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Meeting Notice:

The April meeting will be held at the Roswell Holiday Inn on Holcomb Bridge Rd. at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2004. The menu: Strawberry Spinach Salad with Red Wine Dressing, Lemon Dill Salmon with Caper Sauce, Cilantro Rice, Honey Glazed Carrots, Rolls with Butter and Double Chocolate Cake. Our speaker will be Jennifer Daniell from Special Olympics. She will bring one of the athletes and give us a discussion on Special Olympics coming up in June.

President's Message:

Many thanks to Lions John Hathcock and Millard Berman for doing a great job organizing our White Cane Day plans. Thanks to all the PDGs, Lions, spouses, parents and girl friends who worked to support our efforts. The Georgia Lions Lighthouse is very dependent on these funds to fulfill its mission. If you did not participate in our club's White Can Day, please consider making a contribution to our White Can Day Fund at the meeting Monday night.

Our Reverse Raffle Dinner for our "EyeSight Roswell" Project is getting close and we need to refocus our efforts on this project. Everyone should have received Raffle tickets and Companion tickets in the mail. Contact Lion Alan Bethel if you need more tickets. Please make every attempt to sell these to your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. We expect to have a fun-filled evening with lots of prizes. Tickets include a meal, dessert and a drink so everybody will get something. You need not be present to win the cash prizes. All rules related to the raffle are posted on our website.

Don't forget the International President's visit on Tuesday, April 20th and Georgia Lions University on Saturday, May 22nd. All great opportunities to meet other Lions and share some ideas.

Also on Saturday, May 22nd is the ***Opening Eyes*** Project with Lions International, Special Olympics, Lenscrafters and Emory University. Lion Frank Toler will be heading this project for the 3rd year and will be looking for volunteers to work all day screening athletes. Several Lions and spouses have worked on this project in the past and have found it very inspiring and rewarding. Please sign up for a time slot at the meeting.

Many thanks goes to Lion Troy Holman who has chaired our Annual Christmas Tree Sale the last two years. Lion Troy has done an outstanding job and will be very difficult to replace. If you would like to chair this project this coming Christmas

please see me or President-Elect John Hathcock. The Annual Christmas Tree Sale funds a significant portion of our contributions. Please consider committing time and energy to lead this project.

Thank you everybody for all you do. You all are living examples of "We Serve".

Lion Jeff

Resume of Last Meeting:

The last meeting was held on Monday, March 15, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Roswell, GA.
- Pat Welden gave the invocation.
- Patsy Shuford lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Earl Ake lead in a song.
- After the meal, President Hammen began the meeting with the following announcements:
The Gandhi Foundation of USA is sponsoring a SAI Health Fair on April 3. For more information, contact Lion Giriraj Rao.
Lions International President Tae Sup Lee's visit to Atlanta and banquet on April 20.
District 18-A convention hosted by the Woodstock Lions Club on March 19, 20.
District 18-A Day with the Chattanooga Lookouts on April 24, hosted by the Chickamauga Lions Club.
District 18-A Lions University hosted by the Jasper Lions Club on May 22.
- President Hammen presented Lion Virgil Ladson with his 20 Year Service Chevron.
- President Hammen recognized our newest member/transfer, Glenn Schlafer.
- Tail Twister Robbie Norman fined those without their Lions pin and other items and also fined all who did not know where the 2005 International Convention will be held. (Answer: Hong Kong)
- Lion Phil Farias, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read the names of the candidates approved by the Board of Directors for the year 2004-2005. These were John Hathcock, President, Alan Bethel, First Vice President, Linda Spudic, Second Vice President, Charles Lee, Third Vice President, Stan Shuford, Secretary, Robby Robinson, Treasurer, Robbie Norman, Tail Twister, Millard Berman, Jr., Lion Tamer, Richard Noakes and Pat Welden, 2nd year Directors, Sally Poole and Phil Farias, 1st year Directors, Troy Holman, Membership Chair with Earl Ake and Fred Lickfold responsible for Extension and Retention, and Jeffery Hammen, Immediate Past President. He then asked for a vote of the members approving the candidates. Lion Bob Garrett made the motion to approve and Lion Robbie Norman seconded the motion. The membership voted to approve.
- President Hammen announced that the eyeglass collection contest winner, Crabapple Middle School, will be rewarded with an ice cream social on April 19. Volunteers will be needed. Details will be provided later.
- John Hathcock discussed plans for White Cane day on April 10. The locations will be the same as last year. He requested that members sign up to work.
- Alan Bethel announced work weekends at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind. The dates are March 5-7 and April 23-25 in Waycross. Contact Alan if interested.
- Alan Bethel presented an update on the "Eyesight Roswell" reverse raffle planned for May 1.
- Alan Bethel introduced our speaker, Brandon Beach, President and CEO of the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce. He discussed three projects: the planned Centre for the Arts, North Fulton C.I.D., and education. He then answered several questions from the group.
- Bob Garrett won the drawing.
-The meeting was adjourned.

