



**Official Minutes
District 18-I Lions Clubs International
First Cabinet Meeting
July 31, 2021 @ 10:30AM**



District Governor Dr. Thomson Varghese, Presiding

District 18-I Lions Clubs International held its district-wide training and first Cabinet Meeting of the 2021-2022 fiscal year on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Holy Cross Anglican Church – Student Learning Center, 3836 Oak Grove Road, SW, Loganville, GA 30052. The meeting was hosted by the Loganville Legacy Lions Club. The district wide service project was Back-to-School Supplies drive.

8:30AM – 8:55 AM REGISTRATION

89 signed-in attendees and a total head count of approximately 100 attendees; 55% of the total 53 clubs were present: Athens, Athens Classic City, Atlanta Chinese American, Comer, Conyers, Covington, Dawsonville, Decatur, Forsyth County, Jefferson, Lawrenceville, Lilburn, Loganville, Loganville Legacy, Madison, Monroe, Norcross, Norcross Latino, Oconee, Oxford, Snellville, Social Circle, Statham, Toccoa, Tucker LaVista, Walnut Grove, Washington, Winder, and Winder Noon.

9AM – 10:15AM DISTRICT -WIDE TRAINING

Club Presidents/VPs (13 participants), Treasurers (13 participants)
Membership Chairs (5 participants), Region/Zone Chairs (9 participants)

10:30AM CABINET MEETING/CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:36AM by the District Governor Dr. Thomson Varghese.

Apologies given to Cabinet Secretary: Past International Director Dr. John Pearce, Past International Director Kembra Smith, Lion Genie Massingale, and Lion Mark Moore.

DISTRICT CABINET MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

District Governor (DG) Dr. Thomson Varghese; First Vice District Governor (VDG) Steve Helwig; Second VDG Chris Sullivan; Cabinet Secretary PDG Dr. Dede deMarks; Cabinet Treasurer, Lion Lee Tam, CPA; Immediate PDG Gertrude Trudy Rudert; Librarian PCC Olin Newby; Region 1 Chair Greg Hicks; Zone 1 Chair PDG Steve Williams; Zone 6 Chair Mike Murray; Region 3 Chair Lion Wayne White; Zone 8 Chair Lion Rita Harris; Region 4 Chair Lion Dr. Roger Ozaki; Zone 9 Chair Lion Holly Smith; Zone 10 Chair Lion Joanne Huff and Zone 11 Chair Lion Dr. Angela Williams.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was presented by 1VDG Steve Helwig and followed by the pledge to the United States Flag by 2VDG Chris Sullivan. The song, God Bless America, was led by Lion David Chase and LD Shadow.

The welcome was presented by the Honorable Lion Rey Martinez, Mayor of Loganville who presented a proclamation recognizing this day to honor those who selflessly serve in the Lions Clubs and the impact they have made in our communities.

Recognition: DG Dr. Thomson Varghese recognized PCC Olin Newby, PCC Richard Brown, PCC Vicki Hubbard, IPDG Gertrude Trudy Rudert, PDG Dr. Dede deMarks, PDG Steve Williams, PDG Richard Henderson, PDG Jon Casteel, and Visiting PDG Len Cutuli, District 18-N.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from the 4th Cabinet Meeting on May 15, 2021 was presented by Past Cabinet Secretary Helen Troha. She informed that the minutes were shared via email. Hearing no questions, IPDG Gertrude Trudy Rudert called for motion/second to approved. Motion was made by Lion David Chase and Seconded by PCC Richard Brown. The floor voted aye in favor, hearing no nays, the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report from the 2020-2021 District Administration was presented by IPDG Gertrude Trudy Rudert. She informed that the report is still under audit. However, IPDG Rudert proposed to use \$2,500 from the Fundraiser and extra money from the District Convention to give to district charities. There were two motions made, then killed so the report can be tabled until the next meeting after the audit and July and August bank statements have cleared the bank. In addition, funds of \$4,000 by Past Cabinet Treasurer Pam Schlomer was paid back to the district's account for the scam that was involved with district money.

Presentation of Membership Awards was given by GMT PDG Steve Williams. The award period covers July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021.

