

Lions of Georgia Multiple District 18 Museum

Dedication May 10 2014

Photos by PDGs Rick Mizell and Chip Nedza

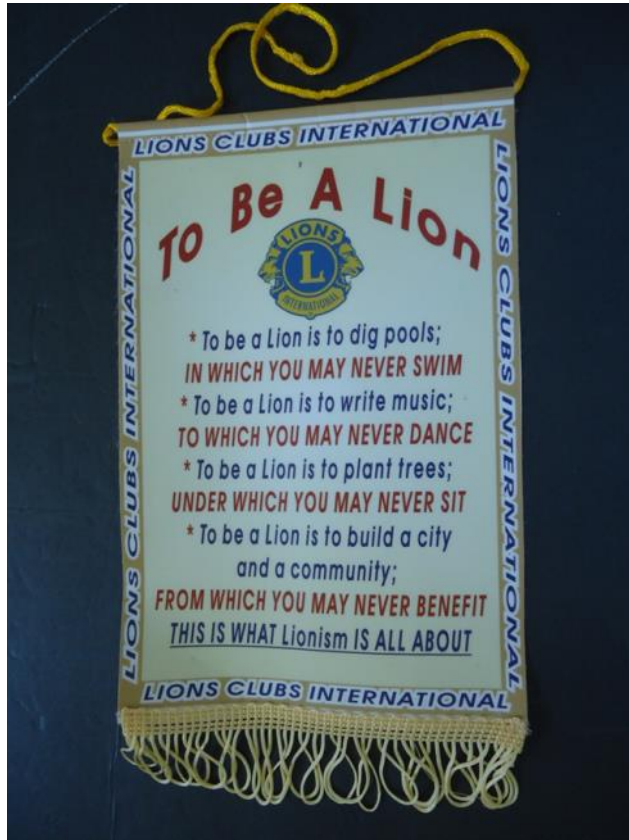
This is an article written for "The Lion" Magazine by PDG Chip Nedza.

An overflow crowd turned out at the ribbon cutting for the first Lions Museum at the Georgia Lions Lighthouse in Chamblee, GA, on May 10, 2014. Lions Clubs International-- the world's largest non-profit organization with more than 1.3 million members worldwide-- is almost 100 years old, but it took the new State Historian Chip Nedza only two years to amass a collection of rare artifacts and find a new home to house it in. The museum's mission is to educate, enlighten and entertain visitors with a detailed history of Lionism in "Dixie", from the founding of the first club in Georgia in 1920 to the present day.

Nedza, who will also assume the role of District Governor in July, created the concept for the museum and a need for a permanent exhibition by starting with his own personal collection of every collector's Lions pin ever produced in the state. Nedza's enthusiasm then spread to include President Jimmy Carter, a member of the Lions Club of Plains for over 60 years, who generously donated his personal collection of memorabilia to the museum. With the endorsement and contribution of materials by Past International President Jim Ervin, other contributions of Lions paraphernalia poured in from Lions clubs all over Georgia, including a rare Braille Bible.

What started as an information quest two years ago by State Historian Chip Nedza, has grown into a large collection of Lions of Georgia (MD18) memorabilia . Over 625 items have been donated, spanning from 1920 when Lionism began in Georgia to the present. Just to name a few of our museum holdings, the collections include Parade uniforms, 1949 Braille Bible, over 1,200 colorful and artfully displayed MD 18 pins, 400 Mini Banners, Vests, Bells, Gavels, Awards, Plaques, Club meeting items, items from the Camp for the Blind , Georgia Lions Lighthouse, Peach Bowl, Lioness Clubs, Leo Clubs, PID's items, PIP Jim Ervin's unique items, numerous letters and rare photos are all on display. Each piece has been painstakingly photographed by Lion Chip and placed on a Power Point slide show for all to enjoy. The Museum serves as a source of tremendous pride for all Lions in MD18.

