



THE ROAR



News from District 18A

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DG Alan and Lion Carole at Lions Day

The District 18A Kick-Off Rally is set for August 13 at Roswell Presbyterian Church. Please remember that this meeting is not just for those who serve on the district cabinet -- **ALL LIONS** are encouraged to attend. A schedule for

the day and a map showing how to get to the church are included on page 2 in *The Roar*.

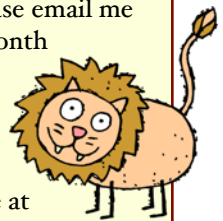
Please take note of the two service projects announced in the notice about the Kick-Off Rally as well.

Editor's Note:

Have you taken a look at our district website? From there, you can access past issues of *The Roar*, keep up with what's going on around 18A and the rest of Georgia, as well as access the District Governor's Contest. Visit the site now at www.lionsofga18a.org.

Zone Chairs: Please send me information about your upcoming zone meetings, and I'll be glad to put notices in the newsletter.

All clubs: Please email me information each month that you'd like to have included in each month's issue of *The Roar*. You may send that to me at jasperlionleslie@yahoo.com or leslie.miller@mac.com



The deadline for the September issue is August 25.

-Leslie C. Miller, Editor

Enthusiasm is excitement with inspiration, motivation, and a pinch of creativity.

TRIPLE OPTION RAFFLE TO BENEFIT CAMP FOR THE BLIND



The Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, Inc. is a project funded by the Lions of Georgia that provides blind children, teens, and adults with an opportunity to grow and become more self-reliant. This is done at the beautiful 62-acre facility in Waycross. 18A was well-represented at Lions Day this year, despite the heat and the smoke from the wildfires!

The Camp is having its annual raffle. Each ticket is \$1.00, and you could win one of three great prizes: a John Deere Gator, a street legal golf cart, or \$5,000 in cash. The drawing will be held February 5, 2012 at the Winter Board Meeting in Warner Robins.

See 18A VP for the Camp Lion Lloyd Foster for tickets. He can be reached at (C) 269.494.0125 or by email at lloyd.r.foster@lmco.com.

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
- 11:00-11:45 Training sessions
- 12:00-12:45 Lunch -- \$6.00/person
- 1:00-2:00 Business Meeting
- 2:00-2:30 Bill Boling, Founder & Executive Director of the Atlanta Community Food Bank
- 2:30-3:00 Summary of service projects/Adjournment

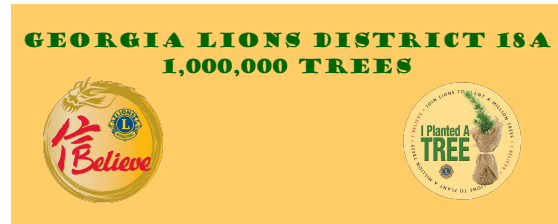
The training sessions will include Member Orientation; Officer Training for Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers; and information about creating a 501(c)3 for your club. The District Governor's Contest, which began July 1, has been modified a bit from last year, and the Rally will be a great time 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. We will do a non-perishable food drive -- for each can or package you bring to the meeting, you will receive a ticket for

door prize drawing. The more food items you bring to the

meeting, the greater your chance of winning. There is no limit on the number of tickets you can receive. In the end, we will be helping people in need within our district. This will be an exciting opportunity for our clubs to participate in, and to take back to their communities for future outreach programs. So get your cans to Roswell and try to win a prize!!



We will also kick off President Tam's goal to plant 1,000,000 trees this year worldwide. Please come prepared to let DG Alan know how many trees your club will plant in your community. The district will provide the trees so that you can meet your goal. Please include LEO Clubs, or other youth groups in each of these projects to encourage them to get more involved with Lions. The banner shown here will be on display at the Rally for everyone to sign who is participating in the tree project.



Please contact Lion Teri Chambers Rice, District Cabinet Secretary if you and members of your club plant to attend so that plans can be made for lunch. You can contact Lion Teri at terkchambers@comcast.net or by phone at 678.402.6133.

