

Lions History
Georgia District 18-D
1990-2000



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Lions District 18-D History 1990 – 2000

Lions in northeast Georgia in District 18-D experienced in the decade of the 1990s adjustments to the challenges of Lions Clubs International, and changes within clubs of eastern Georgia.

District 18-D Lions accepted forward-looking projects to eliminate blindness worldwide, the challenge at the beginning of the decade channeled primarily through SightFirst, which was proposed in the International Convention in St. Louis in 1990.

Concern for youth was another concern at the beginning of the decade. The Quest program was at its height as the decade began. Clubs in District 18-D sustained interest in the Quest program, and joined in the opportunities of Peace Poster Contests. They maintained interest in Leo clubs. The proposal for Standard Lions Clubs was a challenge unmet, however, by the end of the decade, to reach those reaching eligibility to become Lions at age 18, and who retained the youthful perspectives to age 35.

Within local clubs membership became a major concern within local clubs. Only four years had passed since Lions Clubs International opened membership to women. Previously organized in Lioness clubs, after 1987 women were encouraged to be partners of men in Lions Clubs. Gradually the number of women members increased, and ended the decade playing a major role in all aspects of Lionism. The practice of calling women members "Lionesses" was gradually dropped during the 1990s.

The decade began with 63 clubs, and ended the decade with 43 clubs, a decrease that primarily was due to the redistricting of district boundaries. To prevent the dissolution of District 18-F, the clubs in Walton and DeKalb Counties were transferred from District 18-D to District 18-F.

1990-1991

At the District 18-D Convention held at Winder Lions Clubhouse, Lion M.C. Stowe from Toccoa Club was elected District Governor.

At the State Lions Convention District Governor C. L. "Chuck" Wilson participated in the program that reviewed Lions activity during the 1989-90 year, and chaired District 18-D breakfast meetings.

District 18-D Chairman of State Awards, Bryson Tanner, shared in the presentation of State Awards. Of 38 clubs that submitted entries for state

awards, 16 clubs were from 18-D. Of these 12 clubs placed in the competition. Statewide there were 266 entries in 44 categories, and 72 awards granted including ties and honorable mention. Of the five Lioness Clubs that entered the sole winners were from 18-D, North Dekalb Lionesses with two first and one second, and Decatur Lioness one first place award.

District 18-D awards were 22 first place, 16 second, and one honorable mention. Winning from 18-D were Gainesville with four first place and ten second place; Bethesda one first place, one second place; Towns County, one first place; Toccoa one first place; Winder three first place and one second place; Clermont three first place and one honorable mention; Banks County one first place; Athens West two first place and one second place; North Dekalb two first place and one second; Oconee three first place; White County one first place; Athens one second place. Scrapbook awards were first place Towns County and Toccoa, second place Winder, and third place Clermont.

District 18-D of Georgia Lions in 1990 was organized in five regions, with two zones each in Regions I, II, III, V, and three zones in Region IV. Region I chair was J.R. Phillips from Royston, with Zone 1 Chair Dale Stone from Lavonia, and Zone 2 Chair Jimmie Johnson from Elberton.

Region II Chair was William "Bill" Owens from Suches (Union County, Club), with Zone 1 Chair William "Bud" Duckworth from Tiger (White County Club), and Zone 2 Chair Steve Leslie from Gainesville.

Region III Chair in 1990-91 was John B. Goodwin from Bogart (Athens Club), with Zone Chair 1 Steve Helwig from Athens, and Zone Chair 2 A. Lamar "Buddy" Ouzts from Winder.

Region IV Chair was James F. Panter (LaVista Club), with Zone 1 Chair Ray Howell (Laurel Ridge Club), Zone 2 J. Rich Harrelson (LaVista Club), and Zone 3 Oscar Battle (North Dekalb Club).

Region V Chair was Marin L. Maye (Duluth Club), with Zone I Chair George Weigle (Bethesda Club), and Zone 2 Chair James Kerlin (Snellville Club).

District 18-D Cabinet members with program service promotional responsibilities were Thois Masters, Lighthouse; Donald R. Hardigree, White Cane; L.C.I.F Don Wagner; Drug Awareness, W.H. "Bill" Sperry; Ed Snyder, Hearing Conservation and Aids; Bill Bennett, Camp for the Blind; Willard Kimsey, Leader Dog; Dr. Sam A. Vickery, Diabetes Awareness; Dan Sullivan, Sight Conservation, Used Glasses; W. Malcolm Reid, Recording for the Blind; Bobby Reynolds, USA/Canada Forum; Donnie Canup, Youth Exchange; Dan Stuart, Leo Clubs; and James B. Weaver Jr., Environmental.

Cabinet members related to District and Club operations were Connie Shirley, Constitution and By-Laws, and also Membership Retention and Development, Regions 1,2,3, and Robert L. Smith, Regions 4 and 5; Oscar Battle, Lioness Clubs; Margaret Battle, Co-Lioness Chair; George W. Blackburn, Multiple District Membership Development Chair; and Bill E. Tanner, Multiple District Train the Trainer.

Cabinet members related to the District, State, and International emphases were W. Myers Banister, Long Range Planning; David Sargent, State Convention; Joe B. Davis, International Understanding and Cooperation; Ray Rowell, International Convention; Bob G. Pinson, Rules; R.E. Cross, International Candidate; Joe B. Davis, Lions Information and Cooperation; Dr. Bill Piper, District Nominations and Elections; and Virgil Megill, Public Relations.

Cabinet members for responsibilities within the State Convention were Howard Whitaker, District Credentials; Dr. Irving Hellenga, Resolutions; Dr. Bill Piper, District Nominations and Elections; Arthur Gurr, District Breakfast; William B. Owens, Sergeant-at-Arms; Bruce Maney, State Pin; Millard F. Havener, Song Leader; Franklin Ginn, Order of the Golden Chain; Bryson Tanner, State Awards; Ray Cox, Outstanding Deaf Award; Paul Kellum, Outstanding Blind Award; and Byard Roper, State Uniform.

Past District Governors Chuck Wilson and Meyers Banister reported on the International Convention, at the First Cabinet meeting, in Snellville, July 29, 1990. Three resolutions were presented nominating Don Wagner for lieutenant governor, and Michael J. Higgins Jr. and Lloyd Rusgrove as nominees for district governor.

Winder Lions Club chartered its Leo Club in May 1990 before the end of the school year, and installed its members Sept. 13, 1990.

The Second Cabinet Meeting was held November 17, in the afternoon at Holiday Hall in Gainesville, at the District Rally in the evening. Keynote speaker International Director W.W. "Bill" Webber from St. Albert, Alberta, Canada, was welcomed at a reception at 5:45 p.m. Gainesville Lion W.W. Banks promoted attendance, and Don Wagner, assistant rally chairman, announced awards to clubs with the highest percentage of members attending, based on the May 31 membership figure, within categories of small, medium, and large.

In the summer of 1990 the North Georgia Fair at Hiawassee, sponsored by Towns Lions Clubs, continued its multifaceted activities and programs.

District Eye Bank Vice-President and Lighthouse Director, Jim Panter, in September challenged clubs to "Commitment," to have persistence beyond interest, to care beyond talk to act, to act beyond trying when it's convenient to fulfill a goal to serve.

Vice-President Camp for the Blind Bill Bennett reported District 18-D was third in financial support for the Camp in 1989-90.

President Georgia Lions Eye Bank, Y.T. Abernathy from Alpharetta, was appointed a second term from the Georgia Governor's Advisory Board on Anatomical Procurement, that was established in 1987 to identify needs for eyes, organs, and tissues, and encourage cooperation from the various organ banks.

In the 1990-91 year Commerce Club placed a wishing well at the restaurant of Dr. Sam Vickery with proceeds for the Lighthouse. Gainesville Lions presented a plaque, a dozen roses, and the invitation to become a Lion to Jan Hulsey, director of the Northeast Georgia Chapter of the Red Cross. Athens West granted Melvin Jones Fellows to two members, Nov. 27, at its recapping the "Fright for Sight" project of its Haunted House. Decatur Club collected 800 pairs of glasses of the 1000 donated to the Lighthouse by Region IV Zone 2. LaVista Club gave \$6,000 to the Eye Bank. Don Wagner offered to provide a Sightfirst program for any club desiring outside assistance.

Athens Club honored the memory of W. Malcolm Reid, who was District Chair of Recording for the Blind until his death, Nov. 20, 1990.

District 18-D sponsored a Telethon on WNGM Channel 34, Feb. 23, 1991, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., that featured the Georgia Lions Lighthouse, the Camp for the Blind, Recording for the Blind, Quest, and programs for Lions, Lionesses, and Leos. Buddy Ouzts, John Goodwin, and Marion May received videos of Lions activities. Host Tom Jackson introduced Miss Georgia Lions of various years, Congressman Ed Jenkins, Doug Bernard, Senator Nunn. Athens's highest elected officer Gwen O'Nealy, Lieutenant Governor Elect Pierre Howard, Winder Mayor Buddy Ouzts, and Barbara and Vince Dooley. Recorded tributes were secured from Governor Joe Frank Harris, and Zell Miller Governor-Elect. Musicians were 1988 Miss Georgia Lions Denise Daniels, Babbie Mason, Mike Snyder invited from the Grand Old Opry, Terry Gibbs (blind entertainer and recording artist), Bill Anderson and the gospel singing group, New Hearts.

The announcer reported contributions of \$300 or more during the airtime for the Lighthouse and other Lions projects. Hoyt Pilcher gave a check of \$1000 from Forsyth County Club, and Zone Chair Buddy Ouzts

reported gifts by Walnut Grove Club. PDG Bob Pinson gave a pledge. Willard Kimsey reported for Leader Dog, Bill Sperry on Drug Awareness and Margaret Battles and others on Lioness activity in the district. Leo President Stacy Hogan and Leo Advisor Steve Marine reported Leo activity in the Winder-Barrow High School.

At the District Convention at Winder Clubhouse, March 3, 1991, Lloyd Rusgrove withdrew for health reasons as a candidate for district governor. He died June 2, 1991. Lions elected at the convention for 1991-92 were J. Michael "Mike" Higgins Jr. from North DeKalb Club, district governor; Don Wagner from Gainesville Club to succeed Lloyd Rusgrove as lieutenant governor; Bill Bearden from Gainesville to succeed Jim Panter as Vice-President of the Eye Bank; and re-elected were Bill Bennett from Lanier Club as Vice-President Camp for the Blind, and Howard Miller as district Librarian-Historian.

PDG George Blackburn was Georgia Multiple District Membership Development Chairman at the Southeast Training Seminar in Atlanta, April 4, for district membership chairmen. Past International Director Austin Jennings from Tennessee was resource person.

Oconee Club alerted Georgia Lions to provide of eye surgery in Atlanta for a twelve-year-old blind Turkish boy, Burak Gumas, son of a Turkey naval officer, when previous surgeries in Istanbul were unsuccessful. His father, Sedat Gumas, was taking courses at U.S. Navy Supply Corps schools in Athens, whose instructor was Lion Dick Smith from Oconee Club. The Lighthouse arranged surgery for the boy

Marlene Lague from the Lighthouse explained naval personnel in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Pensacola, and Athens paid for Burak's mother Nurdan to fly to Atlanta to be present during her son's surgery. He and his mother were present at the State Convention in Gainesville. President George H.W. Bush said Georgia Lions and the Navy "demonstrated the same spirit of neighbor helping neighbor that makes America great." Lions President A. Acian Hekimpoglu from MD-1187/District 188R in Turkey, responded to M.C. Stowe, for the befriending of Burak. Metropolitan Hospital in Atlanta agreed to donate its services when Burak returned in the fall for cornea transplant.

At the Lions State Convention, hosted by Gainesville Club, May 17-19, 1991, a barbeque was held in the Gainesville Square. Steve Helwig from Athens West received first place in the District Governor's Contest. Lighthouse Director Marlene Lague presented Telethon awards. District 18-D's nominee, Jennifer Waldroup, participated in the Lions State Beauty Pageant. International Director Harold Keely addressed Lions at the state convention.

District Chair of State Awards Bryson Tanner, reported for 1990-91, 15 clubs of 18-D were among 46 Lions Clubs that entered in state competition, that totaled 279 entries in 44 categories. Clubs in District 18-D represented 32 % of entries, but won 60% of awards. Awards went to 14 of the 15 clubs participating from 18-D. First place for scrapbook was Winder and Towns County, with Toccoa second, and Dawsonville third.

PDG Chuck Wilson directed the Training Session for 1991-92 officers June 2, 1991, at Toccoa Falls College

1991-1992

District Governor Mike Higgins at the First Cabinet Meeting, July 14, held at Toccoa Falls College, heard reports from Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Dr. James R. Hunt, Lieutenant Governor Don Wagner, Region Chairs, and Committee chairmen. Oscar and Margaret Battles demonstrated their Lions Puppet Show.

