, if you have questions or suggestions, leave a message on the "Message Board" or contact MD18 Webmaster Kevin Walsh at kwash409@gmail.com.

Lions Club Leaders – Check Out The State Awards!



There's nothing like a pat on the back to let your club members know that their efforts are doing some good as well as being noticed!

The State Awards Committee has announced the criteria for MD18

Lions Clubs to earn state awards at the 2024 MD18 Annual Convention. These awards offer a chance for clubs to be recognized for their service. First and second-place awards are given to the clubs recording, on the Lions International website (MyLion), the most service hours in each of our five global initiatives: Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment, and Childhood Cancer. The Committee will use the service hours logged in MyLion between July 1, 2023, and April 15, 2024. **Get your club members' service hours logged!**

Does your club prepare a physical or digital scrapbook documenting the club's activities for the year? If not, you should! It provides a historical record of what your club did during the year and you can win an award for best physical scrapbook or best digital scrapbook!

We want our communities to know how we serve their needs. The State Awards Committee will also give awards to clubs that make the best use of social media like Facebook, YouTube, X, Instagram, etc. To be entered, notify the First Vice-District Governor in your district that you want your social media site to be monitored.

The detailed state awards document is attached at the end of this newsletter. Please share with your club! Changing the world!

Larry M. Griggers, State Awards Committee Chair, MD18 Council of Governors



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Georgia Lions Mourn Lost Friends

Lion Jerry Tragesser passed away on July 31, 2023.



He was a proud Lion who will be missed by the members of the Dawsonville Lions Club. There was no memorial service, but a celebration of life is being planned. The photo shows

Lion Jerry in 2022 receiving his 3rd Lion of the Year award presented by President Margret Johnson. Jerry was a Melvin Jones Fellow and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 2012.

PDG Deborah Umphrey passed away on August 7,

2023. Deb had three passions in her life: her family (by birth and marriage), the Lions Club, and her church. A Lion for 30 years, she was a member of the Conyers Lions Club. Deb was inducted into the Lions Hall of Fame, as a Past District Governor, in 2013. She was awarded the International President's Leadership Medal in 2002 and was named a Melvin Jones fellow in 1997.



Our Childhood Cancer Cause



Report from Lion PDG Philip Smith, MD18 Pediatric Cancer Chairperson:

This year's Council of Governors has continued our Childhood Cancer State/District project "The Joshua Block Party." The project officially starts in January and will conclude at the 2024 State convention. We encourage all clubs to start collecting Legos now. Please bring the Legos to District/MD meetings and they will be channeled back to District 18N through the District Governors.

In addition, I encourage all clubs to partner with local chapters of community awareness groups to raise money and serve families dealing with childhood cancer. There is a group in Coffee County that helps families with the burdens of travel, lodging, meals, etc. while also supporting them emotionally. The Douglas Lions Club has members in the group. LEO Club members are also helping. Please remember to report the service hours (in MyLion) of members and family members who volunteer with these awareness groups.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, so I encourage clubs to join others in honoring children and survivors affected by this disease and in raising awareness. Use golden ribbons to raise awareness and show support by putting them on your doors at work, home, church, etc.

Some simple facts to share about childhood cancer:

- 43 children in the U.S. are diagnosed with cancer every day
- Worldwide, about 400,000 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer each year
- 9 in 10 children with cancer live in low and middle-income countries
- Less than 30% of children who live in low and middle-income countries survive
- Greater than 80% of children who live in high-income countries survive

LCIF has partnered with Global HOPE to help address the huge discrepancies in outcomes from childhood cancer in developing countries compared to developed countries. If you are looking for another way to support these efforts, visit the Childhood Cancer grant page at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/grant-types/cancer-grant>. Last Lions year, LCIF awarded 13 childhood cancer-related grants totaling \$624,926. Your gift to LCIF earmarked to support this program may save a life and improve the quality of life for children and families.



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Our Environmental Cause – Potential Partnership



Keep America Beautiful® <https://kab.org/>

Info from the KAB website:

“Keep America Beautiful envisions a country where every community is a clean, green, and beautiful place to live.

Volunteers make it happen.

The rewards we receive from volunteer work serving our neighbors are shared by all of us – because everyone deserves to live in a beautiful community.”

“IT’S IN OUR NAME. IT’S WHO WE ARE.

Beauty is our lasting signature, but we are not in this alone. Through the strength of our affiliate network, Keep America Beautiful® works with millions of volunteers on beautification and greening programs, impacting more than 20,000 communities annually.

In our most recent program year, volunteers logged over 2.94 Million hours:

- Planting over 3.2 Million plants, shrubs, and trees
- Cleaning up and creating over 3,000 green spaces & gardens
- Beautifying nearly 900 public spaces with murals and artwork

UNIQUE PARTNERSHIPS.

Creating a country where every community is a clean, green, beautiful, and resilient place to live starts with people taking individual responsibility and collective action. Keep America Beautiful extends the reach of our initiatives and multiplies the impact of our actions through partnerships with an array of organizations. We work together with our partners to create enriching, fulfilling experiences that motivate participating volunteers, communities, and organizations. We create measurable change, one community at a time.”

Lions, for information about partnering with your local KAB affiliate, visit <https://kab.org/partners-for-change/become-a-keep-america-beautiful-partner-for-change/> or find your local affiliate here – <https://kab.org/affiliate-look-up/>. Keep America Beautiful also offers grants for community projects at <https://kab.org/beautification/community-grants/>.



Lions in Action – Serving With Others

The Trust For Public Land along with the Mableton Improvement Coalition (MIC) hosted the July 15th clearing of invasive brush, vines, and thorny bushes as well as expanding the width of the paths of the Chattahoochee Riverlands Trails. In addition to the MIC volunteers, Commissioner Sheffield, State Representative Cummings, **the South Cobb Lions Club**, and the Greater South Cobb Kiwanis Club pitched in to make progress on this project. We also removed about a dozen bags of litter from the area. This spot is the location of the annual Welcome to South Cobb Festival which features live music, local civic organizations, delicious food, and other fun activities.



Thanks Lion Barry Krebs for info and photo!



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Reminder – Who are MD18’s Rising Stars?



This space is intended to be used to recognize Lions who have been 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.

Please include as much information as possible about the Lion and why you feel they are a Rising Star in MD18. If necessary, I will obtain more information from the nominated Lion. I look forward to celebrating the Lions in our multiple district. Thank you for your assistance!

