



Lions of District 18-I – November 2022

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November DG Notes

Fellow 18-I Lions,

Fall is here! While I am not a big fan of cold weather, I do love watching the leaves change. Who DOESN'T like the vibrant colors that come with this time of year?!?

We are doing very well as a District overall so far this Lion year. Of course, we can always do better, but I am pleased with what I've seen. Our clubs are completing and/or planning service and fundraising projects (please make sure to report in MyLion and ask other clubs for help!). We do have a number of clubs that need our help, and we are working on getting that help to them.

A few quick notes:

CONGRATULATIONS to the Killian Hill Lions Club for their recent Charter Day ceremony! Lion Angela, PDG's Steve Williams and Thomson Varghese, and I were proud to attend and help this newly chartered club get off the ground. Best wishes Lions!

Angela and I have been invited to ride in the Covington Christmas Parade! We look forward to it! 1st VDG Chris, 2nd VDG Rita, and I have been visiting clubs. We enjoy hearing your thoughts and ideas on how to make not only our clubs but our District even better.

We currently need Lions in the following positions: Southeastern Guide Dog Chair, and Childhood Cancer Chair. We also still need Zone Chairs for a couple of our Zones. If interested, please contact me.

Our District Convention is approaching fast (March 11, 2023, in Winder)! Please make sure to submit qualified Lions for the 18-I Hall of Fame to the committee as soon as possible. We will let you know as soon as we have confirmed our international visitor and have firmed up other plans.

The Grace Clower Leadership Institute is being held January 6-8, 2023, at our Georgia Lions Camp. This is an EXCELLENT opportunity for your newer Lions (and "experienced" Lions) to learn about Lionism in Georgia AND take in our beautiful Camp. For only \$75.00 all-inclusive you can't beat it! Make your plans NOW and let's see A LOT of 18-I Lions in Waycross!

Help me celebrate our November club birthdays:

Carnesville-11/24/52 (they are planning a celebration to be held early next year!)

North Dekalb-11/3/52

Best wishes for many more years serving your communities!

Our District could use a few more Certified Guiding Lions. Ask me how you can become a CGL and why it is important to the health of our clubs!

Speaking of SE Guide Dogs – they are opening their doors to us on January 14, 2023! 18-I Lions are invited to meet on Friday and head to the facility for a tour Saturday morning. There is no charge other than your motel room Friday evening (and the gas to get there and back, of course!). Please let me know as soon as possible if you'd like to attend.

Our GLT Dr. Angela Williams has done an excellent job making sure our club's Officers are trained. We will recognize those clubs whose President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Service Chairperson have been trained as a 100% Trained Club! If your officers haven't completed training, please contact Lion Dr. Angela and she'll work with your club to get it done!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING LIONS!

DG Steve



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Tucker La Vista Lions Club Hosts District Guests



Zone Chair Charlene Fang, Club President Ray Baskette, Lion Henry Harris, & 2VDG Rita Harris



2nd VDG Rita Harris presents President Ray Baskette with one of the DG Steve's pins

Hartwell Lions Support Their Community

The Hart Helps Expo was held on October 1 at the local YMCA from 9 am to 1 pm in Hartwell. County service organizations were asked to set up booths to explain to county residents the services they offer. The Hartwell Lions Club attended and informed the community of their ability to help the visually or hearing impaired with eyeglasses and hearing aids.



Loganville Lions Club at Your Service

The Loganville lions will participate in the Loganville Autumn Fest on Saturday, November 15th. Their booth will promote radon awareness. On the same day, they will collect donations and sell pecans at the local Bojangles. In October, vision screenings were held at the Shiloh School (with the Covington Lions), Center Hill Baptist Church, and Loganville Senior Center.



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Is Your Lions Club Reporting in MyLion?

With 29 of the 56 Lions Clubs in District 18-I reporting activities on LCI’s MyLion website, it appears that 127,521 persons have been served since July 1st (See below). Unfortunately, the numbers shown in the chart below are most likely lower than the true numbers.

As of this writing, 52% of our district’s clubs have reported their service projects and fundraising activities. While the percentage has increased, we are still well short of District Governor Steve Helwig’s goal of having at least 75% of district clubs report.

Club Secretaries, or Service Chairs, in order to report your activities, log in to MyLion via www.lionsclubs.org and the member login near the top of the page (See red arrows below). If you need help, please contact Cabinet Secretary Lion Angela Helwig at 706-340-9643 or angelahelwig57@gmail.com.



Help those around the world who need assistance finding safety and security by donating to LCIF's Refugees and Displaced Persons Fund. See how we are supporting Ukraine.

