

District Governor James F. (Jim) Panter 1995-1996 Lions Year
LaVasta Lions Club of Atlanta ,Inc.

Lion James F. (Jim) Panter of Atlanta was elected District Governor to serve for the year
1995-1996 year at the convention in Watkinsville Georgia at the Oconee County
Convention Center . Others elected were Lion George Blackburn ,Cabinet
Secretary/Treasurer and Virgil Megill Bulletin Editor from Toccoa Falls , Georgia .
Others serving with them are as follows :



International Director Gary W. Fry (left) addresses the District Cabinet, Nov. 18, 1995, as Recording Secretary Donald Hix (center) listens and PDG District Chaplain Don Hardigree contemplates a proper benediction.



At the District Rally, Nov. 18, 1995, International Director Gary W. Fry presents the Lions Clubs International President's Award for Cabinet Secretary George W. Blackburn to Dist. Gov. Jim Panter.

Challenge of Director Fry

International Director Gary W. Fry, speaking to Lions at the District 18-D Rally at Gainesville, November 18, 1995, challenged Lions to be resourceful, and to exhibit PRIDE in Lionism.

Following the acronym PRIDE, he cited "P," Purpose and Goals of Lions not only to evaluate but to effect change; "R," Recognition of others, with the motto "We Serve" on banners, to look both to the past and the future; "I," Imagination and creativity to meet human need as in sight conservation projects; "D," Dignity in Action, to restore self worth in the lives of those who are helped; and "E," Excellence and success to complete unselfish endeavors!



PDG M.C. Stowe gives a push of encouragement to District Bulletin Editor Virgil Megill to accept the Lions Clubs International President's Certificate of Appreciation from Rally Guest Speaker International Director Gary W. Fry.



Region II Chair Ron Crowley chats with Gainesville Noon First Vice-President Terrie Foster.



At Region IV Joint Zone Meeting hosted by Norcross Lions Club are (left to right) Region Chair George Weigie from Lilburn club, and Zone I Chair Pete Samsen from Lawrenceville club, and Zone II Chair Steve Hart from Lilburn club. Clubs gave reports, and discussed joint events by clubs of Gwinnett County, including the "Journey for Sight Run."

TO SUPPORT THE EYE CARE CENTER

Lion Dr. Bill Bellamy, District Chair Georgia Lions Children's Eye Center/Emory (Georgia Lions Eye Tissue Services), urges clubs to send to the Lighthouse, as soon possible, contributions designated for the Children's Eye Center. Contributions are needed to match the \$50,000 grant by the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Local Lions Member

"While each Lions club is a primary engine of Lionism," Dist. Gov. Panter explains, "each Lions member is a primary part of that engine." All Lions may give expressions to their opportunities and talents as they share in setting club goals, fulfilling club purposes, and knowing the joy that "We Serve."



Vice-Governor Norman Masters and District Leader Dog and Golden Chain Chair Ed Hashbarger present Lions information at a booth in Gwinnett County.

Eye to Reach Out

"With an eye to even greater support for that which WE SERVE," Dist. Gov. Panter challenges, "let us reach out to our neighbors, acquaintances, and friends to invite them to become part of an organization dedicated to service in making our communities a better place to live."



Past District Governor Willard Kinsey (right) delivers apples on 1995 World Service Day for Toccoa Lions club to Doyle Johnson, an administrator at the Stephens County Training Center for the handicapped.

Carrie Wolter Thanks Lions

At the Joint I and II Meeting of Region II, November 8, 1995, at West's Family Restaurant at Cleveland, the video of the Lions Eye Care Center at Emory was shown. Carrie Ann Wolter, who was featured in the video, gave her testimony, that is shared by the Gainesville Lions Lines.

"My name is Carrie Wolter. Two years ago I had an accident. I had emergency surgery to repair my cornea, then a surgery for an intra-ocular lens implant.

"I am glad that Emory Eye Clinic was there to help me. Dr. Drack explained everything to me so that I could understand what she was going to do and why. She is my favorite person. She did such a good job that I have 20-20 vision without my glasses, and best of all, nobody knows I had such a serious operation unless I tell them."



Dist. Gov. Jim Panter (left) congratulates White County Lions Club President Curtis (Bob) Revell.