Region Chairs for 1991-92 were Region I Howard Whitaker with Zone 1 Chair Harvey Weiss from Toccoa and Zone 2 Paul Kellum from Comer; Region 2 Chair Dan Sullivan from Forsyth County, with Zone 1 Chair Victor Hamburger from Towns County, and Zone 2 Chair Bradley McKinney from White County; Region III Chair A. Lamar Ouzts from Winder, with Zone 1 Chair Daniel Stewart from Oconee, and Zone 2 Chair Henry Maddox from Winder; Region IV Chair Edgar Kent from Rehoboth, with Zone Chair Robert L. Smith from North DeKalb, and Kenneth A. Gilbert from Druid Hills; and Region V Chair George Weigle from Bethesda, with Zone 1 Chair Nick Brigham from Bethesda, and Zone II Chair Norman E. Masters from Snellville.

Del Von Almen from Lanier was named district chaplain, a position he held for ten years. Other changes in cabinet members were Bob Bearden, Eye Bank Coordinator; District Convention Nominations, Dr. Bill Piper, Lyle McCurdy, Paul Scales, Anne Mundy; District Credentials, James R. Hunt, Jonathan Ledford, Tom Sexton, Alex Wu; District Membership, W. Myers Banister; District Tail Twister, Jimmy S. Moore, held for ten years; Environmental, J. Rich Harrelson; Extension, Charles C. Schockley; International Convention, Ray Rowe; Leader Dog, Steve Helwig; Leadership Development, Chuck Wilson; Legal Liability, Jim Panter; Leo Clubs, William "Bill" Owens; L.C.I.F., M.C. Stowe; Lions Information, Ron Cowley; Parliamentarian, George Blackburn; Past District Governor President, Thois Masters; Recording for the Blind, Acton R. Brown; Rules, Chuck Wilson; State Uniform, Byard Roper; State Convention, David Sargent; Used Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, Robert A. Mitchell; USA/Canada Forum, Bobby Reynolds, James Muenster; White Cane, Donald Hardigree; Youth Exchange,

Steve Leslie; Golden Chair, Franklin Ginn; Multiple District Lion Tamer, William Bross.

Memorial services were held June 7, 1991, for Past President LaVista Lions Club and Melvin Jones Fellow, who was Lions District Drug Awareness chairman 1987-88. He instituted Lions QUEST's "Skills for Adolescence" in 75 elementary schools and four middle schools in DeKalb County. He was an administrator for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and served an extended term on DeKalb County School System's Drug Prevention Advisory Council.

Miss Georgia Lions Denise Daniel 1988-89 sang the national anthem and other music at Lions Night with the Braves, June 8, 1991.

At the First Cabinet Meeting, July 14, 1991, Winder Club submitted the resolution recommending the A. Lamar Ouzts as a candidate for lieutenant governor.

Region V Zone I met Aug. 8 at Duluth to coordinate Gwinnett County's QUEST program

Clubs heard the recommendation of the Council of Governors, Aug. 10, 1991, to withhold contributions to the Georgia Eye Bank, as set up in 1977, until clarification is resolved with Lions of Georgia.

Eight of the 16 clubs of Region IV participated in the DeKalb County School System Drug Prevention Convention in September. The Lions clubs gave 70 hours of labor and \$250 toward snacks for a nearly 4,090 students, staff members, and parents from 75 elementary schools in DeKalb County.

Immediate International Past President Bill Biggs addressed the Second Cabinet Meeting in Gainesville, Nov. 9. He made a presentation at the Cabinet Meeting to Walter R. Sealey Jr., president of the Georgia Camp for the Blind. District Lionesses met during the Lions Cabinet meeting, together with Mike Hall, liaison of the Gainesville Club.

Following the Cabinet Meeting, Immediate Past International President Biggs was speaker at the District Rally in the largest room at Holiday Hall. Bill Sperry led the District Rally choir at the assembly dinner. Lion W.W. Banks was given an engraved nameplate for his thirtieth year, on behalf of the Gainesville Lions Club, as District Assembly chairman. Biggs extended the International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Lions Dan Stuart (Oconee), Bill Owens (Union County), Bob Smith (North DeKalb), and Virgil Megill (Toccoa). District 18-D gave Biggs an inscribed granite pen set at the dinner. More than 600 attended the 1991 District Rally.

Zone Chair Dan Stuart received \$1355, "Running for Sightfirst" Thanksgiving morning, in the Atlanta Half-Marathon, and was among 5200 runners.

Athens West gave a hearing dog to Clara Garrett, who although wearing hearing aids in both ears, was turning deaf. Elberton Club gave a TV set to help a first grader at Blackwell Elementary School in her schoolwork. Toccoa Lions arranged for eye surgery for Sol Kes, a Toccoa Falls College student from Cambodia.

Athens Lions Club was one of 27 groups in the "Adopt-A-Highway" project in Athens-Clarke County. Colbert Club shared in the shredding of telephone books project for Colbert Elementary School. Winder Leos distributed Christmas cards to residents of Four Seasons home. The Winder Leos visited Tucker Lions about beginning a new Leo Club. Snellville Club set up a "Lion of the Month" project, to provide exemptions from fines and other benefits, to stimulate Lions retention.

Gwinnett County Lions sold tickets for pancake breakfasts, Feb. 8, 1992, to benefit Lions QUEST in seven Gwinnett County schools. Originally Gwinnett County with \$130,000 initiated QUEST in thirteen Middle Schools, and spent \$46,000 each year to maintain the program. Snellville Lions held a series of breakfasts at Snellville, Shiloh, and Trickum middle schools to support the QUEST program.

Winder Club paid \$2000 for Lions QUEST "Skills for Adolescence" for middle school students and "Skills for Growing" for elementary children. QUEST has stimulated awareness for the Drug Resistance Awareness Education (DARE) project. Toccoa Police Chief John Taylor, formerly on the faculty of the Police Academy of the University of Georgia, who pioneered in DARE at St. Simon's Island, reviewed to Toccoa Lions drug apprehension and prevention activities. In November 1991 Winder Club began support of DARE in fifth grades in Barrow County schools.

At the District Convention at Winder Lions Clubhouse, March 1, 1992, Don Wagner was elected Governor-Elect, A. Lamar Ouzts Lieutenant Governor-Elect; Bob Bearden was re-elected Eye-Bank Coordinator, and Howard F. Miller re-elected District Librarian.

In the Third Cabinet meeting, March 1, 1992, that followed the District Convention, District Secretary Jim Hunt continued at his desk, and Region Chairmen Howard Whitaker, Dan Sullivan, Buddy Ouzts, Ed Kent, and George Weigle each gave reports. Thois Masters reported for the Lighthouse, Lawrence Sutherland for the Camp for the Blind, and Don Hardigree for White Cane and SightFirst. Bob Norman from Norcross explained the Lions Canine Companions for Independence for the hearing impaired.

In the 1990s Lionesses were invited to become Lions and Lioness Clubs to become Lions Clubs. There were nine Lioness Clubs in the district in 1991: Cornelia, Decatur, LaVista, Lavonia, Norcross, North DeKalb, Queen City (Gainesville), Snellville, and Winder. In 1992 only five Lioness Clubs remained: Decatur, LaVista, Queen City, Snellville, and Winder.

Winterville Lioness club, now unorganized, in July 1991 contributed \$961.70 to the Camp for the Blind. Cornelia Lions and Lionesses worked together on projects, and during 1991-92 Lions President R.C. "Doc" Thomas presented \$1,000 to Lioness President Ruth Crow for their use from the joint fund raising projects. Queen City Lionesses Peggy Pinson and Carol Pinson presented clothing from the club to leukemia victim Jason Edge and his two sisters before his death. Snellville Lionesses held their fourth annual spaghetti dinner, March 7, in the American Legion Hall in Snellville.

Decatur Lionesses Jan. 16 enjoyed "Fun with Poetry" by Max Barlow, Jan. 16. On Feb. 20 Carla Relaford shared recordings about love, which she signed in American Sign Language.

North DeKalb Lioness Club sponsored a pancake breakfast in December, and in March collected \$8,000 in Kroger food tapes for Brook Run home, bringing the yearly total to \$28,000. The club also provided soup tables, plastic bags, paper, cans, and glassware to Brook Run, and gave \$75 for the artist honorarium at the Brook Run Special Arts festival, May 6. Volunteers for eye screening and fitting glasses to needy children in Atlanta included North DeKalb Lionesses Margaret Battle, Josephine Goodroe, and Marilyn Caldwell.

The Fourth Cabinet Meeting was held May 3, 1992 at Toccoa Falls in charge of Governor Mike Higgins and Secretary James Hunt. Don Hardigree reported for White Cane, Thois Masters for the Lighthouse. Steve Helwig for Leader Dog, and Bryson Tanner for State Awards. Region chairs reporting were Howard Whitaker, Region I; Vic Hamburger, Region II; Dan Stuart in place of Don Sullivan for Region III; Ed Kent for Region IV; and Norman Masters in place of George Weigle for Region V. For his public relations presentation for the Lighthouse, Oscar Battle and crew produced their puppet show. The program was videotaped to be used over Channel 34 WNGM for the next Lions telethon. Governor Higgins announced John B. Goodwin has been negotiating with Jeff Langford at Channel 34 for the date, and that videotapes have been received for the 1992 telethon.

At the International Convention in Hong Kong, Past District 18-C Governor James E. "Jim" Ervin from Albany, Georgia, was elected International Director, and Lieutenant Governor E. Don Wagner was installed as Governor of 18-D. Wagner reviewed Lions themes of 1990 and

1991 as commitment and involvement, and acknowledged 1992 to be the year of opportunity. He quoted International President Robit C. Mehta, "Every Lion must seize the opportunity."

1992-1993

As District Governor Don Wagner challenged District 18-D "to make new friends among leaders in your community, to develop your leadership potential, to serve people in need." He observed since Melvin Jones founded Lionism, "only opportunity has sustained us ever since."

"Opportunity" for District 18-D in the 1990s came to mean to fulfill the challenge of SightFirst, to appreciate Jim Ervin's rising leadership as International Director, to integrate women in Lions Clubs, to widen perspectives Lions who attend USA/Canada Forums, and district, state or inter-state sponsored training programs, and to continue all the services of Lionism within Georgia Lions redistricting.

After SightFirst was proposed at the International Convention in St. Louis in 1990, the structure to implement it was laid out in 1991, when Jim Ervin received national prominence as a early supporter and promoter, and success in his Albany club. His Albany Evening Club of 30 members had received SightFirst pledges over a five-year period, the largest \$10,000, and totaled \$76,700 for SightFirst.

To strengthen the emphasis on membership, Don Wagner gave new emphasis to the Order of the Golden Chain. He stressed motivation and publicizing the strengths and services of Lions clubs. He acknowledged Golden Chain recipients. Wagner said, "Success is a journey, not a destination."

PID John Pearce inducted district officers, July 12, 1992, at the First Cabinet Meeting in Georgia Baptist Assembly at Toccoa. Administrative members were Lieutenant Governor Buddy Ouzts, Tom Sexton secretary/treasurer; Region I Chair Howard Whitaker with Zone 1 Chairs Harvey Weiss and Zone 2 Chair Frank Felton; Region II Chair William Mundy with Zone 1 Chair Michael Kelly and Zone 2 Chair Del Von Almen; Region III Chair Dan Stuart with Zone 1 Chair Jerry Nelms and Zone 2 Chair Henry Braselton; Region Chair Edgar Kent with Zone 1 Chair James Hunt and Zone 2 Chair Jim Panter; and Region Chair V Norman Masters with Zone Chair 1 & 2 Dan Gladney.

Governor Wagner selected advisors for each zone chairperson. Advisors in Region were David Little (1) and Jimmie Johnson (2); in Region II, Arthur Gurr (1) and Barry Ladd (2), in Region III, Willie Farmer (1) and

Don Hardigree (2); in Region IV, Ray Rowell (1) Edgar Kent (2); and Region V, Roger Paluzzi (1) and Judy Gladney (2).

