



# Lions of Georgia

## District 18-B

# Newsletter



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**District Governor**  
**Joe Bill Brannon**

## Governors Comments...

It was the night before Christmas.....Well, not quite. there is still enough time left for me to wish every Lion in District 18B a merry Christmas, or happy Hanukah, or happy Kwanzaa day. I am a Christmas person myself but I know that all Lions do not necessarily have this view. What we lions do share and have in common is a love for and a caring for people that makes this season especially appropriate to demonstrate that love. We have clubs that are collecting toys for needy children, food for hungry families, and many other activities. Most of the things we do all year but I think a particular blessing happens when it is done at this time of year.

I will spend Christmas here at home. Sue and I will have our family around us and spend part of the day counting our blessings. Just part of the day because if I counted all my blessings it would probable run into the New Year. The main blessing that I have had this year was to meet so many lions from so many clubs. I cannot begin to express just how much we have enjoyed all our trips. In my mind I have already counted this a successful lions year, at least for me. I could not have imagined how special it has made me feel to be surrounded by the love and kindness that every one has shown Sue and I. Lions, Thank you ever so much.

Now to the nitty gritty.... We have a wonderful opportunity this coming year to do things that will

make our clubs even better and our communities even stronger.

I hope a lot of us have made plans to attend the dynamic club workshop in Garden City on January 6<sup>th</sup>. (What a way to start the year) If you haven't sent in your registration, please do so as soon as possible. There are a limited number of slots and we want every one in 18B to have an opportunity to attend. Look at the topics that will be discussed and taught. They are for clubs members. This is not just training for club officers, although it is information they need to know but it is for us all. Every Lion I have met so far this year has given me the impression that they want to contribute to his/her club. This is a way to do it. This one Saturday can do more for the club than anyone can think possible. Listen, learn, question, and apply. Please come and share this experience with us.

January 13 is Going to be Lions Day in Georgia. Has your club made plans to do something special for your community this day? Please let me know so I can share this information with the State Legislators and Governor Perdue when we go to Atlanta. I get goose bumps just imagining what 248 + clubs can do in one day in Georgia.. Awesome.

We have our District Convention coming up in February. February 23, 24, 25. More detailed information, maps, registration details will be sent out right after the new year. Most of the details have been completed and

what I can tell you so far is that Lion Terri Gibbs is scheduled to be our entertainment Friday night. We are going to have a Low country Boil on Friday prepared by the master chefs of the Woodbine Club. It will be a night that you can bring all your family, some of your friends, and still have room enough for a few people that you do not particular care for but would like to. Here is a splendid opportunity to put Lionism on display and share it with some non-lions.

Our International Guest for the weekend will be International Director Robert W. Moore of Stockholm, New Jersey.

The State Convention will be coming up in June. We will be having that event in Callaway Gardens, near Columbus. That also is being developed with the family in mind so plan to join us there also. Registration forms are on line at <http://galions.org>. Early bird registration prices will expire on December 31 so make your registration now.

Time is so short and there is so much I would love to share but I am late again in getting these comments to our editor. May this season be a blessing to you? My express wish is for each club to end this year with more members that it started the year with, that each Lions has more love in his heart than he/she started the year with, our health be a good as it was in January if not better, and that each and every one of us receives the blessing that can come from being a Lion. Your Servant in Lionism, Lion Joe Bill

## Editor's Comments

Fellow Lions as we reach the end of the calendar year and as we enjoy the Holidays, perhaps we should take a few moments to pause and reflect on the gifts that we have received during the past year. The quiet moments and the commitment and purpose that we as Lions share with each other and our community. That we should pause to remember those who we have lost to death. To those who suffer with illness, we continue to remember in our prayers.

We are also reminded that those who are in need continue to have needs even during the holiday season. We cannot afford to stop helping others simply because of the holidays. We also should continue to look ahead and make our plans for those successful projects that make Lionism well known in the community.

January 13, 2007 is a special day for Lions everywhere. It is the birthday of the founder of Lionism, Melvin Jones. The clubs of District 18-B have been asked to raise community awareness of Lions Activities on this day. This could be a neighborhood broom sale, it could be a crafts sale or a garage sale. Have you thought about a vision and hearing screening or maybe just putting together a Diabetes Awareness and health awareness display in a shopping center or mall. It is important for Lions to maintain good name recognition. Time is short to plan this project and we need as many clubs as possible to participate in this activity. Once you have decided on your project for January 13th, please publicize it in your local newspaper. Get your local radio station to run PSA announcements. Lets spread the word about Lionism by having a project on this day. January 13th is on a Saturday and will be recognized by the State of Georgia as Lions Day in Georgia.