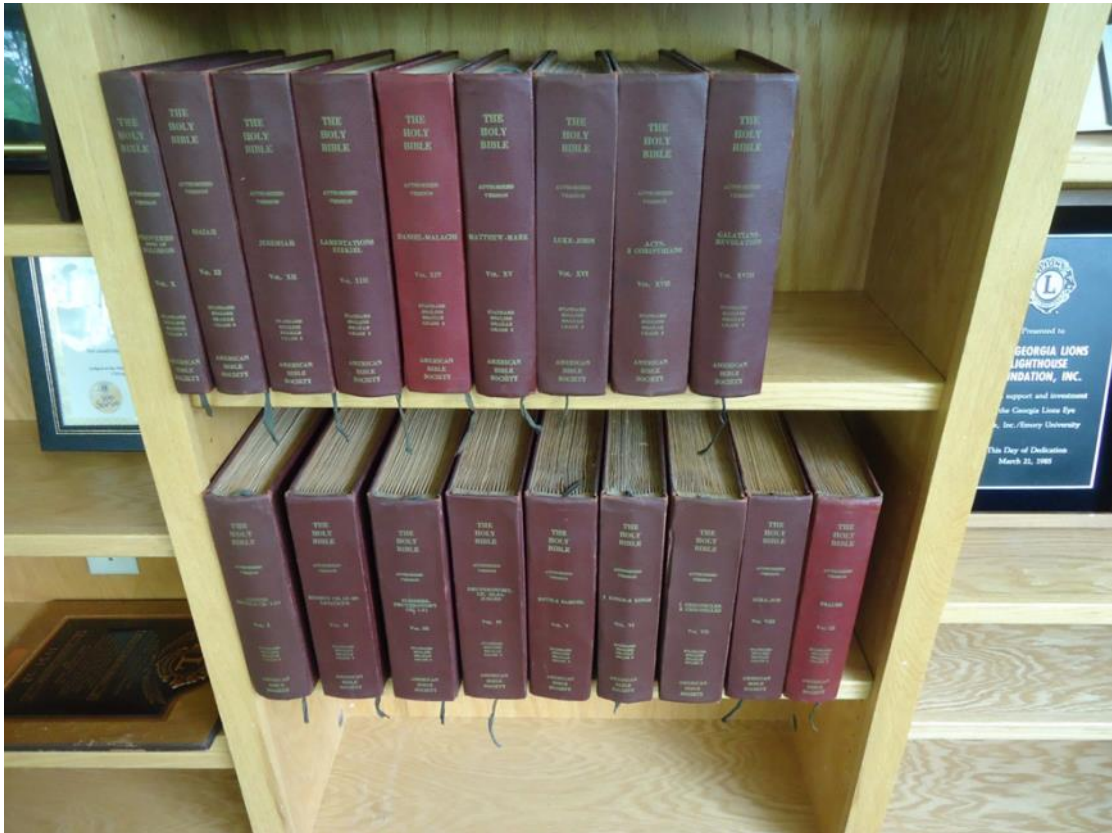
The Lions Museum is a haven not only for all Lions, but for anyone who is interested in or inspired by service to the community. Dedicated to all the Lion Clubs in Georgia, the first museum of Georgia Lions memorabilia, and probably the only one in the Southeast USA, items are thoughtfully displayed on all four walls and glass display cases. Lion Chip expects that with additional items coming in, the materials will be rotated every few months, and encourages all Lions to visit regularly.



To be a Lion

Ribbon Cutting during Dedication.

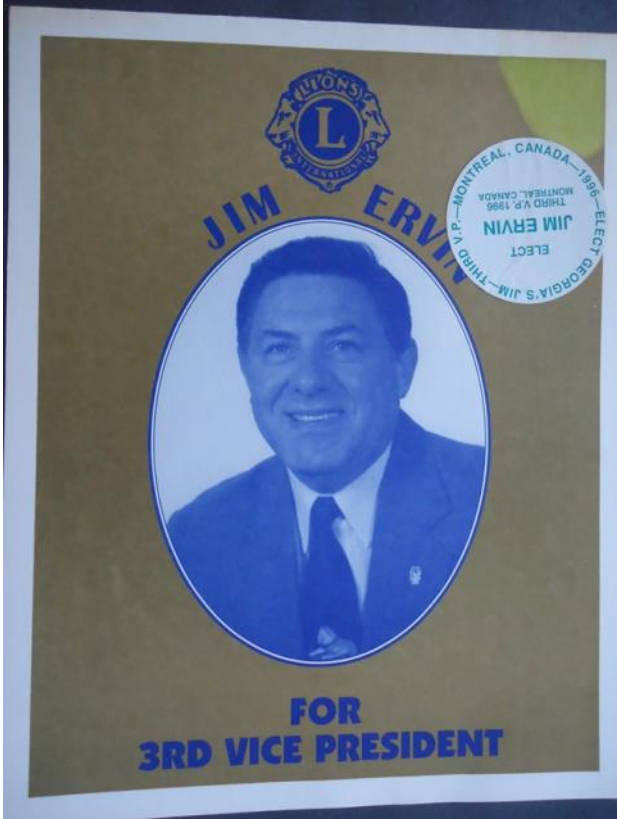




Braille Bible 1949



PDG Chip Nedza and PIP Jim Ervin





The Lions of Georgia, Multiple District 18, unanimously endorse Past International Director, **James E. "Jim" Ervin** for Third Vice President of Lions Clubs International.