- *Lawrenceville Club net gain of 7 members and Net 2 members*
- *Norcross Club net gain of 5 members*
- *Lilburn Club net gain of 4 members*
- *Loganville Legacy Club net gain of 13 members*
- *Atlanta Chinese American Club net gain of 4 new members*
- *Madison Club net gain of 2 members*
- *Monroe Club net gain of 2 members*
- *Oconee Club net gain of 2 members*
- *Towns County Club for net gain of 2 members*

Membership Game on in the 4th Quarter (April 30-June 30) at least 3 new members

- *Atlanta Chinese American Club*
- *Loganville Club*
- *Norcross Latino Club*
- *Statham Club*
- *Towns County Club*

Honorable Mentioned Clubs – Net Gain of 1 member

- *Athens Heritage*
- *Thomson-Camelia City*

Top Membership Sponsors

- *Bronze Winner (sponsoring 6 members) Lion Wayne White, Loganville Legacy Club*
- *Silver Winner (sponsoring 10 members) Lion Kisoo Kim, Atlanta Arirang Club*
- ***Gold Winner (sponsoring 19 members) Lion Sonia Lopez, Norcross Club***

Presentation of District Awards was given by IPDG Gertrude Trudy Rudert and PCC Olin Newby, Awards Chairperson. The award period covers July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021. IPDG Rudert gave out the remaining District Appreciation Awards including towels to the Lions who were in attendance and served in district positions in 2020-21. Therefore, these awards were calculated in May and given at the district breakfast at state convention or at club meetings held since then.

- PDG Steve Williams Award for clubs who donated at least \$25 to each of the 5 Lions charities: GA Lions Camp, GA Lions Lighthouse, LCIF, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and Learning Ally and recorded their donations in MyLion
- LCIF Club Donation Excellence Award for clubs who donated at least \$25 to LCIF
- Club Donation Excellence Award for clubs who donated at least \$25 to each of the GA Lions Camp and GA Lions Lighthouse and recorded their donations in MyLion.

In addition, there was one remaining plaque for the Oconee Lions Club for second place in the Hunger initiative. All remaining certificates will either be taken by Zone/Region Chairs to the clubs or will be delivered to the clubs by IPDG Rudert or will be mailed.

NEW BUSINESS

The installation of Officers/Chairpersons was performed by PCC Olin Newby, District Historian. After installation, CS Dr. Dede deMarks installed PCC Olin Newby as the Awards Chairperson.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

2021-22 Proposed District Budget was presented by Cabinet Treasurer (CT) Lee Tam, CPA. CT Tam informed that due to the challenges of the previous bank, the district's bank account has been moved to Chase Bank which is the same bank as LCI. Hearing no further questions, DG Dr. Varghese called for motion/second to approve the proposed budget. Motion was made by PCC Olin Newby and Seconded by Lion Angela Helwig. The floor voted aye in favor, hearing no nays, the motion carried unanimously.

DG Dr. Thomson Varghese presented his 2021-2022 district goals and reminded all that our International President Douglas Alexander's theme is Service from the Heart.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Goal Statement

By the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, our district will increase the percentage of clubs reporting service (meet or exceed last years' service reporting numbers).

Our team will ensure 61% of clubs in our district report service.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Goal Statement

By the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, our district will achieve a positive membership growth (meet or exceed last year's membership numbers).

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Goal Statement

By the end of the first quarter of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, our district will hold training for club officers and zone chairpersons. The district GLT coordinator will report each training using the local training reporting tool in Learn.

