

The Lions Pride

News from
District 18E

Letter from your District Governor

Can you believe it is August already? Where has the time gone? The kids will be back in school soon, and we will all be back to our normal meeting schedules. It seems the older I get the faster time goes.

I want to thank everyone who came and participated at the first Cabinet meeting of the year in Byron. We had fairly good attendance. The training went exceptionally well (with the exception of the fact that there is no Wi-Fi in the Old Byron School, so those in the secretary training were not able to get on-line to walk through the reporting process. But in the excellent hands of Gerald Becham and Ricki Robbins, I am sure they got the necessary clues to how to make it happen. As always, VDG Scott Bates did an outstanding job in training Club Presidents and Vice-Presidents. He is an outstanding leader and trainer—he trained me years ago, so I have to say that! I think the session I held for Zone and Region Chairs went well also. The important message I want

all clubs to understand is that the biggest one of my “4C’s for 18E” is COMMUNICATION. I want every club to know that their Zone and Region Chairs, as well as their DG and VDG are there to help them in any way possible. But we can’t help if we don’t know you have a question or problem. Communication works both ways. We want to make sure we provide you and your club with all the necessary tools to succeed, but we want to hear from you, with the good news and the not so good. If you have done something great—tell the world and us about it. Lions are extremely guilty of hiding their light under a bushel. Be proud of what you are doing in your community. Let us and the rest of the world know what is going on. Good public relations and publicity helps let the world know what every day miracle you are performing in your local community—and that helps bring in new members. Remember, as President Al Brandel has said, every Lion is an every day hero



to those we serve. I am scheduling my club visits. Please don’t wait for me to call you. Contact me and tell me when you want me to make my official club visit. I have already made 3 visits and have five more scheduled for August and early September. I have my date book open and ready—waiting to hear from your club. Don’t forget—when it’s back to school time it is also Peace Poster Time. Yours in Lionism. DG Marlene

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75th Anniversary Celebration

Past Council Chair Mark Miller has agreed to be the Keynote Speaker for our 75th Anniversary celebration on August 23rd at Sunset Hills Country Club 6:00 pm

A young attorney from Jasper, GA, Lion Mark is an energetic and motivating speaker. He and his wife Leslie, an educator, are members of the Jasper Lions Club. Many of you will remember them from the District Convention that the Carrollton Lions hosted at UWG.

When he spoke at the Columbus Lions Club recently, they attribute 5 new members from his talk.

Like the Lions emblem that looks back, Lion Mark will be reflecting on our past 75 years. More importantly, he will focus on the part of our emblem that looks ahead, challenging us for the future.

Carrollton Lions Club

1933—2008 Seventy Five Years of Service

*You are cordially invited to the
75th Anniversary Celebration of the
Carrollton Lions Club*

*Saturday August 23, 2008
6:00 p.m.*

*Past Council Chairman C. Mark Miller,
President Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Keynote Speaker*

*Sunset Hills Country Club
201 Club Drive
Carrollton, GA 30117
770-834-6656*

Business Dress

RSVP Enclosed

Yes, count me in for the Carrollton Lions 75th Anniversary celebration dinner Saturday August 23, 2008, 6:00 p.m., at Sunset Hills Country Club.

I will attend and ___ Guests @ \$40.each

Meal Choice:

_____Chicken Marsala _____Prime Rib

Names: _____, _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Special Accommodations _____

Mail to:

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Carrollton Lions Club

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Yes, also count me in for the Saturday Noon Barbecue at

Dave & Suzanne Knight's Home

1170 Lowell Rd. 770-854-4100

_____Persons (compliments of Carrollton Lions)

Names: _____, _____

Carrollton Lions Club—Seventy-Five Memorable Years

Just as Lions International has a remarkable history since founded by Melvin Jones in Chicago, Illinois in 1917, so has the Carrollton, Georgia Lions Club since its formation in 1933. It seems most people know that Lions work for sight preservation. When Helen Keller spoke at one of the early Lions conventions, she challenged Lions everywhere to become knights for the blind. The Carrollton club has been true to this challenge both on the local and international levels.