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Lions Serve Up Pecans in Time for the Holidays

The Tucker La Vista Lions are selling pecans. They are selling 1 lb. bags of halves, 1 lb. bags of chopped pieces, 12 oz. bags of halves, 8 oz. bags of chocolate covered, 8 oz. bags of salted/roasted, 8 oz. bags of cashews, plus pecan rolls and peanut brittle. All pecans are from this year’s crop. Please call Ray Baskette at 404-291-4340 or email commanderray@yahoo.com for pricing and to order. All profits go to Lion charities such as the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, the Georgia Lions Camp, and the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Lions Make Time for World Diabetes Day

Lions and Leos are raising awareness for diabetes, a disease that affects 463 million people worldwide, by completing a variety of short, convenient online activities during October and November. Lions International had a goal of reaching 100,000 total minutes of diabetes awareness activities by World Diabetes Day, November 14th. They have surpassed the goal with 100,963+ minutes! Check out the page at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/diabetes/world-diabetes-day>.



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Lions ALERT – Safety Tips for Winter Months

It's starting to get cold, and winter is not far away. Did you know half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February?

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace, but did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths?

With a few simple safety tips and precautions, you can prevent most heating fires from happening. Stay warm and safe this winter!


- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet (one meter) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three foot (one meter) “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters, or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room.

- Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer’s instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



Visit www.nfpa.org/ for info or contact ALERT Chair Lion Doreen Stallworth.

Save the Date – Lions Day with the United Nations

Join Lions and Leos from around the US and the world for the 45th anniversary of Lions Day at the UN, in New York, on Friday, March 3, 2023. Enjoy this exclusive opportunity to meet new people, interact with global diplomats, and celebrate Lions service!

“No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.” – Max Lucado



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Social Circle Lions – Serving through Environmental Projects

On Saturday, September 24th, the Social Circle Lions Club sponsored a city-wide cleanup. There were 36 participants who cleaned up city roadsides, picking up 76 large bags of trash, that were hauled away for disposal by city workers. Their activities also included a paper shredding event for the community. *Thank you Social Circle Lions for taking action!*



Lions: Achieve the Order of the Golden Chain

Lions of District 18-I: Your District Governor, Steve Helwig, wants to see as many of our Lions as possible apply to become members of the Order of the Golden Chain this year.

Lions who achieve this honor take the first step toward being better Lions and better leaders. This achievement helps grow our clubs and brings more recognition to Lionism.

Club Marketing Chairs/Presidents/Secretaries should be sure that they publicize any club members who attain this honor. This honor is one of the highest a Georgia Lion can receive.

Eligibility: Every Lion who completes the requirements between May 1st and April 30th of the current Lion Year may be awarded the Order of the Golden Chain, each year he or she meets the qualifications required. *One award per Lion per year.*

Requirements: The Order of the Golden Chain contains two equally important parts. Part I includes five activities that are mandatory. Part II lists 28 activities in which a Lion may choose to participate. To qualify, a Lion must complete all five mandatory activities in Part I, and complete 11 or more of the 28 options in Part II.

Here are the five Mandatory Requirements: Attend a minimum of 75% of regular club meetings during the award period. (Missed meetings may be made up by attendance at a local board of directors meeting, District meeting, or a meeting of another Lions Club.); Attend a Club Board of Directors meeting; Attend a Zone or Cabinet meeting; Be an active Club committee member; Sponsor a new member and help them become an active member.

You can find the application on the state website: www.georgialions.org in the Lions Den section reserved for Lions.

For more info about the Golden Chain, contact Lion Bonnie Linscott at bonhome@bellsouth.net.



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Check Out the New MD18 Website

In Lions year 2021-2022, MD18 acquired a Public Relations grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Part of the grant was used to create a new, updated Lions of Georgia website.

If you haven't already seen it, please check it out now at www.georgialions.org. The site has loads of information that you can share with friends and potential new Lions. And, there is a special section, just for Georgia Lions, called the Lions Den. This section has all the info you need including Resources for Clubs, Lions of Georgia Awards, Lions of Georgia Governing Documents, State Convention Information, and more.

If you need help with the website, please contact Lion Kevin Walsh (kwash409@gmail.com) or Lion Jamie Dempsey (jdmoose1@hotmail.com).



Recycling is Service

There are two recycling projects in which your club can participate.

The first is the recycling/reuse of eyeglasses through the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. Most likely your club has been doing this for years but please read up to be sure you are following the correct procedures. For this info, please visit https://lionslighthouse.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Recycling_Center_Collection_Policies.pdf.

The second project is collecting prescription medicine bottles for Matthew 25 Ministries. Their website states: "Our pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment." For information on the correct way to handle the medicine bottles visit <https://m25m.org/pillbottles/>.