- a. Our team will ensure five (5) zone chairpersons attend zone chairperson training.*
- b. Our district will confirm 75% of club officers (president, secretary and treasurer) attend club officer training.*
- c. Yes, our GLT district coordinator will report completed zone and club officer training in Learn.*

LCIF: CAMPAIGN 100

Goal Statement

By the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, our district will support LCIF in its endeavor to achieve Campaign 100's target goal of US\$300 million. In addition, the district will achieve the following for LCIF

- a. Our team will ensure that one (1) club make new Model Club commitments.*
- b. Our district will ensure that three (3) current Model Clubs commit to a higher, progressive Model Club level.*
- c. DG Dr. Varghese will personally request that three (3) clubs make a Model Club commitment. Contact LCIF-District Coordinator PDG Shelia Casteel lionsheila13@gmail.com for more information about becoming a Model Club.*

REPORTS OF THE STATE INITIATIVES

The **GA Lions Camp** report (attached) was given by Lion Joanne Huff, District Camp Director. She thanked the clubs for their support (financial and volunteerism) and encouraged clubs to continued supporting the camp. Lions Day at the Camp is October 23, 2021 – Lions please come out! Checks were received from the following clubs: Atlanta Chinese American (\$750) and Covington (\$300). The following camp awards were recognized.

- Clayton Diamond (\$1,000)
- Covington Bronze (\$2,757.24)
- Dawsonville Diamond (\$3,577.12)
- Gainesville Diamond (\$1,312.12)
- Hartwell Bronze (\$500)
- Lawrenceville Gold (\$1,410)
- Loganville Bronze (\$1,190)
- Norcross Gold (\$1,800)
- Oconee Silver (\$2,100)
- Tucker LaVista Silver (\$850)

The **GA Lions Lighthouse** report (attached) was given by Lion Harold Walker, District Lighthouse Director. Checks were received from clubs. Lion Harold spoke from the following key points.

- *Service Numbers – still need more volunteers to assist at the Lighthouse*
- *Lighthouse has a satellite vision office at Grady Clinic – we have two employees that work at the clinic seeing 30+ clients a day.*
- *Dates to Remember:*
 - *October 28, 2021 – Evening in the Endzone. The Linebacker sponsorship is \$2,000 for Lions/\$2,500 for non-Lions*
- *Giving ways to give*
 - *Legacy Engraved Brick placed in the Tom & Mildred Bingham Memorial Garden at the Lighthouse*
 - *“Donate your car” to build a better tomorrow*
 - *General giving envelopes*
- *Eyeglass Recycle Center*
 - *Up and running now – we need volunteers to help process glasses. To volunteer call Melissa Fisher (770) 738-4675 to schedule time for your club, group, or just yourself.*
 - *Any mission groups, churches going on mission trips. Give them the website login <https://lionslighthouse.org/recycling>*
 - *Info about the recycle center is now on the website. Go to the main website, <https://lionslighthouse.org/> at bottom of page and click on eyeglass recycling*

Checks were received from clubs.

The **Leader Dogs for the Blind** report was given by Lion David Chase, District Chairperson. He encouraged all clubs to continue giving and reminded all that 18-I leads the multiple district in donations and to let's keep that leading record! Checks were received from Atlanta Chinese American (\$200) and Covington (\$500) clubs.

The **LCIF report** (attached) was given by PDG Jon Casteel. He encouraged all clubs to continue giving and informed that 18-I leads the multiple district in donations. Campaign 100 is in its final year, and we are so close to reaching our goal of \$224,659! We are \$14,000+ away and in good position to meet our goal! Checks were received from clubs.

The Learning Ally report was given by Lion Angela Helwig. She thanked clubs for their continued volunteerism and provided insight into the year in reflection, noting the many hours of donating.

The meeting paused for Lunch as a Beachwear Fashion/ Face Costume Mask Standoff took center stage! This event was hosted by the enthusiastic Lion Bryan Gordon and our district's official Mascot Lion Seemore. Judging this event was our equally enthusiastic Tail Twister 2VDG Chris Sullivan. Beachwear contestants were Lions Dr. Wayne M. Blake, Nancy Linek, Tom Linek, and Steven Johnson; Face Mask Face offs were Lions Lynn Magnuson, Diane O'Shields, IPDG Gertrude Trudy Rudert, and Mary Williams. The meeting was still on pause for a tail twisting moment by 2VDG Chris Sullivan

REPORTS OF THE GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

The **GLT (Leadership)** report (attached) was given by District Coordinator, Lion Dr. Roger Ozaki. He informed that the Global Leadership Team, GLT and the Vice District Governors will coordinate training and invite club officers to take advantage of this training from August, 2021 through May, 2022 via zoom. E-mails will be sent to every Lions Club regarding training. The District Governor and the 1st/2nd VDGs will be asking club presidents if they have anyone to train club officers.

