



Lions of District 18-I – September 2022

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September DG Notes

Fellow 18-I Lions,

WOW! It's hard to believe but the first quarter of the 2022-23 Lion year is almost complete. What has your club done in this quarter to achieve the goals you set?

As I have been making my club visits, I have been very impressed hearing about all the wonderful things that your members are doing! Our clubs may vary in size but not in their heart for service! Please remember to let us know about your upcoming projects so that we can help spread the word.

Have you made your plans for Evening in the End Zone? I know that many of you are UGA supporters so this will be a VERY special night for you as they honor the 2021 AND 1980 National Champions. There will be special guests like coaches Kirby Smart and Vince Dooley. Most important is the support you will be providing to our Georgia Lions Lighthouse. It's not too late to make your reservations for October 17th!

Our Peace Poster Chair Jamie Dempsey and I are looking forward to reviewing all the entries for this year's contest. The deadline for clubs to submit entries is November 1st so you still have time to hold an event.

Please join me in celebrating and congratulating Leo Ashlee Tam of the Atlanta Chinese American Leo Club for receiving the Leo of the Year Award for MD18 in 2021-22! I will be presenting this to her in person when it can be arranged. CONGRATULATIONS Ashlee!

We still need Zone Chairs for the following Zones:

ZONE 2 – Elberton, Oglethorpe County, Colbert, Comer, Jefferson

ZONE 6 – Clayton, Clarkesville, Towns County, Union County, Clermont North Hall

ZONE 7 – Buford, Dawsonville, Forsyth County, Gainesville, Dahlonega

LCI has waived the requirement that a Lion must have served as Club President to qualify to be appointed Zone Chair so I am hopeful this will make the opportunity available to more Lions in these areas. If interested, please contact me directly.

We also need a District Chair for Pediatric Cancer. I want to personally thank Lion Sonia Lopez for doing an excellent job and wish her well as she stays busy with other Lion activities. Please contact me and District GST Teresa Dove for more information.

Please help me celebrate our clubs with September birthdays!

Atlanta Legacy – 9/28/21

Dahlonega – 9/29/32

Snellville – 9/25/52

Best wishes for many more years serving your communities!

I am looking forward to seeing YOU at our October 1st Cabinet Meeting in Loganville. We will be sending the agenda soon. Remember to bring your favorite dish that represents your international heritage. I can't wait to sample these!

Until next month!

DG Steve

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.” Charles Dickens



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Lions Reading to Lions

A message from Lion Stacie Court who created this wonderful service project to benefit visually impaired Lions:

Dear Fellow Lions,

All Lions with any print disability can receive links to mp3s recordings of the *Lion Magazine and the magazine's online articles*.

Volunteers of *Lions Reading to Lions* spend time every month recording and uploading these articles. They are housed in Google Drive folders for ease of access.

To register to receive the links, or to learn about how you can become a volunteer, please contact Lion Stacie Court at stacie.court@gmail.com or 706-424-9516.

A message from DJ McIntyre, 18-I Vision Chair

I wanted to take a minute to introduce myself and some of the goals we have for this Lion year. My name is DJ McIntyre. I live in the wonderful city of Loganville and am a member of the Loganville Legacy Lions Club. I am a mom of two little ones (4.5-year-old girl and almost 2-year-old son). My mom is blind and has been from birth so I guess you could say vision issues and accessibility have been part of my whole life. I also have a part-time job at a local driving school.

My greatest accomplishment has been starting an online group for Children Raised Around the Blind. We discuss what it is like to have a blind person in your life, while working to train the rest of the world on blindness and accessibility. I hope to make District 18-I the most accessible district for the blind and visually impaired, and the best at serving people with vision loss.

Vision Goals for 1st and 2nd quarter 2022/2023

1. One goal DG Steve Helwig and I have discussed is getting our Lions information to those who are blind/visually impaired. One way to accomplish this goal is to have an accessible online presence. Please do me a favor and give me your club's website (if you have one) and your social media information. I will review these for accessibility with both voice over and screen readers. I will also check how well zooming-in works with contrast. Once I have looked these over, I will make a list of suggested changes, if any, that need to be made.
I will be working with our Marketing Specialist Lion Jamie Dempsey on this project. We may even have a training session for those responsible for making your club's online presence accessible.
2. The second goal is to share ways we can serve people who need glasses. Please email me so I can compile a list to share with all our district clubs so we can learn together!
 - Vision machines (Does your club own or use one?)
 - Who do you serve with vision screenings?
 - Do you have a partnership with a local clinic to help with the cost for low-income families?
 - Do you utilize the Lions Lighthouse services for those in need?
 - How does your club market your location for vision screenings?
 - How do you fund these services?

I look forward to hearing from each of you and making Georgia Lions and District 18-I a place that welcomes and assists those with vision issues. Thanks!