Formation of Club

The Carrollton club was organized February 22, 1933 and chartered March 14, 1933 with twenty-one local citizens. The first president, Rev. H. P Bell, served for three years. Rev. Bell was for fourteen years the distinguished pastor of the First Baptist Church of Carrollton. Other charter members to later serve as president included Dr. D. S. Reese, Dr. Homer L. Barker and William Traylor.

Probably the most prominent of the organizers was Dr. Homer L. Barker who held most offices in the club, including President in 1936-37. He attended twenty international conventions and all but one state convention. Dr. Barker had a perfect attendance record for more than a quarter century. Most notably he was known for his service as the only International Director to come from the local club serving in 1949-51. As International Director, Dr. Barker was recognized as a leader who put through important changes in international policy, and was presented the rare Presidential Award for Outstanding Service. It was during Dr. Barker's tenure as International Director that the Carrollton club was honored by a visit from Lions founder Melvin Jones.

Apparently, faithfulness in attendance was a virtue of the charter members, as Dr. Charlie Jones, a local pharmacist, had a perfect attendance for thirty-six years.

All charter members are now deceased, the last to die being J. B. Warren.

Projects and Fund Raising Activities

The first year group of charter members raised money for many worthwhile causes and set the example for years to come. In that charter year, the club presented its first scholarship, graded four tennis courts for West Georgia College (at a cost of \$40), sponsored an anti-malaria campaign in Carrollton schools, conducted a survey of blind people in the area and furnished them with white canes, sponsored a college basketball game, purchased new furniture for the Carrollton Clinic, put on a fish fry with another civic club, "engaged a baseball game with another service club team and placed the receipts in a fund for developing and equipping a children's playground."

Since its beginning, the Carrollton Club has used various methods to raise funds for the many charitable activities. Included in the fund raising activities were the door-to-door sales of mops and brooms. This activity probably gave the club more recognition in the local community than any. Other fund raising activities included White Cane Day, light bulb sales, fruit-cake sales, and other activities.

In 1988, a raffle for a 1988 Ford Mustang convertible was held. This major fund raising activity, organized by Lions Joe Harris and Dave Knight, generated over \$15,000 for various projects. Of this amount, \$5,000 was donated to the Central High School Athletic Booster Club.

In 1992, under the initial leadership of Lions' Newt Muse and Dorsey Duffey, the club used an annual bar-b-que as a major fund raiser. The first bar-b-que was held April 25, 1992 and has continued on an annual basis. Over time this has replaced the mop and broom sales as the major annual fund raiser. Profits from the annual bar-b-que generally have ranged from approximately \$5,000 to \$8,000. Also, in later years beginning in 2003, the club held an annual golf tournament as another fund raising source.

Projects for the Visually impaired:

Locally, the Carrollton Lions have always contributed to visually impaired students in the schools. Braille literature, new technology and support for students have been a top priority. In recent years, the Lions have sponsored an annual Christmas party at Central Middle School where visually impaired and other special students have received special gifts to make life easier.

The club has also worked with the local Department of Family and Children's Services and other agencies to provide eye care services for children and families in need.

Other projects which Carrollton Lions have supported are the Lighthouse for the Blind, the Georgia Camp for the Blind, Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Georgia Lions Eye Bank and the collection of old eyeglasses for the needy.

In 1950, the first contribution to the Georgia Lighthouse for the Blind was made. Since then, the Carrollton Lions Club has given thousands of dollars to the organizations which assist the visually impaired around the state. Many of the old eyeglasses now find their way to third world and developing countries through Lions International.

Local Projects:

Even as the Carrollton Lions give large donations to state and international projects to help prevent blindness and correct sight disabilities through surgery, they have always made significant contributions to local projects and have left their name attached to some of them.

Ever since those first tennis courts at West Georgia College and that first local playground fund, the Carrollton Lions Club has continued to not only raise money, but volunteer time to work on athletic fields and recreation areas in Carrollton. In the early 1960's, Carrollton Lions joined other civic clubs in creating facilities for the community. Lions Field was built by Lions volunteers. Through the years they have sponsored youth baseball and football. The club built community and school fields in the 1940's as well.