Past Director **Jim** is a member of the Lions Club of Albany, Georgia. Lion Jim has served his club, district and multiple district in many capacities, including club president, district governor and council chairman. He also served as a director and trustee of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind.

Lion Jim served as an **International Director** in 1992-94 and served as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee his second year. In 1994-95 he was appointed to serve on a special Ad Hoc Committee to study our association's constitutional areas and board representation. He has attended ten International Conventions and ten USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums during which he has served as a presenter, moderator and discussion leader. He has received the Extension Award, Guiding Lion Award, two Presidential Certificates of Appreciation, Four International Presidents Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Lion Jim has 25 years of management and ownership experience in transportation and employee leasing companies.

Past International Director **Jim** and his wife, Lion **Betty**, have four children and three grandchildren.

James E. "Jim" Ervin
for
INTERNATIONAL
Third Vice President



Lions for Jim Ervin



Leadership in Action



The Lions of Georgia
Present Past
International Director

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A COMMENDATION

WHEREAS: Albany native Jim Ervin is serving with distinction as the 1999-2000 president of the International Lions Club where he has demonstrated humanitarian sympathies and a deep interest in the welfare of our state and the nation; and

WHEREAS: With the leadership of Jim Ervin, the Lions Club International has pledged to preserve and save the sight of at least 20,000 people every week during 2000 through its SightFirst program; to help young people make healthy life choices through its youth programs; to provide housing, education and jobs for the blind and disabled with Habitat for Humanity; and to heighten the awareness of people at risk for sight-robbing diseases through the Lions Eye Health program; and

WHEREAS: His steadfast commitment to serving others has earned him the respect, affection and admiration of his fellow Lions, and we express our appreciation for the energy, enthusiasm and resourcefulness of his vision; now

THEREFORE: I, Roy E. Barnes, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby commend

JIM ERVIN

for his commitment to improving the quality of life for Georgia and her people.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of May 2000.



Roy E. Barnes
GOVERNOR

ATTEST
[Signature]
CHIEF OF STAFF



JIMMY CARTER

June 14, 1999

To Jim Ervin

Congratulations on becoming President of the International Association of Lions Clubs. As a fellow Georgian who also served as a Council Chair from the same district as you, I take special pleasure in noting that you are the first Georgian to serve as international president.

We at The Carter Center are proud of our partnership in the Lions' worldwide efforts to prevent blindness and improve health. We look forward to building on this relationship as we continue to work with you in the coming years.

Rosalynn joins me in sending our best wishes for a productive tenure as President of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Carter

Mr. James E. Ervin
President
International Association of
Lions Clubs
300 22nd Street
Oak Brook, Illinois 605230-8842



A Voyage to the Future

In English, the suffix "ship" is used at the end of a word to add a "quality or condition" to that word. In our case, the words most often used with this suffix are membership, leadership, partnership and fellowship. Of course, the word "ship" also describes a vessel that carries people and goods over water. In my own mind, I see this meaning as well in all those words.

In a very real way, we must take these "ships" on our voyage into the future.

Membership must mean not only adding new members, although that must always be on our minds, but finding ways to challenge them and provide higher levels of service and satisfaction.

Leadership must mean not only training new leaders through our Institutes and other programs, but assuming our own responsibilities to lead and seek out those who have the potential to lead.

Fellowship must mean not only extending the hand of friendship to other Lions, but to those we serve and those who help us to serve.

Partnership must mean not only working together as Lions, but seeking out those organizations and individuals who share our goals and dreams for a better world and organizing specific programs to accomplish them.

Let us, as Lions, embrace the future with enthusiasm and imagination in membership, leadership, fellowship and partnership.

While the word may vary in each language, the concept of voyaging together toward a

common goal is universal. I am ready to board my "ship." I have a clear vision of our destination. It is a new century of service where Lions Clubs International will be seen as the leading light in a brightening sea.

Share my vision. Board our ship.

