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Lions Clubs International Foundation

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Dear Multiple District Council Chairman:

I know I can count on you to ensure that a fellow Lion leader receives some richly deserved recognition!

Enclosed is the 1992-93 CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST Multiple District Award for District Governors. This award is presented annually to the district governor whose district achieves the highest per capita giving to CSF within the multiple district.

I wish that I could present this award personally, but ask that you present it in the name of all who will see again because of CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST.

It would be most appropriate for this leader to be recognized in a public event that would allow fellow Lions to offer congratulations, and to benefit from this excellent example. By all means, include news of this award in multiple district and district publications wherever possible and, where appropriate, inform local newspapers.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this effort. It would be wonderful to see *your* name on the 1993-94 awards list as the multiple district council chairman whose multiple district has achieved the highest giving per capita to CSF in the entire association!

Yours in Lionism,

Judge Brian Stevenson
Past International President
International Executive Coordinator
CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST

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(Lions Clubs International)

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We Serve

October 11, 1993

Lion Louie F. Holmes
Immediate Past District Governor, 18-E

Dear Past District Governor Holmes:

I am pleased to confirm that you have fulfilled the requirements for the coveted 100% District Governor Award.

A great deal of credit for the continued growth and progress of our association must go to individuals such as you. Your generous contributions of energy, time and resources, given unselfishly to the cause of Lionism is truly appreciated. Your record in qualifying for this most significant award proves clearly you have truly given a Lion's share in accomplishing our goals.

Your 100% District Governor Award and signed certificate are enclosed as tokens of the deep appreciation and commendation of the officers and directors of Lions Clubs International.

I extend to you my very warmest personal regards for all you have done to make our year a great one. You have strengthened the capacity of both your district and our entire association to accept the many opportunities we have to serve.

Yours sincerely,

Rohit C. Mehta
International President, 1992-93

cc: James E. "Jim" Ervin, International Director
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The International Association
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Lions Clubs

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Louie F. Holmes
as

District Governor

1992-93

hereby confirms and gratefully acknowledges
leadership and invaluable contribution to the
strength and growth of
Lions Clubs International



Blair Curran
International President

District Governor
Joseph A. Molony

Lieutenant Governor Joseph A. Molony of the Warner Robins Lions club was elected District Governor at the third Cabinet meeting and District Convention held February 27, 1993 in LaGrange, GA. Elected Lieutenant Governor for 1993-94 was J. Cecil Daniels of the Forsyth Lions club. Other members of the Cabinet and Committee Chairman are

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DISTRICT 18-E 1993-1994 GOALS

1. Live by the Lions Club Objectives and Code of Ethics and renew daily the meaning of our motto, "WE SERVE".
2. Each club show a net gain of 10 percent in membership and stress membership retention, keeping in mind the 1993-94 slogan, "MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH--OUR FUTURE".
3. Each club appoint a SightFirst Chairman and Committee and support Campaign SightFirst throughout the year.
4. Each club conduct orientation sessions for new members, officers' training and elect a Membership Committee.
5. Submit PU-101-A and PU-101-M Reports by April 1, 1994 (Officer Reporting Forms).
6. Encourage 100 percent attendance at board and club meetings.
7. Encourage inter-club visits and hold at least one joint meeting.
8. Have every club represented at zone, region and cabinet meetings and district, state, and international conventions.
9. Publicize all Lions activities to the fullest extent and wear Lions pins.
10. Encourage clubs to give programs on Lions agencies and make contributions to them.
11. Encourage clubs to read "THE LION" Magazine and place copies in public places; keep informed on current Lion affairs.
12. Encourage clubs to publish a bulletin periodically, recognizing members for their service and hold Awards Night.
13. Encourage all clubs to participate in the Governor's Efficiency Contest.

The International Association of Lions Clubs

(Lions Clubs International)



JOSEPH A. MOLONY
DISTRICT GOVERNOR, DISTRICT 18-E
GEORGIA 1993-1994
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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 18-E ANNUAL REPORT 1993-1994

Lieutenant Governor Joseph A. Molony of the Warner Robins Lions Club was elected District Governor at the third cabinet meeting and district convention February 27, 1993, in LaGrange, Georgia. Elected as Lieutenant Governor for 1993-1994 was J. Cecil Daniels of the Forsyth Lions Club.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

District 18-E, Georgia, is composed of 49 Lions clubs, three Lioness clubs and one Leo Club; four regions, each of which has an appointed Region Chairman. Each region has two zones, except Region 3, which has three zones, each of which has an appointed Zone Chairmen.