Cabinet members with special assignments were Lawrence Sutherland, Vice-President Camp for the Blind; Bob Bearden, Eye Bank Coordinator; Virgil Megill, Bulletin Editor; Conny Shirley, Constitution and By-Laws, and International Understanding; C.L. Chuck Wilson, Vice-President Lighthouse; toward F. Miller, Librarian; J.R. Phillips, Chaplain; Sam A. Vickery, Diabetes Awareness; W.W. Banks, Rally Chair; Arthur Gurr, District Breakfast Chair; Bill Piper, District Convention and Nominations Chair; Convention members Walter Pope James Nease, Mancel Oliver; Tom Sexton, District Credentials Chair, and members Don Hix, Howard Whitaker, Brad McKinney; W. Meyers Banister, Membership Chair and Long Range Planning; Millard F. Havener, Song Leader; and Herman A. Jones Taitwister and State Pin; Buddy Ouzts; Membership Chair;

Also, J. Rich Harrelson, Environmental; Charles Shokley, Extensions; Ed Snyder, Hearing Conservation; Thois Masters, Leader Dog; Legal Liability, Jim Panter; Leo Clubs, Donnie Canup; Oscar and Margaret Battle, Lioness Co-Chairs; Mike Higgins, LCIF; Willard Kimsey, Information and Program; Barry Ladd, Outstanding Blind Award; Jim Schwartz, Outstanding Deaf Award; Don Hardigree, Parliamentarian; Acton Brown, Recording for the Blind; Irving Hellenga, Resolutions; Chuck Wilson, Rules; William Owens, Sergeant-at-Arms; Dan Stuart, SightFirst; Bryson Tanner, State Awards; Bryard Roper, State Uniform; Bob Pinson, Used Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids; George Weigle USA/Canada Forum; White Cane, Bobby Reynolds; Steve Leslie, Youth Exchange; M.C. Stowe, Golden Chain.

Multi-District officers in the 1992-93 Cabinet were George Blackburn, Membership Development; Bill Tanner, Council Advisor; William Bross, Lion Tamer; Olin Newby, State Historian; and Ben Poole, Train-the-Trainer.

In 1992-93 all Gwinnett County Schools used the Lions QUEST program. District Governor Wagner inducted 22 charter members into the new Peachtree Lions Club of North Atlanta, Oct. 23, 1992.

North DeKalb Club President James Hunt, the 1991-1992 cabinet secretary-treasurer, was honored in Washington, D.C., Sept. 27, 1992, for "contribution to the science of this great country." His company produced two products used by helicopters in Desert Storm. He had breakfast and lunch with Senators, and dinner with President and Mrs. Bush, when Margaret Thatcher was also a guest

Region V gave Lions pins, buttons, and banners to share with Lions Clubs in Peru, to baton twirler Katie Doinnenwert from Duluth, Georgia, one

of seven U.S. girls participating in the "42nd Festival International de Primaara." in Trujillo, Peru.

Bob Robinson promoted a Zone Wide Eye Donor Drive Card Drive, in Zone I, Region III. Jerry Nelms, Zone leader. Region Chair Dan Stuart spoke for the region goals and project SightFirst.

Cabinet members gave reports at the Second Cabinet Meeting, Nov. 21 at 3:30 p.m. Checks submitted for Lions projects at the Cabinet Meeting totaled \$8,768.

First Vice-President James T. Coffey addressed the District Rally, at 6:30 p.m., at Holiday Hall. Lion Willard Kimsey received the "Rebuilding Lions Award," for activating clubs. Lions Jerry Nelms, Howard Whitaker, and Tom Sexton received the "International President Certificate of Appreciation."

Governor Don Wagner promoted the traveling Roadrunner Award, to be granted May 2, 1993, at the Fourth Cabinet Meeting in Simpsonwood. Each club could visit the club that had the plaque, with at least five members. The visits were to be certified by the visited club secretary, and mailed to the district governor. An interested club would contact the district governor to determine where the roadrunner plaque was located, to visit that club and retrieve it.

Lions considered Department of Health directives issued April 7, 1992, that they could inspect club food sources, preparation, sanitary procedures, facilities used, and transportation or sale or reuse, and could prohibit serving crême pastries, custards, salads with meat or eggs.

Winder Lioness President Shirley Wilbanks, a volunteer for the American Heart Association and American Cancer Society, challenged people to be "service-minded in their community without personal financial reward."

Towns County Lions continued their annual summer activities to thousands of visitors around their North Georgia Fair at Hiawassee and fall musical programs featuring various musical groups.

PID John Pearce conducted a Cabinet Training Session, Oct. 11, 1992, at Holiday Hall in Gainesville.

Governor Wagner alerted Lions to various relief efforts of food, supplies, and money, through existing agencies, for victims of Hurricane Andrew.

Jerry Nelms shared with Lions a medical article in professional journal, "Ocular Surgery News" entitled, "Lions Clubs Dedicate \$25 Million to Provide Third World Eye Care," by Robert C. Welsh, M.D., who developed the Welsh Third World Eye Operating Microscope. Welsh witnessed Lions volunteers in India who gave free cataract operations at rural eye camps. He has met James S. Cameron, who heads up Lions worldwide cataract services, who provides Voluntary Optometric Services of Humanity camps in Guatemala and Honduras.

Lions clubs in Athens work together in the Lions Sight Conservation Council, who in 1991 purchased eyeglasses costing \$43,529. Each club member pays \$36 per member as based on M&A reports.

District 18-D promoted the Georgia Lions Lighthouse challenge, using the Lighthouse theme adopted Oct. 18, 1992, "Catch the Vision," to purchase glasses by the Lighthouse and clubs, at \$25 single vision, \$40 bifocals, and trifocals, \$45, from Lion Steve Helwig, HO Manufacturing in Athens.

The QUEST program was increasingly related to the DARE program. SightFirst broadened and expanded the efforts of Lions clubs to fulfill its worldwide mission to eliminate blindness.

Within District 18D's participation in Campaign SightFirst (CSF) Dan Stuart, District SightFirst Chair, promoted the "Operation Four in Ten" goal or 24 clubs from 18-D's 60 clubs to raise \$1,500 for SightFirst by June 30, 1993, toward the Lions goal to raise 130 million dollars to conquer world blindness. He urged clubs to have a SightFirst Chairman, vice-chairman, and treasurer, and to send committee reports to International. He asked Melvin Jones funds be payable to LCIF-Campaign SightFirst, to be enclosed with a MJF nominee application. He promoted club goals to earn a "Lions Conquering Blindness" Banner patch, to use of CFS Publicity Kits and the "Lead the Way...Light the Way" video. He recommended slogans: *'The Whole World Is Watching. Through SightFirst the Whole World Shall see what Lions can do. Support CSF. CSF: Only United Can the Battle Be Won. Join with other Lions in the Battle against blindness. CSF: Knights of the Blind in the Battle Against Blindness. Help us earn the "Lions Conquering Blindness" banner patch by raising at least \$1,500 by June 30, 1993. CSF: Conquering Blindness is Within Our Sight. Let's see what \$1,500 can do. A Child's Sight is Priceless. Our club's \$1,500 could pay enough Vitamin A Capsules to prevent blindness for one year to as many as 3,750 children.*

As the Lions' QUEST emphasis was being gradually shifted to the DARE program, Buddy Ouzts shared steps how Winder Club is supports. QUEST. Order supplies, receive commitments from the local Board of

Directors. Contact the County School Superintendent for approval from the Board of Education. Contact the State Representative or Senator whether matching grants are available. Contact police-sheriff departments for support, in addition to the DARE program. Secure the Chamber of Commerce endorsement. Enlist support of other clubs and groups, and publicize on radio and TV. Get church and ministerial support. Solicit contributions from banks, automobile agencies, insurance offices and other local businesses. Request support of faculty of target ages to use QUEST curriculum. Develop a training period for teachers of QUEST. Acknowledge publicly receipts from individuals and businesses.

Hall County Lions held a Lions Eagle Ranch Rodeo, July 30 to Aug. 1. South Hall chaired parking and the hayride shuttle, and Clermont helped with parking. Gainesville club sold and sponsored banners that were displayed around the rodeo area, and chaired entertainment and game booths. Each participating club received receipts according to the number of hours worked by its club members.

At the District Convention, March 7, 1993, at Winder Clubhouse, Lion A. Lamar "Buddy" Ouzts was elected district governor, Oscar Battle elected lieutenant governor, and Donald Hix, cabinet secretary-treasurer. District Governor-Elect Buddy Ouzts gave a comprehensive summary of Lionism goals as he stressed QUEST, LCIF, the Lighthouse, the \$10 Million Dollar Club, the Recording for the Blind, membership, and other Lions projects.

At the Third Cabinet meeting, March 7, after the District Convention, District Governor Don Wagner called on cabinet officers to give reports on 1992-93 district activity.

Past District Governor W. Clyde Davis from Albany Evening Club held SightFirst Group Training session, March 21, 1993, at Holiday Hall in Gainesville, for 18-D SightFirst Group Coordinators (four to six clubs in each group): PDG Millard Havener, PDG Thoïs Masters, PDG M.C. Stowe, Bob Robinson (Classic City), Steve Helwig, (Athens West), Ray Rowell (Laurel Ridge), Walter Pope (Winder), Joe Hirsch (Dawsonville), Richard Chambers (Commerce), Ed Hashbarger (Norcross), Norm Masters (Snellville), and Jerry Nelms (Oconee).

At the Fourth Cabinet Meeting, May 2, Governor Wagner and cabinet officers at Simpsonwood analyzed goals for the year, and plans anticipated for emphases in 1993-94. M.C. Stowe received completed applications for the Golden Chain awards.

Legal Council Jim Panter reported not only for Region IV Zone 2, but on the legal status of the Georgia Lion Eye Tissue Services, as successor to the former Georgia Lions Eye Bank located at Emory. He pointed out

Georgia Lions in 1987 designated Emory University Hospital as depository of donated eye tissue. He said the existing corporation Georgia Lions Eye Bank, not now located at Emory, is not now the legal successor to the older Lions Eye Bank.

Lt. Gov. Elect Oscar Battle reported to Peachtree Lions, "As Guiding Lion for this new Peachtree Lions Club, I have attended most of your meetings and board meetings. It is rewarding to see the metamorphosis of this group (mainly new to Lionism) to a club exhibiting love and feeling for Lionism."

International Director James E. Ervin from Albany was speaker at the 60th Anniversary Dinner of Toccoa Club, May 11, at the Toccoa Falls College Cafeteria-Dinning Hall. Guest Lions attended from Winder, Gainesville, Dahlonega, Clermont, Towns County, Peachtree, LaVista, Comer, Elberton, Cornelia, Martin, Lavonia, Oconee, and Union County in District 18-D, Albany in District 18-C, Atlanta in District 18-A, and Thomason and Washington in District 18-F.

District Governor Don Wagner announced the top five clubs winning SightFirst banner patches for per capita giving were (1) Oconee, (2) Athens West, (3) Athens, (4) Monroe, and (5) Gainesville.

Region IV Zone II Chair Jim Panter, District Legal Counsel, advised hope beyond disheartenment, "vigilance during change," as District 18-D faced internal transitions, new goals, and possible re-districting.

Augusta hosted the State Convention at Bell Auditorium, May 28-30, 1993, with District 18-D centered at Holiday Inn off Washington Road. Governor Don Wagner presided at 18-D breakfasts, and Governor Wagner and Secretary-Treasurer Tom Sexton granted awards to 100% presidents, secretaries, zone and region chairs, and cabinet officers. M.C. Stowe awarded Golden Chain recipients.

State Awards Chair Bryson Tanner reported for 1992-93, that 33 clubs in the state submitted 222 entries in 43 categories. District 18-D had fewer entries, but accounted for 36% of all entries, and had 12% more awards than a year ago. The state committee granted 87 awards. Two of three Lioness clubs entering were from District 18-D, Decatur Lioness winning one first place, and Snellville Lioness one first and one second place.

District 18-D Lions Clubs ratings for 1992-93 State Awards were Gainesville, five first place, six second place; Winder, five first place, two second place; North DeKalb, four first place, two second place; Athens West one first place, two second place; Oconee one first place, one second place; Athens, one first place; Toccoa, one second place, one honorable mention;

Cornelia, one second place; Dawsonville, one second place; Lanier, one second place. First place for scrapbook was Winder and Towns County, with Toccoa second, and Dawsonville third.

1993-1994

Commerce Club hosted the First Cabinet Meeting, July 23, 1993, at the Wrangler Building in Commerce, and then served barbeque. Cabinet members of District Governor A. Lamar "Buddy" Ouzts were inducted and reported. Dana Stuart was named District SightFirst Coordinator.

New cabinet members welcomed were Region I Zone 1 Chair Randy Shirley, replacing Harvey Weiss, and Zone 2 Frank Melton replacing Paul Kellum; Region Chair II Michael Kelly replacing Dan Sullivan; Zone 1 Chair Charles Looper replacing Victor Hamburger, Zone 2 Chair W. Mac Lentz replacing Victor Hamburger, Zone 2 Chair Don Dunahoo replacing Bradley McKinney.

Also welcomed were Region III Chair Bobby Reynolds replacing A. LaMar Ouzts, Zone 1 Chair W. Mac Lentz replacing Daniel W. Stuart, and Zone 2 Chair Don Dunahoo replacing Emory Maddox; Region IV Zone 1 Chair Frank Findley replacing Robert L. Smith, and Margaret Battle replacing Kenneth A. Gilbert.