Changing The World – One Step at a Time!



Change Begins One Step at a Time.

We change the world one life, one relationship, one community at a time.

Here are some great ways to get started. President Hill’s programs and initiatives will focus on four key priorities for Lions International that are critical to our mission of service.

1. **Creating a greener, cleaner environment.**

Protecting and improving our environment is a great way to engage with our communities. By helping to protect and restore our natural resources, we can literally change the world. Let’s act boldly, and let’s act now.

2. **Sharing our stories with the world.**

Developing great marketing skills can help you tell the world who you are and what you do. Social media and local media, and online and offline marketing give you new ways to tell your stories. Shine a light on your club and invite your community to be a part of the change as Lions and Leos.

3. **Reaching our full potential as Lions and leaders.**

People want to be a part of something that matters. So set service goals that push your capacity and create opportunities for even more impact with new members. Find ways to ensure your club is inclusive and welcoming to all.

4. **Supporting our global foundation, LCIF.**

Our foundation empowers us to do so much more than we can do alone. LCIF enables us to think big and undertake projects that can truly change the world. So, support LCIF, and let LCIF support you.

For more information, go to <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-clubs/presidential-theme>.

Know Your Club Constitution

From the Global Lions Forum Facebook Page – How does your club handle funds?

The Standard Club Constitution ARTICLE XI, Club Funds clearly states:

Section 1. PUBLIC (ACTIVITY) FUNDS

All funds raised from the public must be returned to public use, including money accumulated from invested public funds. The only deductions that may be made from the activity account are the direct operating expenses of the fundraising activity. Money accumulated from interest must also be returned to public use.

Section 2. ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS.

Administrative funds are supported through contributions from members through dues, fines and other individual contributions.





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Our State Initiatives – Georgia Lions Lighthouse Evening in the End Zone – “A Night of Spectacles”



Evening in the End Zone is an annual event dedicated to honoring the legacy of great athletes, coaches, vision professionals, and community leaders who have made a difference with their generosity and spirit of giving back to those less fortunate in our community.



A Request from Lion Marcia Anderson-Esson for the Lighthouse "Evening in the End Zone" Fundraiser:

I am seeking donated items from the Lions of Georgia for silent auction baskets. Individuals or clubs are invited to donate completed baskets or other auctionable items. The

baskets I have started are listed below & I am seeking items that can be added to them. There will also be a gift card tree. Any gift card donations will be greatly appreciated. The deadline for donations is Sept. 29.

For more information, please email essons2@yahoo.com.

- Golf
- Crystal
- Tea
- Jamaican
- Unisex-Health & Beauty
- Female health & beauty
- Wine & cheese
- Coffee
- Coffee
- Bar
- Dog
- Cat
- Office
- Christmas
- Teens
- Kids
- House & Home
- Dad
- Wine

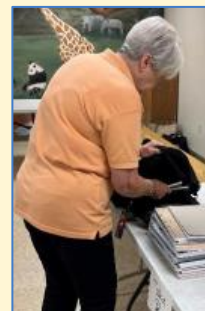


Lions In Action Serving Our Youth

District 18-L Cabinet Meeting Service Project



At the District Rally, Lions filled backpacks with school supplies for students.

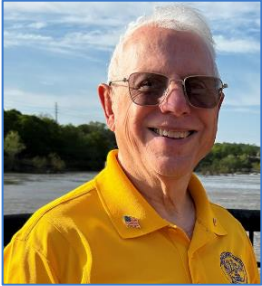




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Our State Initiatives – Georgia Lions Camp Your Camp’s Board Member Bios

Past Council Chair Paul May



Paul May has lived in Milledgeville for 40 years on Lake Sinclair. He and his wife, Mary Anne, have been married for 57 years. They have two grown children and one granddaughter. Paul graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked in the corporate world for 20 years and had his own photo business for 20 years. He has been retired for 14 years.

He has been a member of the Milledgeville Lions Club for 35 years.

He was a District Governor for 18-N in 2010 and MD18 Council Chair in 2015. He was

the Treasurer for the Camp for seven

years, Vice Chair for two years, and Chairman of the Camp’s Board of Directors for two years. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Camp. He has been to numerous international Lions Conventions and USA/Canada Forums in and outside the USA.

He is active in the First United Methodist Church in Milledgeville, having held several offices and teaching Sunday School for several years.

He is also the Treasurer for Café Central, a soup kitchen in Milledgeville. He has been working with the soup kitchen for 14 years. He is currently in charge of the food truck distribution that occurs every two weeks.

** This is the first in a series of bios of GLC Board Members – Thank you Board Chair Lion Jay Taylor! **



MD18 Global Membership Approach Report

Vision Statement: To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service. TO EMPOWER Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

GMA provides Lions the tools to emphasize teamwork, goal setting, and planning by rejuvenating our districts with new Clubs, re-energizing and revitalizing existing clubs with new members, and encouraging our members to engage in more meaningful service, fellowship, and fun. And it all starts with clubs where we will improve the overall membership experience.

GMA is our opportunity to lead our legacy into the future. GMA brings fresh thinking and bold action to maximize our membership, so we can maximize our service to our communities.

The GMA team encourages all Georgia Lions to participate in re-motivating members by engaging with new membership, new fellowship, and serving those in need.

The GMA team is available to assist Lions of MD 18 in your efforts to grow your clubs. **Please contact the GMA team for support.**

Willie Cooper, PDG, MD18 GMA Champion



“One person can make a difference. You don't have to be a big shot. You don't have to have a lot of influence. You just have to have faith in your power to change things.” – Norman Vincent Peale



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Georgia Lions Camp Report

On behalf of the Georgia Lions Camp, I would like to offer the following report:

The 2023 /2024 Lions year is off to a great start. We had 79 Lions at Lions Day and an overall total of 131 people in Waycross. I would say Lions Day was a great success! We received checks totaling almost \$14,000. The funds sure did come at a good time as the bills from camping season are rolling in. All 4 current District Governors were present for Lions Day! Thank you for your guidance and leadership!

The Camp had a total of 71 campers over this camping season. Our visually impaired campers got to go bowling, fishing, rock climbing, and horseback riding. All in all, the campers had fun!!

We did have a visitor show up in the fish pond – a small gator – who has been relocated for us by the Department of Natural Resources.

Just a reminder – less than 40% of our districts have contributed to the camp in the past year. Lions and leaders of our districts, please go **ALL IN** for the Camp. Talk with your clubs. Encourage them to support our Camp and the great things we are doing in Waycross. If your club would like to have a work weekend, please give Camp Director Mike Williams a call. He should have no problem finding something for you to do!

