

# The “L” You Say!

News from District 18L, PDG Leslie C. Miller, Editor



## Give Thanks for Those Who Served

Recognize those veterans in your area on November 11

Veterans Day originated as “Armistice Day” on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans, both living and dead, but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime. Find a way for your club to recognize and honor veterans in your area!

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### New Baby!

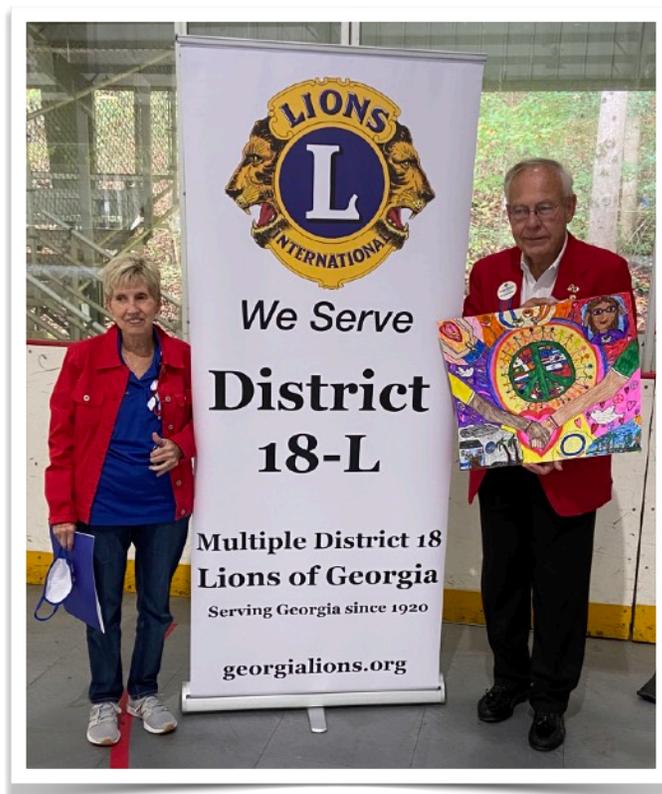
See who is celebrating the arrival of a new grandson!

## Peace Through Service

Peace Poster submission deadline is November 15

Lions have provided an important reminder to the world that, through service, we can give and receive so much — joy, kindness, hope, and PEACE. This year, young people have had the opportunity to express their visions of peace through the lens of service.

Peace Poster submissions must be postmarked by November 15 and sent to: **Lion Linda Spudic, Peace Poster Chair, 205 Leeward Lane, Roswell, GA 30076.**



*Alpharetta Lions Region Chair Dennis Chapman and his wife, Barbara, are shown here with the first submission of the year. This poster was created by the Chapmans' granddaughter*



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

### NEW LION CUB IN 18L!

Lion Donna Townsend is proud to announce the birth of her first grandchild!! Kenneth Haynes Rutledge was born October 2 to Lion Donna's daughter and her husband, Madison and Kenny Rutledge. Little Kenny weighed in at 8.6lbs and was 20.5" long. He has brown hair and blue eyes – but they think his eyes will turn brown like his daddy's and his grandpa's.

Lions of 18L celebrate with Lion Donna, Madison, and Kenny – and we know Lion Haynes would be proud of his new grandson!



# United Military Care — What Happens Here Saves Lives

District 18L has taken on a service project to help the Homeless Veterans of Georgia. The organization called United Military Care Inc, 1220 Old Canton Rd, Marietta, GA 30062 has taken on serving this deserving group of humans. The United Military Care has been helping Homeless Veterans since 2012 as a tribute to the founder's father who was a POW. Lions in District 18L have



supported United Military Care, INC with donations. As a Zone Chair in Lions year 2017-18, I requested Kim, the founder of United Military Care, to speak at a joint zone meeting. From that meeting the Lions of 18L decided, along with (then) VDG David Crawford, to make this an annual service project. We have turned it into a contest in which the clubs participate by donating socks to honor these great humans for their service to the United States of America. United Military Care will be providing a prizes to the clubs that donate the highest number of items. To show their appreciation, United Military Care will be presenting Certificates of Appreciation to the

following clubs for their generous donations: Alpharetta, Atlanta Metro, Ball Ground, Chickamauga, East Cobb, Jasper, Marietta, and Woodstock. Brought to the Rally were 826 items (socks and underwear) for the Homeless Veterans.