Canine Companions

Lion Bob Hermann from Norcross Lions club (770-446-5931) and Lion Verre Boucher (770-623-1343) are available for programs on the Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence (LPCCI).

Canine Companions for Independence complements Lions Leader Dog program by extending help to persons with incapacitating disabilities other than blindness. With such help these persons are able to regain independence, cignity, and productivity. The program was featured in the June 1995 issue of Lions Magazine.



PID Dr. John Pearce, charter night speaker, presents roses to President Marilyn Caldwell, which were given to each club officer, at the Charter Night Banquet of Peachtree Corners Lions Club of North Atlanta, July 24, 1995.

Journey For Sight

Each year Lions International promotes "Journey for Sight" to raise funds for the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) recommended to be held the first weekend in May, or whenever local conditions permit.

Journey for Sight events may be a running event, a walk-a-thon, bike-a-thon or walks for kids or seniors. A club may sponsor more than one event, alone or with another club, so that every member of the family may take part in a Journey for Sight project.

Clubs that participate in a Journey for Sight for the first time will receive a patch for their club banner, as well as the yearly chevron. Vice-Gov. Norm Masters, says, "It is never too early to start planning this event. If this is your first venture for this type of project, start small this year and grow the following years." For further information, contact Vice-Gov. Masters.



Lion Margaret Battle presides at the Charter Night Banquet, July 24, 1995, of Peachtree Corners club. PDG Oscar Battle introduced guests, and PID Myers Banister introduced the speaker Dr. Pearce. The new club has 22 members.

Operation I Care

Lions working with Operation I Care collect used eyeglasses and donate them to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation which cooperate with Prevent Blindness Georgia.

The patient sends the prescription to Operation I Care, and two or three "matched" eyeglasses are sent to the eye doctor. Together, the eye doctor and the patient select the best match.

In the event there is no match, the patient completes a Lions Lighthouse Sight Services Application. If the patient meets eligibility guidelines, the Lighthouse will pay for new glasses. If the patient has an eye disease, the patient can apply to the Lighthouse for assistance with eye surgery.



Dist. Gov. James Panter presents the charter to Marilyn Caldwell, president Peachtree Corners Lions Club of North Atlanta, July 24, 1995, at Steak & Ale Restaurant, Dunwoody, GA.



District Chaplain PDG Don Hardigree leaves the podium after his invocation at the First Cabinet Meeting, July 30, hosted by Lanier Club. Cabinet Sec. George Blackburn is left and District Gov. Jim Panter, right.

District Governor's Evaluation

At the end of a district governor's term each club is ranked according to its standing in the district governor's contest.

District Governor Oscar Battle's progress report for top clubs in 1994-95 were Gainesville, first; Winder second; Dawsonville, third; Peachtree, fourth; Snellville, fifth; Oconee, sixth; Athens West, seventh; North DeKalb, eighth; Union County, ninth; Toecoa, tenth.

Clubs are rated in order from one to 55. Factors considered are net gain or loss for the year, percentage of average attendance for the year, clubs attending one or two or three zone meetings, number of months the M&A reports are received on time, and ranking of service activities as good or fair or poor.



PDG Buddy Ouzts, (left), Multiple District 18 Chair of the James E. Ervin Campaign for Third Vice-President, is with Past International Director James Ervin at the USA/Canada International Leadership Forum at Edmonton, July 14-17, 1995.

On The Paralympics

Lion Nick Brigham from Lilburn Lions club at the Region II Zone II Meeting, Aug. 23, 1995, at Dawsonville, described "Georgia Lions Service Options" in the 1996 Paralympic Games, to be held Aug. 16-27, 1996, in Atlanta. Zone Leader Larry Smallwood chaired the meeting.

Lion Brigham outlined options to (1) sponsor a Paralympic, (2) send a visually-impaired child to the games, (3) purchase and sell tickets, (4) to volunteer to work at Paralympic Awareness Promotions at the Camp for the Blind or in local schools and communities, to volunteer at Pre-Games set-up, or to volunteer at sporting events.



District Gov. James Panter stands up during a workshop at the 1995 International Leadership Forum at Edmonton.

Flag Set

Each year at the opening session of the Lions State Convention, the flags of the nations of Lionism are displayed in an impressive ceremony.