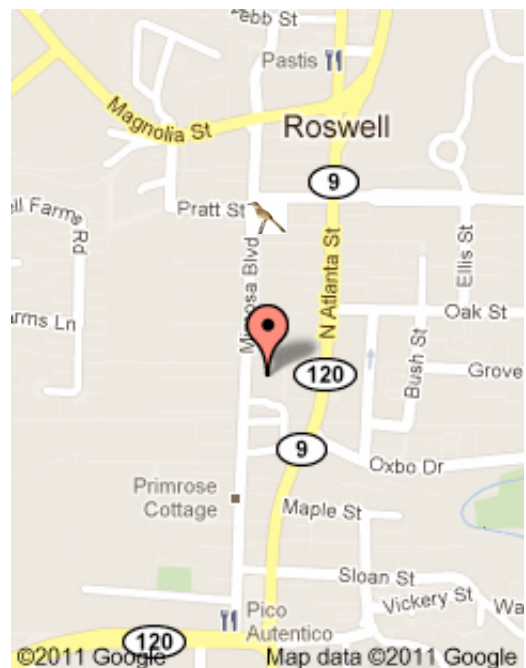
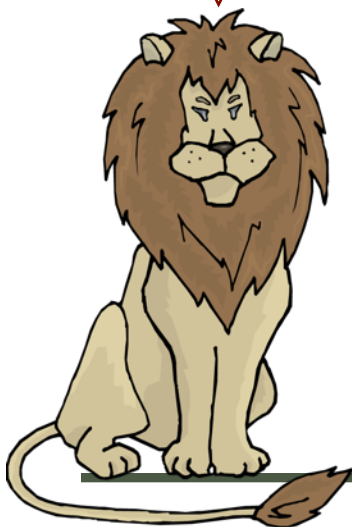


MAP TO ROSWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

See you at the Rally!

The address for Roswell Presbyterian Church is 755 Mimosa Boulevard, Roswell. It is across the street from the church at which Lions University was held back in May.

Use the map to the right to locate the church -- hope to see you all there!





MEET YOUR 1ST VICE PRESIDENT -- LION WAYNE MADDEN

Wayne Madden, of Auburn, Indiana, USA, was elected to serve as first vice president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, USA July 4-8, 2011.



Vice President Madden owns an insurance agency. He

is an insurance agent and a certified insurance counselor.

A member of the Auburn Lions Club since 1984, Vice President Madden has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, region chairperson, state council chairperson and district governor. In addition, he is a past president of the Indiana Lions Foundation. He served as a District Governor-elect

Seminar faculty member five times and as Campaign SightFirst II sector coordinator for Multiple District 25.

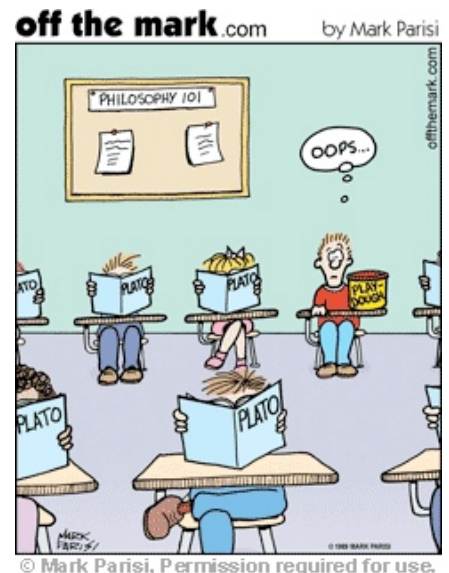
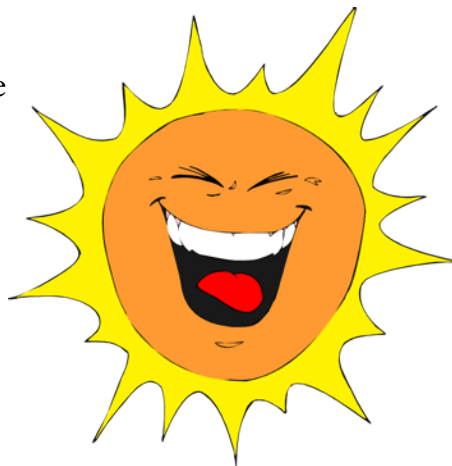
In recognition of his service to the association, Vice President Madden has received many awards, including the 100% Club President Award, Life Membership in the Association, the Senior Master Key Award, four Extension Awards, an International President's Leadership Medal, eight International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is a Charter W.P. Woods Fellow, a Kentucky Colonel, a Duke of Paducah, a Helen Keller Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In 2008, he was recognized for his humanitarian service by the governor of Indiana as a Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor the governor can bestow. In addition to his Lion activities, Vice President Madden has been active in numerous professional and community organizations.

Vice President Madden and his wife, Linda, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and five grandchildren.