Athletics were only a part of the youth projects. The Carrollton High Band, the 4-H Club, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls State and numerous other youth groups benefited. It was largely due to the efforts of the Carrollton Lions Club that the Carrollton High Band was formed in 1948. Lions Walter New, F. M. Chalker and others were very instrumental in this process. The Club held various fund raising events to help raise funds for band instruments and equipment and to subsidize the salary for the school's first band director, John Dilliard. Besides raising money for the school band in the formative years, they sent the band to the Lions International convention in 1960.

Where other local entities and charities needed assistance, the Lions have been there to help. The Lions gave two air conditioners to Tanner Hospital in the 1950's and continued over the years to support various needs of the hospital. The club has always given to other local projects including the Empty Stocking Fund, the county fair, the health center, the Red Cross and others. In the 1990's, the club participated in the adopt-a-mile project by picking up trash along the Carrollton by-pass to help make a cleaner community.

Some of the projects in the Carrollton Lions history spoke of the times. They gave to the Gainesville tornado disaster in 1935. They also joined the District Lions move for a law to compel livestock owners to keep cattle off the highways (1938-39). The club sent cigarettes to the troops in World War II and donations of clothes and shoes to Korea in 1951. They also bought war bonds. The Lions contributed to the polio drives (1950's).

The largest local project undertaken by the Carrollton Lions in recent years, especially from a financial commitment, was for a new playground located at the City Park on the corner of North Park and Spring Streets. The initial idea to provide a universally accessible playground that could be used by disabled and able-bodied children was brought to the club in 2005 by Lion Jason Harden. A universally accessible playground allows able-bodied and disabled children to play together without realizing the special benefits to disabled children. The playground was substantially completed in 2008. With some work yet to be done, the total cost of the completed project is estimated to approximate \$220,000. The Carrollton Lions Club and individual Lions contributed both financially and through their work efforts in assembling the playground equipment. Contributions from the Carrollton Lions Club and individual Lion members approximated \$23,000. Other financial contributions came from a variety of sources including a grant from the State of Georgia of

\$20,000, other civic clubs, foundations, businesses and individuals. Lions Clubs International Foundation was a major contributor to the extent of \$60,564. In all, there were approximately one hundred and fifty contributors for construction of this playground named "Lions Safari Park".

Leadership and Recognition Awards

The Carrollton Lions Club has always been at the forefront in providing leadership on the local, state and international levels. As previously noted, charter member, Dr. Homer L. Barker served as an international director. The local club has also had four members serve as District Governor, Dr. Homer L. Barker, William L. Lofton, Frank Holladay and Tom Jackson. Robert Young, a Carrollton Lions member for many years, also served as District Governor while a member of the Heard County Lions Club. Lion Dave Knight has served as Leader Dog Chairman for District 18-E since 1994. Other members have served as Zone Chairman and in other capacities on the district and state levels. Currently, Vedat Gunay is a member of district cabinet serving as Region chair. Lion Gunay has served in the district cabinet for eleven years.

The position of president has been capably filled by seventy-four different individuals through the year ending in June, 2008. Andrew R. McGukin is the earliest serving living president having served 1960-61. Lion McGukin is still an active serving member.

The Carrollton club has honored twenty-seven persons by recognizing them as Melvin Jones Fellows. For each recipient, a contribution of \$1,000 was made to Lions International.

Faithfulness to the local club has been and continues to be important to its members. The current membership includes thirteen individuals with continuous service in excess of forty years. They are as follows:

Lamar Knight, 1951	Jimmy Garrett, 1962
Andrew R. McGukin, 1951	Ronald Burson, 1964
Reuben Word, 1954	James Gordon, 1965
T. M. Martin, 1956	Carl Brack, 1965
Nat Shackelford, 1958	Newt Muse, 1966
Dorsey Duffey, 1958	Frank Jones, 1967
Allen Murrah, 1960	

The Carrollton Club has, over the years, recognized the importance of extending the Lions banner by sponsoring the formation of other clubs in this general area. These include the Bowdon, Whitesburg, Heard County, Tallapoosa, Villa Rica, Temple, Fairfield, Carrollton Evening and West Georgia Lions Clubs.