To prevent the cost of renting the flags from Lions International and paying shipping and insurance charges, the Council of Governors in 1993 approved clubs purchasing a set of these flags at a cost of \$40 each, complete with pole and brass top.

The Georgia State Office of Lionism is still in need of funds for these flags. Any member or club may make a donation to the Flag Set fund at \$40 per flag. Make the check to "Lions of Georgia," and send to Vice-Gov. Masters, who will forward the funds to the State Office.

Individual members or clubs will be honored with their names on a special plaque which will be displayed at all State Conventions. The flags may be used at district rallies, conventions, and special occasions.



Candidates Ed Hashbarger (left) and Dan Stuart for 1996-97 Vice-Governor are at the Region 1 Zone 1 Advisory Meeting, Aug. 29, 1995.

Freshley Peace Poster A Finalist

Oconee Lions Club entry of Taylor Freshley in the Lions International Peace Poster contest, that won in District 18-D competition and in Multiple District 18, was a finalist in International competition. Freshley's peace poster was on display among third finalists at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Sept. 14-17, 1995.

New Sponsor Pin

Sponsors of new members during the October Membership Drive and thereafter will receive a new Membership Key Award, when the Lion remains a member a year and a day. The new Membership Key to be issued in the Fall of 1996 will list the number of new members a Lion has sponsored, after sponsoring 2, 5, 15 new members, etc. The award will come from Lions International based on information submitted on Membership and Activities (M&A) reports.



PDG M.C. Stowe (left) is installing officer for Norcross Lion President John Spencer, Sr.

Local Activities

Alert Community, Recognize Members

Clarkesville Lions publicize their club by sending their club newsletter to all Lions and prospective members. In August the club recognized the Lion of the Year, Young Lion of the Year, WorkHorse of the Year, and presented four Lions with Georgia Lions Lighthouse Ten Millions Dollar Club Certificates.

Clarkesville Antique Cars

Clarkesville Lions as a service and fund raiser, assisted with parking at the Antique Car show, Aug. 19-20, 1995.

Clarkesville At The Fair

Clarkesville Lions participated in the Chattahoochee Mountain Fair, publicizing its activities, making sales, and reaching interested persons, Sept. 11-16, 1995, at Clarkesville Fair Grounds.

Dawsonville Dinner For Prospectives

Dawsonville Lions club is sponsoring a dinner for prospective Lions, Oct. 16, 1995 at the Golden Creek Golf Course. Eleven members, one-third of the club, has already lined up more than 20 prospective members to attend. The club goal is to double membership.

Gainesville Lions Football Parking

For more than fifty years the Gainesville Lions club has worked the gates, parked cars, and ushered the guests at the Gainesville High School Red Elephant Home Games. This Fall Third Vice-President Dog Cooper appointed Lion David Greenway to be the chairman of this project.

Lion Orenstein created the Most Valuable Player Award in 1946 in honor of Mose Eplan, founder of GEM Jewelry. Orenstein has never missed a football banquet in 49 years, and has personally presented the award to outstanding players in Gainesville High School, North Hall High School, East Hall High School, Johnson High School, White County High School, Lumpkin County High School, and West Hall High School.

Hall County Lions Rodeo

Hall County Rodeo Chair Herman Jones announced participating Lions clubs (Gainesville, Clermont, South Hall, and Lanier) each received a check in August for \$830, and more income would follow.



Lion Karl Gemes (left) from LaVista Lions Club gave two dramatic readings at the Region I Zone I meeting, Aug. 29, 1995, at Fernside Restaurant in Lavenia. Dist. Gov. Jim Panter (right).

Lavenia Lions hosted Region I Zone I Advisory Zone meeting, Aug. 29, 1995, at Fernside Restaurant. Zone Chair Robert Stovall from Martin Club presided. Dist. Gov. Jim Panter introduced Lion Karl Gemes from LaVista Lions club, who gave Ernest Florence Thoyer's reading, "Casey at the Bat," and the response by James Watson about the game at Mudville, based on the game Aug. 21, 1887, between the Philadelphia Phillies and the New York Giants.

