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Meeting Notice:

The May meeting will be held at the Roswell Holiday Inn on Holcomb Bridge Rd. at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2003. The menu: Lemon Dill Salmon with Caper Sauce and Cilantro Rice, Honey Glazed, Strawberry Spinach Salad with Red Wine Vinegar, Bread, Butter and Double Chocolate. Our speaker will be Georgia State Senator and Senate Majority Leader Tom Price from Roswell.

President's Message:

The Roswell Spring Festival has come and gone. Thanks to everyone you participated. Saturday was a good day but Sunday wasn't due to the weather. We accomplished our goal of getting the club some name recognition. Our next event is the Rome Baseball game and picnic on Saturday, July 12th. We need 52 people on the bus. We have 12 so far. Please RSVP with your check for \$30 per person to Robby Robinson. This should be a fun event and something different. We will have our August Steak Cookout at the home of Doris Westbrook with the date to be determined. Thanks for your continued support and if I can be of help please let me know. Yours in Lionism,
Sally

Resume of Last Meeting:

President Sally Poole began the meeting.

Lion Virgil Ladson gave the invocation.

Lion Larry Zacharchuk Joe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lions Earl Ake led the group in singing God Bless America.

White Cane Day Co-Chairmen John Hathcock and Millard Berman gave a summary of the results of our White Cane Day – our best ever. Lion John gave special acknowledgements to Lions Millard Berman – Co-Chair, Larry Gross – for the great signs and Robby Robinson for working two shifts. Lion John also acknowledged a special gift of \$200 from the Berman Family in memory of Mickey. He also reminded everyone that we will be at the Crabapple Kroger on Saturday, April 26th.

Spring Festival Co-Chairman Phil Farias gave an update on the plans for the Roswell Colors Festival of Arts. He has talked with Rod Hume of Leader Dogs for the Blind, Canine Assistants and Lenscrafters. He has also talked with Todd Chancey who has volunteered to teach all clowns how to tie balloons. He has also order balloons with Roswell Lions logo.

Adopt-A-Road Chairman Richard Noakes announced the next cleanup of Holcomb Bridge Rd. would be on Saturday, April 26th as the April 5th cleanup was rained out.

Lion Frank Toler announced that this years Open Eyes Special Olympics Program at Emory University was scheduled for Saturday, May 31st.

Lion Jeffrey Hammen announced the annual BBQ will be replaced with a Rome Braves Game and Picnic. Tickets cost \$30/person. We will also invite other Lions from other districts and clubs also. If you want to drive yourself, the cost is \$15/person. This is a great opportunity to bring family, friend and neighbors.

Our guest speaker, Tim Jarrell explained his position and responsibilities as a Tax Advocate. Tim gave several examples of the types of questions/complaints he receives regarding the IRS and the tax code.

Lion James Good won the drawing.

The meeting was adjourned.

From the International Online eNewsletter:

Up for Vote in Denver

Review the information on amendments (<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/officialnoticerevised.pdf>) that are up for vote at the 86th International Convention on July 4, 2003. Also, read the facts on the proposed dues increase (http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/dues_increase.pdf).

Supporting Humanitarian Endeavors

In 1945, Lions Clubs International was proud to help draft the United Nations important NGO charter. Since that time, both organizations have worked tirelessly to care for the most vulnerable in our societies -- without regard to political differences or government conflicts. Read International President Kay K. Fukushima's letter to Secretary-General Kofi Annan (<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/AnnanLetter.shtml>) in continued support of the humanitarian endeavors of the United Nations.

Lions Family Month

International President Kay K. Fukushima has declared May as Lions Family Month. Districts and clubs are encouraged to develop ways of demonstrating their appreciation for family members during the month of May. [Read more: including ideas for the month.](#)

Lions Recycle For Sight Month

May is "Lions Recycle For Sight Month." Highlight your club's eyeglass recycling efforts in the community by joining thousands of other Lions throughout the United States and Canada--and other countries worldwide--to raise awareness about the importance of donating used eyeglasses. You can access online a [downloadable activity guide](#), [media resources](#) and [supplies](#). Remember to [report the total number of eyeglasses collected](#) and print a [certificate of appreciation](#).

2003 Online Convention

Watch for the 2003 Online Convention this June. Whether you are attending convention or not, it is a great way to learn more about the convention and participate in the annual event. You can view the daily schedule in advance, including seminar information.

New Online Membership Reporting Page--Coming July 7

The membership reporting page on the LCI Web site will be improved and will include a number of new features that will allow club officers to manage their club's membership and club information. Read more about the new page and its features, including the ability to generate reports, billings, labels and rosters (http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/member_page.pdf).

Searching the Site

Find yourself at a loss on where information is located on Lions Web site? Use the "Search" function. You can search from the home page or subsections of the site. The search function is located in the upper left-hand corner. Simply enter the item you are trying to locate. For example, "eyeglass recycling" or publication code "LA1" Select from the list of items containing these words that will appear. In addition, you can select "Advanced Search" and "Search Help" from this page. Another helpful feature is the "[Site Map](#)."