Also welcomed were Region V Chair Norm Masers replacing George Weigle, Zone I Chair Pete Stamen replacing Nick Brigham and Zone 2 Chair Ellis Britt replacing Norman Masters.

To strengthen the membership base, Governor Ouzts continued Zone Membership Advisors. They were for Region I, Zone 1, David Little (Hartwell Club), and Zone 2 Jimmie Johnson (Elberton); Region II Zone 1 Arthur Gurr (Union County), and Zone 2, Barry Ladd (Gainesville); Region III Zone I Willie Farmer (Athens) and Zone 2, Don Hardigree; Region IV Zone 1 Ray Rowell, and Zone 2 Edgar Kent; and Region V Zone 1 Roger Paluzzi, and Zone 2, Judy Gladney.

District Governor Buddy Ouzts' newly assigned Cabinet members for 1993-94 District Convention/Nominations Chair Bill Mundy, to succeed Bill Piper, and Committee Members John Goodwin, Dan Sullivan, Jimmy Griffith; Chair District Credentials Donald Hix succeeding Tom Sexton, and Committee Members Tom Sexton, John Goodwin, Bobby Reynolds; District Membership Chair Bobby Reynolds succeeding Meyers Banister District Taitwister Jimmy Moore succeeding Herman Jones; District Retention Chair Oscar Battle succeeding Buddy Ouzts; Bob Walter, Hearing Conservation, succeeding Ed Snyder; Honorary Committee, M.C. Stowe, and all PDGs; Leader Dog, Dan Sullivan succeeding Thois Masters; Lioness Club Chair

Judy T. Gladney, succeeding Oscar and Margaret Battle; LCIF, Don Wagner, succeeding Michael Higgins; Myers Banister, Long Range Planning; PID John Pearce, New Officer Training School; Shirley Graves. Outstanding Blind Award succeeding Barry Ladd; Jimmy Griffith, Outstanding Deaf Award, succeeding Jim Schwartz;

Michael Higgins, Rules, succeeding Chuck Wilson; M.C. Stowe, District Sight; Donnie Canup, State Convention, succeeding David Sargent; Walter Pope. State Uniform, succeeding Byarad Roper; Used Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, John Goodwin, succeeding Bob Pinson; USA/Canada Forum, Randy Shirley, succeeding George Weigle; Chuck Wilson, White Cane, succeeding Bobby Reynolds; Youth Exchange, Marilyn Caldwell, succeeding Steve Leslie.

Reassigned Cabinet members were John Pearce as Past International Director, and Leadership Development Chair, and New Officer Training School; Virgil Megill, Bulletin Editor; Conny Shirley, Constitution and By-Laws, and International Understanding Cooperation; Sam A. Vickery, Diabetes Awareness; Millard Havener, Song Leader; W.H. Sperry, Drug Awareness; J. Rich Harrelson, Environmental; Charles Shockley. Extensions; Don Hardigree, Parliamentarian; Willard Kimsey, Lions Information and Program; Acton Brown, Recording for the Blind; Irving Hellenga, Resolutions; Will Owens, Sergeant-at-Arms; Bryson Tanner, State Awards; Herman Jones, State Pin; M.C. Stowe, Order of the Golden Chain; George W. Blackburn, Multiple District Membership Development; Olin Newby, Multiple district State Historian; and Ben Poole, Multiple District Train the Trainer. All the Campaign SightFirst Group Coordinators were reassigned.

All SightFirst Group Coordinators who were members of the Cabinet, under Dan Stuart, District SightFirst Coordinator, were reassigned by Buddy Ouzts: PDG Millard Havener, PDG Thois Masters, PDG M.C. Stowe, Bob Robinson,, Steve Helwig, Ray Rowell, Walter Pope, Joe Hirsch, Richard Chambers, Ed Hashbarger, Norm Masters, and Jerry Nelms. Later Charles Cope from Decatur replaced Ray Rowell as coordinator.

Coordinator Dan Stuart conducted SightFirst Training Sessions, Sept. 30 with Bob Robinson in Athens, with Joe Hirsch Oct. 7 in Cumming, with M.C. Stowe Oct. 22 in Toccoa, and Oct. 18 with Walter Pope in Winder.

In 1993 discussion of redistricting possibilities was more intensive. At the 1992 State Convention delegates generally opposed the first proposed reorganization possibilities of Multiple District 18 into five districts. A specific proposal was submitted for review in 1993-94, which would also have five districts that would be named L.I.O.N.S. Most of 18-D would have united with most of District 18-A. The district named "L" would stretch from South Carolina to Alabama borders. The boundary to the south would have been the southern boundaries Floyd, Bartow, Cherokee, Hall, Banks, Franklin and Hart counties. "District O" would have included Dekalb, Gwinnett, Walton,

Barrow, Jackson, Madison and Elbert counties, then part of District 18-D, and extend to a line of the southern boundaries of Burke, Jefferson, Johnson, and Laurens counties.

The primary objection to the proposed "District L" was travel access and time over the mountain range between northeast and northwest Georgia. The sentiment against five Lions districts in Georgia by the carving up of District F, encouraged 18-D (with one county from 18-E) to give sufficient counties to District 18-F to have the required membership to permit its survival. The Multiple District Council of Governors developed the 1994 state pin outlining the six districts according to the boundaries before redistricting, to become a collectors item.

Governor convened the Second Cabinet meeting in Gainesville, November 20, 1993, before the District Rally. International Lions Director Marshall W. Cooper from Beaumont, Texas, addressed the Rally at Holiday Hall in Gainesville. Cooper gave Certificates of Appreciation from the International President to Buddy Ouzts, Donald Hix, Bryson Tanner, Norman Masters, and to Mike Kelly. "Top Five" Banner Patches for Campaign SightFirst were awarded to Gainesville Lanier, Cornelia, Bethesda, Dawsonville, and Athens clubs. The 1993 Rally program was videotaped, and copies were available from District Secretary Donald Hix.

After the summer 1993 Lions Georgia Mountain Fair at Hiawassee, Towns County Club in its fall celebration, Oct 11-14, featured country music and gospel music. Gainesville Lions "Rang the Bell" for the Salvation Army, that brought in more than any other group of volunteers. Social Circle Club assisted 4-H youth with their presentations, provided pre-game meals to the local high school football team, and gave leadership and financial aid to the local Boy Scout Troup. Union County Lions held a Food Booth at the annual Fall Sorghum Festival, and gave donations to the Union County Nursing Home, and 30 pounds of frozen beef patties to the S.A.F.E. House in Blairsville. Decatur Lion Charles Cope ran the Atlanta Half-Marathon (13.1 miles) on Thanksgiving morning in 1993. Toccoa Lion Virgil Megill received a club pin and banner from Saga Wakakusu Lions Club (District 337-C) in Saga City, Japan, Nov. 23, 1993. Toccoa Club held its annual Steakout, May 21, 1994, with \$2,000 in prizes awarded. Towns County Lions kicked off their 1994 Georgia Mountain Fair events with a Spring Festival, May 20-21, 1994, featuring bands, singers, dancers, and varying musical acts in the music hall. Bethesda Lions sponsored a golf tournament, May 21, at Cedar Lakes Golf course in Loganville. District LCIF Chair Don Wagner arranged for a transfer of 60,000 pairs of eyeglasses form Muncie, Indiana, to the Georgia Lighthouse in Decatur for processing before worldwide distribution.

Governor Ouzts promoted the "Prevent Blindness Georgia," that began Jan. 1, 1994, through "Operation I Care." The Lighthouse computerized donated glasses to be available for persons with specific eye needs.

Winder Lions Clubhouse was host to the District Convention, March 6, 1994, for the election of 1994-95 officers, and for the Third Cabinet Meeting that followed, with reports of cabinet members. Snellville Chub hosted the Fourth Cabinet Meeting, May 8, 1994, at the American Legion Building in Snellville,

District 18-D officers for 1994-95 chosen at the District Convention were Oscar Battle, district governor; James Panter, vice-governor, and Marilyn Caldwell, cabinet secretary-treasurer. Governor Elect Battle announced the New Officer Training would be at North Georgia Technical Institute in Clarkesville, June 4, 1994.

Savannah hosted the State Lions Convention, May 27-29 1994, as SightFirst and all emphases of Lionism were featured. Second Vice-President Dr. William H. Wunder from Wichita, Kansas, spoke of the urgency of SightFirst as he documented from his personal military experience in various parts of the world, the needs in the Third World, and what the Lions are doing through SightFirst to conquer blindness.

Lighthouse President Donald Hardigree presented to District Governor Buddy Ouzts an award for the best overall support of the Lighthouse by 18-D in 1993-94.

The Ed Brothers who were at the USA/Canada Forum in Winston/Salem, performed at the State Convention.

Region II, Zone 2 Chair Tom Sexton, received the 1994 District 18-D Model Lion award at the State Convention, presented by Buddy Ouzts

1994-1995

Governor Elect Oscar Battle announced the local club officer orientation for the 1994-95 year to be at North Georgia Technical Institute, June 5, 1994. District 18-D participated in the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Seminar at Cove Crest in Tiger, Georgia, as host to District 18-D, June 25-26, 1994.

District Governor Battle was installed with other district governors at the 77th annual International Lions Convention, July 12-15, 1994, at Phoenix, Arizona. At the convention Past International Director Brian Stevenson announced that cash and pledges toward the US \$130 million SightFirst goal on July 13, totaled \$145,731,029, of which in cash was US \$88 million. Two International Directors, one from New York and one from

New South Wales in Australia, and a Headquarters staff member in a seminar recommended for the Lions Future Image, "Be quality Lions. Be open to new members, including women, young people, and minorities. Let training be ongoing. Be a caring community."

The make-up officer training session was held at North Georgia Technical School in Clarkesville, prior to the First Cabinet Meeting, July 31, 1994.

Cabinet members inducted at the First Cabinet Meeting included Region I Chair Howard Whitaker (Toccoa), with Zone 1 Chair J.R. Phillips (Royston), and Zone 2 Chair Robert McCannon (Comer); Region II Chair Victor R. Hamburger (Towns County) with Zone Chair Robert Thompson (Towns County), and Zone 2 Chair Ronald Cowley (Gainesville); Region III Chair Dan Stuart (Oconee) with Zone 1 Chair Bob Robinson (Athens Classic City), and Donald Hix (Winder); Region Chair Edgar Kent (Rehoboth) with Zone 1 Chair Frank Findley (Tucker), and Zone 2 Chair Margaret Battle (Peachtree); and Region V Chair Norman Masters, with Zone I Chair Pete Stamsen (Lawrenceville Noon), and Zone II Chair Steve Hart (Lilburn).

Changes in cabinet responsibilities from the previous year were Lighthouse Foundation Vice-President, Bobby Reynolds; District Rally Chair Terri Foster; District Credentials Chair Marilyn Caldwell; District Membership Chair James Panter; Youth Exchange, Joe Hirsch; Environmental, James Wentworth; Hearing Conservation, Ed Hashbarger; Leader Dog, Ed Hashbarger; Leo Clubs, Richard Smith; Lioness Club Chair, James "Jay" Lovett; LCIF, Buddy Ouzts; Recording for the Blind, James B. Weaver Jr.; Past District Governors, Mike Higgins; White Cane, C.L. "Chuck" Wilson; Youth Exchange, Ann Brennan; Golden Chain Chairman, Ed Hashbarger; Multiple District Membership Development, Robert H. Bovee; State Pin Herman A. Jones Jr.; State Uniform, Walter E. Pope; USA/Canada Forum, George Blackburn; Multiple District Council Chair, Buddy Ouzts.

Lions International President Guiseppe Grimaldi, a neuropsychiatrist, who was elected at Phoenix, was welcomed at a reception by the Georgia Lions Council of Governors, July 27, 1994. In the welcoming committee at the Atlanta Airport were PD Oscar and Margaret Battle, PDG Buddy Ouzts, PDG 18-B Stan Bazemore, International Director Jim Ervin, and Lighthouse Executive Director Marlene Lague. In adjustments to the various priorities of Lionism, Grimaldi called for Lions to "share our solidarity, humanitarian solidarity."

Grimaldi addressed the Georgia Lions Council of Governors, meeting in Atlanta Hilton and Towers. Buddy Ouzts as Council Chair headed the delegation that met Dr. Grimaldi at the airport. At the reception PID W. Myers Banister offered the invocation and PID John F. Pearce led the Pledge

of Allegiance. International Director James E. Ervin introduced Grimaldi, and PID George P. Crumbley gave the response to the speaker.

Grimaldi was recognized for his efforts as a founding member of the Italian Lions Association for Diabetes Awareness and Research, as past director of the Italian Medical-Surgical order, and past member of the Medical Court of Justice. He was honorary president of the Higher Court of Justice for the preservation of the "Mediterraneo," and a member of the Italian Red Cross, an author and poet.

