



THE ROAR



News from District 18A

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Off we go!!!
Lion Carole pulling the "DG Elect" Ribbon from Lion Alan's name tag during the final plenary session at the recent International Convention in Seattle.

District Governor Alan and Lion Carole Bethel are back from the International Convention in Seattle, and have hit the ground running here in 18A.

In addition to his schedule of Official Visits, DG Alan is busy with meetings at the Camp and

Lighthouse, Council Meetings, Zone Meetings, and our upcoming Fall Kick-Off Rally -- more details on all this and more coming soon.

Welcome back, Alan and Carole! 18A is glad to have you back home and ready to serve!

Editor's Note:

Thank for you the opportunity to serve as your District Newsletter Editor for another year. I enjoy putting together what I hope is something you enjoy reading!

What makes the newsletter most interesting is the information that you send me about what is going on in your club -- otherwise, you'll get really tired of hearing all about the Jasper Lions Club if you don't send me information from your neck of the woods!

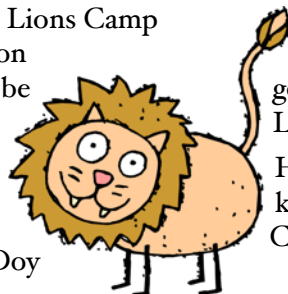
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-Leslie C. Miller, Editor

LIONS DAY AT THE CAMP COMING JULY 23

If you've never been to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, you're really missing out on something great! This year's event will be held on Saturday, July 23 at the Camp down in Waycross. All activities will begin at 9:30 and continue throughout the day. If you wish to have lunch, please RSVP to Camp Secretary Lion Doy



Barks at hankbarks@msn.com. Cost for the lunch is \$10.00, and you can pay when you get there if you've made arrangements will Lion Doy to do that.

Hope to see you there -- you'll enjoy getting to know the kids and be amazed at what the Camp enables them to do!

KICK-OFF RALLY SET FOR AUGUST 13

The new Lions year is off to a fast start, and to help get things rolling, mark your calendars so you don't miss the Kick-Off Rally in Roswell on Saturday, August 13. It will be held at the Presbyterian Church, which is right across the street from the church where Lions University was held back in May.

The tentatives schedule for the day is as follows:

- 10:00am Call to order
- 10:15-11:00 Training sessions
- 11:00-noon Training sessions
- 12:00-12:45 Lunch -- \$6.00/person
- 1:00-2:30 Business Meeting/New Service Project

The training sessions will include Member Orientation; Officer Training for Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers; and information about creating a 501(c)3 for your club. The District Governor's Contest, which began July 1, has been modified a bit from last year, and the Rally will be a great time to learn more about it, not only for Secretaries, but for Club Presidents as well.

We will also have a service project to work on during the day. This will be an exciting opportunity for our clubs to participate in, and to take back to their communities for future outreach programs.

Hope to see you all there!



LIONS CLUB GIVES GIFT CARDS TO STORM VICTIMS



The Rome Lions Club teamed up with Lions from Jasper and Woodstock as part of the 18A ALERT Team to present Wal-Mart

gift cards to local tornado victims.

The gift cards were part of a preliminary \$100,000 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to storm-ravaged areas in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia. Additional grants may be available for these areas in the future based on need.

Lions from all over the world come together through LCIF to provide emergency disaster relief

anywhere in the world. Emergency relief was recently afforded to the people of Japan following the earthquake and subsequent tsunami that ravaged that area back in March.

The picture to the left shows Rome Lion Bill Pinson with (then) DG Scott Warren, as well as PDG Charles Chapman and Lion Jimmy Lewis from Jasper, who came as part of the 18A ALERT Team, as they prepare paperwork to present a gift card to a local storm victim.

-submitted by PDG Jerry Curtis, Rome Lions Club

USE TWITTER AND FACEBOOK TO PROMOTE YOUR CLUB



So many Lions are already using Facebook and/or Twitter. One of the seminars at the recent International Convention was all about how to use Twitter and Facebook to promote your club and its activities. Click on the link below, or copy and paste it into your browser window to learn more.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/convention/files/2011/LCI-Social-Network-brochure.pdf>



MEET YOUR NEW PRESIDENT -- DR. WING-KUN TAM



International President Tam's theme for 2011-2012 is "I Believe"

Wing-Kun Tam, of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), The People's Republic of China, was elected president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, USA July 4-8, 2011.

President Tam is the chairperson of a multinational group of companies specializing in aviation and travel business.

