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Lions Club of Roswell Georgia

Serving Our Community Since 1952



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Directors: One Year – Earl Ake, Frank Toler
Directors: Two Years – Virgil Ladson, Mickey Berman
Membership – Bill Duffin, Charles Caudell
Lion Tamer – Bob Garrett
Tail Twister – Pat Welden

Meeting Notice:

The January meeting will be held at the Roswell Holiday Inn on Holcomb Bridge Rd. at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 21, 2002. The menu: Mixed Garden Salad, Chicken Marsala served with Marsala Wine and Mushrooms, Potatoes, Bouqueteire of Fresh Vegetables, Warm Dinner Rolls and Pecan Pie. Our guests will be the winners of our 2001 Peace Poster contests, their families and representatives of their schools.



President Gene gives Lion Charles Caudell his 20-member key pin.

Message From Our President:

HAPPY NEW YEAR.....HAPPY 2002!!!!!!.....HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY ROSWELL LIONS.....THIS IS THE BIG ONE COMING UP. SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO HAPPEN FOR THE ROSWELL LIONS CLUB THIS YEAR? HUH? We can go in one of several directions. Simply sit back relax and enjoy ourselves. Or, we can say, “Well maybe we should do something, lets think about it”. OR we can commit to set up the baseline_for the next 50 years for those who follow us. I say, let us do that! During 2002 we can move our membership up to 100. I have advocated that for several years. The accomplishments of this club in the Christmas tree project, the apple sale project and all of the other things we do exceed our goals and dreams every year. Why can’t we grab the ball and run with the membership effort? Let’s do it...let’s do it. Please adopt one simple goal for yourself

during this birthday year. It is simple, it is easy, it is attainable.....how about it?. EACH ONE REACH ONE. *The Prez - Gene Mikell*

Resume of Last Meeting:

President Gene Mikell began the meeting.
Lion Charles Caudell, our Membership Co-Chairman was recognized for earning his 20-member key.
Two new Lions were inducted: Lion Robert Joe sponsored by Lion Jack Diggs and Lion H. Charles Lee, Jr. sponsored by Lion Pat Welden.
A Barbershop Group led by Bill Arnold, Sr., which included Lion Earl Ake and Lion Bill Arnold and Jack Street entertained us with some old barbershop standards and some Christmas Carols.
Lion Lewis Mason introduced our guests and widows of deceased members that were in attendance.



Lion Pat Welden pins new Lion H. Charles Lee



Lion Jack Diggs pins new Lion Robert Joe

The club collected \$275 for the Shoe Fund (North Fulton Community Charities).

Bill Arnold, Sr. performed the honors and drew the Heavenly Ham winning tickets. Cheryl Hammen and Lion Todd Chancey each won \$35 Heavenly Ham Certificates. The Heavenly Ham raffle earned \$115 for the club.

Lion Jeffrey Hammen won the drawing (\$10.75) which he then donated to the Shoe Fund and the meeting was adjourned.

From the International Online Newsletter:

Available - 2002-03 Peace Poster Contest Kits

Redesigned kits for the 2002-03 Peace Poster Contest, "Dream of Peace," will be sold through Club Supplies from January 15, 2002 - October 1, 2002. Plan ahead - - purchase your club's kit(s) now to allow enough time for contest planning, implementation and judging.

Note: Lions clubs may sponsor more than one Peace Poster Contest, but a kit must be purchased from Club Supplies for each.

Hometown Day 20,000 Helped

On December 5th, Lions clubs and other charitable organizations partnered with LensCrafters stores to provide free eye care to local residents in need. Each LensCrafters store works with a charitable organization to identify optically and financially needy children and adults. Started in 1993, Hometown Day is a time when all 864 LensCrafters stores across North America dedicate part of the day to providing free eye care to those identified recipients. This year approximately 20,000 people were helped!

Highlight from 2001: "Our Hometown Day hero isn't a recipient, but a partner from our local Lions club. Bob volunteers tirelessly year-round, collecting eyeglasses or identifying worthy recipients, to give the gift of sight. He's an inspiration to all of us! Few people knew that Bob left Hometown Day

early for an appointment for liver treatments that keep him alive while he patiently waits for a transplant. Despite waiting for his own life-saving gift, Bob chooses to be grateful for what he does have and continues volunteering to enrich the lives of others. Bob is a shining example of selflessness that is the basis of Hometown Day and the holiday season." *Optician Charla McCullah, Store 240 (Joplin, Missouri, USA)*

To learn more about Hometown Day or other aspects of the *Give the Gift of Sight* program, go to <http://www.lionsclubs.org/English/FGiftOS.html>.