Lawrenceville Noon Club sponsored Georgia's Fifth Annual Peachtree Classic Bluegrass Festival, Aug. 5-6, 1994.

Past International Director Kajit Habanananda from Bangkok, Thailand visited LaVista Lions Club, at a stopover in Atlanta, while he was enroute to the USA/Canada Leadership forum at Des Moines Iowa, Sept. 22-25, 1994.

Both Past District Governor Buddy Ouzts and Governor Battle advised District 18-D clubs to send relief for the central Georgia flood to the Lions State Office in Eatonton. Clubs throughout the year gave support for Georgia flood relief.

Each day at the Georgia Mountain Fair, Aug.3-14, 1994, Towns County Lions promoted different special events, including a special appearance of gospel singer, Sandi Patti. Lions Day, which offers free admission for Lions, was Aug. 8, when a Beauty Pageant was scheduled to choose Miss Georgia Mountain Fair.

Dist. Governor Battle announced in October 1994 that Lions Clubs International at its Headquarters in Oak Park, Illinois, had recommended a change of district boundaries of Multiple District 18. In realignment District 18-D would give DeKalb and Walton counties, and District 18-E give Houston County to District 18-F, to give 18-F sufficient membership to be preserved.

The reception for Third-Vice President Judge Howard L. "Pat" Patterson, was held Nov. 18, at the State Botanical Gardens Conservation at the University of Georgia. Patterson spoke briefly at the Cabinet Meeting, Nov. 19, and gave the address at the District Rally following the Cabinet Meeting.

At the Second Cabinet Meeting, Nov. 19, Snellville Club presented the resolution to nominate Norman Masters, and Toccoa Club presented the resolution to nominate Howard Whitaker as nominees for District Lieutenant-Governor for 1995-96. The cabinet endorsed Past District Governor Jim Ervin as candidate for Vice-President, and referred the action to the Multiple 18 District at the State Convention.

Third Vice-President Howard L. "Pat" Patterson, Jr., addressed the District 18-D Rally at Holiday Hall in Gainesville. Judge Patterson challenged the district to champion Jim Ervin as Candidate for Third Vice-President in 1996, and reviewed how Mississippi's endorsement of one of their Lions to be Third Vice-President, rejuvenated all the districts.

By November 1994 the Maysville Club had 20 charter members ready for the Charter Meeting set for January 1995.

Chairman Buddy Ouzts on behalf of the Georgia Council of Governors presented to Georgia Governor Zell Miller, Dec. 20, 1994, a medal for his "contributions and outstanding services of Lions International."

District Trading Pin Chair Herman Jones challenged clubs to submit Odesigns for future state trading pins. The prizes, upon recommendation of three judges, were \$75 first place, and \$25 second place.

District SightFirst Chair Dan Stuart, who participated in the Atlanta Peachtree Ten Kilometer Run for SightFirst, in 1994, ran for White Cane, and encouraged other Lions also to run with him. Lion Dan suggested runners at club meetings secure pledges for White Cane runners, and send such contributions to the Lighthouse marked "White Cane Day Run."

Dawsonville Lions cooperated with the Sheriff's department in the remodeling of the old county jail for the Dawsonville Chamber information center.

Region III Zone 1 sponsored Athens Lions Awareness and Health Fair at the Georgia Square Mall, Jan. 21, 1995. Georgia Home Health Care Service took more than 50 blood pressure tests. St. Mary's Hospital made 90 blood pressure screenings and seven referrals to physicians, twenty-one glucose screenings for Diabetes, and three referrals, and thirty-nine cholesterol testings with twenty-one referrals to doctors.

Snellville Lions hosted a New Lions Orientation, Feb. 26, 1995, at the Snellville American Legion building, arranged by Region V Chair Norm Masters.

District Governor, Battle, to encourage smaller Lions clubs featured a three-page report of activities of smaller clubs (under 25 members) in the February 1995 issue of the District Bulletin. Each article in its title listed the name of each club with the number of its members, to demonstrate what smaller clubs are doing.

District Governor awarded an additional 300 points in meeting the District Governor's Goals, if the special "D's Trees" project was completed and documented on M&A reports during 1994-95.

On Arbor Day Region III Zone 1 participated in the D's Trees project by planting fourteen trees from the State Botanical Gardens at fourteen locations in Athens. Included were the Boys Clubs of Athens, Girls Club of Athens and at St Mary's Hospital Long Term Care Center, the Council on Aging, neighborhood and homeless centers, nursing centers, Leisure Living and retirement centers. Martin Lions planted seven beds with trees and shrubbery in the new Martin Community Park.

A Georgia Lions Re-zoning meeting was held Jan. 22, 1995 in Milledgeville. Lions Clubs in DeKalb County and the twelve clubs in Region V were asked to send their representatives to the District 18-F Convention and Cabinet Meeting at Sandersville, March 18, 1995. District Governor 18-F, Bill E. Shurling, visited clubs in Region IV, in anticipation of their becoming part of District 18-F.

Herman Jones from Gainesville arranged for filming Lighthouse Public Announcements for White Cane at the Atlanta Falcon Complex. Lion Herman Hones appeared with Coach June Jones in one spot of the two 30-second announcements the Lighthouse sent to every television station in Georgia.

At the District Convention at Oconee County Convention Center in Watkinsville, March 12, 1995, delegates voted Jim Panter for governor and Norman Masters for vice-governor, to serve in 1995-96. Following the convention, cabinet officers presented their reports at the Third Cabinet Meeting. Oconee Lions presented a Merit Award and a Saving Bond to Taylor Presley at the Cabinet Meeting, for winning both the district and the state Peace Poster Awards.

Gainesville Lions sponsored DARE Day, April 8, 1995, in cooperation with the Sheriff's Department. Lion Don Painter as "Sir Don the Clown" participated in the entertainment. Included were dunking tanks for peace officers.

The Fourth Cabinet Meeting was held May 7, 1995 at Forsyth County High School. Governor-Elect Jim Panter sheets would be sent out for recording dates for clubs preferences for official visits. Governor Battle challenged Lions to be models for the "Youth of America."

At the State Convention in the Ironworks complex at Columbus, Georgia, Immediate Past President Jim Coffee reflected how an International Lions President gives five years to the life of the association. Council Chair

Buddy Ouzts, May 26, read the resolution adopted at the convention for the support of the candidacy of Jim Ervin as nominee for Third Vice-President.

Marietta Lions arranged for "Lion Jim's Traveling Road Show, as dancers performed, governors clapped, rockets sang and did gymnastic stunts. In a demonstration of enthusiasm on the convention floor, Jim and Betty Ervin rode in a red convertible, preceded by motorcycles. Lions waved banners and flags and sang, "Happy Days are Here Again."

In the District Governor's contest, Oscar Battle announced winners the for small clubs were Lawrenceville Evening third place, Athens West second place, and Peachtree first place. Among medium clubs, he said winners were Oconee third place, North DeKalb second place, and Dawsonville first place. Large club winners were Snellville third place, Gainesville second place, and Towns County first place.

District Chair of State Awards, Bryson Tanner, summarized District 18-D first place winners by the State Awards Committee, were six awards for Gainesville, Athens West two first place awards, and one first place each from Cornelia, Dawsonville, North DeKalb, Lawrenceville, Oconee, Snellville Lioness, and Toccoa clubs. Gainesville had four second place awards, Peachtree two second place, and one second place award by Dawsonville, North DeKalb, Toccoa, and Towns County clubs. Both Dawsonville and North DeKalb received an honorable mention. Scrapbook awards were Toccoa first, Gainesville second, and Towns County third.

Illustrative of redistricting was the Laurel Ridge 35th anniversary, May 16, 1995. From 18-F were guests PDG Carolyn Irvin and District Governor Elect Beverly Roberts. Guests from 18-D were District Governor Elect Jim Panter, Zone Chair Frank Findley, North DeKalb Lions President Ann Stump and her husband Secretary Harold Stump, and Rehoboth President Elect Gene Lambert and his wife Dottie. District 18-D Secretary-Treasurer Elect George Blackburn was speaker at the Laurel Ridge anniversary.

1995-1996

When Jim Panter returned from the International Convention in Seoul, Korea, after being installed as District Governor, he opened his leadership as governor of 18-D with the appeal to keep "Fun in Lionism." He advised Lions always "to be on our best behavior," to be positive forces, to work as a team, "to support and follow those in whom we have placed responsibility, and who have accepted it, as our leaders." He said, "We can accept that accomplishments are unlimited, if we but forget who is to get the credit." He explained, "We have a platform from which we can benefit mankind," that is unique, "that can not be approached by government or religion."

District Governor Jim Panter sustained as much as possible the Cabinet officers and region and zone chairs, and added stability in the first year after redistricting had reduced the size of 18-D. PDG Don Hardigree as new district chaplain began to submit monthly messages to the District. The Training Center for new officers was staged at Gainesville's Civic Center on June 4, 1995.

The first District Cabinet Meeting was held July 30 at the Gainesville Civic Center, at 2 p.m., when cabinet members were installed and plans were made within the new boundaries of f18-D. District Governor Panter organized the new cabinet and said Secretary-Treasurer George Blackburn would send forms to each club on which each club could reply the dates most preferable for the governor's official visit. Bryson Tanner gave the district awards for scrapbook. Bobby Reynolds spoke as District Chair of the James E Ervin Campaign for Third VP, and also spoke as VP of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. At 3 p.m. make-up training session was held after the Cabinet Meeting.

District Governor Jim Panter announced seven priorities for 1995-96. (1) Keep fun in club meetings, projects, and fundraisers. (2) Make local Lions work shine in preparation, publicity, and contribution to the community. (3) Pay district/state and International dues on billing dates of July 1995 and January 1996. (4) Pay for supplies from International or from State Lion Tamer on receipt of statements. (5) Document all activities and events on the M&A report and send before the 5th of the month. (6) Follow the Lions *Code of Ethics* and *Objects* in Lion work and *Life*. Panter determined to hold a high morale for the district.

Accepting the International theme of "Leadership" Governor Panter admitted, "We have a jump on the International theme." He said he recalled an 18-D emphasis, "Leadership Builds Membership." "The real leader," he said, "does not need to feed one's ego, but becomes a server with responsibility to others." Zone I Leader of Region III Robert P. Robinson characterized a response, when he congratulated West Athens Lion Ron Epperson for his proposal, that a new State Lions Pin should say, "This young man is energetic, and has visions and ideas we need in our clubs."

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse mobile eye center began to circulate through the state. Gainesville Lions agreed to give \$125 monthly to the Lighthouse to cover diesel fuel for the generator of the unit.

Secretary-Treasurer George Blackburn became ill after the First Cabinet Meeting, and had surgery Aug. 20 for removal of a benign brain tumor. DG Panter attended the Georgia Council of Governors Aug. 19, 1995. He characterized the 1995 U:SA/Canada Forum in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, as possessing "enough wisdom to open the doors to which there is no key." He said the Forum "is the premier education and articulation of Lionism, a major asset to discipline self-esteem to do the *right thing at the right time.*"

There were 22 Lions from District 18-D who attended, from Mountain Park Gwinnett, Snellville, Winder, Dahlonega, Gainesville, Union County, and Toccoa clubs.

The Second Cabinet Meeting was held Nov. 18, 1995, at Holiday Hall in Gainesville. At the District Rally that followed, International Director Gary W. Fry, an educator from Mitchellville Lions Club in Iowa, was speaker. He said PRIDE in Lionism stands for "resourceful, purpose, imagination, dignity, and excellence."

District Governor Panter complimented Dawsonville Club with 29 members in September invited 30 guests to a meeting in October, and won eleven to become Lions. After dedicating the "Martin Green" Park, prepared by Martin Lions, on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 1995, Panter called Martin Lions Club "local Lionism at its best."

When District 18-D, now the smallest in Georgia, gave the largest contribution, \$14,543 out of the statewide total of \$48,657, toward the Children's Eye Center at Emory, successor to the Eye Bank and the Eye Tissues Services, Panter exclaimed, "District 18-D is to be congratulated."

A matching LCIF grant of \$50,000 was part of the \$100,000 presented by Grant Administrator Buddy Ouzts, to the Georgia Lions Children's Eye Care Center at Emory, Feb. 3, 1996, at its open house. Jim Panter was a committee member.

Bill Bellamy, 1995-96 Coordinator Children's Eye Care Center, announced Dr. Arlene Drak, medical director, conducts research in genetic eye disease, working with Dr. Thomas M. Aaberg, director of the Eye Center and Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at Emory.

Clermont Lions opened their clubhouse in summer 1995 for club and zone use. PDG David Sargent from Clermont Club was elected president of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation at its meetings in Macon, Feb. 17-18, 1996.