Christmas Camp will be held on December 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2023.

Thank you to all those who are supporting the camp! We hope to see you in Waycross soon!

Respectfully, **Lion Jay Taylor**, Board Chair, GA Lions Camp, Inc.



Lions Day at the Camp – 2023 ↑
Top – Lions enjoying some shade.
Bottom – Campers getting ready to beat the Lions at Beep Kickball.

Help Save Lives – Share the Lifeline



Too many people are experiencing suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress without the support and care they need. The latest research shows that the U.S. has one death by suicide about every 11 minutes. That's why the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a game-changer.

You can call or text 988 or chat at 988lifeline.org if you or someone you're worried about is having thoughts of suicide, a mental health or substance abuse crisis, or emotional distress. 988 offers free 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help. And don't wait until you're on the brink of a struggle—you can call whenever you need support.

Talking openly about suicide and sharing resources is essential to ending the crisis. [Share our social media posts about the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. You could help save someone's life.](#)

"We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in our hands to make a difference." – Nelson Mandela



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LCIF – Our Foundation

Greetings Lions,

For those who are new or may need a refresher, LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Fortunately, disaster relief is just one area supported by LCIF because there have been so many natural disasters recently! At the writing, preparations are underway for another hurricane. In the short span of July 2023 to August 2023, LCIF has awarded 34 disaster relief-related grants totaling \$387,151!

As Lions, when considering how to help after a disaster, LCIF should be at the top of the list. LCIF grants funds before, during, and after a disaster by way of Disaster Preparedness Grants, Emergency Grants, Community Recovery Grants, and Major Catastrophe Grants. To learn more about how each of these grants works, visit <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/grant-types/disaster-grants>.

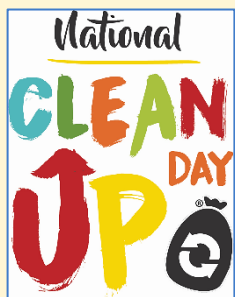
In order to continue funding these grants, LCIF needs ongoing donations. I challenge every Lion in the district to support LCIF. One way to support your foundation is to make an individual donation. I firmly believe that it is our collective efforts that make our organization strong. Give what you can. No amount is too small. Just give.

Another way to support the Foundation is to conduct a club fundraiser specifically for LCIF. Concerned about your club's ability to hold a fundraiser? There are fundraising ideas that take very little "heavy lifting" such as restaurant fundraisers, Facebook fundraisers, passing a "hat," and whatever your creativity creates. I am currently hosting an online Facebook fundraiser through Pampered Chef. What will you and/or your club do?

PDG Sheila Casteel, District 18-I LCIF Co-Chair

Environmental Service Opportunity

NATIONAL CLEANUP DAY



On September 16th, National Clean Up Day encourages all of us to take action to make the entire country a better place to live. Just think, what if everyone just picked up one piece of litter? From coast to coast, organizations like Lions Clubs and individuals join forces to clean up parks, trails, beaches, mountains, and open spaces.

Outdoor spaces free of trash and litter create a more enjoyable experience for everyone. Preservation of our forefathers' legacy is up to all of us.

Litter, debris, and trash mar the beauty of our natural landscapes. National Clean Up Day puts litter in its place – in the trash and recycle bins. The observance provides an opportunity to make those messes right and give the landscape a fresh, clean sweep!

By participating on this special day, your Lions Club will be helping to send a message to your communities that you care about keeping our natural surroundings clean throughout the year. What will you do to make your community beautiful?

Lion Mary Williams, 18-I Environment Chair

"If people truly understood the good they could do as Lions or Leos, they'd be lining up to serve with us. We must show them what we do, and that they can change the world too." – Patti Hill, President of Lions International



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The Global Action Team (GAT) – Important Message

The goal for MD18 Service Activities Reporting to LCI for the 2023 – 2024 is to have 65% of clubs reporting their service hours by yearend! Your District Governors and District GSTs are optimistic! Hopefully our club officers and members are too!

To do this, we challenge:

- Club officers, especially Club Secretaries and/or Club GSTs, to report every service activity each month to LCI.
If there is a problem, please contact your District GST. Also, please complete your Monthly Membership Report as well.
- All club members and leaders to so invite family and friends to join Lions projects because we believe “Service brings Membership.” All non-Lion volunteers at your service projects are prospective Lions. This practice can increase our service and volunteer hours. You may not know that Lions International’s 16 partner organizations, that provide LCIF with funding, base their donations on our reported volunteer hours. (This is a good talking point.)



* We’re thankful to these partners which include Chevron, Eversource, Johnson & Johnson Vision, and more.

Look closely at these charts showing the service activities reporting information for July 2023 – the first month of this fiscal year. We’re confident these numbers will increase going forward. Thank you, Lions of Georgia, for your kindness!

District	Service Activities	Diabetes	Environment	Childhood Cancer	Hunger	Vision	Other
L	17	0	4	0	4	4	5
I	89	0	9	1	5	20	54
O	15	0	2	0	3	3	7
N	72	1	1	0	13	8	49

District	People Served	Diabetes	Environment	Childhood Cancer	Hunger	Vision	Other
L	10K	0	4K	0	2K	530	
I	20K	0	2K	4	2K	7K	
O	1K	0	2	0	1K	128	
N	33K	1K	3K		3K	2K	

District	Volunteer Hours	Diabetes	Environment	Childhood Cancer	Hunger	Vision	Other
L	252	0	66	0	37	19	130
I	2K	0	180	4	119	231	987
O	212	0	7	0	154	23	28
N	3K	62	35	0	173	1K	963

LCI introduced three new initiatives at the International Convention in Boston. In addition to our current five global causes, Vision, Diabetes, Hunger, Childhood Cancer, and Environment, LCI has added Youth, Disaster Relief, and Humanitarian Efforts. Currently, MyLion does not require reporting for the latter three.

The reported Service Activities, in our four Districts, for our first month, identified 6 Causes – Vision, Diabetes, Hunger, Environment, Youth, and Other – and the reported activities included eye screenings, eyeglasses, food packing programs, Strides Walks, Eyeglass Readers for Vets, feeding 115 band students, planting flowers at an elementary school. The category “Other” included summer reading

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(GAT Continued from previous page) programs, pancake breakfast fundraisers, Christmas gifts for children, library work, hygiene kits, art donations, and more. Please let your District GST and District Initiative Chairs know about your service projects so they can be shared with clubs throughout Georgia. We hope to learn from each other!