Lions International Club Twinning

Twinning is a great way for a Lions club of one culture to get to know a Lions club from another culture with the goal of increasing friendship and understanding. For more information go to <http://www.lionsclubs.org/English/PubLib.html> and download the Club Twinning Guide (IAD-65), specifically pages 30, 31 and 32, or e-mail the Program Development Department at executiveservices@lionsclubs.org and request a copy be sent to you.

January is Glaucoma Awareness Month

Millions of Americans are at risk of losing their eyesight to glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness in the United States. At higher risk for developing glaucoma are African-Americans over age 40, everyone over age 60, and people with a family history of the disease. During Glaucoma Awareness Month in January, community leaders and health professionals are encouraged to provide sight-saving information to those who are at higher risk. The National Eye Institute (NEI), one of the Federal government's National Institutes of Health, has a free *Glaucoma Community Education Kit* that contains a variety of resources and materials that you can use to plan and conduct successful campaign activities. To request your resource guide, call (800) 869-2020, or visit NEI's Web site at www.nei.nih.gov. (From the site's main menu, select "National Eye Health Education Program.")

Attend Lions Day with the UN

Lions Day with the United Nations is scheduled for March 22, 2002. For more information or a registration form, go to <http://www.lionsclubs.org/English/LDUN.html>. Registration forms are due to Lions Clubs International no later than March 1, 2002.

LCI Protocol Changes

The International Board of Directors restored the immediate past council chairmen and past council chairmen to the official order of precedence and also recognized governing district constitutional directions and/or local customs and practice in protocol matters. Please make note of these changes.

THE LION Magazine

The April 2002 and May 2002 issues of THE LION Magazine (Headquarters Edition) will be combined. This decision was made at the November board meeting and is effective for the 2002 year only.

Host Committee Launches Convention Web Site

The Host Committee of the 85th Lions Clubs International Convention has launched a Web site to welcome convention attendees from around the world to Osaka. This Web site is in English and Japanese. To visit the Web site, go to <http://www.lions2002.gr.jp/>.

Committee Reports: 25th Annual Charity Christmas Tree Sale



Another successful Christmas tree sale has completed due to the hard work and supervision of Lions Earl Ake, Mickey Berman, Pat Welden and Kyle Evens. Many thanks to all the Lions that volunteered to setup, work and tear down the Christmas tree lot. We were able to sell all but TWO trees. That's incredible in a year where many for-profit tree vendors still had a lot of trees left unsold.



Lion Earl Ake gives Lion Mickey Berman a new chain saw blade.

Actions Taken By the Club:

The following actions were taken by the Club in December 2001:

- Approved membership applications of H. Charles Lee and Robert Joe.
- Approved reducing spouse nights to June and December meeting.
- Approved dropping Lion Frank Griffin's membership.
- Approved the raffling of two Heavenly Ham certificates at the December Meeting.

Important Dates:



- January 21, 2002** – Dinner meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7pm. 2001 Peace Poster Awards Night.
- February 18, 2002** – Dinner meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7pm.
- March 8, 2002** – "The Miracle Worker" Play by the Georgia Ensemble Theatre benefiting the Roswell Lions @ 6:30pm at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center. Tickets are \$25 each.
- March 16, 2002** – **Liberty Day**. The birthday of James Madison, "Father of the Constitution."
- March 18, 2002** – Dinner meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7pm.
- March 23 - 24, 2002** – **District 18-A Convention**-Marietta, GA.
- April 15, 2002** – Dinner meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7pm.
- May 20, 2002** – Dinner meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7pm.
- May 24 - 26, 2002** – **81st Lions State Convention**-Athens, GA.
- September 30, 2002** – 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Trophy Club of Atlanta.

Walking Wounded:



Lion Charles Caudell continues his treatment for prostate cancer.