And as we prepare for the year 2007, we have a number of events that require our attention and plan-

ning. As mentioned in the Governor's Comments, District 18-B will have its District Convention in February. At this convention, the district will be conducting elections of officers for the Lions year 2007-08. This year the elections will be for District Governor, Vice District Governor, and Vice President of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. All of these positions must be nominated by the club of the nominee (or a majority of clubs in the District) no later than 30 days prior to the convention.

The qualifications of each office are as follows:

**Vice District Governor**— Must be a member of good standing in his/her club. Must have served on the club level as President of the club and one additional year as a director of the club. Must have served on the district level at least one year as Zone Chairperson, Region Chairperson, Cabinet Secretary, or Cabinet Treasurer. The term of office is one year with the option of serving as District Governor the following year.

**District Governor**— Same as Vice District Governor except on the District level, must have served two years, one being Vice District Governor. When a standing Vice District Governor is seeking this office, no other candidates may be considered.

**Vice President of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation**— The qualifications to serve as Vice President are the same as serving as Vice District Governor plus the candidate must have served as a District Director or Trustee for a majority of a three year term. This office has a term limit of two, two year terms. Vice President Jim Ward is completing his second two year term and is ineligible for reelection.

Office that do not receive nominations 30 days prior to the convention will be nominated from the floor.

If you are interested in serving Lionism in a higher capacity, please consider serving as a leader of District 18-B.

Rick Mizell, PDG, Editor

## Leadership Training

Leadership Training opportunities are many in January. On January 7, MD18 MERL Team will present a Dynamic Club Workshop at the United Methodist Church in Garden City. Additional information was published in the November issue of this newsletter. IT is also available online at <http://homepage.mac.com/lionmark>. Registration is required for this event by contacting PCC Mark Miller, Phone (678) 454-5000, Email [mark@attorneymiller.com](mailto:mark@attorneymiller.com).

The District is also providing Regional training during January. The first training was held in Port Wentworth on December 3.

The following meetings are being planned. Additional information will be made available later. All Lions are invited to attend regardless of role in Lionism.

Sunday January 14th— Douglas  
Sunday January 21st— Hinesville  
Sunday January 28th— Woodbine

Workshop topics are (Subject to change):

Good Clubs More Members  
Making a Difference Again  
My Name is .... And I am your Club President  
Leadership Opportunities

## Come Home to Chicago

The 90th International Convention will be held in Chicago, Illinois, USA. Come home to Chicago— July 2-6, 2007—where the association began. December 31, 2006 is the deadline for early registration. International convention is an opportunity to network with Lions from around the world and to share ideas for service. It is an opportunity to vote on the association's future, talk with headquarters staff and attend seminars on a variety of topics.

## Club Reports

**Alamo-** The Club President helped a community member with expenses for travel to Savannah for an Eye Exam. Lion Mike Hayes received a 25 year Monarch. Several members volunteered time to help the Wheeler County Elementary School's Fall Festival.

**Bellville-** Club worked 158 hours on club administration and 157 hours on community projects. They sent \$250 to Leader Dog, \$250 to RFB&D, \$530 to LCIF, \$250 to the Lighthouse, and \$646 to the Camp.

**Bloomington-** Near perfect attendance. Worked 60 hours on community projects.

**Bulloch-** The club continues to place U.S. and Georgia Southern Flags. The club received a banner patch and letter from LCI for club growth. They are planning to purchase a TV/VCR for the Brooklet Police Department.

**Douglas-** Average attendance is 58. Club worked 55 hours on club administration and 925 hours on community projects. Had 1 publicity item, spent \$2,200 on local eye services. Collected 3,514 used eyeglasses. Their Leo Club held a successful BBQ Festival. Had programs on the Camp and the Lighthouse. They are planning to ring bells this holiday season.

**Folkston-** Average attendance is 10, they worked 800 hours for the community and spent \$150 for local eye services. They sent \$75 to GLASB and sponsor a Peace Poster contest. They are conducting a Christmas Basket Drive.

**Golden Isles-** Average attendance is 13. Spent \$250 on the Community and worked 41 hours. This was in support of a Christmas Party given for the children of military personnel who were recently or is deployed in the Middle East. They are working on their annual Steak Dinner on January 19th.

**Hinesville-** Average attendance is 28, worked 40 hours on club administration and 338 for the community. They spent \$155 on the community, \$200 to the Lighthouse, \$200 to the Camp. Collected used eyeglasses. They purchased 60 Liberty Day Booklets.

**Jacksonville-** Club worked 6 hours on club administration, average attendance is 10. They spent \$100 on the community. They raised \$396 for Send a Kid to Camp Day.