MEMBERSHIP

The extension efforts in District 18-E resulted in one new club being formed. The Macon Evening Lions Club's charter was approved by Lions International February 7, 1994. District Governor Joseph A. Molony presented its charter March 5, 1994, in ceremonies in Macon. There were 22 new members and 12 transfers from the Macon Southside Community Lions Club. The Macon Evening Lions Club was sponsored by the Centerville Lions Club. Largely through the efforts of Past District Governor Louie Holmes, the Macon Evening Lions Club showed a net gain of 51 members at the close of the year, June 31, 1994.

Lions International reported that beginning July 1, 1993, there was a total of 1,461 members and 48 clubs. District 18-E had a net gain of 27 members and a total of 1,489 members in 49 clubs as of June 31, 1994.

Clubs reporting net gains in membership for 1993-1994 are:

Barnesville-Lamar +5
Bonanza-Jonesboro +1
Byron +1
Carrollton Noon +1
Centerville +3
Columbus East +6
Crawford County +2
Ellaville +3
Fort Valley +2
Griffin +1
Harris County +3
Heard County +2
LaGrange +6
Macon Rutland +2
Manchester +1
McIntosh +2
Montezuma +2
Senoia +1



1. For the first time in history, a District Governor was elected from Warner Robins and Houston County. There will never be another 18-E district governor from Houston County, since all five clubs--Centerville, Houston Peaches, Perry, Warner Robins and Warner Robins Noon--will join District 18-F July 1, 1995. The current district governor, Cecil Daniels, is from Macon.
2. For the first time in a decade, a District Directory was printed and distributed to every member of the district.
3. For the first time in years, the district showed an increase in membership, plus 27 for the year. It ranked 18th in the nation.
4. A district pin was distributed to key cabinet members, new members, charter members and others for the first time in several years.
5. District Governor Joseph A. Molony received a District Governor Excellence Award, in addition to 100% District Governor Award, from Lions International, the first in years.

DISTRICT AWARDS

The top three clubs in the District Governor's Contest were Bonanza-Jonesboro (for the third straight year), Houston Peaches and Griffin.

The Centerville Lions Club was awarded the Clyde Rayburn Memorial Plaque. There were no entries for the Herb Reimer Memorial Plaque. The Centerville Lioness Club won the Jeanne Bennett Memorial Plaque.

The top 10 clubs in the District Governor's Efficiency Contest were:

1. Bonanza-Jonesboro
2. Houston Peaches
3. Griffin
4. Centerville
5. Columbus
6. Warner Robins
7. Warner Robins Noon
8. Macon Downtown
9. Macon Rutland
10. Columbus Muscogee

STATE CONVENTION

The 73rd annual State Convention was held May 27-29, 1994, at Savannah, Georgia. The speaker was Second Vice President William Wunder, Lions International, of Kansas.

District 18-E clubs won two first and three second place awards.

One International President's Leadership Award was presented to State Leader Dog Chairman William B. Craig of the Warner Robins Lions Club.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITS

District Governor Joseph A. Molony made 49 official visits to Lions Clubs and three visits to Lioness clubs. The Governor traveled an estimated 20,000 miles, not including a dozen or so repeat visits to weak clubs, installation of officers, induction of new members, a charter presentation, visits to international agencies, special guest speaker requests, etc. Governor Molony

attended every Campaign SightFirst district coordinators' meetings and made several six-hour workshops in Atlanta on Campaign SightFirst. The governor visited Lions International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Illinois; Leader Dogs headquarters in Rochester, Michigan; the USA/Canada Forum in Winston-Salem, NC, International Conventions in Minneapolis, MN, and Phoenix, Arizona; personal visits to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation in Decatur, Georgia; Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind; leadership workshop for the Lighthouse at Tiger, Georgia. He attended numerous zone and region meetings, the state convention, gave a 30-minute television interview on Lionism on WCOX-TV Channel 15, Macon, and WCOP-Radio Station interview, just to name a few.