DJ McIntyre 678-343-7550 dgrenevitch@icloud.com



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Comer Lions Club's Madison County Agricultural Fair



It's September and you know what that means. It's Fair Time!!!! The Comer Lions Club is working hard to bring you another great Madison County Agricultural Fair this year. Mark your calendars for September 27 - October 1, 2022. at the fairgrounds, at 1254 Main Street, Comer, GA. For info, contact Lion Angie McGinnis at angie.mcginis@piedmont.org.

Lions of Madison – 63rd Annual Fall Fair



The Lions Club of Madison is hosting the 63rd annual Fall Fair (October 4 – 8) packed with tons of people, rich food, friendly animals, roaring rides, and tricky games.

Eye Screenings will be provided by the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation on Tuesday, 10/4; and by the Georgia Vision Network and the Emory School of Medicine, Class of 2025, on Saturday, 10/8.

All proceeds from the fair will help us support important charitable programs in Morgan County and throughout Georgia. If any Lions Club Member in District 18-I would like to assist at the Lions concession stand, recruiting booth, Reading Action sign-up table, or with traffic control, please contact Teri Johnson at 706-818-8833.

Tuesday – Thursday: 6 to 10 pm

Friday and Saturday: 6 to 11 pm

Saturday Matinee: 1 to 5 pm

Admission: \$3 adult, \$1 kids (4-12), free kids (0-3),

Saturday matinee 1 to 5 pm: Adults \$1

Please note: There will be follow up exams and screenings monthly following the fair. Dates and locations will vary. We will update as we get closer to November.



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Union County Lions Club's Trash to Treasure

When: November 5, 2022

Where: Union County Civic Center
165 Welborn St, Blairsville, GA 30512

Time: 8AM-1PM

Early Bird Entry: 8 to 9 am, \$1

This fundraiser will help the Union County Lions help people in need in our local community.

We have vendors who sell yard sale items, candles, jewelry, crafts, tools, etc. Please come out and support us!

If you would like to be a vendor at this event, or have other questions, please contact Chasity Miller at 706-897-5467 or chasrcs@gmail.com. See you there!

"You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." – Melvin Jones

Oconee Lions Club – Annual Golf Tournament

Come join us for a great day of fun and fellowship at our annual golf tournament on Friday, October 7, 2022, at the Lane Creek Golf Course in Bishop, Georgia. Registration/sign-in starts at 11:30am with an included lunch. Tee time at 1:00pm. Please get in touch with us if you'd like to sponsor a hole. For more information, please contact Lion Joel Brodrick at 706-817-8398.

Lavonia Lions Club: Together We Serve!

The Lavonia Lions are certainly staying busy serving their community. Their recent and upcoming projects:

- Assembled toothbrush and toiletry kits to stock a community help box inside the local Police Department
- Provided more than 1,000 donated pairs of eyeglasses to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation
- Will continue collecting medicine bottles for the District project (bottles will be reused by Matthew 25 Ministries – m25m.org/pillbottles)
- Will soon install a new little lending library book stand. This will be their second. The first one was installed last year at the Lavonia Park
- Will provide vision screenings, with the Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener, at the Lavonia Fall Festival on September 24th

Classic City Lions Club's Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast



Classic City Lions will host their semi-annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at St. James United Methodist Church at 111 West Lake Drive in Athens, Georgia.

Breakfast will be served from 8 to 11 am for only \$6.00 for three pancakes with butter and syrup, two sausages, coffee, and orange juice. Eat in with us or get your breakfast to go.

Don't forget to ask us about our brooms!

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it." – Helen Keller



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Well Trained Lions

Upcoming 18-I Leadership Training: For more information, please contact District GLT Lion Dr. Angela Williams (achristian3114@gmail.com, 770-778-7822). Here are some upcoming sessions:

- September 16th, 7 pm, Virtual Training for club LCIF Coordinators
- September 16th, 7 pm, Virtual Certified Guiding Lion training DG Steve trainer

Lawrenceville Lions' Hometown Heroes Golf Tournament

The 2022 Tournament will take place on Monday, October 10th at the Trophy Club of Apalachee at 1008 Dacula Road, Dacula, GA. Event and Hole Sponsorships are available. Golfers will have 5 Hole-In-One Contests with a chance to win one of these amazing prizes: A Pebble Beach experience for two, a \$10,000 Cash Prize, a vertical charcoal smoker, a Bushnell Rangefinder & Garmin GPS golf watch, and a UHD smart TV.

All proceeds go to the Lawrenceville Lions Club to support their many service projects. For more information, please contact Lion Tom Arnette at tom.arnette@gmail.com or 920-827-6388.

Fall Golf Tournament Social Circle Lions

The Social Circle Lions Club will hold their Fall Golf Tournament on Friday, November 11, 2022, at the Hard Labor State Park.