International President Patti Hill has chosen the Environment Cause as part of her platform. So, along with your community's other needs, think Environment!

The Lions Portal that will take the place of MyLion and MyLCI is targeted to launch in late September 2023.

MISSION 1.5 was introduced at LCIcon in Boston. It is LCI's effort to increase membership to 1.5 million by June of 2027 through the Global Membership Approach (GMA). This means adding new members and new clubs, as well as looking at club retention. Council Chair Mark Anners says, "All hands on deck – we accept the challenge!"

A brief on our other Global Action Team Members:

GLT Vicki Hubbard, PCC, will conduct monthly GLT meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. PDG Steve Willilams will assist with the training. Virtual training is available for Club officers, Zone Chairs, and for Lions who want to become Certified Guiding Lions – a much-needed position that assists with new clubs and clubs that need assistance.

GMT Len Cutuli, PDG, says, "We have an opportunity to **sell our excitement, spread the magic, and start fires!**" PDG Cutuli has started club communications. He shares that, at the International Convention, a PIP said we need to do something to rebuild clubs – **membership drives**, and that (in some cases) **starting from scratch might be best!**

GMA Willie Cooper, PDG, has reached out to each District to schedule meetings. He encourages Lions to talk about GMA at the District level and to talk with clubs about their reports – there are some members who have never been added to the system.

Your MD 18 Global Action Team is eager to hear your concerns. Please don't hesitate to send them an email at:

Lion Doreen Stallworth (Global Service Team)
stallwor@bellsouth.net

PCC Vicki Hubbard (Global Leadership Team)
lionvicki@gmail.com

PDG Len Cutuli (Global Membership Team)
r.lcutuli47@gmail.com

PDG Willie Cooper (Global Membership Approach)
wcooperokeanos@gmail.com

"Changing our World"

Your MD18 Global Action Team

Doreen, Vicki, Len & Willie

Lions in Action – Serving With Others

On August 23, 2023, members of the Rotary Club of North Atlanta joined volunteers from the **North DeKalb Lions Club** to serve a "street taco" dinner to residents of the Hope Lodge, a facility near Emory that provides housing for families of cancer patients in treatment. More than 80 meals were served, which included home-cooked entrees and desserts from several participants. It was very well received by the residents – they invited us to come again. The Lions Club has been volunteering at Hope Lodge since 2007.

Two different volunteer groups collaborating together on a service project provides more momentum and energy for both, along with opportunities to meet and mingle with like-minded folks dedicated to community service. **Thank you, Lions and Rotarians, for all the good you do in the world!**



Thanks Lion Jonathan Yaeger for article and photo!



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MISSION 1.5 – Just Ask!



Just Ask! Fostering a Culture of Recruitment

1. Prepare Your Club.

- Without proper preparation, your club's recruitment efforts will not be as effective as possible.
- Decide what your club would like to accomplish and how new members will help achieve this.
- Develop a member recruitment team that can focus on all aspects of member recruitment.

2. Create your club's growth plan.

- Develop an action-oriented plan that clearly outlines your recruitment efforts.
- Determine who you will be recruiting.
- Determine where you will focus your recruiting efforts.

- Gather the materials you will need for your outreach.
- Set and promote your informational meeting.

3. Implement your growth plan.

- Reach out to target members as outlined in steps one and two.
- Host your informational meeting.
- Follow up with meeting attendees.
- Review your growth plan and adjust timelines if necessary.

4. Welcome new members.

- Conduct an induction ceremony.
- Ensure that new members are properly onboarded.

For more information on Lions International's Mission 1.5, visit <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/mission-to-grow>. **Let's get growing!**

Lions International Peace Poster Contest

From PCC Marlene Humphry, MD18 Peace Poster Chair: For over three decades, Lions Clubs around the globe have sponsored a very special art contest. Students of 11, 12, or 13, as of Nov. 15, 2023, are eligible to participate. Creating Peace Posters gives young people the chance to express their visions of peace and to inspire the world through art and creativity. Lions International also sponsors an Essay Contest that allows visually impaired youth to express themselves as well. The theme this year, for both the Poster and the Essay contests, is **"Dare to Dream."**



2023 winner →

Deadlines:

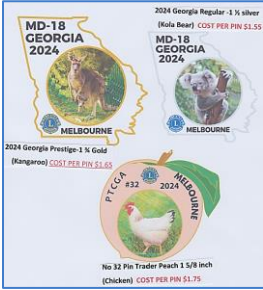
- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at Lions International Headquarters. Visit <https://lionsclubsinternational.myshopify.com/products/ppk1> or phone (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the District Governor.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a District Governor to send one winning district poster to the Multiple District Council Chair.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the Multiple District Council Chair to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners will be notified on or before this date.

For more information and resources, please visit <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach>. For more assistance, please contact your District Peace Poster Chair or PCC Marlene at mhumphry@cox.net or at 478 918-3666.



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2023-2024 MD18 Georgia Lions State Pins



The 2023-2024 MD18 Georgia Lions State Pins are now available to be ordered. To order, please complete the order form and mail it with payment to:

PCC Olin Newby
4097 Lincolnton Road
Washington, GA 30673

Instructions for Cash App are also included on the Order Form. **The form is attached at the end of this newsletter.** Please direct all questions to PCC Olin Newby at olinnewby230@gmail.com.

Plan Ahead for the 2024 MD18 Convention in Dublin

Because the 2024 MD18 Convention is not being held at a specific hotel, the MD Convention Committee has made arrangements with a few local hotels for discounted rates. The available blocks are for the dates of April 26-28, 2024. Cutoff dates vary by hotel so get your reservations in ahead of time. Lions are welcome to make other arrangements outside of these hotels as they see fit.