Club News:

Former Roswell Lion Harold Osborne

Lion Harold Osborne, a former member and Treasurer of the Roswell Lions Club died at his home in Newark, Ohio on March 17, 2004. The Board has voted to donate $100 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation in Lion Harold's memory. If any member would like to make an individual donation in Lion Harold's memory, please give it to Treasurer Robby Robinson.
It will be added to the Club's donation and Jinny Osborne will be notified of the Lions who remembered our friend.

White Cane Day Results

The preliminary results of White Cane collections have been released. We took in a total of $1,296.50 at five Roswell locations. The breakdown by location is:

Kroger Crabapple - $343.15
Kroger Crossville - $129.03
Kroger 120 - $295.41
Walmart - $325.80
Southern Skillet - $170.16
Miscellaneous - $5.95

This figure is down somewhat from last year but we still have the opportunity to donate at the meeting next week and bring the total up to last years total of $1,612.00. Got a few buck, help out the Lighthouse!

2004-2005 Leadership Nominations

The nominating committee has recommended the following as the leadership of the Roswell Lions Club for the 2004-2005 Year:

President - John Hathcock
1st VP - Alan Bethel
2nd VP – Linda Spudic
3rd VP Charles Lee
Secretary - Stan Shuford
Treasurer - Robby Robinson
Tail Twister - Robbie Norman
Lion Tamer - Millard Berman
Directors - 2nd Yr - Richard Noakes
2nd Yr - Pat Welden
1st Yr - Sally Poole
1st Yr - Phil Farias
Membership - Chairman - Troy Holman
Extension - Earl Ake
Retention - Fred Lickfold
Immediate Past President - Jeffrey Hammen

Roswell Club Lighthouse Assistance Announced

The Georgia Lighthouse announced that the Roswell Club assisted 5 people with sight services and 5 people with hearing services during the month of February. GREAT NEWS!

Golf Tournament Rescheduled

The Fourth Annual Charity Golf Tournament has been rescheduled for Monday, October 25, 2004. Starting in 2005, the Tournament will be scheduled in the late Spring rather than Fall. Hopefully, this will allow for more participants since there are fewer tournaments in the Spring.

Reverse Raffle News – By Alan Bethel, Raffle Chairman

Dinner Reverse Raffle Fund-Raiser--We are fast approaching May 1st, the date of our first dinner reverse raffle fund-raiser. We are at a critical point in this new fund-raiser. From our best information, we have sold 55 of the $100 tickets and 33 of the $25 companion tickets. The break-even point on ticket sales is 65 of the $100 tickets. There are another 10 of the $100 tickets and 8 of the $25 companion tickets that members have indicated they can sell. It is obvious we are at a shortfall on the ticket sales with 2 plus weeks before the event. We need all members to make a strong ticket sales push in the next week to make this event a success. Please bring your checks to the meeting on Monday so we can obtain an exact count of the ticket sales. This fund-raiser for Eyesight Roswell is a great program for our Roswell Lions Club. Please consider buying a ticket for yourself and selling a ticket to your neighbor, friends, family or co-workers. The May 1st event should be a fun evening with a good meal, drink, dessert and a chance to win a $2500 grand prize and two $500 second prizes and some very nice door prizes, some of which are valued at over $100 each. Thanks to everyone for your efforts on this project.