Delegates to the District 18-D Convention, March 10, 1996, prior to the Third Cabinet Meeting, elected for 1996-97, District Governor Norman Masters, District Vice-Governor Dan Stuart, District Librarian Bob Robinson, District Vice-President of the Lighthouse Conny Shirley, and member Lions Eye Clinic, Bill Bellamy. Buddy Ouzts announce 18-D could host youth exchange students in the summer 1996 from Belgium, Finland, Japan, Germany, or Brazil. The length of stay is from four to eight weeks, averaging six weeks.

Winder Noon Lions Club was chartered March 29, 1996, when PID Jim Ervin was speaker.

Gainesville Noon Club hosted the Fourth Cabinet Meeting, May 5, 1996, in the Superior Court Room of the old historic Courthouse in Dawsonville.

Lions Verne Boucher and Bob Hermann of Norcross Club became available to speak at clubs for the "Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence," a Lions program for dogs to help handicapped people as Leader Dogs for the blind.

Second Vice-President Judge Howard L. Patterson from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, was speaker at the State Convention, May 23-25, 1996, at the Airport Hilton. Dist. Gov. Jim Panter presided at the closing plenary session of the Lions State Convention, May 16, 1996, at Hapeville.

Lion Roberta Wagner was one two Georgians enrolled among the first 45 in the pilot Leadership Institute, April 23-28, 1996 at Lisle, Illinois, a few miles south of Oak Brook. Ron Epperson was later among Lions to receive training in the Lions International Training program for those less than five years as a Lion.

1996-1997

Winder-Barrow High School band led the Georgia delegation in the parade at the Lions International Convention in Montreal, July 9-12, 1996, (winning second of parade bands), as Georgia Lions waved Ervin placards along the parade route. The band also played in two demonstrations for Ervin in the plenary sessions at the Molson Center, and at the evening Georgia Jamboree. Convention speakers at the Molson Center in Montreal were Bill Wunder, Norman Schwarzkopf, International President Augustin Soliva, and PDG Jimmy Carter, who began his address; "It's a long way from Tail Twister to being United States President." Campaign volunteers for Jim Ervin at Montreal promoted him to delegates, arranged demonstrations, and gave up-to-date information to Georgia Lions.

District 18-D held its New Officers Training at Gainesville Civic Center, June 23. The First Cabinet Meeting was held July 28, 1996 at North Georgia Technical School, Clarkesville.

District White Cane Chair Dan Stuart, candidate for 18-D Vice-Governor 1996-97, carried the Olympic Flame, July 15, 1996. Each Olympic Relay torchbearer wore a uniform of a T-shirt, shorts, and socks, and averaged two to three hours from check-in point to return to the check-in point.

Lions began to prepare for the Paralympics Games scheduled for Aug. 16- 27, 1996. The options Lilburn Lion Nick Brigham described at the Region II Zone 2 meeting in Dawsonville, were to sponsor a paralympic, send a visually-impaired child to the games, to purchase and sell tickets, or to

volunteer work at Paralympic Awareness Promotions at the Camp for the Blind, or in local schools and communities, or to volunteer at Pre-Games set-up or at sporting events.

Winder Noon club, Aug. 7, 1996, featured Phil and Angie Copeland, a paralytic volunteer. Phil, son of Lion Ron Copeland, was paralyzed three years previously.

Gainesville Lions publicized the Paralympic Yachting held Aug. 16-27 at the Acqualand Marina at Flowery Branch. Toccoa Lions Club Secretary Joe Vaughn worked in the head security tent for the Olympics at Lake Lanier, guarding security equipment, and met a number of high clearance celebrities and heads of state who were interested in aquatic competition

International Director Charles "Sugar" Weir from Lansing, Michigan, demonstrated his Puppet Lion George, at his reception, Nov. 15, 1996.

District Governor Norman Masters convened the Second Cabinet Meeting at Holiday Hall in Gainesville 3:30 p.m. Nov. 16, 1996. At the District Rally Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m., International Director A. Charles Weir speaker. At the rally, Winder Noon Club President Bobby Reynolds received the International President's award for community service.

District 18-D's District Convention and Third Cabinet Meeting were at Winder Community Center, March 9, 1997 Candidates for vice-governor were Ed Hashbarger, Bob Robinson and Tom Sexton. Elected for 1997-98 were Dan Stuart, district governor; Thomas F. Sexton, vice-governor; Buddy ;Ouzts, Children's Eye Care Center Committee Member, and Jim Schwartz, vice-president Camp for the Blind.

Winder Leo Club reported 25 members, most of whom are participating. Projects included selling cotton candy at the Fall Festival, visiting residents at nursing homes on holidays, distributing Valentines in February, distributing \$100 to the school for a mural, and \$100 to the Josh Davis Fund.

Lion Dan Stuart on April 12, 1997, ran in the Athens 5K Road race, the White Cane Day Run, to benefit the Georgia Lions Lighthouse.

Clermont-North Hall Club hosted the Fourth Cabinet Meeting, May 4, 1997, in its new clubhouse in Clermont. Year-end reports were given by Ed Hashbarger, Leader Dog; Ellis Britt, Golden Chain; Don Painter, Leo and Youth Outreach; James Weaver, Recording for the Blind; Don Wagner.

Administrative officers were Region I Chair Jeff Thompson, and Zone 1 Chair Wayne Carpenter; Region II Chair Beverly Shirley with Zone 1 Chair Victor R. Hamburger and Zone 2 Chair Joe Hirsch; Region III Chair Bob

1997-1998

Lions International Convention at Philadelphia, Pa., July 3-6, 1997, celebrated America's past as well as its future. Attending the Jim Ervin Reception at the Hotel Marriott in Philadelphia, among others were President Augustin Soliva from Brazil, Immediate Past President William H. Wunder, and Second Vice-President Kajit Habanananda. Past International Director John Pearce was presenter, July 3, 1997, at the "Membership Seminar: Looking Toward the 21st Century." The Georgia Lions Delegation was seated on the main floor during the Plenary Session. At the Georgia Jamboree helpfulness was shown, when Maurice Gregory from Mississippi fell backwards, to the floor, she was quickly picked up by her husband and Tony Williamson from Sussex, England.

District Governor Dan Stuart remembering the International President's theme, "Proud Past—Bright Future," shared that Georgia Lions number 286 clubs with almost 8,000 Lions, and in District 18-D, 1250 Lions are serving in 41 clubs.

Jefferson Lions Club hosted the First Cabinet Meeting, July 27, 1997, at the Jackson Electric Building. The Second Cabinet Meeting was Nov. 15, 1997 at Gainesville Civic Center before the Rally, and the Third Cabinet Meeting March 8 after the District Convention at the Snellville American Legion Hall.

District Governor Dan Stuart proposed club goals, in attitude to follow the Lions Code of Ethics and Objects, in concern for people in the club and outside to win others, in sharing the opportunities of Lionism within the club, to those in other clubs, and to those outside of Lionism

John Gilles Melancon from Repentigny, Quebec, was Rally speaker, Nov. 15, 1997, at Gainesville Civic Center. He was co-chair of the 1979 and 1996 International Conventions in Montreal, Quebec. He has been district governor, Council of Governors chair, moderator of a leadership seminar, and chair of the multiple districts' Promotion Committee.

Dr. James Weaver in 1997 shared for the Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, 38 clubs in 1995-96, gave \$8,060 from the state total of \$15,938 by 114 clubs. In 1995-96, 38 clubs of 104 gave \$10,570 of the total \$18,952 provided throughout the state.

1998-1999

District Governor Tom Sexton and Vice-Governor Joe Hirsch strengthened local initiatives by clubs in District 18-D, and focused on

opportunities in each local community. The perspective within the district rallied more intensive witness in the uncompleted tasks, privileges, and obligations of Lionism.

By meeting regularly in the remodeled and upgraded Gainesville Civic Center, the improved service and meeting place, although smaller than Holiday Hall, was adequate for the reduction of member clubs in the district, and has spurred new initiatives.

1999-2000

District Governor Joe Hirsh from Dahlonaga Club has motivated other clubs to branch out into new fund raising projects and local service activities. The success of Lions Sponsored Golf Tournaments replaced the appeal and productivity of Bingo Games that were popular in the early 1990s. The district became more relevant to the opportunities it has within the new boundaries of the district.

2000-2001

District Governor Ed Hashbarger has spurred District 18-D into new district wide activities, particularly in having a social event for one of the Cabinet Meetings. With a wide experience in various communities and cultures, Lion Ed challenges the district for more camaraderie. With new members, women and minorities, club perspectives have become more relevant to the changing culture.

Sperry (North DeKalb); hearing conservation and hearing aids, Ed Snyder (Athens West); White Cane, Donald R. Hardigree (Winder); membership retention and development, Conny Shirley (Clarkesville) and Robert L. Smith (North DeKalb); Lioness co-chairpersons, Oscar and Margaret Battle (North DeKalb Lions and Lioness); Camp for Blind programs and contributions, Bill Bennett (Lanier); diabetes awareness, Sam A. Vickery (Commerce); sight conservation and used glasses, Dan Sullivan (Forsyth County); Recording for the Blind, W. Malcom Reid (Athens), who was replaced at his death by Acton Brown; environmental, James B. Weaver, Jr. (Athens Classic City); USA/Canada Forum, Bobby Reynolds (Winder); youth exchange, Donnie Canup (Winder); long range planning, William Myers Banister (Towns County); state convention, David Sargent (Clermont); international understanding and cooperation, Joe W. Davis (Decatur); state awards, Byrson Tanner (Athens); Lions information and programs, Robert A. Mitchell (Lithonia); Leo clubs, Daniel W. Stuart (Oconee); constitution and by-laws, Conny Shirley (Clarkesville); international candidate, R.E. Cross (Clayton); rules, Bob G. Pinson (Lanier); international convention, Ray Rowell (Laurel Ridge); district breakfast, Arthur Gurr (Union County); outstanding deaf award, Ray Cox (Bethesda); outstanding blind award, Paul Kellum (Comer); sergeant at arms, William B. Owens (Union County); state uniform, Byard Roper (Clarkesville); state pin, Bruce Maney (Snellville); song leader, Millard F. Havener (Athens); multiple district membership development chairman, George W. Blackburn (LaVista); and multiple district train the trainer, Bill Tanner.

Region chairmen were District I, J.R. Phillips (Royston-Franklin Springs), chairman, and Zone I chairman Dale Stone (Lavonia), Zone II Chairman, Jimmie Johnson (Elberton); Region II, William "Bill" Owens (Union County) chairman, and Zone I chairman William "Bud" Duckworth (Tallulah

Falls), Zone II chair Steve Lesley (Gainesville); Region III chairman John B. Goodwin (Athens), and Zone I chairman Steve Helwig (Athens West), Zone II chairman A. Lamar Ouzts Winder); Region IV, chairman James F. Panter (LaVista), Zone I chairman, Ray Rowell (Laurel Ridge), Zone II chairman, Rich Harrelson (LaVista), Zone III chairman, Oscar Battle (North DeKalb); Region V, region chairman Marion L. Maye (Duluth), Zone I chairman, George Weigle (Bethesda), Zone II chairman, James Kerlin (Snellville.)

District Activity

District officers during Stowe's administration were alert to new opportunities. PDG George Blackburn, Region Chair James Panter, and Lion Ray Ginn visited prospective Lions June 28, 1990, at the S&S Bank at Market Square, that considered beginning a Spanish Lions club.

Gov. Stowe made visits to District 18-D clubs before his official installation as well as after he took his oath as governor at the International Convention at St. Louis. He noted 168 Georgia Lions attended the Georgia breakfast during the St. Louis convention.

After his election as district governor, Stowe outlined goals of Lionism at his official visits. He attended significant occasions for Lions clubs. Gov. Stowe attended the celebration, October 10, 1990, of the Founding Day of the Republic of China at Ritz Carten Hotel in Atlanta, along with the mayor of Atlanta, mayors of other cities, and state officials. Throughout his term Gov. Stowe was present at many award meetings by Lions, as at the recognition of Bob Davis as Oconee membership chairman by Dan Stewart, Feb. 12, 1991.

In the summer of 1990 with other district governors Gov. Stowe attended the 1990 session for Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind, and participated in the training seminar. He shared experiences with 39 youth from 10 to 13 years of age. District 18-D enrolled 40 or 26% of the 155 campers, and ranked third

among the districts in financial support. Bill Bennett as 18-D Camp vice-president promoted the camp. Susan Cheek from 18-D Region I, a camper in 1989, was a 1990 counselor at the Camp for the Blind, and became available as a club speaker.

Bobby Reynolds (Winder) promoted the USA/Canada Forum which was held September 20-22, 1990 in Nashville. Lions and Lionesses gathered there to study "Involvement - We Serve - In Action."