Recognized were PDG Region Chair M.C. Stowe, and candidates for 1996-97 district vice-governor, Dan Stuart from Oconee club and Ed Hashbarger from Norcross club.



Volunteers from District 18-D assisting at the Lions Lighthouse Mobile Eye Clinic are (left to right) Vice-Gov. Norman Masters, Linda Wilson, manager of the Mobile Eye Clinic, and Lion Joe Hirsch, Dawsonville Lions club. The clinic was at M. U. S. T. Ministries in Marietta, Aug. 29 to Sept. 9; at the Columbia Mall in Belvedere Plaza, Sept. 12-23; and Atlanta Projects on Georgia Ave., Sept. 20-Oct. 7. By Sept. 1, 1995, the mobile unit had provided more than 2000 examinations and eyeglasses to needy people.

District 18-D At The Forum

Among the 2912 persons attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, July 14-17, 1995, were 22 from District 18-D.

Attending from 18-D were Dist. Gov. Jim and Margaret Panter (Mountain Park Gwinnet); Vice-Gov. Norman and Jean Master (Snellville); PDG Buddy and Carol Ouzis (Winder); PID John Pearce (Dahlonega); PDG Don Wagner (Gainesville) and Lion Roberta Wagner (Dahlonega); PID Myers Bannister (Towns County); PDG Don and Muriel Enzmann, Lion Harold and Ann Meeks, Lion George and Roseann Kakito (Union County); Lion Joe and Marilyn Hirsch (Dawsonville), Lion Terrie and Richard Foster (Gainesville); and PDG M.C. and Amelia Stowe (Toccoos).

Club President's Excellence Award

Lions Clubs International has informed Dist. Gov. Jim Panter presidents of three clubs of 18-D have been awarded the 1994-95 Club President's Excellence Award. These are Immediate Past President Beverly Shirley of Clarksville Lions, Immediate Past President Joseph E. Hirsch of Dawsonville Lions, and Immediate Past President Grover Garrett of Towns County Lions.

Dist. Gov. Panter observes there are probably more club presidents who could qualify, if application is made to Lions International before the end of October. He reminds immediate past presidents or secretaries to review their files and consider applying. Gov. Panter says forms for qualifying were handed out at the Club President's Seminar.

For additional forms for filing before Oct. 31, or for filing at the end of the 1995-96 year, send your request to Gov. Panter. A part of being a 100% District President is to qualify for this Excellence Award. The Club President's Excellence Award replaces the former 100% International Club President's Award.

Plan To Go To Montreal

Delegates returning from the 1995 USA/Canada Forum in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, challenge clubs to plan to send as many members as possible to the Lions International Convention in Montreal, July 9-12, 1996. "We want to see the presence of Georgia Lions in Montreal, when Past International Director James E. Frvin from Georgia is running for Third Vice President." Clubs are to make reservations early, to obtain proper accommodations.

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Presents



* See footnote inside

Jim Panter

At Winder Noon Charter Night



Participating in the Charter Night Program of Winder Noon Club March 29, 1996, are (l. to r.) the speaker Past International Director and candidate for Third Vice-President Jim Ervin, Dist. Gov. Jim Panter who presented the club banner and club charter, and President Bobby Reynolds.

PDG Buddy Ouzts, Council Advisor of Lions of Georgia, was master of ceremonies. PDG Ouzts is James E. Ervin Multiple Campaign Committee Chair.

Past International Director W. Myers Barister introduced the speaker. PDG Don Hardigree gave the response.

President of the sponsoring Winder club, Hubert Briscoe presented the second Winder club its gavel and gong. PDG Millard Havener led the group singing, "America."



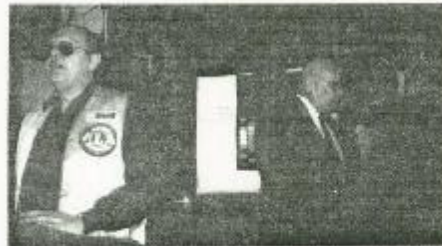
Officers of Winder Noon Lions club at Charter Night, March 29 are (l. to r.) One Year Director James Thompson; Membership Chair Beth Caldwell; One Year Director Walter Appleby; Lions Tamer Joe Royal; Two Year Director Donald Hix; Two Year Director Buddy Ouzts; President Bobby Reynolds; First Vice-President Ron Copeland; Second Vice-President Colleen Williams; Third Vice-President Vicki Smith; Tail Twister Ray Mattison; Chaplain George Mathews. Not pictured is Secretary-Treasurer Don Hardigree.