MD18 Convention Host Hotels for 2024

La Quinta Inn, 101 Travel Center Boulevard, Dublin, Georgia 31021 – \$137

Booking Link: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/laquinta/dublin-georgia/la-quinta-dublin/rooms-rates?&checkInDate=04/26/2024&checkOutDate=04/28/2024&groupCod>



Hampton Inn and Suites, 103 Travel Center Boulevard, Dublin, Georgia 31021 – \$179/\$189 (Update the date to Friday, April 26 unless you are coming in on April 25.) Booking Link (Cutoff March 28, 2024):

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms?ctyhocn=DBNHXHX&arrivalDate=2024-04-25&departureDate=2024-04-28&groupCode=CHHLCI>

478-246-6055 (Hotel Code: CHHLCI) Company Name: Lions Club International April 2024 (CHHLCI)

Fairfield Inn & Suites Dublin, 620 Pinehill Road, Dublin, Georgia 31021 – \$144/ \$155/ \$174 (Cutoff 4/12/2024)

Booking Link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1688947020412&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Our Hunger Cause



MD18 Hunger Report: Nearly 800 million people go to bed hungry every night. We encourage Lions Clubs to host a project to fight hunger in your community.

One of the biggest health threats facing many older adults in Georgia is the risk of hunger. In Georgia, Over 1,156,660 people are facing hunger and 335,720 of them are children.

Nearly 30 percent of the state's children, or 700,000 kids, are sometimes hungry or don't have regular access to nutritious food. In the State of Georgia, 118 counties have been

designated as having food insecurity.

Georgia MD18 Lions Clubs are partnering with food banks, soup kitchens, food drives, school programs, and many other community initiatives to help eliminate hunger in their communities.

As MD18 Hunger Chairpersons, we have private resources for hunger relief in addition to grants from LCI. If your club needs help with emergency hunger needs, please contact your District Governor, your district chairperson, or your MD18 Hunger Chairman PDG Willie Cooper at wcooperokeanos@gmail.com.

Please report your club's service hours monthly.

Willie Cooper, PDG, MD 18 Hunger Chair



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District 18-I Global Extension Team (GET) Report

Submitted by PDG Charles Carter, GET District 18-I Coordinator

Definition of my assignment for this Lion's year:

The Global Extension Team (GET) District Coordinator collaborates with district leadership to build a team capable of completing the tasks required in the successful chartering of new clubs including membership recruitment, leadership development, and engagement in meaningful service projects.

The Global Membership Team (GMT) supports membership development by recruiting new members and promoting positive membership experiences. The Global Extension Team (GET) is an optional offshoot of the Global Membership Team that is focused on chartering new clubs within the district.

Why does chartering new clubs matter?

- 94% of districts who met or exceeded their membership growth goal also met or exceeded their new club goal.
- Charter members make up 60% of all new members.
- Increasing membership allows clubs to perform more service and provides financial security.

How can PDG/GET Coordinator Charles help District 18-I charter new clubs?

- I have experience chartering/and or saving 5 Lions clubs.
- I believe in Team Building and will recruit/train a team to form new clubs.
- I am looking for Guiding Lions, Past GMT coordinators, charter members, and ANYONE with a passion for new club development. Are you ready?
- Together we will identify opportunities for new clubs and develop strategic plans.
- I will manage the application process to ensure applications are complete, accurate, and timely.

Let us do this together and start a membership growth wave this year!

Lion Charles Carter, PDG
 District Global Extension Team Coordinator
 239-322-7736
lioncharlescarter@gmail.com





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MD18 Global Leadership Team (GLT) Report

We have just started the Lions year off and all the District GLT Coordinators have hit the ground running with ambitious goals for the year.

The District GLTs are as follows:

- Lion Fran Schefer – District L
- PCC Marlene Humphry – District O
- PDG Steve Williams – District I
- Lion Rushe Hudzinski – District N

We had our first GLT zoom call July 24, 2023. Because two of our District GLTs are new to their positions they had a lot of questions. The two other seasoned GLTs were glad to share their experiences.

The shared topic of all was TRAINING!!! Districts will do training for club officers, Guiding Lions, and Zone Chairs. LCI grants at the District Level and MD level should be pursued. New leaders are needed and they must be trained correctly. I asked the GLTs to get with their District Governors and let them share their goals for the year.

District L: One of District L GLT's goals is to have several training opportunities by the end of the first quarter of the 2023-2024 Lion year. The district will hold training for club officers and zone chairpersons. 100% of zone chairpersons are expected to attend zone chairperson training. District L will expect 50% of club officers (president, secretary, and treasurer) to attend club officer training.

District I: Following their District neighbors, District I GLT PDG Steve Williams and DG Chris Sullivan are discussing training opportunities. By the end of the first quarter of the 2023-24 Lions year, District I will hold training for club officers and zone chairpersons. The District GLT coordinator will report each training using the "manage training" feature in Learn on the LCI website.

Their team expects 100% of zone chairpersons to attend zone chairperson training and they expect 50% of club officers (president, secretary, and treasurer) to attend club officer training.

District O: The District, led by DG Shannon Kingston, increased its goal numbers. District O GLT PCC Marlene Humphrey and DG Shannon, are looking at the following goals:

- Training for club officers and zone chairs by the end of the first quarter of the 2023-24 Lions year.
- Reporting training using the manage training feature in Learn.
- Having 75% of zone chairpersons attend training, and having 75% of club officers (president, secretary, and treasurer) attend club officer training.

At their 1st Cabinet meeting on Saturday, August 5, 2023, they offered training for Certified Guiding Lions. Eleven Lions took part in the training session and six Lions took the test to become a Certified Guiding Lion.

District N: District N stated that by the end of the first quarter of the 2023-24 Lions year, their district will hold training for club officers and zone chairpersons. The District GLT Coordinator Lion Rushe Hudzinski will report each training using the manage training feature in Learn. Their team reports that 100% of zone chairpersons attended training by June 30, 2023. They expect 60% of club officers (president, secretary, and treasurer) to attend club officer training.

Opportunities to build better Lions Leaders:

Look out for LCI-sponsored trainings, such as ELLI (Emerging Lions Leadership Institute), RELLI (Regional Emerging Lions Leadership Institute), and ALLI (Advanced Lions Leadership Institute). MD18 will also offer the Grace Clower Lions Leadership Retreat, a great opportunity for in-person training. Watch for more info.

You can also use the online training that Lions International offers at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en>, or attend the USA/Canada Forum's *Lions University* at <https://lionsuniversity.org/>.

I look forward to working with all the District and MD leaders!

Respectfully,

PCC Vicki Hubbard, MD-18 GLT Coordinator



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Lions in Action – Vision Screening

This summer, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, KIA, and Lions from Districts 18L and 18I worked together to perform vision screenings for young people at local YMCAs. For more info on working with the Georgia Lions Lighthouse to provide screenings for youth please contact Lion Fran Schefer at fschefer@lionslighthouse.org.