**Lyons-** Club worked 32 hours on club administration and 36 hours on community projects. Average attendance is 18. Club provided 1 pair of glasses and spent \$100 on the community. Sent \$425 to LCIF. They displayed flags in the community.

**Rincon-** The club recycled 3 1/2 tons of paper. They helped a local

family with a gift card to cover season's expenses.

**Savannah-** Average attendance is 22. The club is working on their Christmas Tree project with the help of the Leos of the Knight Riders Leo Club.

**Waycross-** Average attendance is 18. Club worked 88 hours on club administration and 15 hours on the community.

**Waycross Okefenokee-** Average attendance is 35. Club collected used eyeglasses. Sent \$100 to GLASB.

**Wilmington Island-** Average attendance is 15. Worked 115 hours on club administration and 62 hours for the community. Spent \$100 on the Community and \$420 to LCIF for Contributing Memberships. They published 5 items. They partnered with Senior Citizens to collect blankets. This activity resulted in Radio and TV interviews. The club also entered a float entitled "Gifts from the Lions" in the Rincon Noon's Annual Christmas Parade.

**Woodbine-** Average attendance is 28. They worked 37 hours on club administration and 62 hours for the community. They sent \$350 to GLASB and \$125 to the Camp. They hosted zone meeting on November 13.

## New Membership Tool on LCI's Web site

A Prospective Member Form has been added to the LCI Web site. In addition to using the Club Locator, this form will assist prospective members in locating a Lions club in their area. LCI will forward the completed forms on to the appropriate district or multiple district membership chairperson for follow-up. For more information on the Prospective Member Form, e-mail the Membership Operations Department or call (630) 571-5466, ext. 355.

## Encourage Peace Around the World

The theme of the 2007-08 Lions International Peace Poster Contest is "Peace Around the World." Clubs are encouraged to contact their local schools and youth groups early for participation. Peace Poster Contest kits will be available beginning January 15, 2007 from the Club Supplies Sales Department. The kits have all the necessary components to get started. To further your promotion of the program, a Peace Poster DVD and brochure are available upon request from the Public Relations Department.

## Club Anniversaries

The following clubs celebrate anniversaries this month as recorded by Lions Clubs International.

Club	Charter Date	Anniversary
Darien	12/15/1950	56
Lyons	12/17/1946	60
Metter	12/3/1963	43
Patterson	12/18/1950	56

## Membership Changes

### New Members

New Lion	Sponsor	Club
Greg Landburg	Eugene Dyal	Alma
Raymond Smith, Sr.	Sonia Williams	Baxley
Brent James	Jeff Brown	Clinch County
Ronald Edwards	Ralph Kessler	Garden City
Alice Jones	Frank V. Jones, Sr.	Hinesville
Frank V. Jones, Jr.	Frank V. Jones, Sr.	Hinesville
Gerald Leland	Lil Shurtleff, PDG	Hinesville
Jose Torres	Ray Williamson	Waycross Okefenokee
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### Deceased Members

Lion	Club
Joseph Hinely	Garden City
Timothy Underwood	Savannah Port City
George Burnham	Waycross

### Dropped Members

Lion	Club	Reason
Sean McCall	Clinch County	Resigned in Good Standing
Sandra Spikes	Collins	Non-Attendance and Non-Payment of Dues
Harry Spikes	Collins	Non-Attendance and Non-Payment of Dues
G Allen Godbee	Port Wentworth	Non-Attendance and Non-Payment of Dues
James Reynolds	Port Wentworth	Resigned in Good Standing
Glenn Brantely	Savannah	Non-Attendance and Non-Payment of Dues
A Way Carter	Waycross Okefenokee	Resigned in Good Standing
Gary Cox	Waycross Okefenokee	Resigned in Good Standing
Hugh Mcaulay	Waycross Okefenokee	Non-Attendance and Non-Payment of Dues
Michael Morgan	Waycross Okefenokee	Non-Attendance and Non-Payment of Dues
Marshall Rainge	Waycross Okefenokee	Non-Attendance and Non-Payment of Dues
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## Club Renewal: Expanding Our Mission of Service

by Jimmy M. Ross President, The International Association of Lions Clubs



Lions clubs must continually grow, to never cease reassessing the manner in which they relate to their communities. Consequently, it is vital that every club engage in a periodic renewal, a time to revitalize itself. In doing so, the club will be energized to both provide services that are relevant to the community and meet the personal needs of not only the current membership, but men and women who are considering an opportunity to give of their time and talents in voluntary service.