A member of the Mt. Cameron Lions Club since 1981, he has held many offices in the association, including Campaign SightFirst multinational coordinator and OSEAL recording secretary, SightFirst China Action executive chairperson, 2005 International Convention Bidding Committee executive chairperson and honorary Host Committee chairperson. He has served on the international board for 11 years and three years on the executive committee. President Tam has been a member or chairperson of many government and community service boards and committees of the Hong Kong SAR Government. He served as Hong Kong District Affairs Advisor before the establishment of the

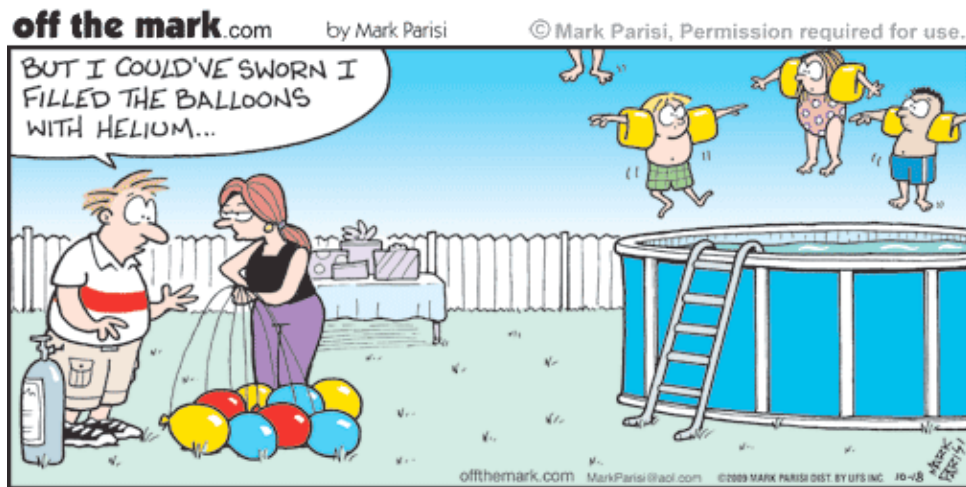
SAR in 1997. He has been the Hong Kong Convention Ambassador since 1995.

He is the recipient of Her Majesty the Queen's Badge of Honor, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and the Bronze Bauhinia Star from the British and Hong Kong SAR governments. He is a Justice of the Peace in Hong Kong and the appointed Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kenya in the Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR of The People's Republic of China.

In recognition of his service to Lions Clubs International, President Tam has received numerous awards, including the Campaign SightFirst National/Multi-National Coordinator Award, the International Lion of the Year Award (2003) and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association gives to its members. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and Campaign SightFirst Lead Gift Donor.

President Tam and his late wife, Irene, have three children – Alvin, Tiffany and Andrew.

MAKE 'EM LAUGH.....



NORTH REGION, ZONE 1 ANNOUNCES FIRST MEETING

Lion Peggie Chapman, North Region, Zone 1 Chair, has made plans for the Jasper Club to host the first Zone Meeting of the year on **Thursday, August 25, 7:00pm**, hosted by the Jasper Lions. The meeting will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Family, 202 Griffith Road in Jasper. More details coming in the August issue of *The Roar*. Clubs in this zone are **Jasper, Ellijay, Blue Ridge, and Ball Ground**.

CHILDREN KNOW PEACE -- 2011 PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace. During the last 20 years, more than four million children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest. The theme of the 2011-12 Peace Poster Contest is "**Children Know Peace.**" Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

Each year's contest consists of an original theme incorporating peace. Participants use a variety of mediums, including charcoal, crayon, pencil and paint, to express the theme. The works created are unique and express the young artists' life experiences and culture.

Twenty-four international finalists are selected each year, representing the work of more than 350,000 young participants worldwide. Posters are shared globally via the Internet, the media and exhibits around the world.

To order your Peace Poster Kit (one for each contest you intend to sponsor), click on the link below:

<https://www2.lionsclubs.org/p-708-peace-poster-kit.aspx>



BAUSCH + LOMB AND LCIF TEAM UP AGAINST CHILDHOOD BLINDNESS



On May 12, 2011, representatives from Bausch + Lomb and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) awarded the Tianjin Eye Hospital a \$150,000 grant to finance a specialized, pediatric cataract training initiative. The grant is made possible through the Pediatric Cataract Initiative (PCI), which identifies, funds and promotes innovative methods for overcoming visual impairments caused by pediatric cataracts.

“Today there may be as many as 40,000 children in China suffering from pediatric cataract, a condition that is treatable, and in some cases,

preventable,” said Dr. Joe Barr, VP, global vision care clinical and medical affairs and professional services, Bausch + Lomb. “This grant continues Bausch + Lomb’s commitment to China; helping people to see better to live better. We hope that this grant will enable Tianjin Hospital to provide much-needed training and treatment in the region, so that together we can improve patient health, outcomes and quality of life.”

Eberhard J. Wirfs, 2010-2011 Chairperson of LCIF adds, “This partnership allows us to further our efforts at improving eye care in an underserved area of the world where so many children suffer long-term vision problems or permanent blindness as a result of pediatric cataract.”

The \$150,000 grant will be used for training and education, equipment, and screenings.