Our Disaster Relief Cause – Lions ALERT



MD18 Lions Alert Report – Providing Emergency Response and Assistance 2023-2024

For decades, Lions have provided humanitarian assistance to people affected by disasters. Lions remain dedicated to serving their communities, especially in times of crisis. The mission of the Lions ALERT program is “to provide Lions with a standardized structure and network to deliver needed services to people in emergency situations.”

The absence of information about disaster preparedness in Lions Clubs in MD 18 constitutes a critical gap in our understanding of one’s community major incidents or disasters readiness. Establishing relationships and building partnerships involves establishing formal preparedness and response agreements with partners in each multiple district.

The MD18 Alert manual will follow Lions International’s 13 step guideline plan on contact procedures and identifying individuals who will need information and assistance during an emergency. By establishing relationships between State, Local, national disaster response center officials, private companies, and other partners ahead of time organizational needs will be identified, creating a better picture of requirements for an effective and efficient response.

This manual will provide specific and detailed guidance concerning procedures to respond to a disaster or major incident. The manual will ensure that we as Lions Clubs will be in a state of readiness.

Another constricting factor regarding disaster planning is linked to disaster knowledge. This means that the lack of knowledge influences the limited attention disaster planning receives. The understanding factor behind the lack of disaster knowledge and disaster training may be because there exists the common idea that any disaster management is the sole responsibility of local municipalities or disaster centers.

The MD 18 Council of Governors will make available an approved disaster manual for Lions of Georgia as a guide to assist districts and clubs with disaster relief.

Willie Cooper, PDG – Lions Alert Champion

“We can't just hope for a brighter day, we have to work for a brighter day. Love too often gets buried in a world of hurt and fear. And we have to work to dig it out so we can share it with our family, our friends, and our neighbors.” – Dolly Parton



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Our Vision Cause – Working with Schools

Message from 2nd Vice District Governor Dr. Angela Williams:
Gwinnett County Public Schools and Dekalb County School District superintendents signed a vision screening partnership agreement with District 18-I Lions Clubs to provide vision screenings in schools to students in K-12 grades. Digital screeners are used to scan students' pupils and give a reading within 30-45 seconds. It is non-invasive and enables us to screen many children quickly and efficiently. The screeners are about the size of a camera and can accurately detect potential common conditions found in children:

- Myopia (nearsightedness)
- Hyperopia (farsightedness)
- Astigmatism (blurred vision)
- Anisometropia (unequal refractive power)
- Strabismus (eye misalignment)
- Anisocoria (unequal pupil size)
- Gaze

A vision screening does not replace an eye exam. If a vision risk factor is indicated, we recommend an eye exam be provided by a licensed eye care professional. Following a screening, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation can offer eye exams, glasses, and surgical services.

Full vision screening packet is attached at the end of this newsletter (6 pages).



Georgia Lions – District 18-I
In Conjunction with The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation

FREE Vision Screenings



For Students in K-12 Grades



Vision Health 4 You

Return completed and signed parental consent forms to your school

Donate used eyeglasses on vision screening day



“Few will have the greatness to bend history itself, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events. It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.” — Robert F. Kennedy



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Support the Madison Lions – Attend, Volunteer & Share

2023
WORLD SIGHT DAY

VISIT.LIONSCLUBMADISON.COM

MADISON LIONS CLUB
INTERNATIONAL
MADISON, GEORGIA

MADISON LIONS FALL FAIR

OCTOBER 10 - OCTOBER 14

TUE - THUR 6PM TO 10 PM FRI 6PM TO 11PM
SAT 1PM-11PM

ADMISSION: \$3 ADULT, \$1 KIDS(4-12) FREE (0-3)
STUDENTS FREE ON TUESDAY

ARM BAND PRICES - \$25
(\$15 SPECIALS WED & SAT 1 TO 5)

FREE EYE EXAMS FOR WORLD SIGHT DAY SAT 1-5
BY EMORY EYE CENTER

EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

YOUR EYES

1311 FAIRGROUNDS RD, MADISON, GA



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Georgia Lions Youth Exchange Camp 2023

For over 60 years, Lions have sponsored Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) programs all around the world. The program is designed for young people between the ages of 15 and 22 to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world. In 2023, there were over 100 summer camps sponsored by Lions around the world.

Georgia Lions sponsored our three-week cultural exchange program from July 1-22, 2023. We had fourteen youth (ages 16-19) from nine different countries participating.

Please let me know if you're interested in getting involved in 2024.

Thank you to all who helped in 2023!

Warm regards,

Lion Becky Jarrell Georgia, Lions Youth Exchange Chair – lionbeckyjarrell@gmail.com



A Message from Your Newsletter Editor

Thank you so much for contributing to and reading this newsletter! I cannot do it without your help.

Please, when you read the newsletter, watch for errors, and let me know, so I can make corrections in future issues. To be fair, I need to let you know that I may edit your articles for space, typos, errors, grammar, etc.

VERY IMPORTANT: I need your help every month for updates and information, especially for the following:

- **Rising Stars** – See the article in this newsletter for info. There must be one or more Lions in each club that qualifies for this newsletter kudos.
- **Lions in Action** – Please let me know about the service projects and/or fundraisers done by your club. Please give me as many details as possible, and please send accompanying photos. See examples in this newsletter.
- **Upcoming Events** – Let this newsletter be a means of publicizing your service events and fundraisers. Just send me the details a month or two in advance – date, location, hours, any partnering clubs or organizations, etc.

Finally, please honor my deadline – the 25th of each month – for your items to be included in the following month's issue. Thank you again!

Lion Angela – angelahelwig57@gmail.com



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Prepare to WELCOME the world! – LCICon 2026

A message from Past International Director Kembra Smith:

As most of you should now know, we, the Lions of Multiple District 18, will be hosting the 2026 Lions Clubs International Convention in Atlanta from July 3 to July 7, 2026. This will be momentous, not just for the Lions of Georgia (who last hosted an international convention in 1982), but for the Lions of the world!

The MD 18 host committee will be comprised of multiple subcommittees, which will, of course, be composed of many volunteers who will be working to prepare for the convention, during the pre-convention Executive Officers, Board of Directors, and District Governors-Elect meetings and activities and as we greet the arriving delegates; during the convention at the various convention venues; and after the convention during the post-convention Board of Directors meetings.