Governor Molony held four Cabinet Meetings at the following locations:

1. Jonesboro, Georgia, July 24, 1993.
2. Centerville, Georgia, December 11, 1993.
3. LaGrange, Georgia, February 26, 1994.
4. Forsyth, Georgia, June 4, 1994.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

District Governor Molony attended various Lions events from July 1, 1993, through June 31, 1994. Among them were the following:

1993:

- July 3-5--DGE Seminars, Minneapolis, MN.
- July 6-9--International Convention, Minneapolis, MN.
- July 15-16--LCIF Visit, Oak Brook, IL.
- July 17-18--Leader Dog visit, Rochester, MI
- July 24--Officer Training, first cabinet meeting, Jonesboro.
- August 2--Radio Interview on Lionism, WCOX, Warner Robins.
- August 7-8--Camp for the Blind, Waycross, Lions Day.
- August 14--Officer Training, Thomaston.
- September 9-12--USA/Canada Forum, Winston-Salem, NC.
- September 25--Membership retention seminar, Atlanta, GA.
- October 31--CSF Group Coordinators, Carrollton.
- November 13--Zone 2, Region IV Social, Perry.
- November 14--Train the Trainer, Thomaston.
- December 7--LITE meeting, Manchester.
- December 11--Second Cabinet Meeting, officer training, Centerville.

1994:

- January 22--Extension Workshop, Warner Robins.

- February 8--Zone 1, Region IV meeting, Macon.
- February 26--Third Cabinet Meeting, officer training, LaGrange.
- March 12--18-C Convention, Moultrie.
- April 10--Zone 2, Region IV meeting, Centerville.
- April 30--Train the Trainer, Macon.
- April 14--Carrollton Evening, presented 8 MJF Awards.
- June 4--CSF Group Coordinator meeting, Jonesboro.
- June 18--Fourth Cabinet meeting, officer training.
- July 13-17--International Convention, Phoenix, AZ.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from previous administration: \$2.816.31.
 Transferred to 1994-1995 administration: \$2.874.79.

A highlight of the year was the outstanding record compiled by the No. 1 club in the District, Bonanza-Jonesboro. Its members contributed \$20,000 and helped the district meet its Campaign 'SightFirst Goal of \$125,000. It also sponsored the state winner in the Peace Poster Contest and won the coveted Outstanding Club Patch.

I was proud of the District Governor Pin, which I designed and distributed throughout the district. The Gold portion of the round pin contained my name and the words "District Governor." The middle was white with a map of the state of Georgia in purple. My hometown, Warner Robins, and the words "Home of the F-15" (Eagle). An F-15, which is managed by the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, the largest single employer in Georgia, at Robins AFB, is shown flying through the center of the state, where Warner Robins is located. The F-15 is in Air Force blue.

District 18-E was fortunate to have set so many "firsts" during the 1993-1994 year. I thank all the clubs, my cabinet and, particularly, my dedicated Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Hank Barks of the Warner Robins Noon Club, for their help in making this one of the most successful years in recent district history.

Yours in Lionism,

Joseph A. Molony
 Joseph A. Molony
 District Governor 18-E
 1993-1994

HISTORY OF WARNER ROBINS LIONS CLUB 8/92

The Warner Robins Lions Club was the first civic/service organization chartered in the City of Warner Robins. It was organized by T. E. Castleberry, District Director of Lions International. Castleberry contacted D. L. Fountain in the Spring of 1947 on organizing a chapter of the Lions Club in Warner Robins. Dreyfus Fountain, a prominent businessman, thought the idea a good one and enlisted the help of W. T. Giles, another prominent businessman, in the organization of a local chapter.

The formation of the organization was discussed with other business men in the community. The club was organized July 1, 1947. The First Organizational Report was given to Lions International July 7, 1947. The organization was complete August 18, 1947. There were 28 members and six transferred members when organization was completed and the club had \$158.00 on hand when organized.

At the Charter Meeting July 1 at Neals Grill, Dreyfus L. Fountain was elected President, W. T. Giles was elected Secretary and Edwin Tilton Treasurer. Other Officers at the July 1, 1947 Organizational Meeting in Warner Robins were Dr. Jay Goldstein, First Vice President; Royce R. Pratt, Second Vice President; Guy A. Benson, Third Vice President; John H. West, Lion Tamer; Thomas J. Cater, Tail Twister; and Charles L. Williams, Olin McElhenney, Richard T. Pierce and Capt. Curtis V. Cheney, Board of Directors.