"Every small, unselfish action nudges the world into a better path. An accumulation of small acts can change the world." – Robin Hobb



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Halloween Fun with the Lawrenceville Lions Club



Save the Date!

The Atlanta Caribbean Lions Club will hold its Annual Dinner Fundraiser & Gala on Saturday, January 21st, 2023. Stay tuned for more details!

Discover LCIF Grants

District and Club Community Impact Grants: Did you know that you can receive 15% of your donations to LCIF back as a District and Club Community Impact Grant (DCG)? Donations made last year may qualify your club or district this year. Get started by checking out the FAQ to see if you qualify. Follow this link to learn more – www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/grant-types/district-club-community-impact-grants.

LCIF Diabetes Grants can help inspire and support healthy lifestyles in our communities by providing education about diabetes or access to diabetes care, and by enhancing existing diabetes centers. Together, we can make an impact on the diabetes epidemic. Visit www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/grant-types/diabetes for information.



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Atlanta Caribbean Lions Club Serves the GA Lions Lighthouse

Lions from the Atlanta Caribbean Club volunteered at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation in their Recycling Center on Friday, November 4th.



If you or your club is interested in volunteering at the lighthouse, please contact Kaelin Hill at Recycle@lighthousegeorgia.org or call 770-738-4659.



"There is no wrong way to perform an act of kindness." – Catherine Ryan Hyde

"Never lose a chance of saying a kind word" – William Makepeace Thackeray

Global Membership Approach

What is the Global Membership Approach (GMA)?

The Global Membership Approach combines a strategic approach and a set of resources for district teams to utilize to develop membership by: Rejuvenating districts with new clubs; Revitalizing clubs with new members; Re-motivating existing members with fellowship and exciting service; Providing training and support to our Lion Leaders. The approach has universal applicability, with the ability to customize based on regional needs and circumstances.

Why is the Global Membership Approach important?

Evidence of membership declines resonates with Lions worldwide. This process can revitalize membership growth to add more active hands in support of our core mission to meet humanitarian needs and be the global leader in impactful service.

How does the Global Membership Approach fit in with the 2022-2023 District Goals?

Established membership development goals focus on three data points: new members, new club development, and member retention. Through this process, districts, along with their zones, will be able to conduct a strategic analysis of the needs of their district, set realistic membership targets, and build plans to ensure a successful year. Although the Global Membership Approach is focused on membership development, the approach can also be applied to support the three other district goals focus areas: Leadership Development, Service, and LCIF support.

"Every single time you help somebody stand up, you are helping humanity rise." – Steve Maraboli

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. – Aesop



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Celebrate International Leo Day on December 5th

International Leo Day celebrates the beginning of the Leo Club Program. Encourage your Leo clubs to start planning a celebration for this important day in Leo history and help us continue building a strong future by using our new video to help recruit more Leos. Visit the video [here.](#)

Please Apply for the Club Excellence Award

The Club Excellence Award is the ideal way to set your club on the path to continued success while gaining prestige for excelling in the areas of membership, service, leadership and organizational excellence, and marketing.

Upon receiving the award, a banner patch and pin will be awarded to your club president. But more importantly, your club's membership will be revitalized, your service impact will grow, and your members will see greater leadership opportunities.

- 2022-2023 applications are due by August 31, 2023
- Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org
- 2022-2023 awards will be mailed to the 2023-2024 District Governor
- For questions, inquiries or to submit your Club Excellence Award Application you may contact us by email clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or phone (630) 468-6828.

Don't Forget: Grace Clower GA Lions Leadership Retreat

This awesome retreat opportunity takes place at the Georgia Lions Camp on January 6-8, 2023. Please consider joining your fellow Lions for a weekend full of learning opportunities that will help you grow as a Lion Leader in Georgia. The deadline to register is December 31st. For information, contact IPCC Tammera Sears at 229-805-0570 or at tammera.sears@yahoo.com.

Please Take Advantage of this Training Opportunity

18 I Lions, Zoom training sessions will take place for Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairs, and Service Chairs. There will also be a New Member Orientation session. Sessions will be offered concurrently on **Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 PM.**

To sign up, please contact the 18-I Global Leadership Team Coordinator (GLT), Lion Dr. Angela Williams by email at achristian3114@gmail.com.

"Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness in people." – Roy T. Bennett

Thank you, Lions, for taking the time to read your District newsletter! I really hope you found it helpful. If your club has programs, projects, photos, and/or other information to share with your fellow Lions of 18-I, please contact me, Cabinet Secretary Lion Angela Helwig, at 706-340-9643 or at angelahelwig57@gmail.com. The next newsletter will go out around December 15, 2022.

***Remember to Dream – Believe – Achieve!
Together We Can!***