Snellville Lions hosted the first 1990-91 cabinet meeting for 150 Lions at the American Legion building, July 29, 1990, where the marquee welcomed Gov. Stowe. Reports were given and plans outlined for the year.

In addition to the cabinet meetings Gov. Stowe held information meetings. At a fall meeting in Gainesville Don Wagner presented LCIF using visual aids. A proposal to conduct membership contests was offered within regions, that was accepted by Region I Zone I and won by Toccoa club. Out of the discussion on increasing membership Gov. Stowe authorized a committee that was announced at the second cabinet meeting, the committee that later formulated the initial plans to promote membership through a telethon.

Assisting Savannah Lions, District 18-D participated as host in the restoration project of the Designer House in Savannah, October 13, by Gov. M.C. and Amelia Stowe, David and Sarah Sargent (Clermont), and eleven Lions from Winder: Walter Pope, Emory Maddox, Cariene Maddox, Terry Overby, Dannie Cannup, Buddy Ouzts, Bobby Reynolds, Addison Pharr, Don Hardigree, Tom Williams, and David Andrews.

District Assembly

At the second cabinet meeting the afternoon of the district banquet, November 17, Gov. Stowe appointed the committee to recommend and implement ways to increase membership. The recommendation comprised of A. Lamar "Buddy"

Ouzts, John Goodwin, and Marion Maye, after considering various possibilities, designed the two hour Lions Telethon that was broadcast from Athens studio of WNGM channel 34, Feb. 23, 1991.

In the district assembly in Gainesville, November 17, 1990, Bill Banks from Gainesville club for the 29th year promoted the rally. Service through the buffet line for the 600 who attended did not exceed 35 minutes. The meeting began at 6:30, and Gov. Stowe concluded the meeting at 9 p.m. International Director Bill Webber from Alberta was speaker at a reception Friday evening, November 16, attended Saturday business sessions, and spoke at the November 17th rally banquet.

Throughout the year in the district bulletin district chairmen provided promotional articles, and Don Wagner utilized graphs to chart Melvin Jones Fellows and contributions to LCIF.

1991 Telethon

The most noteworthy innovation in Gov. Stowe's administration of 18-D was the two hours Lions telethon, Feb. 23, 1991 from Athens studio of WNGM Channel 34. Political leaders gave greetings, including Congressman Ed Jenkins, Congressman Dough Bernard, Senator Nunn, Athens highest elected officer Gwin O'Neeley, Lt. Gov. Pierre Howard, and Mayor Buddy Ouzts of Winder, Lions telethon coordinator of 18-D. Coach Vince Dooley from the University of Georgia and Barbara Dooley commended Lionism. Willard Kimsey from Toccoa club presented the district Leader Dog project. Andy Crawford, Toccoa Lion since 1948 represented the long range appeal of Lionism, and Dr. Brent Crymes, Athens ophthalmologist represented the youngest Lions in 18-D. Musicians throughout the program included 1988 Miss Georgia Lions Denise Daniels, Babbie Mason, Newharts Gospel quartet, Country singer Bill Anderson, and Terry Gibbs.

Margaret Battle and several Lionesses traced Lioness activity in the district. Leo president Stacy Hogan and Leo advisor Steve Marine reported on the new Leo club at Winder-Barrow High School. Bill Sperry explained Drug Awareness and the Quest program.

Tom Jackson was host of the telethon program from 5 to 7 p.m. Jackson introduced Miss Lions of various years, district and club participants on the telethon, and Lighthouse director Marlene Lague who coordinated advance planning to invite outside guest participation. Jackson announced gifts from merchants for pledges of specific amounts.

The telethon program consisted of recordings prepared during the month before from public leaders and District 18-D officers. Videos were shown of the Lighthouse, Eye Bank, Recordings for the blind, and Camp for the Blind. Live participants beside phone calls during the program included PDG Bob Pinson who presented donations, Hoyt Pilcher who gave a \$1000 check from Forsyth County club, and Buddy Ouzts who presented gifts from Walnut Grove club.

Gov. Stowe tabulated the pledges as they were received, and gave totals throughout the program, which reached \$6895.20 by 7 p.m. When all receipts from the telethon were received, the program eventually netted \$7000 for Georgia Lighthouse and other Lions projects.

At the third cabinet meeting and district convention, March 3, 1991, former lieutenant governor (1989-90) J. Michael Higgins Jr. (North DeKalb) was chosen district governor for 1991-92. Don Wagner (Gainesville) was elected lieutenant governor, and Bill Bennett was elected to a two year term as vice-president of the Camp for the Blind. Lieutenant Governor Lloyd Rusgrove had announced his nomination for district governor, but withdrew February 7 for health reasons. He died June 2, 1991.

District 18-D participated in the Lions Southeastern U.S. Multiple District Membership Council, April 4, in Atlanta. Resource leader was Dave Counten, Miami, Florida, chairman. Dist. Gov. M.C. Stowe extended the invitation to Past International Director Austin Jennings from Woodbury, Tennessee to address the council. PDG George Blackburn brought greetings to Counten.

Jennings met with the Council of Governors (Chuck Wilson, chairman) in Macon, April 6, and enjoyed a meal with them at the Beal House. A golf game was arranged by Gov. M.C. Stowe for Austin Jennings and Bill Sperry.

State Convention

District 18-D hosted the Georgia Lions State Convention at Gainesville, May 16-19, 1991, hosted by Clermont, Gainesville, Lanier, South Hall Lions, and Queen City Lioness clubs. PGD David Sargent (Clermont) was general chairman; PDG Bob Pinson (South Hall), vice-chairman; and Don Wagner (Gainesville), secretary-treasurer.

Ray Howell directed a Lions golf tournament at Royal Lakes Country Club, May 16. A barbecue was held at the downtown square, May 17. At the Georgia Mountains Center arena Lion Sargent introduced Dist. Gov. Stowe. Gov. Elect Michael Higgins lead the pledge of allegiance, and Lt. Gov. Elect Don Wagner offered the invocation. Past International Director John Pearce directed the flag presentation. Lion Curtis Seagers, who coordinated convention parking, chairman County Commissioners, welcomed Lions, along with Gainesville mayor Sissy Lawson. At the Miss Georgia Lions Beauty Pageant Rose Harper from 18-B at Savannah was crowned 1991 Miss Georgia Lions with 18-D's Jennifer Waldroup from Kennesaw as first runner-up.

International Director Harold Keely spoke at the 18-D breakfast Saturday, May 18, and at the state banquet Saturday evening. At 18-D

breakfasts Gov. Stowe granted awards to clubs and district chairmen. The Turkish blind boy sponsored by Oconee club for several eye surgeries, Gumas Burak, and his parents, Turkish naval officer Sedat and his wife Nurdan Gumas, were presented at the 18-D breakfast, Sunday, May 19. When Gumas returned for a cornea transplant in October, nation media carried the story. Grateful Lions from Kusadasi in Turkey corresponded with M.C. Stowe, and in turn described the centennial celebration of the discovery of Virgin Mary's home in Secuk in Turkey, site of Biblical Ephesus, where a basilica and grave of St. John are located.

1991 Awards

Bryson Tanner, 18-D state awards chairman, announced Gainesville and Winder clubs received most awards. Gainesville had five first place and five second place awards processed by the state committee. Winder's first place state awards were Scrapbook, Decatur QUEST Award, Dalton Agriculture-Community Award, Dugal Currie award for youth, and White Cane highest dollar contributions. Winder's second place awards were Elkan Ideals Award, Northeast Atlanta Largest Number Key Awards, Bergman memorial per capita White Cane donations, President's award for per capita toward Lighthouse, and per capita White Cane toward Lighthouse Foundation.

Additional awards to Winder were 100% District Governor's awards to president Walter Pope, secretary Jimmy Griffith, zone chair Buddy Ouzts and outstanding zone chairman award, state co-chairman of White Cane Donald Hardigree, and cabinet officers Donnie Canup and Bobby Reynolds. Buddy Ouzts was also presented an award as telethon chairman for the Northeast Georgia Lions telethon, February 23, 1991.

District Governor Elect Mike Higgins visited clubs before and after his succession to M.C. Stowe. He installed Toccoa's 1991-92 officers June 11,

1991. He outlined his official visits beginning in July, and participated in significant Lions club occasions. He addressed North DeKalb Lions on their 40th anniversary, August 17, and Jefferson Lions on their 40th anniversary, October 28. He hosted his first cabinet meeting at Chamblee Civic Center, July 14, 1991, and convened his cabinet to a special meeting at Oakwood, November 2.

Club Activity

Local clubs continued their special local service projects in addition to meeting district goals of Lionism. Athens Noon club entry of Meg Hughes from Athens Academy won the 1990 state Peace Poster award. Also sponsored by Athens Noon was Jennie Schoffield, and by the LaVista club, Catherine Thomas. Gov. Stowe presented a Lions \$25 check to Meg Hughes. Athens Noon also named John Goodwin a Melvin Jones Fellow and 1990 Lion of the Year. Athens West presented a hearing dog to Clara Garrett, September 16, 1991.

The Atlanta Chinese-American club held a benevolence party in Chamblee, June 1, 1991, to benefit the community charity fund. Braselton club was visited February 21, 1991, by Danny Pearl, a reporter for the Wall Street Journal, who wrote a feature article on Braselton. Buford club sponsored a flea market in October 1991 at Burford Civic Center. Clermont club gave its 1990 awards at the Catfish School restaurant at Brookton. Clarkesville club sponsored its Chattahoochee Fair in September. Clermont enlisted motorcyclists in its Spring Poker Run. Colbert Lions took part in their community's Independence Day Festival. Commer Lions sponsored the 1991 Madison County Fair, October 1-5. Colbert club took part in the Madison County Fair in return the favor when Colbert helped in the Fourth of July festivities. Commerce club installed a Wishing Well at the Dr. Sam Vickery restaurant to receive funds for the Georgia Lighthouse. Dawsonville club

sponsored a community child to Diabetes Summer Camp. Forsyth County Lions sponsored a concession stand at Lanierland Music Park. Lanier Lions promoted a Gospel Sing at Georgia Mountain Center. LaVista club in the summer of 1990 granted an "Outstanding Young Person's" award to Faisal Merchant at Sagamore Hills Elementary school in Atlanta, and sponsored a basketball camp for 80 deaf children in June 1990. Lawrenceville Noon participated in the 1991 Blue Grass Festival at Lawrenceville. Lilburn Lions sold chicken sandwiches at the community Lilburn Days, October 12, 1991. Monroe club sponsored a blind child with a brain tumor to attend the 1991 Summer Camp Blue Springs for the Handicapped. Norcross Lions were partners with the Historic Downtown Norcross Business Association in sponsoring the Founders Day Arts and Craft Festival, October 26-27. Oconee club sponsored an ice cream social August 27, and its fall festival, October 5. Stone Mountain club participated in the Fourth of July parade in Stone Mountain.

Snellville Lions and Lionesses in April 1990 honored more than 400 retired citizens at Snellville United Methodist Church. In March 1991 treasurer Bill Brown and membership director Loyd Doss were made Melvin Jones Fellows. Snellville club in September 1991 utilized a trailer vendor at the Gwinnett County Fair and at the Christian musical festival.

Toccoa Lions sponsored its fourth annual rodeo, June 14-15, and participated in Toccoa's Harvest Festival, October 26-27. Towns County club in 1990 and 1991 received 125,000 visitors yearly at the Lions sponsored Georgia Mountain Fair at Hiawassee. Tucker club cooperated with Newburgh, N.Y. club to provide surgery without leg amputation, December 18, 1990, for a diabetic teacher's aid Estella McPhail at Northlake Regional Medical center. Union County Lions had a concession at the Towns County Georgia Mountain Fair. Kaye Wilson, wife of PDG Chuck Wilson, in 1990-91 was first lady president of

White County club. White County Lions cooperated with the American Diabetic Association to present a 1991 summer camp for diabetic children.

Winder Club

Winder club initiated the J. Guy Ouzts Memorial Award in 1991 with first and second places for the club that will in the opinion of the State Awards committee, implement a Quest or other drug education, prevention, and rehabilitation program during a current year. Winder club raised \$31,500 in 1990 to implement Quest training and supplies for 72 middle school teachers in the Winder-Barrow and Russell schools. An appreciation reception was held by the Winder-Barrow school system and community and civic leaders, August 13 thanking Winder Lions. Winder club installed officers of newly founded LEO club in the Winder-Barrow High School, Sept. 13. In 1990 Winder club celebrated the 48th anniversary of the club, the 45th anniversary of the Lions sponsored Barrow County Argicultural an Industrial Fair, and the 75th anniversary of Barrow County. Buddy Ouzts and Winder club gave leadership to the District Telethon, February 23. Winder club conducted its own three hour telethon for White Cane Day, receiving pledges and cash for \$5000.