Committee Chairmen appointed by President Fountain were E. W. Smith, Charter Night; John H. West, Membership; Daniel K. Grahl, Finance; and Edmund A. Rusk, Constitution and By-laws.

The Warner Robins Lions Club was sponsored by the Hawkinsville Lions Club. Officers of the club were: W. T. Sheppard, President; C. T. Kimberly Jr., First Vice President; Ike Slade, Second Vice President; Frank Holland, Third Vice President; Charlie Head, Tail Twister; George Cunningham, Lion Tamer; and Leon Williams, Secretary-Treasurer.

Members listed on the Charter Roster when the Warner Robins Lions Club was organized July 1, 1947 were:
C. W. Barker, G. A. Benson, Thomas J. Cater Jr., Capt. Curtis V. Cheney, Dreyfus L. Fountain, W. T. Giles, Fred E. Godwin (transfer); Dr. Jay Goldstein, Daniel K. Grahl (transfer), John L. Harris, C. W. Howard, Elton Jackson, Will E. Jones, David E. Kauffman (transfer), Marvin E. Keller, Olin McElhenney, C. P. Mercer, Linn McGee, B. H. Mitchell, John A. Paul, Neal M. Phelps, Richard T. Pierce, R. R. Pratt, E. G. Rottenbury, Edmund A. Rusk, E. W. Smith, Louis T. Smith, John Robert Taylor, Edward Tilton, Dr. J. K. Waters (transfer), John A. West, C. L. Williams, W. E. Willis (transfer) and E. C. Castineau.

The Charter Night Program was held August 5, 1947, at the Warner Robins City Hall. The menu was barbecue and trimmings. On the Charter Night Program, the above listed persons were listed in addition to W. E. Dennis and John A. Trask. Missing from those listed on the Charter Roster at the Charter Night Program were Will E. Jones, John A. Paul, Louis T. Smith and Dr. J. K. Waters.

During the first year of the club, the principal efforts of the members were directed toward building up the organization and creating fellowship between the members. The success of this can be readily ascertained by noting that on July 1, 1948, one year later, there were forty-one (41) active members of the organization listed on the roster. That is a 100 per cent increase in membership and speaks well, both of the quality of the original charter members and the energy they displayed in being good Lions.

In addition to the great deal of work involved in getting the infant organization on a sound basis, the club also jumped immediately into the heart of civic affairs. A football game was sponsored between teams representing Robins Air Force and Gordon Military College in conjunction with the Macon Lions Club. The money realized from this football game was donated to the Parent-Teachers Association Hot Lunch Program in order to keep that laudable enterprise solvent throughout the school year.

The New Industry Committee functioned very efficiently and worked extremely hard, coming up with several leads for new industries. There is no doubt that the groundwork laid in this committee's efforts will bear fruit in new industry inquiries at a later date.

At the end of the first year, it was agreed that a tremendous amount had been accomplished, but so much more was still to be done that even greater efforts must be expended in the second year.

A Nominating Committee was appointed to draw up a slate of officers for the second year of the organization and the Committee's slate was approved unanimously with great enthusiasm. During the time between the election of officers and the next meeting, the new Officers and Board of Directors of the Club had several meetings and presented for approval a complete list of appointments to various Committees. Every member of the club was appointed to at least one Committee, making every member a participating member.

By the beginning of the second year, all the various committees were functioning at top efficiency and such projects as a Teen-Age Clubroom, a park for the youngsters, the Community Chest Drive and Sight Conservation are being pushed rapidly. "In other words, the Warner Robins Lions Club now has a progressive group that is doing many things for the betterment of the community and will be a great asset to the City of Warner Robins."

The main project of the club from its beginning was Sight Conservation, as it is today. In 1948, soon after being chartered, the club launched a summer recreation program, which soon grew into a year-round project. By 1953, the Club realized the recreation program had outgrown the Lions Club, both physically and financially. At that time, the City of Warner Robins was approached by the Club and the City agreed to take over the program.

In 1953, the members of the Warner Robins Lions Club organized the Touchdown Club, which brought football to Warner Robins.

In the early years, projects to raise money for Sight Conservation, other than the annual broom sale, were a womanless wedding, donkey basketball and baseball games, and members versus Warner Robins

High School faculty basketball games, all of which brought a packed house for each event.

