



Lions of District 18-I

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Fellow 18-I Lions,

Welcome to August in Georgia! Warm enough for you?

I enjoyed seeing many of you at the first Cabinet Meeting in Toccoa. For those of you that couldn't make it you missed A LOT. There are way too many people to thank but I want to mention a few. Nancy Linek-Morton did a WONDERFUL job (with assistance from 1st VDG Chris) with 1776/Colonial Trivia. There was a great selection of sides and desserts brought by our Lions. I want to give a special THANK YOU to the Toccoa Lions, in particular Bryan Gordon (District Lion Tamer), Sheldon Lehman, and Zone I Chair Brenda Gordon. They arranged the facilities, cooked the hamburgers and hot dogs, and just made the day go smoothly.

Please let us know if your club has not received the District Directory. In it you will find information for the GAT Team, District Committees, our District goals, and much more. I recommend that you go through it and reach out to these dedicated Lions. They have been challenged to accomplish numerous goals, including making presentations to clubs.

I want to call your attention to a couple of things in our goals. The District Budget (approved at the first Cabinet Meeting) has a line item that provides for shipping recycled medicine bottles. Your club can collect (make sure you count them) and bring them to Zone and/or Cabinet Meetings and we will ship them. This counts as an Environmental project!

You're going to hear A LOT this year about the Global Membership Approach (GMA). This program is designed to be personalized to the needs of each club and has four primary components: Build a Plan, Build a Team, Build a Vision, and Build Success. Our District Membership Chair PDG Steve Williams is looking forward to working with every club in 18-I to design and implement this exciting initiative!

I am also asking every club to implement-and report in MyLion - a NEW service project this year. While everything we do is important, we are putting special emphasis this year on Vision and Diabetes. Please contact Dr. Elbonie Hornbuckle-Preston (Diabetes) and DJ McIntyre (Vision) to learn what your club can do in these areas.

There are a number of new awards/recognitions we are instituting this year as well.

Here they are:

L.H.L. (Lions Helping Lions) Award – Certificate to be presented to all clubs who have one or more members assist another club with a service project or fundraiser.

F.O.C.U.S. (Fellowship of Caring United Servant-Leaders) Award – To be presented to all clubs who design and complete at least one new service project during Lions Year 2022-2023. Project must be reported on MyLion to qualify.

S.M.I.L.E. (Service, Membership, Integrity, Leos/Leadership, Enthusiasm) Award – Nominated by fellow club members, this Lion exemplifies at least one of these traits daily.

O.G.C. (Order of the Golden Chain) – Certificate to be presented to all clubs who have at least one member achieve this award.

Proud Lion Award – Presented to each member who joined Lions after 4/30/22 and their sponsor/mentor. The new Lion needs to complete the following within six (6) months of joining:

- Attend a Club Board Meeting
- Visit another club
- Participate in a club project
- Attend a Zone or District meeting

Club Secretary must submit a statement showing dates achieved for each of these.

I am asking clubs to look at these and use as a template while planning your year. I'm looking forward to presenting A LOT of these at the year-end events!

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As your Club President and Board plan this Lions year, please put in your budget generous donations to our Camp, our Lighthouse, LCIF, and a guide dog school of your choice (David Chase would appreciate it if it was Leader Dog!). The Camp ESPECIALLY needs our help with not just monetary donations but also assorted items. Each month's Camp Newsletter has a Needs List. Please consider addressing some of their needs.

We have divided the District and assigned clubs to myself, 1st VDG Chris, and 2nd VDG Rita. When we contact you, please respond so that we can schedule our visits. We're looking forward to seeing all of our 18-I Lions this year!

This is YOUR newsletter. We want to know what YOU want in it. We are asking you to send us information about upcoming events in your club at least 2-3 months in advance and we'll make sure to share it here. The L.H.L. award is designed to recognize Lions who serve their fellow Lions during one of these service projects or fundraisers. Our goal is to send the newsletter by the 10th of each month. The 2nd Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for October 1st. I have not secured a location but want to hold it in the western part of our district. If you know of a place and would like to host, please let me know by August 31st so we can plan accordingly and get the word out.