The GLT goals are to create an inspiring vision of the future and to motivate and inspire people to engage with that vision. The team manages the delivery of the vision and coaches and builds a team, so it is more effective at achieving the vision. The team also creates an inspiring vision of the future.

The **GMT (Membership)** report (attached) was given by District Coordinator, PDG Steve Williams. He informed that the Global Action Team is not only just about membership, but also service and leadership and it will take the team to succeed.

District 18-I is leading the way with 1082 members and the district now has 3+members. Kudos to several clubs who have already started adding members!

- Dahlonga added 1 new member
- Loganville Legacy added 4 new members
- Thomson-Camelia City added 1 new member
- Towns County added 1 new member
- Walnut Grove added 2 new members

Since this report, PDG S. Williams informed the meeting of new members.

- Union County Lions added 1 new member
- Covington Lions added 3 new members

For every new member that joins the district, PDG S. Williams informed that he sends a welcome postcard. On one side is a District Governor's message from his team and on the other side is information such as links to our Facebook page, District website, and International theme of Service from the Heart.

PDG S. Williams passed the mic to District Governor Dr. Varghese for a special message who announced that he has 11 potential members and seeking 9 more members to form a non-specialty Lions club, hopefully in Gwinnett County.

PDG S. Williams passed the mic to GST Dr. Angela Williams to discuss her effort of two potential new clubs forming: A specialty Caribbean Club that potential members are meeting on Zoom, currently there are 10 people. The second club is Atlanta International Leo Club. Stay tuned for more information about new club growths.

PDG S. Williams introduced the District Governor Dr. Varghese's award, "Talk Up Lions" Award. Every District 18-I Lions Club that adds 5 or more new members between July 1, 2021 and June 20, 2022 will receive this special recognition from our District Governor Dr. Varghese.

The **GST (Service)** report (attached) was given by District Coordinator, Dr. Angela Williams. Dr. Williams recognized her Service Team:

- Environment Chairperson, Lion Mary Williams
- Childhood Cancer Chairperson, Lion Sonia Lopez
- Diabetes Chairperson, Dr. Elbonie Hornbuckle-Preston
- Hunger Chairperson, Lion Marcia Anderson-Esson
- Vision Chairperson, Dr. Priyanka Varghese

GST Dr. Williams shared that service is so very important and reminded that we are the largest service organization in the world and our International President Douglas Alexander's theme is Service from the Heart. She took a moment to talk about the LEOs because they are also a part of our service organization. GST Dr. Williams encouraged clubs to utilize the support of their service chairs for local service activities immediately as they is much work to do in view of our district goals and commitment of service! She informed that at the district level will be service activities

and charity fundraising projects. She will be coordinating some Zoom service planning meetings, so stay tuned.

GST Dr. Williams also encouraged clubs to strive to form LEO clubs as they are our future Lions that will sustain our district Lions clubs!

GST Dr. Williams encouraged all clubs to report their service activities on MyLion and if you need assistance in reporting your service activity, please see Cabinet Secretary Dr. Dede deMarks for assistance at liondede@msn.com

GST Dr. Williams thanked the clubs who supported the back to school supplies project. She once again reminded us to hit the ground running with service and not waste a single moment. She reminded the clubs that service can be conducted virtually as well.

CLUBS SPOTLIGHT (OPEN MIC)

The moderator for clubs' spotlight was 1VDG Steve Helwig. The following clubs provided an update.

- **September 2** - Winder Noon Lions Club Golf Tournament. Please make checks payable to Winder Noon Lions Club, c/o Matt Whiting, 90 North Broad Street, Winder, GA 30680
- **September 25** Lilburn Lions will be participating in the City Wide Garage Sale. This is a new fundraiser for the club. Please come out and support Lions with their sales.
- **October 1** - Oconee Lions Club Golf Tournament at 11:30AM registration, make donations or register, contact Oconee Lions Club, PO Box 871, Watkinsville, GA 30677
- **October 11**- Dawsonville Lions Clubs Golf Tournament. Please make checks payable to Dawsonville Lions Charities, Inc., PO Box 408 Dawsonville, GA 30534. We are a 501(c) 3 non-profit service organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.
- **October 11** - Lawrenceville Lions Club Golf Tournament. Visit www.lawrencevillelionsgolf.com to register, volunteer, donate, and for more information.