Fun and Fellowship

While the Carrollton Lions have always been proud of the good done both locally and worldwide, there is another aspect of the club that is important. Lions know how to have fun. The weekly meetings with the antics of "tail twisters" provide a time of relaxation from the normal daily routines. It has often been said by those attending other civic club meetings that Lions "simply have more fun".

Over the years, local Lions have been involved with many events for their own entertainment. In 1948, a donkey basketball game was played against the Carrollton Jaycees as a means for raising funds for the formation of the Carrollton High School band. During the 1956-57 year, Carrollton Lions engaged the Bowdon Lions in a basketball game. The local Club has held picnics for Lions and their families. The Club as a group with their families have attended Atlanta Braves and Rome Braves baseball games. The Atlanta Braves baseball game in the late 1960's will long be remembered because of a lengthy rain delay. The game ended around 1:00 AM in the morning when Atlanta Brave Eddie Matthews hit a dramatic homerun off of Los Angeles Dodgers Sandy Koufax, one of baseball's greatest pitchers of that era. A tired but happy group of Carrollton Lions and family members returned to Carrollton in the wee hours of the morning.

The annual Christmas party, installation banquet and other events, attended by members, spouses and guests have always been entertaining events.

History Committee:

Joe Harris/Jimmy Garrett, Co-Chairs, Keihan Nahri, Nat Shackelford and Reuben Word

Diabetes Awareness Report

Diabetes is a condition in which your body is not able to use food as it should. Diabetes is a serious life-long condition. It is not like a cold or the flu. You cannot catch it from anybody. There is no cure, but it can be managed. You can lead a long, healthy life with diabetes.

Everyone's blood has some glucose sugar in it because your body needs glucose for energy. The body normally breaks food down into glucose and sends it into your bloodstream. Insulin helps get the glucose from the blood into the cells to be used for energy. In people with diabetes, the pancreas does not make enough insulin, the insulin does not work very well, or both. Without insulin, your glucose rises.

There are 3 types of diabetes: Type 1 is Childhood diabetes; Type 2 is the most common form, it is diagnosed in adults and can be managed by meal plans and medication; lastly, Gestational Diabetes is usually diagnosed in pregnancy. It is controlled with meal planning, exercise and in some cases insulin.

In future issues of the district newsletter I will bring to you significant information on the best care for diabetes, all about glucose levels, planning healthy meals, physical activity, meal planning, foot care, prevention and childbirth and sexuality.

I am also available to speak to your club as your Diabetes Awareness Chairperson. Please contact me at 770-229-4826.

Claudette Gallman

Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind

Camping sessions for 2008 have concluded. By several reports, the session has been a success. Camp President Frank Spinney, Past President Ed Ressler, and departing Camp Director Kim Miller, who has been working under special contract for the 2008 camping season, have cooperated in conducting the different sessions.

There will be many changes during the coming year for the camp. Frank Spinney will be President. A new Secretary and Maintenance man has been hired. The two work sessions were well attended by Lions; however, much work remains to be completed. Clubs who wish to work for a weekend should contact the camp to set up a work time and project before traveling to the camp.

Progress has been made in the selection process for the new Camp Director. The Search Committee, consisting of Chairman Stan Bazemore, Frank Spinney, Doy Barks, Ed Ressler, and Jim Lapham, developed a set of desired qualifications and have been using these during the selection process. Interviews have begun and the selected candidate will be presented to the Executive Committee soon.

Clubs desiring a program on the Camp should contact Dave Forrest, PDG (VP Camp for the Blind) at 706-472-3862, e-mail: forrestfamily@windstream.com, or mail 3693 Willis Road, Yatesville, GA.

CSF II—Report

The following came as an email to:
Dist. CSFII Coordinator J. Cecil Daniels, PDG

Dear CSFII Leader,

Congratulations on the wonderful success of Campaign SightFirst II!

