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THE PRIDE

News from District 18A



SERVING THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 18A

18A -- THE PRIDE OF LIONISM IN GEORGIA

AND THE HOME OF THE #1 NEWSLETTER IN GA

Many 18A Lions and Clubs received many honors at the recent State Convention in Duluth. See highlights in this issue -- more news coming in the first issue of DGE Alan's bulletin in July!

A SNEAK PEEK AT.....

What's Inside:

White Cane Update

We are a little more than halfway to our statewide goal for White Cane. See p. 2 for more information.

ALERT Team

Due to the storms that tore through parts of our district, the 18A ALERT Team has been hard at work distributing Wal-Mart gift cards with the money we received from LCIF. See p. 3 for details.

DG Contest

See the results of the 2010-2011 District Governor's Contest on p. 6!

STATE CONVENTION A "ROARING" SUCCESS!

For those of you who didn't attend State Convention this year, you really missed a treat! The festivities kicked off at Stone Mountain Park with a BBQ picnic, followed by a celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the Atlanta Lions Club, and 90 years of Lionism in Georgia. Afterward, everyone went to the lawn and watched the Laser Show.

The next day, the Camp and the Lighthouse gave their reports, and presented awards for contributions during the last year. That evening featured the Opening Ceremonies, including performances by dance groups and musical groups from the Atlanta area.

Saturday was the district breakfast, at which many of the district level awards

were presented by District Governor Scott. At the first general session later that morning, the proposal for redistricting was passed by an overwhelming majority -- you'll be hearing more about what this means for 18A over the coming months.

The State Awards Celebration was also on Saturday morning. The next issue of the district bulletin will feature more details -- just know that 18A has a lot to celebrate!

Saturday night brought the District Governors' Banquet, and with it the address from our guest for the weekend, International President Sid L. Scruggs, III, and his wife, Lion Judy.

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White Cane Update

Every year, White Cane raises crucial funds to support the Lighthouse vision services. Here's how we've done so far in 2011:

As of **May 16**, we've raised \$92, 293.

District A: \$27,599

District B: \$7,965

District C: \$4,864

District D: \$25,129

District E: \$4,252

District F: \$8,920

As you can see, we've got a long way to go -- with demands for vision services at an all-time high, we ask that your club so the extra mile to give people throughout Georgia the chance to see again.

Albert Streete is just one of the many Georgians helped by Lighthouse services. As a father of three, and an employee at a center for developmental disabilities, Albert's livelihood was put in jeopardy when we suffered four retinal tears. Through emergency action, he was able to receive surgery less than four days after applying for assistance, thus restoring his sight and enabling him to continue working and supporting his family.

Questions? Your contact for White Cane Day is Lucy Zhou: 770.738.4675 or lzhou@lionslighthouse.org.

Better vision. Better hearing.

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Roswell Lions collect for
White Cane Day

www.lionslighthouse.org



AND



ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE??

WNBA's Atlanta Dream

presents the

2011 Lions Leader Dogs Challenge

Sunday, June 26, 2011

Atlanta Dream vs. San Antonio Silver Stars

Philips Arena

Here's the challenge:

All participating Lions Clubs will have their own specific ticket link. The Club with the most tickets sold will be crowned as the 2011 Lions Leader Dogs Champions -- and win \$500 for their club, compliments of Schloemer Business Services! The winner will be announced and the prize presented during the game. The challenge is being led by the Atlanta Lions Club.

Tickets are \$20.00 each, with \$10.00 going to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Tickets can be held at Will Call and picked up on game day, or can be printed online.

To enter your club into the challenge, contact Jessica Madison at 678.510.7467 or by email at jessica.madison@atlantadream.net

GOOD LUCK AND GO DREAM!

18A ALERT REPORT

*submitted by Lion Peggie Chapman
18A ALERT Chair*

Within 24 hours of the tornados that ripped through northwest Georgia on April 27th, our District Governor was filing for an LCIF Grant!!! It was approved pretty quickly, but took over a week to be received. As soon as DG Scott said the LCIF check had been converted to a District 18A check, PDG Charles Chapman went to Canton to meet DG Scott and bring the check to Jasper WalMart, where they were already in the process of activating 400 \$25 gift cards to be delivered to the worst hit areas in our district. That same afternoon they were taken to Ringgold, GA for distribution. We could not get to the areas where the damage occurred so we set up in the FEMA Disaster Relief Center to distribute. FEMA personnel were helpful and sent some of those needing help to us. We distributed about 40 that day.

Trenton, in Dade County, also sustained much damage and cards were distributed there on May 11th. Lion Donna Calhoun was the guiding Lion in organizing the very new club in Dade County and did a fantastic job getting these fledgling Lions into action. Through phone calls, and flyers, TV and other publicity, many needing help were reached.

It was back to Ringgold on the 14th in an effort to reach more

people, then to Floyd County on the 19th and Walker County on the 24th---these well-established Lions Club each had their day organized and well publicized. PDGs Paul Camp and Jerry Curtis had the Rome Lions reporting in shifts to keep the day going. Lion Leon Ellis was on TV on the morning of card distribution, and he had his Lions working and even brought donuts for breakfast, and got lunch for the workers. Many cards were given out on these two days.