CLOSING

Closing comments were provided by our District Governor Dr. Thomson Varghese who thanked the host club, Loganville Legacy Lions, cabinet, chairpersons, club officers, and everyone for their cooperation and support! Stay tuned for more information about the 2nd Cabinet meeting to be held in October.

The benediction was provided by Immediate Past District Governor Gertrude Trudy Rudert.

District Governor Dr. Thomson Varghese adjourned the meeting at 2:46PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Dede

Cabinet Secretary, 2021-2022

Dr. Dede deMarks, PDG, MJF

The following reports are attached:

1. 2021-2022 Approved Budget to date
2. GA Lions Camp Report
3. GA Lions Lighthouse Report
4. LCIF Report
5. GLT Report
6. GMT Report
7. GST Report

Lions District 18-I Approved Budget 2021-2022 - July 31, 2021

Revenue	Projected	Actual	Over/Under Budget
Carry over from 2020-2021	\$11,098.79		
1. State Dues (\$9.60 per 1079 member, per year)	\$10,358.40		
2. District Dues (\$5.40 per 1079 member, per year)	\$5,826.60		
3. Townsend Funds (\$3 per 1079 member, per year)	\$3,237.00		
4. District Convention (registration -self-sustaining)	\$3,000.00		
5. Tail Twister Fines	\$250.00		
6. District Fundraiser	\$1,850.00		
7. Misc. Revenue	\$250.00		
Total Revenue	\$35,870.79		
Expenses	Projected	Actual	Over/Under Budget
8. State Dues (\$9.60 per) 1079 members	\$10,358.40		
9. Townsend Funds (\$3.00 per) 1079 members	\$3,237.00		
10. Awards & Gifts	\$1,200.00		
11.DG Expense	\$1,000.00		
12.1st VDG Expense	\$1,000.00		
13.2nd VDG Expense	\$1,000.00		
14.Zone/Region Chairs Expenses	\$500.00		
15.Bank Charges	\$50.00		
16.Meetings and Rent	\$500.00		
17.Office Supplies/Printing/Postage	\$200.00		
18.Peace Poster/Essay Winners	\$250.00		
19.Hospitality Room (State Conv.)	\$200.00		
20.GLT - District (virtual/cabinets/apply for grants)	\$250.00		
21.GMT - District (apply for grants)	\$250.00		
22.GST - District (apply for grants)	\$250.00		
23.USA/Canada Forum	\$800.00		
24.Marketing & Communication	\$100.00		
25.Information Technology	\$200.00		
26.District Website	\$129.00		
27.District Convention	\$3,000.00		
28.Family Picnic	\$200.00		
29.Misc. Expense	\$97.60		
30. Carry over 2020-2021	\$11,098.79		
Total Expenses	\$35,870.79		
Transactions ending June, 2022			
Balance in Checkbook			
TOTAL			



Lions Camp District Director Report
1st Cabinet Meeting for 181
31July2021

My name is Joanne Huff from the TCC Lions Club, Myself and member at large Young Martin want to meet your members and share the great things available at your Georgia Lions Camp. If you were unable to make Lions Day at the Camp you missed a great opportunity to see what is new at the camp, as well as see a very unique Jeep HotRod. The owner of this impressive machine has sponsored car shows to support the camp. Speaking of car shows, save the date for the 2022 February (date TBD) car show at the camp.

This year's Board Chair, Lion Paul May's motto is "SERVING MORE". He is challenging all Lions to Serve the camp more, by participating in Camp Workdays, which the fall workday is set for Friday, Oct 22 – Sunday, 24. He challenges all Lions to Serve more by having all clubs donate. Any amount is beneficial. There are multiple opportunities for donating to the camp(1976 Society, Century Club, Memorial Brick program, and a new opportunity, the Chairman's challenge.) For a minimum donation of \$100 you can receive one of these 'Chairman's Challenge' coins.