As of today, the CSFII fund-raised is US\$200,329,297. Thank you for helping Lions' exceed our challenge goal and realize our dream of providing VISION FOR ALL.

You have personally been responsible for helping raise US\$34,151.67.

I encourage you to share this information, and the success of CSFII, with clubs and Lions in your area.

Yours in Lionsim,
Dr. Tae-Sup Lee
Past International president
Chairperson, Campaign SightFirst II

The following clubs: Have Pledged / Given to date

Vadat Gunay GC
Carrollton-7494-C 250.00 250.00
Tallapoosa-7528-c 500.00 500.00
Villa Rica GC-97622-C 500.00 500.00

Gerald Becham, GC
Heard County-7507-C 1000.00 1000.00
La Grange-7510-C 4100.00 4100.00

Lewis Strickland GC
McDonough-7516-C 2040.00 2040.00
Morrow Lioness-87100-C 70.00 70.00
Newnan-Coweta-77584-C 450.00 450.00

Max Gallman GC
Barnesville L.-42530-C 100.00 100.00
Forsyth-7502-C 9200.00 3850.00
Greenville-34746-C 2000.00 1858.32
Griffin-7504-C 1250.00 1250.00

Mitchell Ellis GC
Buena Vista-7491-C 600.00 600.00

Doye Green GC
Macon CB-7525-C 210.00 210.00
Macon Rutland-7513-C 1650.00 1650.00

Michael Washko GC
Byron-7493-C 9200.00 4561.00
Fort Valley-7503-C 200.00 200.00

Dist. No Group 731.67 731.67
Totals 34,151.67 23,360.99
17 Clubs plus district giving so far in the campaign.
Clubs and Groups with zero contributions not listed. JCD

Brooms and Mops Update

This is especially for the clubs who were using Cornelia Broom co. before they sold out to O'Cedar.

I received a flyer in an order from LCI and O'Cedar is an official supplier for Lions now. I don't have a Cornelia Broom Co. price list in front of me to compare - but the prices I am looking at do not look that much out of line.

For information and or an order form. (I could sent a pdf one if needed)

Write:

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Paxton IL 60957

1-800-252-7666

FAX 217-379-9901

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WEB: www.ocadoarcommercial.com

Prepaid freight on orders of \$1,000.00

Minimum order \$200.00

Cecil Daniels, PDG 18E

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation—September Meeting

September Meeting Details enclosed!

Don't forget to RSVP for the Saturday Night Talent Show Event!

Lighthouse Fall Meeting will be September 6-7 at Macon State and include great information that will help your club to work with the Lighthouse Foundation to serve the people of Georgia

Go to this website to see a full brochure and schedule:

<http://www.lionslighthouse.org/ll/images/files/september-brochure.pdf>

(A pin traders meeting will be held in Room 102 at 3:00 on Saturday that is not mentioned in the brochure)

Go to this website to RSVP for the Talent Show evening event on Saturday Night:

http://www.lionslighthouse.org/ll/index.php?q=rsvp_talent

Reserve your Hotel at a group rate by using the word "Lighthouse":

Hampton Inn: 1-478-757-9711, \$95/night

Comfort Inn: 1-478-788-5500, \$72/night

Lions Scrapbook



International President Al Brandel and the ladies of Multiple District 18. Taken at the Beach Party Celebration during the District Governor training.



Ray Moore (on left) presented Ed Ressler with a Plaque of Georgia Lighthouses featured on State pins in appreciation for his services while serving as President of Camp for the Blind



The six District Governors from Georgia right after they officially became DG's. From left to right: Dick Smith, Richard Henderson, Marlene Humphry, Georgia Taylor, Ron Zeppieri and Kenneth Moore

Lion Dinner/Collector Plate



Buy 3, Get 1 Free!

G1477 Lion Dinner/Collector Plate – 11" Plate designed by Lynn Chase, who has been creating wildlife art for 20 years. Microwave and Dishwasher Safe. Made in the Americas.
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 B) Club/District Account #: _____
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