

1998-1999 District D

Thomas F. (Tom) Sexton District Governor 18D Gainesville Club

Lions Tom Sexton was elected District Governor of 18D on Sunday March 8, 1998 at the Snellville, Georgia American Legion Hall, hosted by the Snellville Lions and Lioness Clubs. Other members of the cabinet are Past District Governor Don Wagner. Bulletin Editor is Lions Virgil and Ruth Megill of the Toccoa Club. Other officers and Committee Chairman serving This year are as follows :

entry into the convention hall on the back of a Kentuck thoroughbred! A record attendance for the Forum was registered with some 3,600 delegates. District 18-D Governor Tom Sexton delivered the opening night invocation.

The second Cabinet meeting of the Lion year was held in conjunction with the annual District Rally. Both events were hosted by the Gainesville Lions Club. Our visiting Lions International Director was Lion Phil Tom and his wife, Betty. The Toms were a tremendous "hit" with all those attending. During the Rally, ID Tom presented Lions Clubs International President's Certificates of Appreciation to Lions Ed Hashbarger, PDG Don Wagner, and District Governor Tom Sexton. The District 18-D Past District Governor's Association inducted Lions W.W. "Bill" Banks of the Gainesville Lions Club and J.R. Reeves of the Clarkesville Lions Club into the Association's "Hall of Fame". Both Lions were recognized for their achievements and service through many years in Lionism. Over 300 Lions and guests attended the District Rally.

The 3rd Cabinet meeting and the District's Annual Convention of the Lion year was hosted by the Dawsonville Lions Club at the Dawson County High School on March 8, 1999. Lion Joe Hirsch of the Dawsonville Club was elected District Governor for the 1999-2000 Lion year, while Lion Ed Hashbarger of the Norcross Club was elected Vice Governor. Another highlight of the afternoon was the selection of Dawson County Middle School student, Jesse Reece, as District 18-D's Peace Poster contest winner. Jesse's entry was selected "best" from 14 entries.

During the 1998-1999 Lion year, District 18-D was well represented in service to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation as well as the Georgia Lions Camp For The Blind. The District supported the Georgia Unit of the Recording For The Blind, located in Athens, as well as the Leader Dogs For The Blind. The Lions of 18-D worked very well and hard in support of the various Lions' projects as well as countless other causes.

The 4th Cabinet meeting of the year was held in Winder hosted by the Winder Noon Club. Preparations were discussed and plans made for the 1999 Georgia Lions State Convention to be held in 18-D hosted by the Athens area Lions clubs.

Past District Governors Millard Havener and Dan Stuart served as Convention Co-Chairs for the 1999 Georgia Lions State Convention held in Athens, Georgia in May, 1999. District Governor Sexton served as State Chairman for the event. Our International guest was no stranger to Georgia Lions, for incoming Lions International President Jim Ervin of

Albany served as official Lions International guest. In addition to Lion Jim, our Convention hosted Quest International President Mike Buscemi, and Leader Dogs For The Blind President, Bill Hansen. District 18-D Lions Virgil and Ruth Megill of the Toccoa Lions Club were singled out for the outstanding job they did as editors for the 18-D Bulletin. The 18-D Bulletin was judged best monthly bulletin in the state! DGE Hirsch was presented Lions Clubs International "Leadership Award" by LCI incoming President Ervin at the Convention's Saturday night District Governor's banquet.

The history of Lions District 18-D during the 1998-1999 year was much like other Lion years - full of service, achievement, and dedication. The Lions of 18-D again answered the call to serve, and in doing so, improved the lives of countless people throughout local communities, District 18-D, the state and world. The Lions of 18-D once again carried out the "We Serve" motto.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Lion Del Von Almen, District Chaplain

"Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are."

Our District Governor Tom Sexton has projected the goal of **Harmony and Great Achievements** in the year 1998-99! As chaplain, I suggest we have strong Scriptural support to prod us toward this District Goal.

To "Live in harmony with one another" and to achieve Great Achievements are at the threshold of this new year for every Lion. It begins with each Lion, both women and men, to follow the admonition of the writer to people at the First Century church in Rome.

If there is *petty bickering and conflict* between Lions or clubs in 18 D, let us make every effort to dispatch it forever beyond our each and beyond our ability to recall. Let *differences* become history, and let *harmony* become fact. Then as individual Lions and clubs we can in the year ahead show great achievement, a grand experience for us all.

I invite you to make the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi your prayer today:

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where

there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

"O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Snellville club and District 18-D lost a great Lion in Lawrence C. "Bud" Gee, who collapsed at the Cabinet Meeting, and died July 29 after being airlifted to Chattanooga. He showed exemplary service as 1997-98 club secretary. He was recent Lion of the year, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for PDG Norm Masters, and Region Chair for PDG Dan Stuart. He was designated Leader Dog Chair for this year. Lion Bud made a difference. We extend our deepest sympathy to Lion Alice.

The last surviving charter member of Union County club, Life Member Milford Hamby, twin brother of Lion Norman Hamby died July 5, 1998. He held many offices since the club was chartered in 1966. Sarah James, wife of Union County Lion Norman James, passed away in June, and his brother died in July, 1998.



At the First Cabinet Meeting, July 26, 1998 at Union County Middle School in Blairsville, are Athens Heritage Lions (left to right) Past President Bob Robinson, Director Sam Elliott, President Tony Stephens, Lion Sammy Olivastro, and Director and Leo Advisor Yvette Berisford.

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Entering the Union County Middle School at Blairsville for the First Cabinet Meeting, July 26, 1998, are Lilburn Lions Susan and Steve Hart, Snellville Lions Jean and Norman Masters and Alice Gee, Lilburn Lion David Bruce, and Peachtree Corners Lions President Carolyn Sherrill.



*District Vice-Governor Joe Hirsch
at the Zone Meeting in Hartwell,
Leader Jud Bailey (left)*

Community Involvement

Clayton Lions provided fruit trays for World Service Day.

Commerce Lions cleaned the "Welcome To Commerce" signs in the community recently.

Dawsonville Lions are establishing a Leo club at Dawson County High School. They are negotiating with Townley developers on an access road along Lions property.

Dawsonville, Forsyth County, Gainesville and Toccoa clubs are sponsoring Peace Posters.



*Martin Lions Bob Stovall, Walter Fox and Ray
Stowe at Membership Meeting, October 15.*

For the 57th year **Gainesville** Lions have been working the parking at Gainesville High School football games.

Gainesville is sponsoring Kellie Rogers who will be Miss United States at the "Festival International de la Primavera" promoted by the Lions club in Trujillo, Peru. Lion Hermon Jones provided her used eyeglasses to take to Peru.

Hartwell Lions sold barbecue at the Hart County High school football games.

Lanier Lions continue to work events at the Georgia Mountains Center in Gainesville.

Peachtree Corners are participating in the Meals-or-Wheels service to homebound persons.

Hours donated by **Union County** Lions for Meals-or-Wheels in October were eight each by Lions Les Myers and Danny Abbot, who gave two hours also to the Mountain Health Services.



*Lavonia Lions David Howell and Lee Barker
watch a youngster draw the winning ticket.*

Cookbooks for Ervin Fund

Lions may wish to give District Cookbooks in the coming season, to benefit the Jim Ervin Fund as Vice-President, who will become International President in San Deigo in July 1999.