In addition to the club officers other charter members present were Virginia Barron, Charles Beaty, Bill Beshears, Janet Cape, Andrew Downs, Lane Downs, Karen Fowler, Chris Gilmer, Myles Godfrey, Ernest G. Graham Jr., Sid Criffin, Fredia Harwell, Gene Hopkins, Kerry Liscumb, Janet Mattison, Tommy O'Neal, Carol Ouzts, Addison Pharr, Deborah Pharr, Robert Schuenemann, Jane Skelton, James Smith, Jonathan Smith, John Stell, Elaine Summerour, Bob Wagon, and Shirley Wilbanks. Members absent were Lamar Reynolds, Gwen Hill, Gary Mathews, and Cathy Morris.

The club was chartered with 44 members. Gainesville Noon club provided the new charter and banner for the Winder Noon Club.

Training Session for New Officers

New presidents and secretaries in District 18-D Training and Orientation. Sunday, June 23 at Gainesville Civic Center



Norcross Lions President John Spencer at the District 18-D Convention nominates District Leader Dog and Golden Chair Ed Hashbarger for 1996-97 District Vice-Governor. Bill Mundy at right.



Lion Jim King seconds the nomination of Lion Ed Hashbarger for 1996-97 Vice-Governor, Dist. Gov. Elect Norman Masters is seated right.

Leadership Institute is Held

PID John F. Pearce, on the faculty of the first Lions Leadership Institute, gives this report.

Lion Roberta Wagner, secretary Dahlonega Lions club, was one of 44 outstanding Lions who attended the first Lions Leadership Institute, April 23-28, 1996, at Hickory Ridge Conference Center in Lisle, Illinois. Registrants were Lions in the United States and Canada who have members less than five years, and have not been club president.

The new Lions studied topics of Lions history, communications, decision-making, motivation, management, interpersonal communications, public relations, fundraising, leadership, team building, financial management, group dynamics, listening, meeting and time management, and an introduction to technology.

Practical exercises, public speaking, and group projects gave opportunity for classroom instruction to be put into practice. The faculty, which held two open-ended panel discussion sessions, were from the United States and Canada, and included college professors, current and past international directors, a past international president, and staff from the Leadership division at LCI. There is a year of home study, and a return for one week next year, to cap the educational experience.

These 44 graduates are destined to District and perhaps International leadership in the years ahead. Next year 95 Lions will be selected for participation.



At the TV Channel 32 studio, Toccoa Lions promote their Pancake Breakfast, May 18, 1996. Shown are Howard "Buzz" Tatham, news anchorman; Second Vice-President Steve Watson; TV associate producer Nia Wiles and Lions President Chris Stephens.



District Governors Elect are shown who attended the Multiple District 18 Leadership Development Seminar at Warner Robins, Georgia. PID Dr. John Pearce, Multiple 18 Leadership Development Chair, conducted the seminar. Left to right are (standing) Tom Rippy 18-F, Bobby Sweat 18-B, Elden Elzworth 18-E, (seated) Norman Masters 18-D, Cheryl Meadows 18-C, Larry Starr 18-A, and Dr. John Pearce.

105 IN JOURNEY FOR LIFE

Lions clubs of Gwinnett County collected \$1,053.11 in the 1996 Journey for Light project. Applications numbered 105, and 100 runners participated. After expenses were paid, the Georgia Lions Children's Eye Care Center received \$900 from the receipts.

Gwinnett County Lions are preparing the next race, to be held March 29, 1997. Runners are securing sponsors. Lions are asking retailers to donate prizes. The 5K and 10K Road Race is open for runners and walkers of all levels of ability, for those under ten, and over 70 years of age, and every five year period between age 10 and 70. The proceeds in 1997 will also go toward the Children's Eye Care Center at Emory University.

Gwinnett Lions runners are participants from the following clubs: Buford, Duluth, Lawrenceville, Lawrenceville-Noon, Lilburn, Loganville, Mountain Park (Gwinnett), Norcross, Peachtree Corners, and Snellville Lioness.



LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Lions Affirm Values

PDG Bill Seaton recently reevaluated public resentment against corruption in government and society, when he read to Gainesville Noon Club an article published in 1960 in Louisville, Kentucky. The article said people then were "sick of" Pot smoking entertainers, politicians with no backbones, and efforts to downgrade the police departments. Lions Seaton read the Lions Code of Ethics and Lions Objections, that he said were necessary in the 1960s and are as relevant in 1996. He concluded America is the greatest nation on earth.

Promote Georgia Mountain Fair

Towns County Lions will feature the Schedule of Stars May 4, 1996, with Lee Roy Parnell, Pam Tillis, and Collin Raye.

The Spring Music Festival will be held Friday, May 17, 1996, at 8 p.m. The valley will echo with sounds of fiddles, banjos, and guitars. "Fiddlin' Howard" Cunningham and the Georgia Mountain Fair Staff Band invite all Single Country acts to come and to participate. At the Saturday, May 18, noon show, all bands are invited to perform. Local clogging teams will be dancing on each show.

The 1996 Rhododendron Festival at the Towns County Lions Georgia Mountains Fairground is held April 27-28, and May 4-5. Hamilton Garden began in 1982 with 1,000 plants. This year there are more than 2,000 plants of every variety.

The Georgia Mountain Fair sponsored by Towns County Lions club will be held August 7-18, 1996.



District 18-D Governor-Elect Norman Masters gives his acceptance speech after his election at the District Convention, March 10, 1996, at Snellville.



Lion Dan Stuart at the District 18-D Convention, March 10, 1996, offers his acceptance address after being elected district vice-governor for 1996-97.



As PDG Don Wagner (right) speaks at the District Cabinet Meeting at Snellville, March 10, 1996, are (left) District Vice-President Georgia Camp for the Blind, Tom Sexton, and Dist. Gov. Jim Panter.



Sergeant-at-Arms Williams Owens (right) and Betty Owens register attendance at the District Convention and Third Cabinet Meeting, March 10, 1996, at Snellville.

DISTRICT OFFICERS FOR 1996-97

At the District 18-D Convention in Snellville, March 10, delegates elected the following officers, to take responsibility at the end of the Lions International Convention in July 1996.

District Governor - Norman Masters, Snellville
 District Vice-Governor - Dan Stuart, Oconee
 District Librarian - Bob Robinson, Athens Classic City
 Vice-President, Lighthouse - PDG Conny Shirley, Clarkesville,

Committee Member Lions Eye Clinic - Bill Bellamy.

Dist. Gov. Panter says, "We want to thank the Snellville Lions Club for providing the Convention/Cabinet Meeting facility, and a great big THANK YOU goes to the Mountain Park (Gwinnett) Lions for providing refreshments."

TO FINANCE ERVIN CAMPAIGN ON SALE -

Shirts - Georgia Lions Peanuts
 \$100 Ticket Drawing for Pick-up Truck



Dawsonville Lions at the District Convention and Third Cabinet Meeting are shown, with Dist. Gov. Jim Panter (left).



Union County Lions are shown attending the District 18-D Convention and Cabinet Meeting, March 10.



Dist. Gov. Panter (left) speaks at the District Convention at Snellville, March 10, as Vice-Governor Norman Masters and Donald Nix are seated, and District Convention and Nominations Chair Billy Mundy stands.

Georgia State Convention

Dist. Gov. Jim Panter urges club secretaries to promote registration at the Lions State Convention, May 24-26, 1996 in Hapeville, and distribute registration forms. Guest speaker will be Lions International Second Vice-President Judge Howard L. Patterson from Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Club secretaries order Hospitality Books for club members attending at \$45.00 each. A book contains tickets for Saturday and Sunday District Breakfasts and the Saturday Night Program.

Official housing will be at the Airport Hilton on Virginia Avenue, Hapeville. Travelers going south of I-85 may see the Hilton on the left at the Virginia Avenue Exit. For reservations, call 1-800-445-8667, and mention the Georgia Lions State Convention. Rooms are \$70.00 per night.