Toccoa Club

In December 1989 Toccoa Lions planned an eyedonor solicitation Saturdays in 1990 in cooperation with the Toccoa barracks of the Georgia State Patrol. Each Saturday two members were assigned responsibility at the police barracks. After the schedule was finalized for all of 1990, the program was cancelled in January by the State Police.

At the District 18-D Convention at Winder, March 4, 1990, M.C. Stowe from Toccoa club was elected Lions governor of 18-D. Stowe appointed to the cabinet Howard Whitaker as secretary-treasurer and credentials chairman, Irving Hellenga as resolutions chairman, Willard Kimsey as Leader Dog

chairman, and Virgil Megill as district bulletin editor.

Past District Governor Hellenga was speaker at Region I Zone I meeting March 29 at the Old Railroad Depot, hosted by the Royston-Franklin Springs club. PDG Kimsey addressed 18-D clubs on Leader Dog.

President Walter Salentine exerted leadership over Toccoa club with swift movement from on project to another. Salentine, also club bulletin editor, announced in March 1990 he was transferring to a job at Tampa, Florida. First Vice-president LeRoy Swafford was asked to fill out Salentine's unexpired term, and Virgil Megill was chosen club bulletin editor.

Dist. Gov. Elect M.C. Stowe, introduced by PDG Hellenga, installed Toccoa officers June 12: LeRoy Swafford, president; Jim Shurley, first vice-president; Randy Shirley, second vice-president; Herb Woodall, third vice-president; Joe Vaughn, secretary; Carl Panther, treasurer; Don Gathany, chaplain; Welton Carpenter, tail twister; Willie Keller, Lion tamer; Two year directors Joe Arencibia, Tim Merritt, Virgil Megill; and One year directors Lamar Davis, Carmen Paelotto, Lewis Gleason.

Dist Gov. M.C. Stowe addressed the Toccoa club in his first official visit as governor of 18-D, July 24, outlining goals of Lionism and encouraging cooperation of all members. Past District Governor Chuck Wilson passed the gavel to Gov. Stowe and the rotating banner of the home club of the district governor, to Toccoa club. Gov. Stowe gave a second official visit to Toccoa club, Jan. 22, 1991. He was introduced by Regional Chairman J.R. Phillips, who described efforts leading to the 1991 Lions telethon.

Community speakers in 1990 at Toccoa club were Angie King, Jan. 9, who spoke on C.P.R. and Health Care Programs; Ed Gambrell, administrator of Stephens County Hospital, Jan. 23, who described Medicare, Medicaid and Indigent Care programs; Rev. Claude Smithmier from First United Methodist

Church, April 24; Clem Hosea, Stephens County Chief Voter Registrar, May 22; Max Thomas, July 10, Toccoa Fire Department; Toccoa City Manager Jim Calvin, Aug., 28; Aaron Wilkinson, Sept. 11, assistant director Emergency Medical Services; and Shelia Canupp, Sept. 25, manager Wilkinson Center; and attorney David Hudgins, Nov. 13, from the United Way.

Speakers to Toccoa Lions in 1991 included Grace Duvall, Jan. 8, educational partnership coordinator for the Stephens County school system; Kerry Courchaine, May 14, state vice-president of Future Farmers of America; Toccoa Mayor Randy Murray, July 9; and Ann Shurley, Aug. 27, unit director of Cable New Network's international bureau, reporting on CNN live broadcasts from a refugee camp in Ethiopia.

District Lion speakers in 1990 District Chairman Don Hardigree who presented White Cane and showed a video Feb. 27; District Governor Johnny Bagwell from Augusta, March 13, chairman the Georgia Lions Council of Governors, who described his duties as a former FBI agent; Ray Rowell from Atlanta, May 8, who presented the Georgia Camp for the Blind; and District Governor M.C. Stowe, July 2.

Lion district speakers to Toccoa club in 1991 were PDG Willard Kimsey of Toccoa club as district Leader Dog chairman, March 13; Conny Shirley from Clarkesville, March 26, on the district Membership Retention and Development; Ed Snyder from Athens West, April 23, on Hearing Conservation and Hearing Aids.

Local Lion speakers in 1990 were Lion Bud Vaughan, Aug. 14, Toccoa Natural Gas System; Lions Joe Vaughn and Andy Crawford, March 27, who presented a program with pictures of their trip to the Holy Land; Lion Joey Arencibia, Nov. 27, who described three summers with Memphis, Tennessee, Lions who took portable eye clinics into remote rural areas of Central America; and

1991 Lion Police Chief John Taylor, July 23.

Special meetings in 1990 included the Valentine's Party at the Dillard House, Feb. 13; Installation of Officers, June 12; Little League cookout, June 26, at Henderson Falls Park; Ladies Night Cookout, Oct. 9, Henderson Falls Park; and Christmas Party at Georgia Baptist Center, Dec. 11, with Rev. Claude McBride, chaplain University of Georgia Football Team. In 1991

New members received into Toccoa Lions in 1990 were Joey Arensibia, installed by M.C. Stowe, Jan. 9; Roy Deal, installed by M.C. Stowe, Jan. 23; Tim Merritt installed by Irving Hellenga, assisted by sponsor Lamar Davis, Feb. 27; Rex Nelms and Baxter "Bud" Vaughan, April 24, installed by Irving Hellenga, Jim Shurley attaching Lions pin on Baxter and Harold Atkinson on Nelms; Tommy Floyd by installed by Dist. Gov. M.C. Stowe, Aug. 14; John Morgan recognized as a new member, Aug. 28; John Taylor and Aubrey Williams, Nov. 13 inducted by PDG Irving Hellenga.

New members received in 1991 were Keith Sanders, Chris Stephens, Tim Mullen, and Patrick McVey.

Gov. Stowe in addition to his official visits often attended important local club events in 18-D, and visited Toccoa club regularly when not in another club meeting as district governor.

In recognition of Dist. Gov. Stowe and previous district governors from Toccoa club, Toccoa directors voted to include names of all Past District Governors in the 1991 club directory: W.J. Andrews (1947-48), Bob McAloney (1954-55), Willard Kimsey (1958-59); Joe Hutcherson (1967-68); Irving Hellenga (1971-72), and M.C. Stowe (1990-91).

Bethesda-1 Second Place
Towns County-1 First Place

Outstanding Region Chairmen: Howard Whitaker & Buddy Ouzts
Outstanding Zone Chairman: Dan Stuart

Top three clubs.

1. Winder
2. Gainesville
3. Snellville

100% Presidents-35

100% Secretaries-25

ional President Bill Biggs. In addition to Past President Biggs we also had the other District Governors in attendance. From MD-18 Past President Biggs discussed with us the issues at the time at Lions International and the goals of President Don Baker. It was at the District Rally that Immediate Past District Governor M.C. Stowe received the 100% International District Governor Award.

It was quite obvious throughout the year all Lions Clubs and 9 Lioness Clubs were meeting the goals set up by the District Governor. At the end of the year the majority of the clubs in the district had a net increase in membership. Ninety-five per cent of the clubs contributed to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and likewise 85% of the clubs contributed to the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. In addition, the clubs showed their support to the Recording for the Blind/Athens, Leader Dog for the Blind, and LCIF. Lion's year 1991-92 had the best year in contributions to the Leader Dogs for the Blind. Over \$5,000 was contributed to this program during the year.

Clubs in several regions of District 18D worked together on projects together during the year. The Athens Clubs and the Winder Lions Club worked together to produce a telethon with Channel 34WNGM/Athens to raise money for White Cane. The clubs in Dekalb County worked together in the annual Public Safety Award Banquet where they honored a police officer and a fireman as Police Officer of the Year, and Fireman of the Year respectively.

At the State Convention in Albany Lighthouse awards were presented to the clubs for their hard work:

1st Place-LaVista Lions Club-Highest Per Capita Contribution \$242.00

1st Place-Winder Lions Club-Total Dollar Contributed \$12,566.00

1st Place-North Dekalb Lioness-Highest Per Capita \$54.03

1st Place-North Dekalb Lioness-Highest Total Dollar \$1405.00

State Awards

13 clubs from District 18-D applied for awards. Of these ten clubs from 18D placed, won 77% of all applications entered in the state and won 27% of all awards granted. Two Lioness Clubs entered,-one winning first place and one winning second place.

Clubs winning State Awards

Gainesville-4 First Place

-5 Second Place

Winder-3 First Place

-3 Second Place

N. Dekalb-3 First Place

Oconee-2 First Place

Snellville-1 First Place

-1 Second Place

N. Dekalb -1 First Place

-1 Second Place

Toccoa-2 Second Place

Athens-1 First Place

Lanier- 1 Second Place

Resolutions: PDG Dr. Irving Helenga
Rules: PDG Chuck Wilson
Sergent-At-Arms: Lion Bill Owens
State Awards: Lion Bryson Tanner
State Pin: PDG Chuck Wilson
State Uniform: Lion Byard Roper
Used Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids: Lion Robert Mitchell
USA/Canada Forum: Lion Bobby Reynolds
Order of Golden Chain: Lion Frankie Ginn
White Cane: PDG Don Hardigree

Important Dates:

July 1, 1991-First Cabinet Meeting-Chamblee Civic Center
November 9, 1991-Second Cabinet Meeting & Rally-Gainesville
March 1, 1992-Third Cabinet Meeting & District Convention-Winder
May 3, 1992-Fourth Cabinet Meeting-Toccoa
May 15-17, 1992-State Convention/Albany
June 22-27, 1992-International Convention/Hong Kong

Goals For District:

1. Clubs are to have a net increase of 1 new member per every 10 members based on the club's membership May 1991.
2. Clubs are to retain all old members.
3. Clubs to be actively involved in their zone, region, and state.
4. Clubs are to be supportive monetarily to our State Projects & International Projects.
5. Clubs are to be actively involved in their local communities.
6. Clubs are to be involved in White Cane Day and Workday at the Camp for the Blind.
7. Clubs are to appoint Associate Directors to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and Georgia Camp for the Blind.
8. Clubs must have six programs during the year on Lions oriented programs.
9. Ensure that each new member is properly inducted and oriented to Lionism and to be assigned to an active committee in their respective club.
10. Promote membership growth by retention and leadership development.

From the beginning of Lion's year 1991-92, it was known that this would once again be a good year for Lionism in District 18D. Many clubs were beginning with their money making projects. The first club was Towns County with their North Georgia Fair. Throughout the year, the District Officers realized there were several ways where clubs would raise money to meet their monetary goals. Some of these are: barbecues, bingo, concession stands at sports events, Christmas tree sales, etc.

In November the Second Cabinet Meeting and District Rally was held at Holiday Hall in Gainesville with over 600 in attendance. The speaker for the District Rally was Past Internat-

Lion Dr. John Pearce PID (Dahlonge Lions Club)
Lion W. Myers Bannister PID (Town County Lions Club)

Committees Recommended by Lions International

Diabetes Awareness: Lion Dr. Sam Vickey
Drug Awareness: Lion Bill Sperry
Environmental: Lion Rick Harrelson
Extension: Lion Charles Schockley
Hearing Conservation: Lion Ed Snyder
Honary Committee: All Past District Governors
Public Relations: Lion Virgil Megill
Membership: P.I.D. Myers Banister
Leadership Development: PDG Chuck Wilson
International Understanding & Cooperation: PID Joe B. Davis
Leo Clubs: Lion Bill Owens
Lioness Clubs: Lions Oscar & Margaret Battle
LCIF: PDG M.C. Stowe
Sight Conservation: PDG Thoïs Masters
State Convention: PDG David Sargent
Youth Exchange: Lions Steve Leslie

District Committees & Chairmen

Eye Bank Coordination: Lion Bob Bearden
Constitution & By Laws: PDG Conny Shirley
District Historian: Lion Howard Miller
Chaplain: Lion Del Van Alman
Rally: Lion Bill Banks
District Breakfast: Lion Arthur Gurr
District Convention Nomination & Elections: Lions Dr. Bill Piper
District Credentials: Lion Dr. Jim Hunt
District Song Leader: PDG Millard Havener
District Tail Twister: Lion Honorable Jimmy Moore
International Candidate: PDG R.E. Cross
International Covention: Lion Ray Rowell
Leader Dogs for the Blind: Lion Steve Helwig
Legal Liability: Lion Jim Panter
Lions Information & Progress: Lion Ron Cowley
Long Range Planning: PID Myers Banister
New Officers Training: PID Dr John Pearce
Outstanding Blind Aware: Lion Jimmy Johnson
Outstanding Deaf Award: Lion Ray Cox
Parlamentarian: PDG George Blackburn
Past District Governors: PDG Thoïs Masters
Recording For The Blind: Lion Acton Brown