Sincerely,

James E. "Jim" Ervin
International President,
1999-2000



"A New Century of Service Through Vision and Action"



The International Association Of Lions Clubs Ambassador of Good Will

Whereas The International Association of Lions Clubs through its world-wide program for the relief of human suffering, the improvement of human living and the advancement of human understanding fosters the growth of amity, unity and Good Will among the peoples of the world, and whereas

James E. Ervin

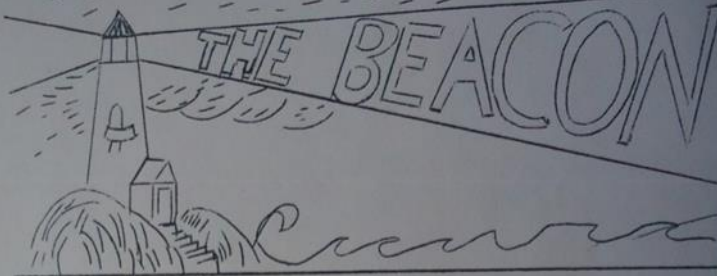
has rendered distinguished and unselfish service to the Association in the fulfillment of this program and is hereby appointed Ambassador of Good Will of Lions Clubs International, with all the honors and privileges of the Ambassadorship. This appointment, one of twenty-nine so made by the President, is authorized by the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International.



James T. Coffey
International President
1993-1994



Tom Bingham, Lighthouse founder



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 SEPTEMBER, 1957

We made appointments for 55 persons during the month of September. Also, in the month of September, we paid for 23 Hospital bills at a cost of \$1,748.50 and purchased 55 pairs of glasses at a cost of \$721.97, two artificial eyes at a cost of \$63.25. This is a total expenditure of the above items of \$2,533.72.

During this fiscal year, we have paid for 65 Hospital bills at a cost of \$5,626.93, and paid for 129 pairs of glasses at a cost of \$1,762.86, 6 artificial eyes at a cost of \$158.25, Special Services \$28.00, total expenditure \$7,576.04.

Below is a list of the per capita checks and other contributions received during the month of September, 1957:

Abbeville Lions Club	Per capita	\$27.00
Ashburn Lions Club	" "	10.00
Atlanta Lions Club	" " (Monthly)	100.00
Alapaha Lions Club	" "	15.00
Buena Vista Lions Club	" "	33.00
Dawson Lions Club	" "	36.00
Deatur Lions Club	" "	150.00
Druid Hills Lions Club	" " (\$2.00 per member)	102.00
East Fannin Lions Club	" "	17.00
Loganville Lions Club	" "	21.00
Lyons Lions Club	" "	36.00
Southside Community Lions Club	" "	30.00
Tallapoosa Lions Club	" "	40.00
Lions International Dist. 18-C (Cordale, Ga.)		
Dawson Lions Club	(In memory Mrs. Jacob Wolfe)	5.00
Gainesville Lions Club,	(In memory of Mr. Ben Ashell)	5.00
(W. C. "Bill" Harrison)	(In memory of Herbert L. Dooley)	5.00
	TOTAL	\$632.00

Listed below are the Clubs and the number of \$1.00 tickets they sold:

CLUB	NO. TICKETS SOLD	CLUB	NO. TICKETS SOLD
Adel	40	Lavonia	60
Albany	665	McCaysville	24
Arlington	15	McRae	5
Bainbridge	127	Millen	6
Camilla	25	Moultrie	200
Cordale	33	Savannah	231
Ellaville	71	Thomasville	50
Harris County	25	Towns County	39
		Unadilla	131
		Washington	231
		TOTAL	1,978

The Beacon, newsletter of the Lighthouse 1957

International President's Awards

Little is known about these awards other than they are given by the International Presidents to members that have done "something" special during their term. The IP's name and recipient names are usually inscribed on the reverse.