On June 7th, a second trip to Trenton yielded a much larger turnout – again, thanks to Lion Donna. At the end of the day, all remaining cards had been distributed and the final information was turned in to DG Scott at the MD 18 convention on June 10-11.

Members of the District 18A ALERT team who participated in the distribution (besides the local Lions in each location) were: PDG Charles Chapman, who went to each distribution day; Lion Leslie Miller, who went with him to Dade County; Lion Jimmy Swain who went with him to Ringgold; and Lion Jimmy Lewis who went with him to Rome. All of these Lions are members of Jasper Lions Club. Many hours were spent in travel and in the actual distribution of the cards. Thanks to all these Lions for there interest in the ALERT program and for their participation in this ALERT

UPCOMING EVENTS

What's Happening.....

Get involved in Lionism outside of your community. Visit another club's meeting, activity, or fundraiser. Assist a club in your zone/region with one of its projects. Attend zone and district meetings, as well as the meetings of our leading state charities, the Lighthouse and the Camp for the Blind. There's a whole new world out there!

July 2011

International Convention

Monday-Friday, July 4-8, Seattle, WA

Lions Day at the Camp Celebrate the Camp's 35th Anniversary!

Saturday, July 23 -- Camp for the Blind, Waycross

Zone Chair Training

Sunday, July 24 -- Waycross

August 2011

Kick-Off Meeting

Saturday, August 13, Roswell Presbyterian Church

September 2011

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Thursday-Saturday, September 22-24, Anchorage, Alaska

Joint Camp/Lighthouse Meeting

Friday-Sunday, September 30-October 2, Macon

November 2011

Fall Rally

Saturday, November 5, Cartersville

Atlanta Metro Honors Public Safety Officers

-submitted by Lion Shelia Morrow, President

Atlanta Metro Lions honored six local public safety officers at our annual Public Safety Awards Banquet. The banquet took place on May 6, 2011 at 7pm at the Radcliffe Presbyterian Church. The honorees were: Detective Wesley P. Spivey (Fulton County Police Dept.), Officer Palma Boyd (Atlanta Police Dept.), Captain Frank Wildy (Fulton County Marshal's Office), Battalion Chief Antonio D. Webb (Atlanta Fire & Rescue Dept.), Sgt. Brian K. McGee (Fulton County Sheriff's Office), and, Firefighter III Fabion A. Parks (Fulton County Fire Dept.). The keynote speaker was Fulton County Sheriff Theodore Jackson. And the Master of Ceremony was Lion Winston Minor. The honorees, and guests, were treated to a marvelous meal - prepared by Southern Zen Catering, an encouraging and motivating speech, plaques commemorating the occasion and a short program. Boy Scout Troop #290, of Radcliffe Presbyterian Church, served as honor guards and presented our nation's flag and our Lion Banner.

The honorees are chosen based on their volunteer work in their communities outside from their



duties as officers. These six officers demonstrate Lions values by doing amazing work within their communities dedicating many hours of service.

The Public Safety Committee was led by Lion Drucilla Hayworth. Lions Willie Alexander, Jean Ector,

Pauline Finch, Annie Marie Johnson, Shelia Morrow, Harry Price, Bert Ricks and Carl Roberts served on the committee along with Lion Drucilla. The night was a complete success.



President Shelia with Fulton Co. Sheriff Theodore Jackson

Get our your boots and cowboy hats, and make plans to come to

"CAMP HAPPYTRAILS"

Lions Day at the Camp 35th Anniversary

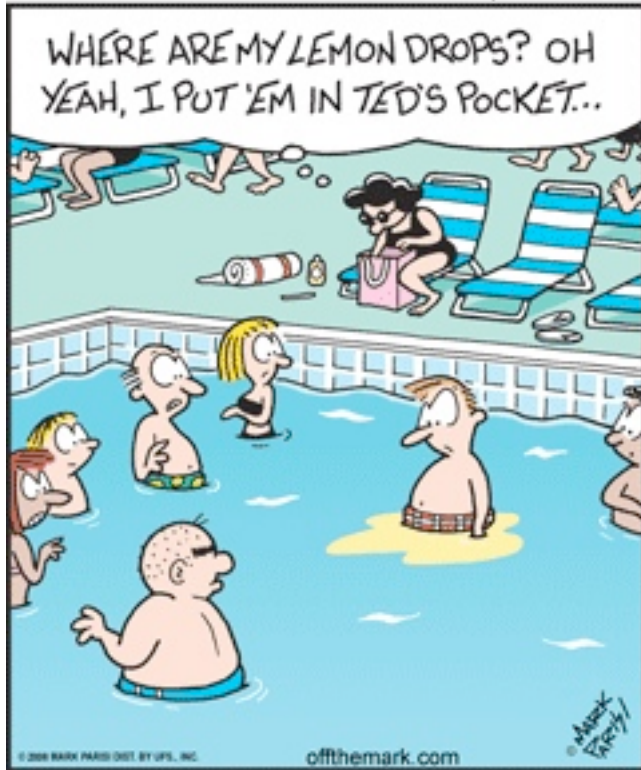
Saturday, July 23, 2011
Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind
Waycross, Georgia

Activities begin at 9:30am

Lunch \$10.00



For reservations or more information, contact Camp Secretary Doy Barks
478.923.5649 OR hankbarks@msn.com



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MORE ABOUT STATE CONVENTION.....