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing....and the lawnmower is broken.

What does the lion say to his friends before they go out hunting for food? "Let us prey"



NOTICE OF INTENT TO LEVY AND COLLECT ADDITIONAL PER CAPITA TAX

Per the MD18 Constitution and By-Laws, Article VI, Section 2(b), the individual districts of the state are empowered to levy and collect a per capita tax of \$3.00 on each member of the Lions Clubs in their respective districts. THIS IS NOT A DUES INCREASE. This is the same fee that is charged each year, but it is required to be approved each year. This will be voted on at the Kick-Off Rally on August 13.



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>



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM STRUCTURE

The Global Leadership Team (GLT) provides for an enhanced focus on leadership development, which is critical to the future



vitality of our association. The GLT directs its efforts toward identifying and cultivating effective leaders through active training and leadership development initiatives, while providing necessary information, guidance and motivation.

The GLT structure encompasses representation at the

international, multiple district, single district and district levels, and includes district governor teams, provides a comprehensive global platform for developing more qualified leaders from the club level up, while encouraging regional training and development approaches to address local needs.

Operating as an action-oriented, parallel, mutually supportive team with the GMT, the GLT was developed to augment the local efforts of the DG Teams. By integrating the efforts of the GLT, the GMT and the DG Teams, Lions will be better able to

address regional growth and development needs, while building a membership base, improving club health, and enhancing the quality of leadership at all levels of the association.

The GLT 18A Coordinator is PDG Vanessa Stanley. If you are interested in working in a leadership role (1st VDG, 2nd VDG and DG) please contact her and the GLT team; email vastanley@comcast.net, cell phone 678-760-3046.

*~submitted by PDG Vanessa Stanley
18A GLT Coordinator*



SENIOR LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE TO BE HELD IN OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS

The next **Senior Lions Leadership Institute** for USA, Affiliates, Bermuda and The Bahamas and Canada will be offered in Oak Brook, Illinois, USA on November 17-20, 2011. We are seeking qualified Lion participants for the institute. It is a valuable opportunity to build on skills that enhance the leadership qualities at the zone, region and district levels.

The institute in Oak Brook is designated as a *Senior Lions Leadership Institute* and is targeted to Lions who have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of first vice district governor. Lions who are region and zone chairpersons, as well as second vice district governors are encouraged to apply to this institute.

Lions Clubs International will pay for meals and lodging in strict accordance with the schedule of the institute. Additionally, LCI will make

appropriate hotel reservations for each participant on a twin-share basis. Participants are responsible for all travel expenses to and from the designated venue inclusive to all relevant ground transportation charges.

Send a copy of the application packet to GLT Coordinator – PDG Vanessa Stanley. The success of this institute depends on the participation of Lions leaders from across our constitutional area. The application packet is also available on the web site. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/seniorlions-leadership-institutes/index.php>

Completed forms must be returned by: **August 31, 2011 to the GLT Coordinator.**

*~submitted by PDG Vanessa Stanley
18A GLT Coordinator*

FIRST MEETING FOR NORTH REGION, ZONE 1 – LION PEGGIE CHAPMAN, CHAIR



The **Ball Ground, Blue Ridge, Ellijay, and Jasper** Lions will participate in their first zone meeting on **Thursday, August 25**, hosted by the Jasper Club. The meeting will take place at the **Episcopal Church of the Holy Family, 202 Griffith Road in Jasper** (just off Cove Road, across from Grandview Road) at **7:00pm**. The cost of the meal is \$6.00/person -- no need to send in ahead of time, just pay at the door. Clubs are not to come prepared to give the "same ol' reports" -- instead,

each club has an "assignment" (after all, Lion Peggie was a teacher for 30 years!). EACH club is to present an idea for EACH of the following:

- one activity that a club can do for fun -- something you've tried, or something you'd like to do
- one suggestion of a program -- maybe one your club enjoyed at some point, or one that you'd like to see
- one fund-raising project -- again, something your club found successful, or one that you'd like to do in your community

- one activity that you'd like for your club to do with another club, preferably with one or more clubs in our zone -- could be a fund-raising project or a service project. Be specific!
- one type of zone meeting you'd like to have this year -- a new way to present club reports, or go back to the "way we've always done it"

Be sure you come up with one idea for each of these bullets -- don't just choose one.

A representative from the club should be prepared to present your club's ideas -- does not have to be the president. You can have one person do it all, or involve several people to bring your ideas to the table.