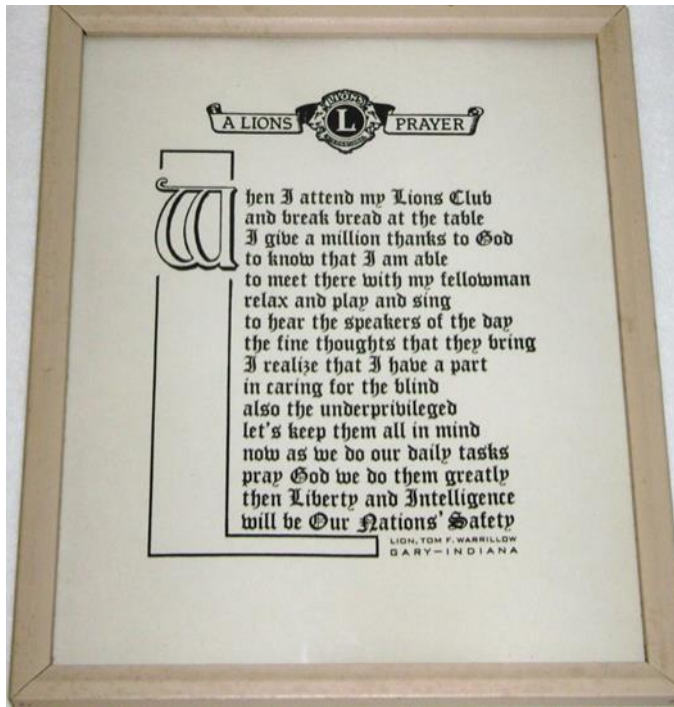


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Best wishes to Buddy & Carol Quzts -
Jimmy Carter & Rosalynn Carter



Greensboro Lions Club, May 1941



Boynton Lions Club, 1952



Brotherhood Sepakers -- Elliott G. Dirremus, Allen Frazier and Julius Harrison McMains, F. Ogden.

Columbus Lions Club, 1952







Lions 1950 Gumball Machine



PHOTO DIVISION PRESS INFORMATION

NATIONAL SYMBOL--David Euhlein, 9-year-old member of the Los Angeles Foundation for Junior Blind, and Art Linkletter, star of "Art Linkletter's House Party" (Monday through Friday, 1:30-2:00 PM, PST, on the CBS Television Network), clutch a symbol of the Lions Club International's annual White Cane Days. Linkletter, national chairman of White Cane Days, selected David as national symbol for the fund-raising drive Oct. 20 and 21 in most states of the country.

TELEVISION CITY, Hollywood, Calif.

Spotlight



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TELEVISION CITY, Hollywood



HONORABLE MENTION

INTERNATIONAL WEB SITE CONTEST - MULTIPLE DISTRICT

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 18, GEORGIA, USA

For creativity in content and design

judged at the 94th International Convention
Seattle, Washington, USA



A handwritten signature in black ink.

Sid L. Scruggs III
Lions International President 2010-11

We are global.



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Wing-Kun Tam
Lions International President 2011-12

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Eberhard J. Wirfs
Lions International President 2009-10

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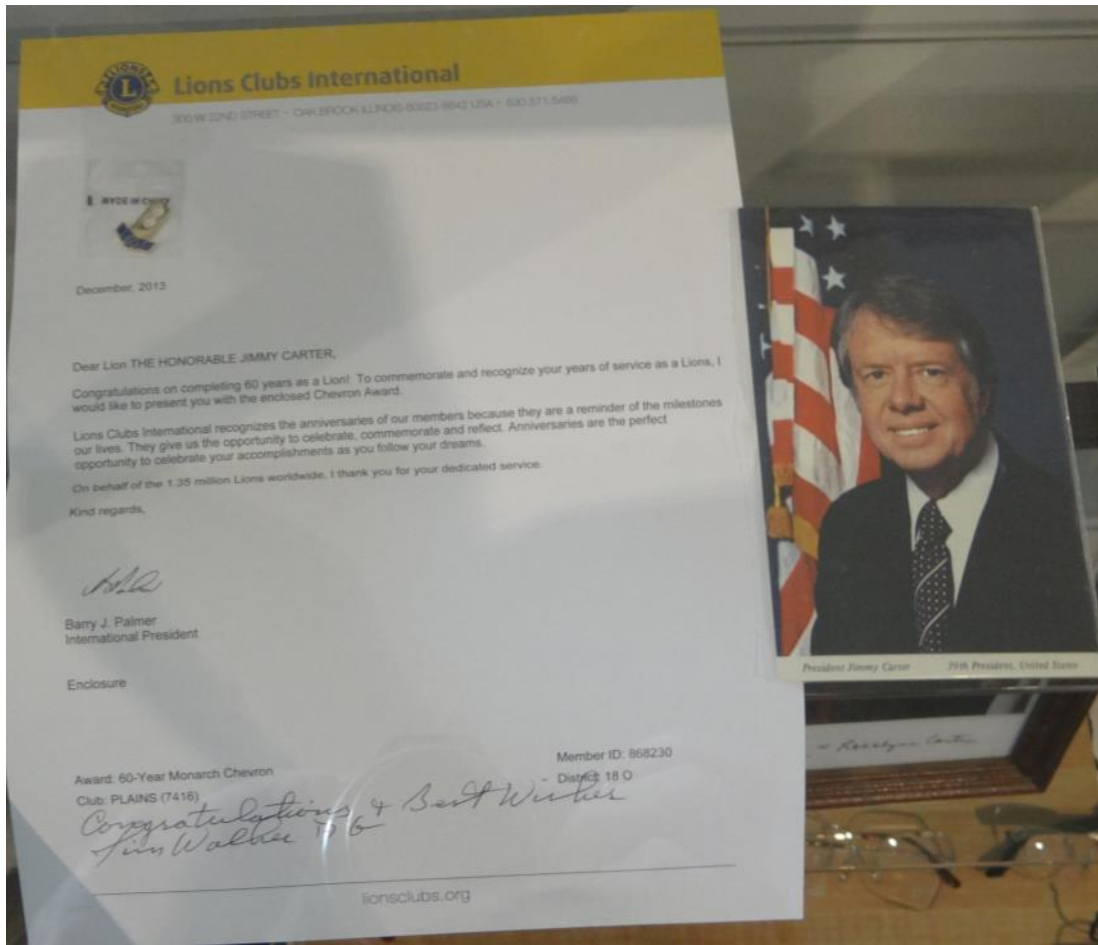
Jimmy M. Ross
International President
2006-07