In the past, the Club has held free glaucoma screening clinics and had for several years assisted the Chamber of Commerce in taking up tickets at the Houston County Fair each year. In the last decade, it has sponsored a booth at the Fair in which Lions literature is passed out and free glaucoma screenings given by local optometrists.

In 1976, the Club re-formed into the Noon and Evening Clubs to accommodate the needs of different members.

The main project of the Warner Robins Lions Club is still Sight Conservation, which includes the Eye Donor Program, the Lighthouse for the Blind, local assistance for examinations and eyeglasses for the economically disadvantaged, early sponsoring the Peach Bowl Football Games, Leader Dog, Georgia Lions Eye Bank, Camp for the Blind and other worthwhile projects.

Since the 1980s, the Club has been among the Top Ten Clubs in the District 18-E Governor's Efficiency Contest. In 1990-91 it was No. 1 Club in the District. Four of the last five years, it has had the District Lion of the Year, winners of the Herb Reimers Memorial Plaque: Art Kiser in 1988, Lamar Christopher in 1990, Nada Barkley, the first woman to win the award, in 1991, and Bill Craig in 1992.

The club has four Melvin Jones Fellows: Gene Lindsay (1989), Lamar Christopher (1990), Jay Barkley, deceased, and Joe Molony in 1991.

The club has had several members advance into District 18-E positions. It currently has a member, Joe Molony, who is serving as Lieutenant Governor.

In addition to above-listed projects, major projects undertaken by the Club in the 1980-90 time period have been Broom and Mop Sales, Yard Sales and Bingo, which is currently being operated twice a week at 1311 Green Street. It is proposed that proceeds from Bingo will go toward building a Community Building.

The club meets the second and fourth Thursdays at 7:30 p. m. at the Country Cupboard Restaurant. The Board of Directors meets the first Thursday at 7 p. m.

The club's community betterment and service projects are supplying glasses, food, shelter, clothing and eyeglass exams to the needy, providing fruit and drink to the nursing homes, which members visit each month.

The 1992-93 Officers are: Wayne Parker, President; Bill Craig, First Vice President; Jimmy Fountain, Second Vice President; Art Kiser, Third Vice President; Steve Averett, Secretary; Rick Delaney, Treasurer; Jim Bentley, Tail Twister; and Wright Smisson, Lion Tamer; Nate Weatherford, Harvey Ware, Two-Year Directors; Nada Barkley, Lamar Christopher, One-Year Directors; Charlie Law, Membership Committee Chairman.

HISTORY OF WARNER ROBINS

When the Georgia, Southern and Florida Division of the Southern Railroad laid its tracks from Macon to Jacksonville, the officials of the Railroad picked out what looked to them like an ideal spot for a town and asked various landowners to contribute certain tracts of land to the project of making a town.

An engineer was procured to lay out the streets and building lots. When he had completed his task, the local people began to cast about for a name for the town. After a discussion, it was decided that the town be named after the engineer who laid it out and who was universally liked. The engineer was named Wellston, thus the town was known as Wellston until the advent of Robins Air Force Base and the incorporation of the city.

during the years between the original naming of the town and the beginning of World War II, Wellston never had a population of more than fifty (50) people, a grocery store, a filling station and a saw mill.

However, in early 1941 several men in this area recognized the inevitability of our entering the war and purchased a tract of land across the railroad from Wellston, which they offered to the Federal Government as a logical spot for the location of an Army Air Force Repair Depot. The Government accepted the offer and set up plans for building the Wellston Air Depot. As the work progressed, the town of Wellston became a trailer and tent city and it eventually became necessary to provide some sort of law and order. Therefore, a city governing body was set up without benefit of a charter and it functioned that way until March 1943, when a city charter was granted to the growing city by the State Legislature.

Meanwhile, General Charles Thomas had been sent to Wellston Air Depot to take charge and he, having a very close friend, Col. Warner Robins, prevailed upon the Army to change the name of the base to Robins Air Depot. When it was decided that application would be made for a city charter, C. B. Watson, who had been acting as administrator for the unincorporated community, was persuaded by General Thomas to change the name of the infant city from Wellston to Warner Robins in honor of General Thomas' friend. When the charter was granted, the State Legislature appointed Watson as Mayor of the city new city and also appointed four councilmen to serve two years.