The Convention subcommittees include: the Executive Committee; the Executive Officer and Board of Directors host committee, including the host night; Communications, including a Reference committee; Manpower; Crisis Management; Fundraising, including souvenir sales; Marketing; Hospitality, which includes the Greeter committee, the City committee, the Identification committee, and the Transportation committee; the Parade committee; and the District Governors-Elect committee. We are very fortunate to have experienced Lions, such as Past International President Jim Ervin, our Past International Directors, and Lion Donna Townsend, who we are hoping will all provide us with a lot of guidance and suggestions.

A lot of you have already signed up as volunteers and we will be reaching out to you within the next few weeks as we schedule our first organizational meeting. If you have not yet volunteered, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Past Council Chair Garner Andrews at 770.367.4027 or liongarner18@gmail.com and let him know to include you on his list. If you have a specific committee on which you would like to volunteer, please let him know that, too! I have been in touch with the Lions in our contiguous districts and we look forward to having them join us!

We will be focusing on our general structure, but also on marketing and fundraising during the next few months. We want the Lions of the world to know who we are, what we do, and why it's great to be a Georgia Lion! Help us share this message!

Club News From Lions International



Updates to Board Policy Manual and Constitution & By-Laws

We've made some updates to the Board Policy Manual, International Constitution & By-Laws, and the Standard Form Club, District and Multiple District Constitution & By-Laws. Head to the Legal Resources webpage to see what's new today. [LEARN MORE](#) ◊

Help Your Club Maximize Its Success

Ready to amplify your club's success? Learn about some great programs designed to help take your club to the next level in membership, service, leadership, and marketing. [LEARN MORE](#) ◊

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute (ALLI) Applications Due Soon

Lions in Constitutional Areas I and II who are interested in attending the ALLI in Vancouver, Canada, must submit their applications by September 29, 2023. [APPLY NOW](#) ◊



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Lions of Georgia Calendar

September 2023	Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
September 2023	National Service Dog Month
September 11 to 17	Celebrate Community Week with Kiwanis, Optimist, or Rotary clubs
Sat, Sep 16, 2023	National Clean Up Day
Thu, Sep 21, 2023	International Day of Peace
Fri, Sep 29, 2023	Last day to apply for ALLI – January in Vancouver – see below
October 1, 2023	Last day to order Peace Poster kits – See article above for more info.
Thu, Oct 12, 2023	World Sight Day
Thu, Oct 12, 2023	GLLF's Evening in the End Zone – See the article above.
October 10 to 14	Tuesday through Saturday – Madison Lions Fall Fair
Sat, Oct 21, 2023	Athens Classic City Lions Club Pancake Breakfast 7 – 11 am
Tue, Nov 14, 2023	World Diabetes Day
Tue, Dec 5, 2023	International Leo Day
January 12-14, 2024	Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Vancouver, Canada
April 26-28, 2024	MD18 Lions State Convention in Dublin, Georgia – Register now!

More to come next Month!



2023-2024 Multiple-District 18

Outstanding State Awards Program

The MD18 Council of Governors State Award Committee is happy to announce the criteria for all awards granted during the 2023-2024 term. Please make the responsible parties in your club aware of the following qualification criteria and encourage them to apply for a COG State Award.

1. Service Hours may be turned in for service projects in the following LCI categories:
 - a. Diabetes
 - b. Vision
 - c. Hunger
 - d. The Environment
 - e. Childhood Cancer
2. It is not necessary to submit a club's service hours to the State Awards Committee. The Committee will use the service hours posted to MyLion for service projects conducted between July 1, 2023, and April 15, 2024.
3. Service hours for a club will be divided by the number of club members to allow for all clubs to be treated equally based on relative service per member. There will be a winner and a runner up for each category.
4. The fact that we will be relying upon your posting your service hours to MyLion means it is very important for your club to correctly and promptly enter all service projects and the hours associated with those hours into MyLion. Club Secretaries as well as the new Global Service Chair may enter your service project hours.
5. The winning club will be allowed to decide whether they would like for their financial reward to go to the Georgia Lions Camp, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Leader Dogs/SE Guide Dogs, Learning Ally, and LCIF.

Scrapbook Awards

Scrapbooks can provide a wonderful history of the activities of a Lions Club. It can afford members of tomorrow to see what members in the past did to serve their communities. It can also provide a rich history of the members and their role in supporting their Lions Club. The State Awards Committee encourages all Lions Clubs to put together a scrapbook documenting this Lions' year.

There are awards given for both electronic and physical scrapbooks. It is up to the creator's imagination as to what events will be shown and how it will be presented; however, at a minimum, the scrapbook should present a written and pictorial history about Club events during the fiscal year being judged. Examples of content are photos, programs, and news clippings from installations, inductions, special presentations, service projects, fundraising events, and visits to district meetings or multi-district meetings.

1. A single scrapbook may only be presented in one of the two formats: digital or bound.
2. Scrapbooks must bear the Club's name on the opening slide for digital format or on the opening page for a bound format.
3. A USB Flash Drive is the preferred format for submitting digital scrapbooks to the State Awards Committee. The USB Flash Drive must be submitted on the first day of the 2024 Multi-District Convention. The size of the scrapbook is limited to 1GB.
4. The digital scrapbook entry may be submitted in one of the following formats: PowerPoint, a website dedicated to the scrapbook, a digital scrapbook program such as Smile box, Shutterfly, etc.
5. Scrapbooks will be judged on how well their presentation reflects what the club is doing. Be sure to date and label the scrapbook entries. It is suggested that the club include pictures and captions that tell a story about the club. Include personal touches to tell the club story. Use your imagination.
6. Consideration will be given for content, organization, originality, creativity, and neatness.
7. A helpful resource: <http://www.wikihow.com/Create-a-Digital-Scrapbook>

Social Media Awards

Social media is such a vital communication tool today. It is one of the most important ways of reaching new prospective Lions. To further this goal, we have added an award category for the club with the best use of social media for the purpose of communicating and promoting Lionism to grow their club, their District, and Lions in general, and to show their community how they serve.

Here are the guidelines for submission followed by the judging criteria:

Clubs may only submit one of the following social media platforms for judging by the State Awards Committee:

1. Facebook
2. YouTube
3. X (Formerly Twitter)
4. Threads
5. Instagram

Submissions will be made by notifying the member of the State Awards Committee that represents the club's district that the club would like for them to begin monitoring the clubs' postings to the social media platform of their choosing. The district committee members are:

District L – 1st Vice District Governor Wes Gifford

District I – 1st Vice District Governor Rita Harris

District O – 1st Vice District Governor Christy Wray

District N – 1st Vice District Governor Larry Griggers

Social media accounts will be judged on the following:

1. Following and connecting with other community organizations, leaders, and the public to spread the word about their club.
2. Sharing photos of their recent activities to show the world how they're serving the community.
3. Keeping current members updated and informed about upcoming projects, meetings, and events.
4. Attracting new members.
5. Staying up to date with Lions Clubs International news and programs by encouraging others to follow LCI's social media accounts.