This year's club winners are: **East Cobb**, 1st Prize; **Woodstock**, 2nd Prize; **Ball Ground**, 3rd Prize. On behalf of the leadership of District 18L, I would like to thank all the Lions that have participated. For those who did not make to the Fall Rally, please send in your donations or if you prefer contact 1st VDG Pam or 2nd VDG Al about sending in your donations in at a later date. Keep serving Georgia, District 18L!

*ROAR LIONS*

*1st VDG Pam Williams*

*Marietta Lions Club*





## Greetings Lions, Lionesses, and LEOs:

Each quarter, Leader Dogs for the Blind posts year-to-date Lions donations reports on our website. Each Multiple District has a file and each district/club is within that document. The latest update for council reports and presentations is in the same file.



Leader Dog's fiscal year matches that of the Lions — July 1-June 30. If you have club updates, please contact Lion Kathy Gilchrist, the Lions Relations Specialist, at [KGilchrist@LeaderDog.org](mailto:KGilchrist@LeaderDog.org).

You can find the links for all reports for the first quarter on the Club Donation Reports page of our website. You can

also find the monthly newsletters for Lions on the Lions Resources page — simply click the “Monthly Newsletters” button.

Thank you all for making people unstoppable by supporting the Leader Dog mission!

Together We Serve,

*Lion Beth Slade  
Director of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement*





District 18 L Fundraiser to Benefit Diabetes Symposium

### **HoneyBaked Ham Gift Card Fundraiser**

**October – January, 2021**

**HoneyBaked Ham Gift Cards Never Expire**

**Use Anywhere there's a HoneyBaked Store Nationwide**

**Use like cash to purchase Ham, Turkey, Ribs, Sides, Desserts, Lunches, Catering Trays, any items**

**Order using the Link to our District Fundraiser provided. The District will receive 20% of all sales.**

#### **Sales Ideas**

**Reach out to the following:**

**Your email contacts, neighbors, family, friends with a personal message. Include the Link below for ordering.**

**Business friends and associates, those you do business with, your Insurance agent, accountant, car dealer, etc. for gifts for clients, employees, and orders for their company Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners/events.**

**Easy ordering by your customers: They use the Link below and their credit cards. The Gift Cards are mailed directly to them within 7-10 days. (You do not have to collect checks/money or deliver the cards after they arrive!)**

**Copy and paste the link in your emails for customer ordering:**

**[https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Lions\\_of\\_Georgia\\_District\\_18\\_L](https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Lions_of_Georgia_District_18_L)**



## **GEORGIA LIONS CAMP, INC. CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE AMENDED OCTOBER 24, 2020**

I am in awe and amazed at the response to my challenge by both Lions and non-Lions. As of Wednesday, October 21, 2020 there was just more than \$1600 donated to my challenge. I know that there is at least another \$110 being mailed to the camp and based on that, I'm confident that all of you are in the mood to show me what you are made of. This means that I have to up the challenge for all of us.

Staying with the original plan, we reached \$1000 somewhere around October 15, 2020. Those that are in that group are eligible for a drawing for a \$25 gift card. The winner to be drawn on November 13, 2020. I will donate the \$1000 that I promised. Matter of fact. The check is in the mail.

Somewhere this coming week I feel that we will reach a \$2000 level. When we do, everyone that has helped us reach that level will be eligible for the drawing for a \$50 gift card. The winner to also be drawn on November 13, 2020. I will donate another \$1000 but that check is not in the mail, yet.