Hole sponsorships are \$100 and entry fees are \$100. Registration and lunch are from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. The shot gun start is at 1:00 pm.

For additional information, please contact Lion President Young Martin at 678-632 2301 or lionyoung2020@gmail.com.



District 18-I Zone 8 Meeting



Zone Chair Marcia Anderson-Esson leads the Zone 8 Breakfast Meeting held on Saturday August 27th at the Lawrenceville Club house. Attendees: PDG Trudy Rudert of Norcross Lions, Lion DJ McIntyre of the Loganville Legacy Lions, Lion Brian Donegan of the Lawrenceville Lions, Lion Yvonne Graham of the Snellville Lions, Lion Johnnie Collier of the Snellville Lions, Lion Tom Arnette of the Lawrenceville Lions.

Other Lions joined the meeting virtually.

“I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do.” – Helen Keller



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Visit Norcross Lions at the Norcross Art Splash

At the Norcross Art Splash, October 1st and 2nd, look for the Norcross Lions Club’s fabulous food booth. They will be serving hot dogs, chili dogs, chips, snow cones, cotton candy, soda, and bottled water. For information, please contact Lion President Sonia Lopez at 404 587-4307 or at asamils@yahoo.com.

Official 2VDG Visit at Oxford Lions Club



Oxford Lions Club President Juanita Carson welcomes 2nd Vice District Governor Rita Harris, her guide dog Madden, and her husband Henry. VDG Rita gave a very inspiring program about the Lions goals and initiatives for the future. Included were the opportunities for Leadership Training available to all members who wished to participate.

LCI’s Blueprint for a Stronger Club

It’s no secret. The most effective Lions clubs regularly identify ways to expand their humanitarian service impact, develop leaders, and meet club members’ needs and expectations. In short, they take care to ensure they continually bring value to the community and to club members.

Like any worthwhile project, it is important to develop and implement a plan or a “blueprint” to guide your actions. The plan may change over time as new needs arise and opportunities are identified but following a well thought out plan is critical to club success.

To learn more about developing this plan for your club, download the booklet at <https://temp.lionsclubs.org/EN/pdfs/DA-STPBG.pdf>.

More Great Info from LCI

Want to learn more about Lionism and how to honor the Lions’ motto, We Serve? There are so many wonderful resources on the LCI website at lionsclubs.org. Please visit the website and see what great information you can access. Here are some examples of pages with wonderful information:

Service Stories – <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/explore-our-clubs/service-stories>.

Our Global Causes – <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/explore-our-clubs/our-global-causes>.

Service Project Ideas – <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/service-programs>.



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Spotlight on Tucker La Vista Lions Club

Information provided by Amanda James, Club Secretary:

The Tucker La Vista Lions Club looks forward to our annual Fall Pecan Fundraiser, our highest grossing fundraiser that helps us provide donations to charities including LCIF, and the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, among others.

Our club will also continue its partnership with Omega Support Center (omegasupportcenter.org), a community nonprofit providing community outreach. Our club participates through volunteer hours, financial donations, and item donations. Recently, we assisted in Omega's Back to School Celebration (see photo) which provided 1500 bookbags full of supplies and other items for families in need. The Lighthouse also provided vision screenings at this event.



As we enter the holiday season, our club will assist in Omega Support Center's toy drive for children in need. Omega Support Center also serves as an eyeglass donation drop off for our club. One of our members also assisted Omega Support Center with the building and installation of a Little Food Pantry. We also donate funds to support gifts of toys for an orphanage in the Philippines that holds special significance for one of our members.

Tucker La Vista Lions have a network of partnerships which allows us to donate thousands of pairs of eyeglasses to the Lions Lighthouse each year.

Our club also supports the Vulnerable Adult Gift Drive through the GA Division of Aging Services which provides gifts for older adults and adults with disabilities served by the Public Guardianship Office and Adult Protective Services.

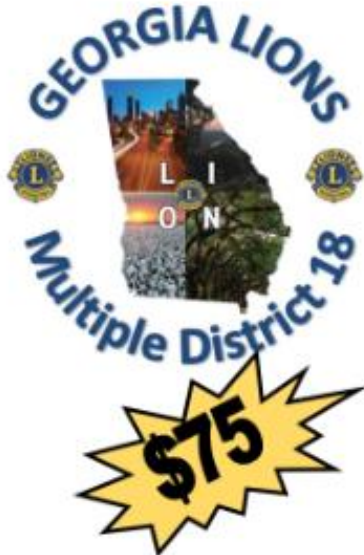
Additionally, our club makes necessity bags for the homeless for our members to give out to those in need in the community.

The Tucker La Vista Lions Club continues to look for new ways to support our community and we anticipate additional activities not listed here between now and the end of the year.