Judging will begin as soon as the State Awards Committee members are notified of the social media page to be monitored. It will end April 15, 2024.

Larry M. Griggers, Chair
State Awards Committee
MD18 Council of Governors

Public School Vision Screening Packet

This packet is designed to provide guidance for schools requesting vision screenings for students.

Please refer only to this packet and disregard any forms or applications you may have prior to January 2023. They are no longer being utilized.

Our Mission

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation provides vision services through education, detection, prevention, and treatment. Through collaborative partnerships we enable greater independence and increased quality of life for Georgians in financial need.

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You have received this packet because The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation will be collaborating with your local school to provide a Vision Examination for your school. The following information is designed to provide you with basic information to explain the difference between a vision screening and eye exam/mobile vision clinic. Also, you will understand the process and needs for the Vision Screening Day at your school.

VISION SCREENING:

A digital screener is utilized to scan participants' pupils and give a reading within 30-45 seconds. It is non-invasive and enables us to screen many children quickly and efficiently. Our digital screeners are about the size of a camera and accurately detect the potential for these common conditions found in children:

- Myopia (nearsightedness)
- Hyperopia (farsightedness)
- Astigmatism (blurred vision)
- Anisometropia (unequal refractive power)
- Strabismus (eye misalignment)
- Anisocoria (unequal pupil size)
- Gaze

A vision screening will need only a small area or room where the ambient lighting can be adjusted. Usually, any classroom is acceptable. We have learned that it is best to start at 8:30 a.m. and go up until noon, if necessary, but we are flexible to your needs. With good organization and planning, we can screen between 300-400 students within four hours.

EYE EXAM/MOBILE CLINIC:

A vision screening does not replace an eye exam. If a vision risk factor is indicated, we recommend an eye exam be provided by a licensed eye care professional. Following a vision screening, The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation can offer eye exams, glasses, and surgical services. If indicated, we can discuss with you the possibility of a mobile vision clinic visiting your school.

Vision Screening Consent Form



GEORGIA LIONS
**Lighthouse
Foundation**

On _____ there will be a free vision screening at this school, provided by the _____ in partnership with Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. The purpose is to determine whether your child needs an eye exam. The screening is non-invasive, and no physical contact is made with the child.

*****IMPORTANT*****

If your child has photo sensitive epilepsy, they will not be screened!

**THIS WILL BE A SCREENING ONLY
THIS IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR AN EYE EXAM**

Child's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

I give permission for my child to be screened:	YES	or	NO
My child has photo sensitive epilepsy:	YES	or	NO
My child wears prescription eyeglasses:	YES	or	NO

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

.....
For Staff use only – do not write below this line.
.....

Screening Results

An Exam is recommended: **YES** or **NO**

This is not a substitute for an eye exam. If an exam is recommended, please visit your local eye care professional as soon as possible.

If your child does not have access to vision care (Medicaid, Peachcare), please visit our website at www.lionslighthouse.org or call **Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at 404-325-3630** to learn how we may be able to be a resource to you.

**Applicant/Parent Guardian MUST Read
and Sign These Statements:**



"I fully understand the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation services are limited to persons unable to pay for, or receive from other sources, this assistance. In consideration of these services, I release and discharge all persons rendering such services from any claims I may have arising from services so rendered. I am aware that the Lighthouse will not pay for any vision care expenses billed to me prior to the approval of this application. I also understand my application may be reviewed by a Lions Club, medical professionals, and/or the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation staff. In addition, I hereby give permission for my medical records to be released to the Lions Club, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, and to any eye specialist, hospital, medical professional, or agency involved with my vision care."

Signature of Applicant (or parent if applicant is child)

Witness (if applicant signs with an "X")

I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of _____ [Child] grant **Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation** my permission to use the photographs taken during the vision screening and follow-up clinic for any legal use, including but not limited to: publicity, copyright purposes, illustration, advertising, and web content.

Furthermore, I understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Formulario de Consentimiento para Exámenes de la Vista



GEORGIA LIONS
Lighthouse
Foundation

En _____ habrá una evaluación de la vista gratuita en esta escuela, proporcionada por _____ en asociación con la fundación Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. El propósito es determinar si su hijo necesita un examen de la vista. El examen no es invasivo y no se realiza contacto físico con el niño.

IMPORTANTE

Si su hijo tiene epilepsia fotosensible, no será examinado!

**ESTA SERÁ SOLO UNA PROYECCIÓN
ESTO NO ES UN SUSTITUTO DE UN EXAMEN DE LA VISTA**

Nombre del Niño: _____

Nombre del Maestro: _____

Doy permiso para que mi hijo sea examinado: Sí o No

Mi hijo tiene epilepsia fotosensible: Sí o No

Mi hijo usa anteojos recetados: Sí o No

Firma de los Padres: _____

Fecha: _____

For Staff use only – do not write below this line.

Screening Results

An Exam is recommended: **YES** or **NO**

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If your child does not have access to vision care (Medicaid, Peachcare), please visit our website at www.lionslighthouse.org or call **Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at 404-325-3630** to learn how we may be able to be a resource to you.

2023-2024 LIONS STATE PIN ORDER FORM

NAME _____ Club _____

ADDRESS _____ Telephone# _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

2024 Georgia Prestige 1 3/4" Number () @ \$1.65 = _____

2024 Georgia Regular 1 1/2" Number () @ \$1.55 = _____

No 32 Pin Trader Pin 1 5/8 Number () @ \$1.75 = _____

TOTAL COST OF ALL PIN \$ _____

Fill out Form with number of each pin ordered. Enclose a check for the total cost of pins ordered with order form Made OUT TO PCC Olin Newby and mail this form and check to 4097

Lincolnton, Road Washington, Georgia 30673. Email

olinnewby230@gmail.com .If you have the cash app you can

pay using (CASH APP) to \$OlinNewby and email the order form to me.PINS WILL NOT BE ORDERED UNLESS PAYMENT IS MADE.

FORM AND MONEY MUST BE RETURNED BY SEPTEMBER 10TH