Verify Monthly Call List – LAST CHANCE

Please review the copy of the call list used for developing the number of reservations at our monthly meetings below. On the Wednesdays preceding our meetings, Lion Lewis Mason accumulates the numbers provided by the callers and passes the total count to Lion Sally Poole who is in contact with the Holiday Inn. If you are not contacted by the caller assigned to call you, please call your caller and be sure you are included in the final count. If you prefer to be contacted at a telephone number other than the one listed for you, please call Lion Robby Robinson to have the change made on the master list.

ROSWELL LIONS CLUB CALLING LIST

F. PARSONS 594-0278		GROSS 404-255-2159		MASON 772-8051		*L. SPUDIC* 645-1327		ROBINSON 641-9143	
Ake	**993-8388**	**Diggs**	**993-2837**	**Good**	**993-2552**	**Phillips**	**475-9416**	**Fulton**	**552-9771**
Armstrong	**518-1008**	**Farias**	**992-4699**	**Hammen**	**992-6382**	**Poole**	**754-4240**	**E. Holman**	**993-4824**
Berman,Jr.	**993-3159**	***Freels***	**642-8108**	**Joiner**	**967-8772**	**Rao**	**993-5263**	**T. Holman**	**993-4824**
Bernier	**642-1292**	**Garrett,**	**410-9181**	**Ladson**	**992-9025**	***Ridgeway***	**642-7667**	**Thomas**	**992-1789**
Bethel	**643-1506**	***Noakes***	**998-8438**	**Lee**	**928-6098**	*Roeland*	*587-9216*	**Toler**	**992-5500**
Bramblett	**642-1653**	**Pegram**	**992-8707**	**Lickford**	**649-8485**	**Segall**	**993-5424**	**Vaughan**	**993-4128**
Brantley	**992-1223**			**Norman**	**993-8451**	**T. Spudic**	**645-1327**	**Walker**	**662-0654**
Caudell	**993-0868**					**Hathcock**	**404-843-5829**	**A. Welden**	**992-5030**
B. Parsons	**594-0278**					***Joe***	**993-9477**	**P. Welden**	**992-5030**
Rheinhold	**587-1094**					***Wong***	**992-8475**	**Westbrook**	**993-0038**
Schlafer	**993-2126**							**Zacharchuk**	**642-1094**
Wells	*993-2404*							**P Shuford**	**587-1606**
								S. Shuford	**587-1606**

NOTE: All numbers are in Area Code 770 unless otherwise shown.
Members At Large **are shown in *Italics*.**

PLEASE CALL LION LEWIS OR LION ROBBY WITH ANY CHANGES.

Committee Reports:

Adopt-A-Road

Lion Richard Noakes reports our next Adopt-A-Road cleanup of Holcomb Bridge Road will be April 24, 2004 at 8:30 AM. We will meet in the Pickneyville Arts Center parking lot. Call Richard Noakes at 770-238-0148 for further info and to sign up.

Fly-The-Flag

Lion Robby Robinson reminds us that as the Spring approaches, help will be needed in distributing and flying the flags with this program. If you would be interested, contact Lion Robby Robinson or Lion Doris Westbrook.

Important Dates:

April 19, 2004 – Ice Cream Social at Crabapple Middle School. Lion Jeff is looking for volunteers.

April 19, 2004 – Tour of Georgia Lions Children's Eye Care Center at Emory with International President Tae Sup Lee.

April 20, 2004 - MD-18 "Gateway to the Future of Lionism" Banquet in honor of Lions International President Tae Sup Lee.

April 24, 2004 - A Day with the Chattanooga Lookouts - Hosted by the Chickamauga Lions at 7:00 pm. There will be fire works after the game sponsored by Ehrlanger Hospital. Cost - $20/ticket.

April 24, 2004 – Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup. Meet at 8:30 AM Pickneyville Arts Center.

May 17, 2004 – Dinner Meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7 PM. The speaker will be Kimberly Miller, Camp Director, Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind in Waycross.

May 22, 2004 – District 18-A University hosted by the Jasper Lions (see more below).

May 22,2004 – Special Olympics Summer Games and "Opening Eyes" Vision Screening at Emory.

June 21, 2004 - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7 PM. Installation of Officers. **(SPOUSES INVITED)**

Oct 25, 2004 – Roswell Lions 4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Brookfield West Country Club.