At the District Convention Cabinet Meeting, March 10, Bryson Tanner, announces application for Cup Awards may be given to him at the Fourth Cabinet Meeting, on May 5, or should be delivered to him in Athens by Sunday, May 19, Pete Stamsen at right.

Plans Announced For Election Of Jim Ervin As Third Vice-President

Past District Governor Stan Bazemore from Lyons, GA, committee vice-chairman, has asked Georgia delegates to the Lions International Convention at Montreal, to participate in the campaign during the convention. He asks for volunteers at the campaign office in Montreal to answer the telephone, and to take and refer messages.

Photographers will work with PDG Haynes Townsend to cover the parade, places where Jim Ervin speaks and special events where he attends, to cover all aspects of the campaign.

PDG Joe Molony as editor will work with volunteers to produce a daily newsletter for staff workers at Montreal.

Lion Bobby Reynolds from Winder will direct a work team to distribute campaign materials including campaign bags, brochures, badges, pins, and other items to give away for the campaign.

Lion Terry Chandler will direct volunteers on the Demonstration and Floor committee to reserve seats for Georgia Lions at each Plenary Session, to give out campaign signs for demonstrations, to retrieve signs for the next demonstration, to help on the floor on Thursday and Friday of the convention, and to assist in the parade preparation.

Past International Director Myers Banister will coordinate a Speaker's Bureau of volunteers to attend other multiple districts caucuses, to make short speeches and distribute literature on behalf of Jim Ervin, where he cannot attend himself.

Past District Governor Phil Hurd will be in charge of volunteers on the Reception Committee to sponsor a victory celebration, Friday evening, for Third Vice-President Jim Ervin, to serve the food, and to make welcome all visiting Lions at the reception.



Presenting results of the balloting at the District Convention, March 10, are committee persons (l. to r.) Roberta Wagner, John B. Goodwin, and Donald Hix.



At an apparent uncertainty in the minutes, during the District Cabinet Meeting, March 10, Dist. Gov. Jim Panter (left) takes a look, Donald Hix opens the record, and Dist. Gov. Elect Norman Masters (center) is amused.



PDG Buddy Ozus speaks at the District Convention, March 10. He is Multiple District Campaign Chair for James E. Ervin.



Mountain Park (Gwinnett) Lions Charles Shockley, Jr. and Harry Jenkins were among the host of the District 18-D Convention, March 10, at Snellville.

PDG David Sargent is Elected President of Georgia Lighthouse

PDG Dr. David Sargent was elected president of Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, at its meetings at Macon, Feb. 17-18, 1996.

Previously Dr. Sargent served as vice-president and treasurer of the Lighthouse, and co-chair of the state White Cane Day. He was chair of the Pesch Bowl Support committee and Public relations committee.

During his 26 years in Lionism, he has been president of Gainesville club, secretary of Clermont club, and is a Tom Bingham Fellow and member of the Ten Million Dollar Club. He was chair of the 1992 Lions State Convention in Gainesville. He is chair of District 18-D Leadership Development and New Officer Training. He was District Governor of 18-D in 1978-79.

Linda White Replaces Lague

Linda White formerly director of the Georgia Lions Mobile Eye Clinic, became executive director of the Georgia Lion Lighthouse Foundation, Jan. 15, 1996, replacing Marlene Lague. To adopt another child, Marlene was required not to work outside the home.

With the Georgia General Assembly

Gainesville Noon Lion John Ward has been working with the Georgia General Assembly promoting a bill to give fourteen year olds the right to drive their parents, when need arises. His son Matthew fits into this category.



Vice-Gov. Norm Masters (left) presents to Dist. Gov. Jim Panter a check of \$500 from Snellville Lions for the Children's Eye Care Center, bringing the year's total to \$2050. In the background are Pres. Bob Hadaway, Lioness Pres. Patsy Spencer, and Chaplain Buster Calloway.

Giving to Eye Care Center

Funds raised for the Georgia Lions Children's Eye Care Center by district are as follows: District A, \$13,500; District B, \$7,160; District C, \$5,950; District D, \$14,543; District E, \$2,779.15; and District F, \$4,705.

The statewide total from clubs was \$48,657.15. Funds from the Georgia Lions Eye Tissue Services, which is being phased out, amounting to \$11,000, were transferred to the Children's Eye Care Center. This made a total of \$59,687.15.