Finally, and most importantly we challenge you to find more people who are visually impaired, who would love the opportunity to attend camp. Let's get the word out. Lion Young Martin and I are available to attend your club meetings or attend any events you may be having where we can share information about the camp to members of your community.

Thank you for what you have done for the camp, and I thank you for what you will do for the camp in the coming year. Checks were received from Covington Lions club for \$750 and The Atlanta Chinese American Lions Foundation of Atlanta for \$300. We thank each of you very much for your generosity.

Respectfully,
Lion Joanne Huff
Georgia Lions Camp, District Director



District 18-I Lighthouse Report

Lighthouse Director Harold Walker

July 31, 2021

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5. Eyeglass Recycle Center
 - a. Up and running now – we need volunteers to help process glasses. To volunteer call Melissa Fisher (770) 738-4675 to schedule time for your club, group, or just yourself.
 - b. Any mission groups, churches going on mission trips. Give them the website login <https://lionslighthouse.org/recycling>
 - c. Info about the recycle center is now on the website. Go to the main website, <https://lionslighthouse.org/> at bottom of page and click on eyeglass recycling

Lions District 18-1
LCIF Report July 31, 2021



Campaign100: LCIF Empowering Service is in its final phase.

The total District goal over the course of Campaign 100 is \$224,659. Since Campaign 100 launched, District 18-1 has sent \$210,057 to LCIF. We are in a very good position to meet our goal.

District 18-1 continues to lead the Multiple District in giving to LCIF, and we want to stay in the lead and finish strong.

So that we can reach and possibly surpass our goal we are asking the following things.

- Every club in our district is asked to give to LCIF.
- Every Lion in the district is asked to give to LCIF.
- Every club in our district is asked to conduct one fundraiser specifically for LCIF.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lions PDG Jon Casteel and PDG Sheila Casteel, District LCIF
Coordinators



District Cabinet Report for training during 2021-2022

The Global Leadership Team (GLT) and the Vice District Governors (1st VDG and 2nd VDG) will coordinate training and invite club officers to take advantage of this training from August, 2021-May, 2022 via zoom. E-mails will be sent to every Lions club regarding training. The District Governor and the 1st VDG and 2nd VDG will be asking club presidents if they have anyone to train club officers.

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Lion Dr. Roger Ozaki

District 18-I GLT Team



LIONS OF GEORGIA – DISTRICT 18-I

Global Membership Team (GMT) Report – July 29, 2021

District Governor Dr. Thomson and Fellow Lions,

It is an honor and a privilege to continue to serve you as YOUR Global Membership Team coordinator.

On July 1st, District 18-I started this new Lions year with 1079 members.

As of today, District 18-I has 1082 members in 53 Lions Clubs... a net gain of three (3) year-to-date. Furthermore, we are leading the way in Multiple District 18 (Georgia) in terms of membership growth and let's keep the momentum going!!!

Kudos to the following clubs for adding at least one (1) new member since July 1st...

CLUB	# NEW MBRS
DAHLONEGA	1
LOGANVILLE	2
LOGANVILLE LEGACY	4
THOMSON CAMELLIA CITY	1
TOWNS COUNTY	1
WALNUT GROVE	2

I am also happy to report on behalf of DG Dr. Thomson that there are **two (2) new Lions Clubs in the works**, one by our Global Service Team coordinator Dr. Angela Williams and the other by DG Dr. Thomson himself. We commend both Lions leaders for stepping up to the plate and leading the way in expanding the reach of Lionism and look forward to their chartering.

The Global Membership Team will be continuing the membership awards program that was started during Past District Governor Mark Bradley's year. Those awards are as follows...

- **"NET 2"** (clubs posting a net membership gain of 2 or more members between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022).
- **"NET 5"** (clubs with fewer than 20 members as of July 1, 2021 that post a net gain of 5 or more members between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022)
- **"4th AND 3"** (clubs that add 3 or more new members during the last quarter of the Lions year – April 1st through June 30th)

I am further pleased to announce a new award on behalf of DG Dr. Thomson... the **District Governor's "Talk Up Lions" Award**. Every District 18-I Lions Club that adds 5 or more new members between July 1, 2021 and June 20, 2022 will receive this special recognition from our District Governor.