Upcoming Events of Special Interest:

Work Weekends at Georgia Camp for the Blind Announced

There will be an additional work weekend at the Georgia Camp for the Blind on April 23-25, 2004. Lodging is available in dorms at the camp and some meals will be provided. There are a variety of projects that will be completed during this weekend to make needed improvements at the camp. Call Alan Bethel at 770-643-1506 if you have interest in participating in this very rewarding Georgia Lions project.

Special Olympics Vision Screening

This years Special Olympics and Vision Screening project will be on May 22, 2004 at Emory University. Lion Frank Toler will be asking for volunteers to assist in the screening of these Special Olympians for eye problems. This is probably the best service project we do each year. The rewards will last a lifetime.

News from LCIF Newsletter :

LCIF Survey on SightFirst Expansion Proposal

LCIF Chairperson, Kay K. Fukushima is requesting that Lions participate in a survey. He states "Please participate in this very important survey of Lions leaders on the proposed expansion of SightFirst. The survey takes only a few minutes to complete. Your assistance will be of tremendous service." The link to the survey is:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=45896389482

In an email to Lion Leaders around the country, Lion Fukushima made the following information available:

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has been a source of healing and care for millions of people throughout the world. We are especially proud of our work serving the visually impaired and the impact that our efforts are having in the fight against blindness through our SightFirst program.

Thanks in large part to friends and leaders like you, LCIF will no doubt remain that source of healing and care well into the future. And today I would like to request your help in completing an extremely important survey that will help shape the future of SightFirst, LCIF, and our Association.

Back in 1991, Lions Clubs International (LCI) and LCIF embarked on a remarkably successful campaign to fund important and needed facilities and services for the blind and visually impaired throughout the world.That effort, known as Campaign SightFirst (CSF), raised nearly US $150 million and has been responsible for funding nearly 700 SightFirst projects in almost 100 countries.SightFirst has also produced more than 3.4 million sight-restoring cataract surgeries, helped treat nearly 50 million people for river blindness, and has funded the construction or expansion of more than 258 eye hospitals, just to name a few key accomplishments.

Today, we are clearly recognized as a world leader in vision and eye healthcare, and we feel a strong obligation to remain leaders in this fight against blindness. But the challenge is not over. The aging population, emergence of new causes of vision impairment, and increased rates of diabetic retinopathy and uncorrected refractive error in children, are threatening to darken the lives of millions more unless new efforts are initiated to deal with these new challenges.

To continue the fight and our role in it, and to perhaps also move into new, exciting and uncharted territory in the areas of vision research, rehabilitation and education, we will be required to mount another challenging campaign to raise the necessary resources, similar to the great effort and success we achieved between 1991 and 1994 during Campaign SightFirst.

As a first step we need to assess the timing and passion for conducting a campaign among Lions members. We need to ask questions of key stakeholders like you to determine the membership's willingness to embrace the mission and vision of SightFirst as we move into the future.

To guide us through this process we have engaged Community Counselling Service (CCS), the international consulting firm that provided counsel to Lions during CSF, to conduct a feasibility and planning study to see if we have the support to raise the funds necessary to meet many of these needs.

Sincerely,

Kay Fukushima, Chairperson

For Your Health:

Submitted by Jeffrey Hammen

Americans Over 40 Warned Over Vision Loss By LINDSEY TANNER

CHICAGO (AP) - More than 28 million Americans over age 40 have eye ailments that put them at risk for vision loss and blindness, researchers say, warning that the numbers will surge as the population ages.

Cataracts are the leading cause of blindness worldwide and the No. 1 cause of poor vision in the United States, affecting an estimated 20.5 million American adults. That number is expected to climb to 30.1 million in the next 20 years, researchers say. Other major causes of blindness and vision loss are macular degeneration, glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy. All are strongly linked with aging. The figures published Monday in April's Archives of Ophthalmology present the most accurate estimates to date on the prevalence of major causes of blindness and visual impairment in the United States, according to Dr. Frederick Ferris III of the National Eye Institute, which helped fund the research.