Receipts received during 1995 through January 1996 from Lions Clubs in District 18-D were as follows: Athens Classic City, \$1,300; Athens West, \$100; Clarkesville, Beverly Shirley, \$25; Clayton, \$500; Clermont \$130; Cornelia \$500; Dahlonega, \$995; Dawsonville, \$100; Forsyth County, \$2,000; Gainesville Lanier, \$1,020; Gainesville Noon, \$1,525; Hartwell, \$140; Lavonia, \$25; Martin, \$850; Oconee, \$500; Peachtree Corners, \$500; Royston-Franklin Springs \$133; Snellville, \$2,050, including \$50 from Roxanne Reagia; Towns County, \$1,500; White County, \$55; Winder, \$250, First Christian Church; Lions of 18-D, \$345. Total District 18-D, \$14,534.

Georgia Camp for the Blind

At the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind Meeting held at Warner Robins, Georgia, Feb. 3-4, PDG Don Wagner was elected trustee from 18-D, Jim Lapham from 18-C. Stan Bazemore was reelected president. R.C. Cunningham was awarded the Charles M. Blanton Fellow Award. Membership in the Century club is 289 Lions. The trust fund has a balance of \$244,315. The goal for the Paul Azinger Golf tournament in 1996 is \$50,000. Plans are being made to permit campers to attend the Paralympics August 17, 1996.

Pancake Breakfast

Snellville Lions have cleared more than \$1,700 at a pancake breakfast held at Shiloh Middle School. Nearly all Lions members participated.





District White Cane Chair Dan Stuart, candidate for District 18-D Vice-Governor 1996-97, is in training for carrying the Olympic Flame.

Olympic Flame Bearer

Lion Dan Stuart of Oconee Lions club has been selected as one of the Community Heroes to carry the Olympic Flame on its journey from Los Angeles to Atlanta in Summer 1996.

More than 10,000 persons will share in the Olympic Torch Relay. Community Heroes numbering 5,500 have been chosen by 147 judges in essay contests. Other torchbearers will be chosen by the U.S. Olympic Committee, by the media, and members of the Olympic family, and by Coca-Cola. As the presenter of the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay, Coca-Cola selects torchbearers in its "Share the Spirit" contest and international programs.

Each torchbearer may buy the torch he or she carries. The Olympic Flame will arrive in Los Angeles on April 27, 1996, to begin its journey to Atlanta. The route will cover more than 15,000 miles through 42 states in 84 days. The distance for each torchbearer will be between .5 km. (.31 mi.) and 1.0 km. (.61 mi.).



Margaret Panter, (l) appreciates the presentation of a box of eye glasses for the Lighthouse that Carnesville Lion Sid Ginn (r) gives to Dist. Gov. Jim Panter (c).

Nominated by the Lighthouse

Lion Dan was nominated as Olympic Flame Bearer by the Georgia Lions Lighthouse. Last year Lion Dan raised more than \$840 in pledges for the Lighthouse in his running in the Atlanta 10K roadrace. He was District 18-D SightFirst coordinator, which raised more than \$173,000. Lion Dan personally secured \$1740 of this in pledges in his 10K roadrace for SightFirst in 1992.

Special Assistance

Each Olympic Relay torchbearer will be supplied a uniform of a T-shirt, shorts, and socks, approximately one week before running. It is estimated two to three hours will be required for each runner from time of check-in to return to the check-in point. Shuttles will transport torchbearers from check-in points to the beginning of their runs, and return runners from the end of their runs to check-in points. Special assistance will be given runners who lack physical ability to complete their runs.



At Colbert Lions club Feb. 1, 1996, are (left to right) Dist. Gov. Jim Panter, new member Paul Killiam, sponsor Alan White, and club president Donald Parham.

New Club Charter Night

Charter Night for Winder Noon Lions Club will be Friday, March 29, 1996, at the Community Center in Winder, Georgia. A reception and meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the charter ceremony will follow at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 each.

International Third Vice-President Candidate Jim Ervin will be keynote speaker, who will be introduced by PID Myers Banister. PID John Pearce will install and induct the new members. Membership in the new club by Feb. 27, 1996 totalled 41. Each club is invited to send representatives to the charter program.