Last, but not least, DG Dr. Thomson and I encourage each of you to **Talk Up Lions**. Please tell all your friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc., about all the great things that Lions do in your community and how they can become a part of the world's greatest team of community servants. Let them know that they can...

- Make new friends.
- Develop leadership and project management skills, and...
- **MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THEIR COMMUNITY...** all by being a Lion.

In every one of your social media posts, please use the hashtag **#TalkUpLions** to show your community and the world all the great things your club is doing such as providing vision and hearing care to low-income uninsured residents, food for the hungry, cleaning up local roadsides and parks, or any community service project or fundraiser your club does.

If you have any questions or need assistance in recruiting and retaining members, then please reach out to the Global Membership Team. To paraphrase a song by Michael Jackson and the Jackson 5... "just call our names and we'll be there".

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you, my fellow Lions.

TOGETHER WE CAN... and TOGETHER WE WILL grow Lionism in District 18-I!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Williams", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lion Steve Williams, PDG, PMJF
Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator
Lions of Georgia – District 18-I

Global Service Team (GST) District 18-I
2021-2022 Service and Fundraising Plan
GST Dr. Angela Williams
5 Global Initiatives



1. Vision

Service Projects:

- Vision Screening - Conduct screenings at local schools, community events, senior living etc.
- Eye Exams – GA Lighthouse Foundation and local eye doctor's Pro Bono eye exams
- Collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids
- Volunteer at GA Lions Lighthouse Foundation Recycle Center

Fundraiser:

- Popcorn Fundraiser- www.popup.doublegood.com (4-day fundraiser)
- Other fundraisers - TBD

2. Hunger

Service Projects:

- Food Drive/Food Distribution
- Hunger Brown Bag Initiative - Bags of foods for children during summer and/or Christmas break (elementary and middle schools). I attached a flyer of a program I did. May edit and use. Clubs can collect the food items, pack and donate to local schools
- Volunteer at food banks and support local food banks
- Other service projects – TBD

Fundraisers:

- Spare Change for Hunger
- Organize a 50/50 raffle with fun prizes
- Other fundraisers - TBD

3. Diabetes

Service Projects:

1. Diabetes Awareness Seminars - local events
2. Diabetes Screening (Glaucoma exams) - schools, community events etc.
3. Other service projects – TBD

Fundraisers:

- Diabetes – Nutrition/ Dietician Healthy Living Event – charge an admission fee
- Other fundraisers - TBD



4. Environment

Service Projects:

- Adopt-A-Road - Trash pickup along a roadway or in a local park
- Beautification Projects - Work with local community organizations
- Georgia Rivers Clean-Up - Volunteer with Rivers Alive for clean-up project
- Collect used towels and blankets for the local animal shelter
- Collect clean pill bottles for the Matthew 25 Project – the Athens Lions Club can provide details about where to send them.

Fundraisers:

- Offer a workshop led by a plant expert on planting and caring for trees or even vegetable or flower gardens. Charge admission and provide time for Q&A and hands-on planting.
- Seed Sale - Southern Exposure Seed Exchange's fundraiser seeds give you back 50% of sales. <https://www.southernexposure.com/fundraisers/> The packages range from herbs and flowers to vegetables to salad greens, perfect for any kind of garden.
- Earth Day Fundraiser: Celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd. the opportunity to purchase and sell trees for planting. People can pay to have trees planted in honor of employees, family and friends. Then provide the honoree with information about the tree and location.

5. Childhood Cancer

Service Projects:

- PJ Packs – Primarily adult PJ sizes for youth
- Caregivers Wellness Packs – patients' caregivers
- Activities Packs - for patients and Siblings
- Other service projects – TBD

Fundraisers:

- Childhood Cancer Virtual 5 K Run/Walk/Bike
- Charity Miles App - CharityMiles.com.
- Other fundraisers – TBD