Lastly, please encourage your members to attend -- this is a brand new year, and it's time to get involved!

Directions to Holy Family:

Come to Jasper on GA 515 -- turn east onto GA 53 at McDonald's/Ingles. At the third traffic light, turn left onto Burnt Mountain Road at Walgreen's -- across from First Baptist Church and Rite-Aid. Cross the RR tracks, continue on to the 3-way stop at Cove Road, and turn right. Go 2.4 (curvy!) miles to Griffith Road, and turn right. Go to the first building on the right -- NOT the main church building -- and parking is across the street from the pavilion. There will be Lions signs at appropriate spots along the way.



AND NOW.....A WORD FROM THE DG

Dear Lions of 18A,

The International convention was an exciting time and our new International President, Wing-Kun Tam from Hong Kong, has an excellent theme of "I Believe". When we Believe as Dr. Tam states, we must have Courage, Commitment and Action to make it happen. President Tam has three main goals this year and they are:

- **Strengthening and retaining our membership by taking care of fellow members as family**
- **Expanding our service to new heights, propelled by a special campaign to plant one million trees**
- **Nurturing our future by involving more young people and Leos in all that we do.**

President Tam is an impressive leader and will be very energetic in advancing his programs. At our Kick-Off Rally on August 13, we will be asking Clubs to make a commitment to plant trees in their community. All we need is the number of trees your Club will plant and the District will provide the Loblolly pine trees to your Club. This is an exciting project to care for our environment. This is a very visible project and one we can gain publicity in our communities about what Lions are doing to Serve and take care of our environment. I Believe this project will provide us the opportunity to involve our youth whether it be Leos, Boy Scouts or other youth groups including potential new Leo Club members. Jerry Luckett is Environment/Recycle Chair that will be coordinating this program for our District.

President Tam has the same schedule as last year for the Global Service Action Campaigns.

- August**
Engaging Our Youth
- October**
Sharing the Vision
- December-January**
Relieving the Hunger
- April**
Protecting Our Environment

For help in planning your club's "Engaging Your Youth" in August participation visit ["Engaging Our Youth" Global Service Action Campaign](#). I would encourage Clubs to reach out to our youth in our

communities in August. This could include working with our schools, Boy and Girl Scouts, potential Leo Clubs and existing Leo Clubs. We do great service when we work with establishing a new Leo Club, and I would suggest that we look at where disadvantaged youth are located in an effort to offer them Hope and a positive Lions' experience. I Believe in the Lions of our District and all the contributions you continue to make in your communities and your dedication to service. Your contributions are very impressive.

Our District Kickoff Meeting will be on August 13 in Roswell at the Presbyterian Church. We will start two service projects during the Kick-Off Rally, a food drive to assist those in our District that can use the help this effort will offer, and the tree planting program. We will have a contest related to the food drive. Each item brought by Lions will give you a ticket on donated door prizes. There is no limit on the number of tickets you receive. The more non perishable food you donate the greater chance to win a door prize. I am hopeful with this experience we will gain ideas on serving in local food pantries or consider starting a new food pantry as a club or community project. Bill Bolling, founder and executive director of the Atlanta Community Food Bank will speak to us about their operation and how we might work in our communities to help feed the hungry. We will also have a sign up sheet for the number of trees your Club will commit as a Club project. Please give thought to what your Club can do for the tree project.

The Day at the Camp on July 23 was another wonderful day at this jewel project of the Lions of Georgia. The Camp has never looked better after the recent facelift of the buildings. All of the campers were having a great time! The beeper ball game was won again by campers as they easily whipped the District Governors. The Zone Chair training was a big success on July 24 at the Camp, with a great turnout from 18A. Thanks Kembra for a great training session.

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

Alan



Where's the DG?

August

- 4** Atlanta Metro OV
- 6-7** GLT Retreat, Kingwood Resort, Clayton
- 10** Dade Co. OV
- 15** South Cobb OV
- 16** Chattanooga Valley OV
- 19-20** Council of Governors Meeting, Savannah
- 25** N. Reg., Zn. I Meeting, Jasper

September

- 8** Chickamauga OV
- 20** Dalton OV
- 22-24** USA/Canada Forum, Anchorage, AK

30-October 1

Joint Lighthouse/Camp Meeting, Chamblee

October

- 6** Kennesaw-Acworth OV
- 7-8** 18D Rally, Watkinsville
- 27** Alpharetta OV



See 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