The Bausch + Lomb/Lions Clubs global initiative represents an ongoing commitment to improving childhood cataract outcomes. Earlier this year, PCI also issued two \$50,000 research grants. The first grant was awarded to the Lumbini Eye Institute to conduct cataract-focused research in western Nepal. The second was to the Calabar Teaching Hospital to investigate the causes and effects of childhood blindness in Nigeria. In the coming months, PCI will continue to fund additional cataract-focused research projects and vision research initiatives around the globe in an ongoing effort to combat the issue of childhood blindness.

To learn more about PCI, visit www.pediatriccataract.org



NEW MEMBERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS LAUNCHED

Effective July 1st, the MERL (Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership) team is no more. In its place, two global teams have been established: the Global Membership Team (GMT) and the Global Leadership Team (GLT), who will work together to “identify, develop and encourage opportunities for present and future Lions leaders, and to develop membership through service and engagement”. This program encompasses representation at the international, multiple district and district levels.

In our district, the GMT will be composed of a coordinator, the District Governor team and other interested, engaged Lions, who will work with our clubs to provide resources and guidance to motivate club leaders to set goals and develop club programs that improve membership, extension and retention skills. PDG Berry Broach has agreed to

work with the committee in the extension area to continue the building of new clubs in underserved areas in our district. We will be calling on all of our “certified guiding lions” to help him with this effort. We are also open to any and all of your membership ideas and are looking forward to working with each and every one of you.

PDG Jane Price has agreed to serve as the 18A GMT for a three-year term and PDG Vanessa Stanley will serve as our 18A GLT for the same period.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact PDG Jane Price.

Cell: 770-596-0303; email jtp13@bellsouth.net.

Let’s have a great year in 18A!

~submitted by PDG Jane Price

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD LION

Hunters -- hunt for what makes you happy, hunt for ways to find success. No matter how long it takes to find these things, don't give up the effort.

Loners -- find time to be alone to collect your thoughts and plan for a new day of service

Willing to fight -- don't pick fights, but be willing to fight for what you know is right and good



Part of a pride -- assemble your group that will assist you in your efforts to better your community

Protective -- not only of yourself and your family, but of your beliefs

Brave -- look for opportunities each and every day to show courage to make a difference, both for you and for others



ZONE CHAIR TRAINING ON JULY 24

All zone chairs are invited to attend the annual training session on Sunday, July 24 at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. Training will begin in the morning, and be over between 12:00-1:00pm.



A WORD FROM THE DG



Dear Lions of 18A,

I look forward to serving with the Lions of 18-A in this New Year. It is an honor to serve as your District Governor and I greatly appreciate your support in this journey. My theme this year is "Believing in Hope Thru Service". I want to thank each Lion in our District for all the great service and Hope you provide in your local communities. I believe we will have many opportunities to extend our service outreach this year. In the end, that is what Lions is all about, offering caring hearts and hands to those in need. This will be an exciting year for our District as we find new ways to serve in our communities. I'm challenging each Club to initiate a new outreach program in their community. As International President Sid Scruggs states, "A club program of service activities that are enjoyable, visible and effective, is the most potent membership growth tool a Lions Club can have. The formula is pretty simple: more and better service activities equal more and more satisfied Lions who are proud to be a Lion." If we build good Clubs, members will join.

Our new International President Wing-Kun Tam from Hong Kong has an excellent theme of "I Believe". You will hear much more about his theme and goals for this Lions year in the August newsletter.

Carole and I attended the International Convention in Seattle from July 4-8 and returned to Georgia on July 9.

Our District Kickoff Meeting will be on August 13 in Roswell at the Presbyterian Church. We will start our first service project during the Kickoff Meeting. There will be more about the Kickoff meeting and the service project in our next newsletter.

I'm excited about our new GLT and GMT leaders and the potential for assisting our District. I believe the new structure for GLT will greatly assist us in developing and identifying new leaders for our District. GMT will be assisting to foster healthy clubs and membership growth. I know these new team leaders are willing to assist our Clubs and District in whatever way they can.

I look forward to seeing each of you in the coming weeks and please don't forget the District Kickoff Meeting on August 13 for an exciting time.

DG Alan



Where's the DG?

July 23, 2011
Lions Day at the Camp, Waycross

July 24, 2011
Zone Chair Training, Waycross

August 4, 2011
Atlanta Metro OV

August 6-7
GLT Retreat, Kingwood Resort, Clayton

August 15, 2011
South Cobb OV

August 19-20, 2011
Council of Governors Meeting, Savannah

September 20, 2011
Dalton OV

September 22-24, 2011
USA/Canada Forum, Anchorage, AK



What's Happening?

Saturday, August 13
Kick-off Rally, Roswell
Presbyterian Church

**Thursday-Saturday,
September 22-24**
USA/Canada Forum, Anchorage
Alaska

**Saturday-Sunday,
October 1-2**
Joint Lighthouse/Camp Meeting,
Chamblee

Saturday, November 5
Fall Rally, Cartersville