Thoughts of the Day:

"There is no better way to thank God for your sight than by giving a helping hand to someone in the dark." *Helen Keller*

District 18-A News:

Membership & Retention

Dear Fellow Lions,

As you may have seen from Dan's Membership report, there continues to be an alarming trend of membership in Georgia. While we continue to attract new Lions, we are allowing way too many Lions to leave our ranks. Please help make a concerted effort to help retain our quality members.

Since July 1, 2001, our state has added 291 new members.

During the same time, we lost 384 Lions.

While some drops are unavoidable, too many Lions are allowed to leave with indifference. It will take all of our efforts to find out why they go, and try to close the back door. Whether there is a problem, or a perception of a problem, we must address as soon as possible.

Please let me know when you have success stories we can learn from.

The breakdown is as follows:

18A; 92

18B; 55

18C; 58

18D; 81

18E; 51

18F; 47

384 total members dropped.

Lions International President Frank Moore has called on the leadership of our association to help reverse this trend. I know each of you has the skills and influence to make a difference. Please keep retention as one of your goals. With your help we will succeed!

Sincerely,

Paul R. Johnson, PCC
Council Advisor MD18 Georgia
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District 18-A Convention

This years District 18-A Convention which will be held on **March 23-24, 2002** at Red Top Mountain State Park. 781 Red Top Mountain Road SE Cartersville, GA 30120

770/975-4226 Located near Cartersville, 1.5 miles east of I-75 via exit #285. There are 92 Tent, Trailer, RV Sites, 18 Cottages and a 33-Room Lodge and Conference Center.

December 2001 Meeting - Pictures by Lion Bob Garrett:



Lions Toler, Fulton, Chancey and their spouses.



Lions Thomas, Diggs, Caudell and their spouses.



Lions Walker, Ridgeway and their spouses.



Bill Arnold, Sr., Lion Ake, Jack Street and Lion Arnold sounded great.



Tail Twister Pat Welden twisting Lions Phillips, Zacharchuk and Parsons.



Lion Lewis Mason introducing on honored guests.

Our 2001 Peace Poster Contest Winners

"Lighting the Path to World Peace"

Crabapple Middle School:



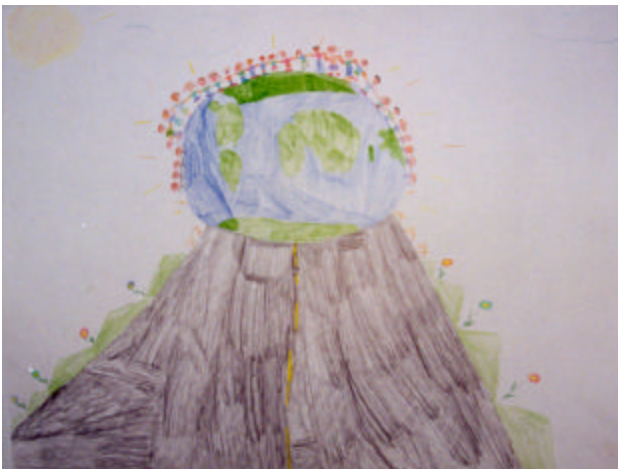
Contest Winner: Nyssa Adams
7th Grader

Queen of Angels Catholic School:



Contest Winner: Robert Sawicki
7th Grader

The Cottage School:



Contest Winner: Caroline Clark
7th Grader

The Miracle Worker

**Friday March 6, 2002
Roswell Cultural Arts Center**

By William Gibson.

Directed by Shannon Eubanks.

This classic story of Helen Keller and her teacher, Annie Sullivan, will touch your heart and lift your soul. Not to be missed by young and old alike. Featuring Tess Malis Kincaid as Annie, and making her G.E.T. debut, Alyssa Olson as Helen.

Reception starts at 6:30 p.m.

Play starts at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets cost: \$25.00 each

This is a great opportunity for us to kick-off our 50th Anniversary Celebration in the community. Ask your friends, your neighbors and your co-workers to join us for a great evening. We will also invite Lions from other clubs and surrounding districts. All monies we raise will benefit our projects & contributions fund..

If you have any questions, contact Lion Jeffrey Hammen 678.256.4554 or by email roswellions@aol.com. Tickets will be at the Box Office - Will Call. Make your checks payable to the Roswell Lions and give them to Robbie or myself at the January or February meeting.