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A Wonderful Opportunity for All Georgia Lions



Georgia Lions MD 18
Presents the
Grace Clower GA Lions Leadership Retreat
January 6-8, 2023

Hosted at:
Georgia Lions Camp
5626 Laura Walker Rd
Waycross, GA 31503



Registration Fee Includes:

- **Lodging 2 nights @ Lions Camp in Women's and Men's dormitory style bunk beds**
(Hotel accommodations available at your own expense.)
- **4 Meals**
(Breakfast Saturday—Breakfast Sunday)
- **Snacks**
- **Instructional Material**

Past Council Chair Grace Clower was an amazing servant leader that blessed the Lions of Georgia with many years of Leadership as the Multiple District Global Leadership Training Coordinator. She began the GA Lions Leadership Retreat in 2018. She and fellow lions have presented training each year since including an Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in 2020 just before her illness. It is with great honor that the GA Lions Leadership Retreat continue and be named after her. Join fellow Lions for a weekend full of learning opportunities focusing on growing as a Lion Leader in Georgia.



Name: _____
 District: _____ Club: _____
 Highest Office held: _____
 Current office (if any): _____
 Mailing Address: _____

 Phone #: _____
 Email: _____

Make Checks Payable to: **Lions of Georgia MD18 (Deadline December 31, 2022)**
Mail to: Lion Tammera Sears, 2047 GA Hwy 257 Lot 2, Cordele, GA 31015
Phone: 229-805-0570, Email: tammera.sears@yahoo.com

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2023 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 18 STATE CONVENTION



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HILTON NORTHEAST ATLANTA
5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd
Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

MAY 19-21, 2023

REGISTRATION FORM



Registration includes four meals: three on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.
In addition, you can choose to be included in the Past District Governor's dinner Friday even if you are not a PDG. Leos, see special Leo registration form.

Name for Name Badge	Lions title, if applicable	Guest?	Dietary Restrictions

Club:	District:
Address:	City, State, Zip
Contact Email Address:	
Contact Phone No. Home or Mobile?	

Register early! Registration fees vary according to the date you register.

Fill in # attending and calculate your total.

Date registering	#	Price per person	Add Friday dinner	Total Amount
May 13 - June 30, 2022		\$175	\$55 per person	\$
July 1, 2022 – Mar. 31, 2023		\$200	\$55 per person	\$
April 1 - April 30, 2023		\$225	\$55 per person	\$
May 1 - 10, 2023		\$250	\$55 per person	\$

Check Payable to "Lions of Georgia State Convention"	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	\$
Check No. /Cash	AMOUNT PAID	\$
Date Paid		

Contact/Mail Registration to:
PCC Vicki Hubbard
PO Box 115
Social Circle, GA 30025
770-851-8765
Lionvicki@gmail.com

Hotel Room Cost \$115 per night
Use hotel registration link to get this lower price.
FREE PARKING

Please indicate your meal choice. Note any dietary restrictions on the front

NAME	SATURDAY LUNCH		SATURDAY BANQUET	
	Chicken Madeira	Poached Citrus Salmon	Stuffed Sole	Balsamic Sirloin

Note: Breakfasts and Friday dinner are buffets.



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Thomson Camellia City Lions Events

On Monday, October 12, 2022, the Thomson Camellia City Lions are having a membership drive dinner at 6:30 pm. Membership Chair Lion Angela Markley will send personal letters of invitation to the people suggested by club members. What a great way to find new members!

The Thomson Camellia City Club will hold a two-day yard sale on November 4th and 5th. The hours will be from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Friday, and from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday. The sale is being held at the Queen of Angels Catholic Church at 1326 Washington Road, Thomson, GA 30824.

Proceeds from the sale will go into the club's project account that will be divided among Lions programs. A sum of \$300 will be used to provide glasses for needy community members in the coming year.

Blind Sports Field Day at UGA Ramsey Center

This exciting event will take place on Thursday, September 23rd from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Students will be bussed onto campus from their home districts for the day, and UGA students will help teach them the basics of goalball, blind soccer, and beep kickball. Please come out to support and meet with the visually impaired athletes, UGA students, and school Personnel.

Hartwell Lions Support Golden K



Hartwell Lions Club President Judd Bailey presented a \$500 donation to Hart County Golden K to help build ramps for the handicapped.

The Hart County Golden K is focused on providing assistance to residents of Hart County with emphasis on senior citizens. The project that they are most known for is the service of constructing home access ramps for those in Hart County that need them. For more information, visit <https://www.hartcogk.com/>.

This is a great example of how Lions Clubs can serve their communities by partnering with and supporting other charitable organizations.

“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.

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, please contact me, Cabinet Secretary Lion Angela Helwig, at angelahelwig57@gmail.com or at 706-340-9643. The next newsletter will go out around October 10, 2020.

Remember: Dream – Believe – Achieve!