Our International President Brian Sheehan's theme is Together We Can! Serving together I know that not only CAN we but that we WILL! DREAM-BELIEVE-ACHIEVE!

In Service,
DG Steve



UPCOMING EVENTS



The 24th Annual **Snellville Lions Club** Golf Tournament is rapidly approaching!
Monday, August 29, 2022, at Country Club of Gwinnett, Snellville, Georgia
Contact Lion Steve Johnson at 770-653-8231 or at saj1968@aol.com

The **Winder Noon Lions Club** is holding its Annual Charity Golf Tournament!
Thursday, September 8, 2022, at the Providence Golf Club, Monroe, Georgia
Contact Lion Matt Whiting at 770-867-3212 or Lion Nelson McGinnis at 706-367-6143

The **Oconee Lions Club's** Annual Golf Tournament will be held
at the Lane Creek Golf Course, Bishop, Georgia on Friday, October 7, 2022.
Contact Lion Joel Brodrick for information at 706-817-8398

The Madison County Fair, sponsored by the **Comer Lions Club**, is coming up soon
September 27 through October 1, 2022, at the fairgrounds, at 1254 Main Street, Comer, GA
For info, contact Lion Angie McGinnis at angie.mcginis@piedmont.org.

Don't be confused but the **Madison Lions Club** also sponsors a fair
at the Fairgrounds in Madison, GA, from October 4 through 8, 2022.
Contact Lion Teri Johnson at 706-818-8833 or terijohnson0054@gmail.com

Athens Classic City Lions Club's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will be held
November 12th at St James Methodist Church, please call Jerry Davis at 706-540-5822.



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WHAT'S GOING ON?

We Care We Serve diabetes screening and education program: Lion Dr. Elbonie Hornbuckle-Preston, our District Diabetes Awareness Chairperson (dr_ehornbuckle@hotmail.com, 404-457-9112), will be sharing information soon on this fabulous program with all clubs in the district. Please visit www.wecareweserve.com to check it out.

18-I Leadership Training: Global Leadership Team Leader Lion Dr. Angela Williams (achristian3114@gmail.com, 770-778-7822) has been working hard to set up training sessions for all Lions in our District. Here are some of the upcoming sessions:

- August 16th, 7 pm, Virtual Training for officers and new member orientation, by Zoom
- September 16th, 7 pm, Virtual Training for club LCIF Coordinators
- October 1st District Cabinet Meeting, training will be available for Lions and Leos

FYI

File Formats and Proper Usage of the Lions Emblem

(<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/logos-and-emblems>)

JPG: Used for print and digital mediums (websites, presentation tools, collateral etc.). Solid white background behind logo.

PNG: Used for print and digital mediums (websites, presentation tools, collateral etc). Ideal for when you need a logo with a transparent background.

EPS: Used for printed collateral produced by professional design programs (Adobe InDesign, Illustrator etc). Can be scaled to any size without sacrificing quality. Often referred to as “vector” format.

If you use the Lions emblem, please be sure you are using the current version which is shown in the header of this newsletter. There is no red in the current Lions emblem.

Lions University

(<https://lionsuniversity.org>) Lions University is year-round training provided by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. As a Lions Club leader, you understand that building strong communities through volunteer service is our objective. The Lions University program is about making sure that you have the skills and resources to meet this objective.

Lions Resource Center

(<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center>) your destination for member resources—forms, guides, presentations, videos, logos and so much more. This is a great place to find resources to start planning your service projects for the five LCI initiatives as well as a resource for fundraising projects.

Thank you for taking the time to read your new District newsletter! Please contact Cabinet Secretary Lion Angela Helwig at angelahelwig57@gmail.com if you have club programs, projects or other information that would be helpful to your fellow Lions.

Remember: Dream – Believe – Achieve!