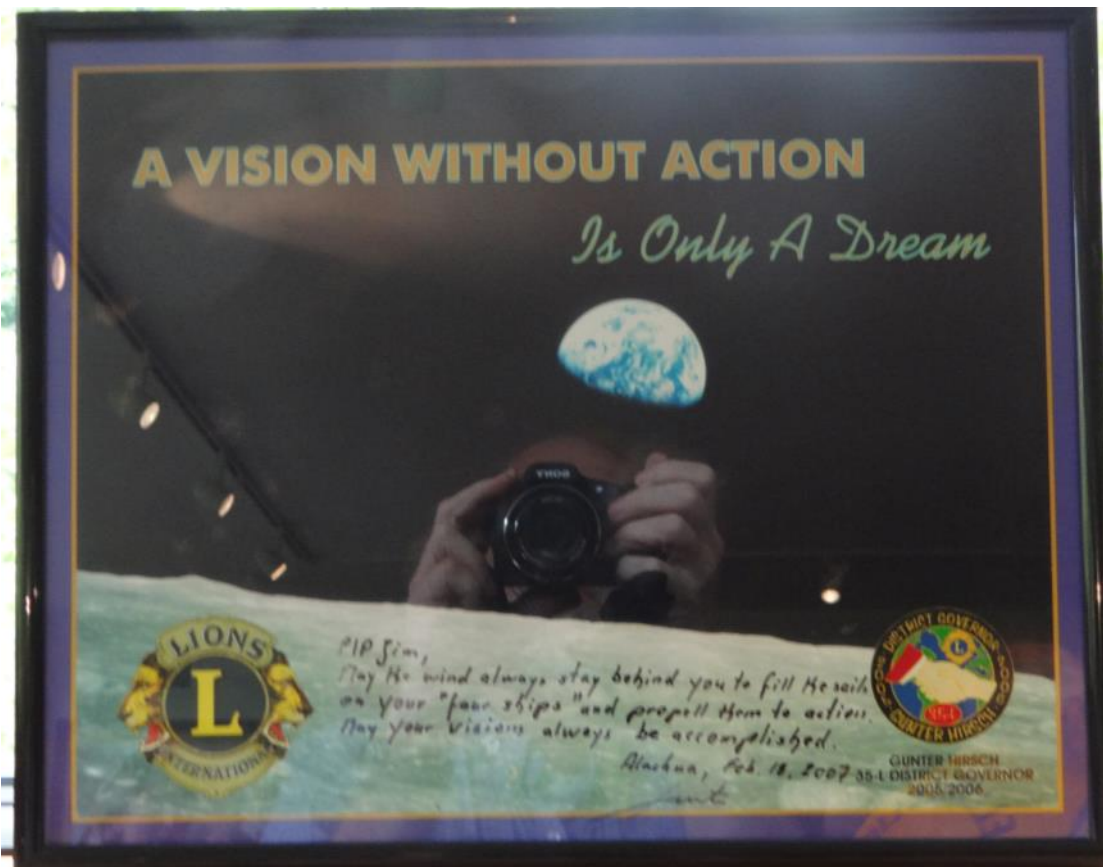














1949 Convention GA Breakfast