Everyone needs to tell their friends and fellow Lions to help meet the challenge and donate \$10 to the camp and when we reach \$3000, everyone will be eligible for the drawing of a \$100 gift card. The drawing will be on November 13, 2020. I will donate another \$3000 but I will have to mortgage my house because the Lions are costing me a small fortune.

The rules remain the same. Must be a personal check and the envelope must be postmarked no later than October 30, 2020. Write in the memo field Challenge and your club name.

PayPal is also an option to donate.

Georgia Lions Camp, Inc. 5626 Laura Walker Rd, Waycross, GA 31503



The Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation will be electing officers for 2021-2022 at the January 30, 2021 meeting. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions and meet the qualifications, please submit your letter of intent to Past Board Chair PCC Grace Clower at [graceclower@comcast.net](mailto:graceclower@comcast.net), stating the desired office with a signed letter from your club president that states your club is endorsing your nomination. Please keep in mind that the **deadline to submit your letter of intent with endorsement is December 1, 2020.** If no applications are received by that date, nominations can be made from the floor at the January meeting in Perry, Georgia.

Please contact Board Chair Jon or Past Chair Grace for more information.

*Jon M. Winters, PCC*

*Board Chairman, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation*

*Cell: 706-833-0458*

*Email: [Jon\\_Winters@comcast.net](mailto:Jon_Winters@comcast.net)*

## GEORGIA LIONS CAMP, INC. TO HOLD BOARD MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgia Lions Camp in Perry, Georgia on **Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 1 PM**. The location is Cherokee Pines Golf and Fitness Club, 1000 Country Club Road.



Seating will be limited to 30, but Zoom will be available for those that would like to attend.

Information for Zoom will be available the week of November 9, 2020.

Chairman Ed Ressler

[chair2019@att.net](mailto:chair2019@att.net)

## ***From Our District Governor***

### **I Heard It Through the Grapevine**

The District is pleased to announce the re-launching of the District 18 L website! We are very fortunate to have several lines of up-to-date communication for our District. We communicate often, many times weekly, during each month. We do this through our Newsletter published by Lion Leslie Miller, Constant Contact sent out by Lion Amy Andrews, and the Lions of Georgia District 18 L FaceBook Page, hosted by Lion Lillian Pickens. Thanks to the dedication and work of Lions Leslie, Amy, and Lillian in keeping the District informed!

Now for the Website Announcement! We are pleased to announce that Lion Vedat Gunay of the Carrollton Lions Club has worked on and re-launched our website: [lionsofga18L.org](http://lionsofga18L.org). A big Thank You, Lion Vedat, for taking the time, energy, and effort to re-launch our District website!!

Another line of communication between International and the District is through Region Chair, Dennis Chapman and the seven Zone Chairs who are listed in the District 18 L Directory, sent to all members in July via Constant Contact. These Lions were handed an envelope at the recent Cabinet Meeting of service awards (chevrons) for the first half of the club year (July-December) to be distributed to members in the various clubs in their Zones. They will be communicating with the Clubs this important information.

This Directory is an important tool that all members can use to locate names and contact information for the Cabinet Officers, Committee Chairs, and Club Presidents and Officers for all 45 clubs in the District.

Lastly, the **LCI website**, [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org), offers a wealth of information on any topic in Lionism. For example, to search for Diabetes Grant, use the **Search Bar** and it will give you several pages of information to click on.

In closing, you don't have to **Hear It Through the Grapevine**, you can get it straight from the Lions' Mouth through these sources, **"Roar Away!!"**





**Congratulations to the following award recipients! PDG David Crawford presented the 2019-2020 at the 18L 2nd Cabinet Meeting on October 24:**

18-L NAMI Co-Chair Dennis Chapman  
 18-L NAMI Chair David Crawford  
 1VDG Tom Jackson  
 2VDG Pam Williams  
 PDG Debbie Hennessey  
 PDG Max Gallman  
 Region 1 Chair Steve Woodward  
 Region 2 Chair Wes Gifford

Zone A Chair Jan Morris  
 Zone B Chair Donna Calhoun  
 Zone C Chair Peg Densmore  
 Zone D Chair Dennis Chapman  
 Zone E Chair Al Hernandez  
 Zone F Chair Scott Bates  
 Zone G Chair Anthony Gallman

*International President's Certificate of Appreciation:*

Garner & Amy Andrews; Dennis Chapman; and Philip Minnes.