Many awards were presented at the Banquet, including:

Ervin-Crumbley Award
PCC Earl Culberson

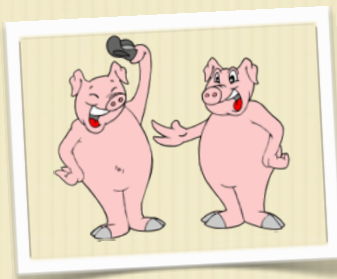
International Leadership Medal
DGE Alan Bethel
Lion Donna Townsend

Presidential Medal
CCE Kenneth Moore

Sunday morning again began with the District Breakfast, and DG Scott presented more awards to Lions for their service during the past year.

Breakfast was followed by the annual Necrology, remembering our friends who passed away since the last convention.

You will be able to read more about the convention in the first issue of DG Alan Bethel's newsletter, which will be coming to you around the first of July.



FOR YOU DADS OUT THERE.....

Before I took the old family car to college, my father loaded the trunk with soft-drink bottles filled with oil, coolant and transmission fluid. Sure enough, my car overheated. Scolding myself for not listening to my father's instructions, I looked at the engine and saw how well he knew me. The oil cap was labeled Dr Pepper, the transmission stick, Coke, and the empty coolant container, Diet Pepsi. I finished the trip safely.



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AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR GOVERNOR.....



We are almost there. This is the last month of this Lions year and I am happy to report our district is in great shape. We have again been very busy this year

serving the people of northwest Georgia.

Our membership numbers are outstanding. Our retention goal of 100 or fewer unpreventable losses is poised to be met with ease. The membership growth goal was a very aggressive one and may fall just a few short, but coupled with the retention effort we should still have a net membership increase in the 50 range. I can't say enough about the efforts put forth by our clubs this year in both those areas. In addition we have added a new club, the Dade County Lions Club, with 29 charter members to date. Extension chair, PDG Berry Broach, and Guiding Lion, Donna Calhoun, have done an outstanding job with getting the new club off and running. Dade County is a noon club meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in Trenton. We had hoped to start a 2nd new club and while that is still a possibility, the chance is dimming with the end of the year approaching fast.

The northwestern most part of our district was devastated April 27 by the catastrophic tornados. Ringgold took the brunt of the storms, but several other counties were also extremely affected. Catoosa, Walker, Dade and Floyd counties were declared disaster areas by Governor Deal. Even while the storms were raging we applied for an emergency grant from LCIF. That request was

approved within 24 hours and a grant check was in our district account within the week. Those funds were used to purchase WalMart gift cards to be distributed by the district ALERT team headed by Lion Peggie Chapman. She and her teams have visited Ringgold twice and Trenton, Rome and Chattanooga Valley once each distributing the cards to those most in need in their respective counties and surrounding areas. In addition, we have set up a Tornado Relief Fund at the district level and several clubs have held, or will hold, special fundraisers to add to that fund. Alpharetta made the first donation to the fund and challenged the other clubs in the district to also.

As we approach the year end and final preparations for the state convention, I am particularly proud of one decision I made before the year started and that was the appointment of this years cabinet and committee chairs. I don't think I could have chosen any better group of Lions than those. They have all done an absolutely outstanding job this year and I can't thank them enough for their service. In turn, their success was made a little easier by the dedication of all members of this district. The Georgians you have served are better off because of your efforts. I am confident that through your dedication and service 18-A will continue to excel under DGE Alan next year. After all, he is inheriting the best district in Georgia. District 18-A is truly the PRIDE of Lionism in Georgia.

Yours in Lionism,
DG Scott



HOW DID YOUR CLUB DO?

DG Contest



The final standings in the District Governor's Contest were announced during Sunday's breakfast at State Convention.

In the large club category (> 25 members), the winners were:

- 1st Place Jasper**
- 2nd Place Ellijay**
- 3rd Place Rome**

The winners in the small club category (< 25 members) were:

- 1st Place West Cobb**
- 2nd Place Blue Ridge**
- 3rd Place Rossville**

DGE Alan has put a similar contest into place for next year -- if you attended Lions University, you were given a preview of the contest during the Secretary sessions. His contest officially begins July 1, so watch for your copy of the contest to be available on the new 18A website. The address is www.lionsofga18a.org, but the website will not be available until after DGE Alan is officially inducted at the final plenary session at the convention in Seattle, which will take place on July 8.

It would be great to have 100% participation in the DG Contest during 2011-2012!