Let us make 2006-2007 the Year of Club Renewal and, in a word, "reinvent" ourselves through new ways of thinking and conducting business. If we are to move forward and enhance our image as the community's premier service club organization, we must, when necessary, replace old assumptions and attitudes that have outlived their usefulness and develop new ideas and approaches to community service that do, indeed, promise success. I encourage every Lions club at its very first meeting to closely examine everything that it does...service projects, membership growth, relationships with other community leaders and organizations, the way meetings are conducted...anything that relates to the strength and future of the club. There are, in fact, three precise steps to identify how to most effectively meet the needs of both current and prospective members.

First, determine which of your activities are successful and create enthusiasm within the club. These should obviously be continued and, whenever possible, expanded. Also, I know that Lions dislike the thought of

abandoning a project, especially one that has been a part of the club's calendar for many years. However, if, on serious examination, it no longer answers community needs and is unsuccessful, it simply must be dropped and replaced with a new program. All this is essential to what I call the Paradigm Shift.

We cannot maintain activities and practices that are outdated and of little value. It is our responsibility as Lions and as community leaders to continually develop and implement innovative service projects and workable strategies to bring in new members. The best strategy for growth, I assure you, is to implement activities that members, and potential members, consider serious and important. In this way, and only this way, will we strengthen our clubs through membership growth. However, it demands a rigorous self-evaluation of where our clubs are and where we want to go.

Let us permanently leave behind the concept of "but that's the way we've always done it!" This absolutely has to be stricken from our method of operation. New ideas must replace those that no longer work, and this can only occur when club members participate in open and constructive discussion. This is the open path to club renewal and development, and it will happen when Lions come together to honestly evaluate their situation and determine a course of action for tomorrow. This can only be achieved at the club level; it cannot be established from above. Each club must set its own targets for success, in both activities and membership growth. Analyze what is best for your community and for your fellow Lions, and then judge how you can go about reaching these objectives.

A serious evaluation of your club is the key. Employ the three-step approach for club renewal and there is no question that you will be able to look forward to a bright and positive future.

## Request for Historical Lions Images

Lions Clubs International is looking for Lions images from 1917 – present; those prior to 1985 are especially appreciated. The images will be used for the 90th anniversary celebration at the international convention in Chicago this summer.

What type of images? We want to show Lions thru the years, participating in a service project or other Lions activity. Please provide the original photo, slide, negative, film or video. Include caption information if known. Do not send books or magazines that contain photos.

Consider checking the local library or historical society to see if any Lion-related images are available. Send images before February 28 to: Senior Editor Jay Copp, THE LION Magazine, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842. Please provide complete contact information and materials will be returned to you. For more information, e-mail Jay Copp or call 630-571-5466, ext. 364.

## Sight Awareness and Glaucoma

Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world, according to the World Health Organization. The Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) is a public awareness program that empowers communities to save sight through early detection and timely treatment of eye diseases, such as glaucoma. Your club can help raise awareness of eye health through various activities. To learn how, read and download the LEHP brochure, "How You Can Help Save Sight." The LEHP Community Education Kit is all you need to start an eye health activity in your community. Further information is available at [www.lehp.org](http://www.lehp.org). Lions can also e-mail the Health and Children's Services Department for the brochure, "Blindness: Are You At Risk?" (IAD 182).

## Member Anniversaries

These are the Lions whose anniversary of joining Lionism during the month of December. They have served 15 years or more. Many thanks are due these Lions for their years of service.

<u>Lion</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Year Joined</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Name	Club Name	Join Date	Years
J STAN BAZEMORE, PCC	LYONS	1984	22
GUY D BLAND	JACKSONVILLE	1975	31
BEN CHAPMAN	RICHMOND HILL	1984	22
B H CLAXTON **	HAZLEHURST	1959	47
ARTHUR FOURAKER	FOLKSTON	1982	24
PRESTON C FUSSELL	JACKSONVILLE	1974	32
STANLEY GOLASZEWSKI	FOLKSTON	1987	19
M P JONES	SAVANNAH	1988	18
ALAN KLINE	JEKYLL ISLAND	1989	17
JIM MORRISON	DARIEN	1989	17
CHARLES NOBLES	LYONS	1981	25
DARRIEL NOBLES	LYONS	1981	25
WILLIAM R REGISTER	WAYCROSS OKEFENOKEE	1984	22
LONNIE ROBERTS, PCC	HAZLEHURST	1980	26
C VERNON SHOEMAKER	WAYCROSS OKEFENOKEE	1979	27
J S SHUPTRINE	ODUM	1980	26
ELMER T STRICKLAND	ODUM	1979	27
GEORGE TASSEY	SAVANNAH	1975	31
BILLY TRAPNELL *	METTER	1963	43
LARRY W WILLIAMS	ALMA	1988	18

\* Charter Member

\*\* Reinstated Member

\*\*\* Life Member

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