*International Award:*

Top Ten Youth Camp Exchange Chair Award presented to Becky Jarrell.

The 2019-2020 New Voices Initiative promotes gender parity and diversity and seeks to increase the number of women, young adults and underrepresented populations within our association. It features a diverse group of Lions and Leos who strive for excellence in four areas: Service, Membership, Leadership, and Marketing. Why are these new voices important? Because new voices bring new ideas! As our association strives to be inclusive, we also strive to be innovative!

*Congratulations to New Voices Award*

*Recipients:*

2VDG Pam Williams - Service;  
 Joy Free - Membership;  
 Becky Jarrell - Leadership;  
 Lillian Pickens - Marketing.

*North American Membership Initiative Pilot*

*District 18L Certificate of Appreciation:*

18-L NAMI Champion Garner Andrews

*Also given with special gratitude to:*

Atlanta -  
 Lion Philip Minnes  
 Lion Becky Jarrell  
 Lion Scott Rogers

Alpharetta -  
 Lion Tony Pickens  
 Lion Amy Andrews

Griffin -  
 Lion Claudette Gallman

Additional 18-L Cabinet -  
 Lion David White  
 Lion Patty White

Reinhardt -  
 Lion M. Katrina Smith, Ph.D.  
 Lion Nancy Madden

McDonough / Stockbridge Leo Club  
 PDG Patrick Pignataro  
 Lion Jeanne Andres  
 Lion Kirubanithy Athisayanathan  
 Lion Kayla Everette

## In Other News.....



- ▶ New Member Fee Waiver Deadline is December 31  
Attract and report new members before the end of 2020 to take advantage of the new member fee waiver
- ▶ Explore Ways to Serve Safely  
Visit the “Serving Safely” webpage from [lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org) to find virtual service ideas and inspiring Lion stories. Remember, virtual service counts, so report both in-person and virtual service activities and meetings in MyLion
- ▶ Submit Your Photo for the Melvin Jones Photo Contest  
Celebrate LCIF Week by taking part in the Melvin Jones photo contest! Lions may submit on entry, and no purchase or donation is required to participate. Deadline for submission is December 31.



## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Where there is a need, there is a Lion, and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is there for support. When you donate to LCIF, you are supporting Lion service both locally and in other areas of

the world. There are countless stories highlighting what Lions are doing with LCIF grants and resources to help you get started with a grant of your own. Become involved by pledging your support, doing some storytelling, or by planning a project you care about. Do what service means to you. For more information, visit [lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org), then click on the LCIF link at the top of the page.

### *Don't mess with old people....*

A man in Phoenix calls his son in New York the day before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough."

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son screams. "We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her."

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like heck they're getting divorced," she shouts, "I'll take care of this."

She calls Phoenix immediately, and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "they're coming for Thanksgiving and paying their own way."



A big thank you goes to the Alpharetta Lions Club for hosting our Fall Rally on October 24, and to all the Lions who came out on a great fall day to fellowship with each other. Although the in-person attendance had to be limited, there were several Lions who participated via Zoom. PDG David Crawford presented awards to several Lions (see page 9 for details) for their service during the 2019-2020 Lions year. Those in attendance heard reports from around the district/state, and Lion Shelia Morrow did her usual great job with Tailtwisting — you never really know what she’s got up her sleeve! 1st VDG Pam collected the socks and underwear to deliver to United Military Care, and each Lion left with 2 of the popular Lions towels.



Here are a few pictures from a fun day:



*Who is this mystery Lion??*



*Socially distanced Lions*



*PCC Garner Andrews with the Peace Poster entry from the Alpharetta Lions*



*Atlanta Lion Becky Jarrell receives Top Ten Youth Exchange Chair Award*