The data are crucial for showing where research dollars need to be spent to avoid a ``tidal wave of chronic ocular disease over the next few decades," Ferris and Johns Hopkins University researcher James Tielsch wrote in an accompanying editorial. Currently, 1 million Americans over 40 are blind. They are among 3.3 million who suffer from some vision loss, a number projected to reach 5.5 million by 2020. The numbers are of concern not just because of their magnitude, but also ``because of the substantial increases in health care costs they spell," said Dr. Nathan Congdon, a coordinator of the research and an associate professor of ophthalmology at Johns Hopkins.

More than $3 billion yearly is spent on cataract treatment alone, which usually involves surgery, Congdon said. Cataracts are cloudy areas that develop on the eye's lens and can result from injuries or age-related chemical changes. Macular degeneration involves damage to the macula, the center of the retina at the back of the eye. About 1.8 million adults are affected, the researchers said. In some cases, light-sensitive cells in the macula break down, gradually impairing vision. In others, leaky new blood vessels form behind the retina and cause vision loss. Treatments include lasers or laser-activated drugs, and recent studies have shown that high doses of antioxidant vitamins can help slow or even prevent vision loss in macular degeneration. Glaucoma affects about 2.2 million U.S. adults. It usually involves a build-up of fluid that normally bathes the eye, causing pressure that damages the optic nerve. Treatment includes eye drops and surgery. Diabetic retinopathy, which involves eye damage resulting from blood vessels weakened by **diabetes**, affects about 4 million American adults. Laser therapy, surgery and better control of diabetes are among the treatments.

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From the District 18A Newsletter:

2nd Annual

Georgia Lions

University

Hosted by Districts 18-A and 18-D

May 22, 2004

Jasper First Baptist Church
9:30 til 4:00

Officers and Members of Georgia's Lions Clubs are invited to attend the second annual Georgia Lions University, May 22, 2004 at the Jasper First Baptist Church. This program packed day will give Lions the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and gain greater understanding of our Lions organization. **The event is FREE!** The instructors are some of Georgia's most experienced Lions Leaders. If you have questions, or ideas to make Georgia's Lions Club better, this is the place to be!

Course Offered:

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Directions:
From the South: Take I-575 north (it becomes GA 515). At the Second traffic light, turn right on GA 53. The church is at the second traffic light.
From the East: From the Gainesville area, take Georgia 53 through Tate. GA 53 is Church Street in Jasper, and the church will be on the left as you approach downtown Jasper.

For more information contact: Mark Miller, 1 S Main St, Jasper, GA 30143
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Email: mark@attorneymiller.com

A special lunch buffet will be available for $6.99 per person (Fried Chicken, Popcorn Shrimp, drink, etc). The new Georgia Lions Club Handbook for District 18-A will be on sale for $10 per copy.

Pictures from the March 2004 Meeting:

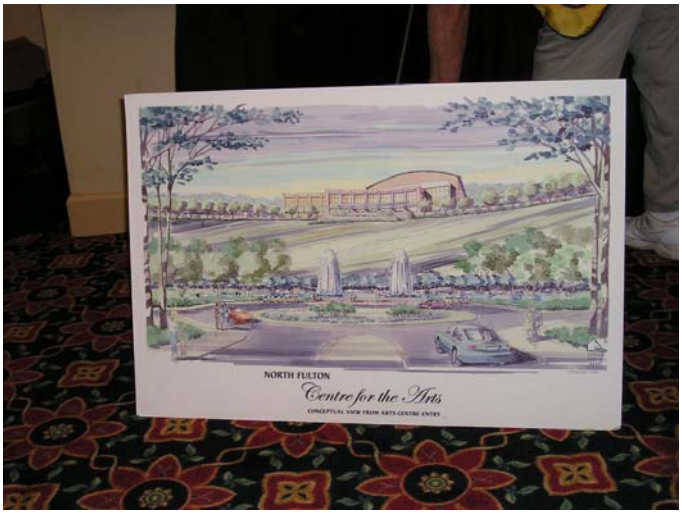
Past Presidential Conference. Past President Sally Poole and. Past President Phil Farias confer on proper placement of badges.

President Jeff presents Virgil Ladson with his 20 year Service Chevron.

Tail Twister Robby Norman insists that Richard Noakes contribute to the cause.

Alan Bethel discusses the Reverse Raffle and Dinner on May 1.

Brandon Beach, Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce President and CEO was our guest speaker.



Artists rendering of the new Center for the Arts to be built in the Roswell area.