LCIF News

One of LCIF's core missions is to help victims of disaster. Emergency grants are up 34 percent from a year ago. A recent grant was for flooding in the Philippines.

Some Lions love being a Lion so much that their service continues beyond their natural life. Australian Lion Clive William Tregear made sure of that through a very generous bequest to LCIF.

LCIF is active in so many nations and in so many ways that it can be difficult to grasp all LCIF does. The LCIF Annual Report (http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources_broch_lcif.shtml) concisely summarizes its activities. Reading the annual report comes with this guarantee: your pride in being a Lion will increase.

LCIF Chairman J. Frank Moore III encourages clubs and districts to consider presenting worthy individuals with Melvin Jones Fellowships.

One of LCIF's greatest success stories is its effort against river blindness. LCIF has supported more than 40 million treatments, preventing blindness and enabling people in Africa and Latin America to keep their communities vibrant and strong.

Share Your Vision Results

Lions Clubs International, in conjunction with Video Placement Worldwide, makes available videos and educational material to schools and community groups. One program, entitled Share Your Vision, encourages students to collect and recycle eyeglasses and provides everything that they need for a successful program. Included in the material that is provided free of charge is the video "New Glasses, New Life," teachers guide, poster, list of Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers and classroom exercises. Each year, LCI gives a cash award to the high school, middle school and elementary school that collects the most glasses. Winners for the 2002-2003 year are Gilroy High School (California, USA) 545 pairs, Lakeland Copper Beach Middle School (New York, USA) 300 pairs and Brown Elementary School (Texas, USA) 285 pairs. A total of 5,069 eyeglasses were reported as collected through this year's program. Share this information with your area teachers/schools that may be interested in participating (<http://www.vpw.com/partner/lionsclub/>).

June 5 is World Environment Day

World Environment Day is celebrated every year on the 5th of June in more than 100 countries. The theme for 2003 is "Water--Two Billion People are Dying for It!" In support of this day, Lions are encouraged to develop environmental activities in their own communities. Read more and download club and district guides (http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_cult_environ.shtml); and visit the World Environment Day (<http://www.unep.org/wed/2003/>) site.

June 1 -- Helen Keller Day

In 1971, LCI declared June 1 as "Helen Keller Day" in honor of this amazing woman who holds a special place in the hearts of Lions everywhere. At the Lions convention in 1925, Helen Keller (http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/vision_services_keller.stm) personally challenged Lions to become "Knights of the Blind" and since then Lions have conducted countless sight conservation efforts. We encourage Lions to take this opportunity to conduct sight activities (http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/vision_index.shtml) in their communities.

Club Twinning Program

Members of your Lions club can develop new friendships and learn about another culture through the Lions International Club Twinning Program. Download the [International Cooperation and Understanding Chairman Guide \(IAD-65\)](#) for more information; or e-mail the [Program Development Department](#).

Committee Reports:

13th Annual Roswell Colors Festival of Arts



The annual festival was held on Mother's Day Weekend at the Historic Town Square. The Roswell Junior Woman's Club and Roswell Visitors Center sponsor the festival. The festival features fine arts, original crafts, children's activities, musical entertainment, performing arts and great food. Lions Phil Farias and Bob Pegram, Project Co-Chairmen want to thank all those Lions who volunteered to man the booth, rain or shine. Special thanks goes to Lions Troy Holman, Bob Pegram, Robby Robinson and Pat Welden who helped the Roswell Junior Women's Club setup on Friday night.

Adopt-A-Road



Lion Richard Noakes reports our Adopt-A-Road cleanup of Holcomb Bridge Road was completed on Saturday, April 26th. He also reports that signage has now been placed on Holcomb Bridge Road – both directions, acknowledging our commitment to clean the roadway.

Fly-The-Flag



Lion Robby Robinson reports Lion Alan Bethel recently collected for five flags and Lion Larry Zacharchuk collected for two flags for a total of \$420. As the summer approaches, help will be needed on Memorial Day, Flag Day and Fourth of July holidays. If you can put up and take down flags or if you are interested in helping out with this program contact Lion Robby Robinson or Lion Doris Westbrook.

White Cane Day



White Cane Day Co-Chairs Lions Millard Berman and John Hathcock reported a record year for White Cane Day Collections. Our total for White Cane Day collections was a record breaking \$1,600.45. Many thanks to all the Lions who volunteered to work the different locations. Special thanks to several Lions who worked multiple shifts and multiple locations. How about those new White Cane Day signs?

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Wachovia Grimes Bridge	\$120.50	\$111.00	\$58.08	-
K Mart	107.00	189.86	-	-
Kroger Crabapple				274.28
Kroger Mansell Rd	172.56	152.96	229.33	301.73
Kroger 120	-	-	231.55	303.30
WALMART- Mansell Rd.	70.79	385.01	149.24	353.78
Southern Skillet	186.85	142.37	246.80	157.36
Misc.	50.30	15.35	-	200.00
Meeting	-	221.45	31.00	10.00
TOTAL	\$708.00	\$1,218.00	\$945.00	\$1,600.45

3rd Annual Charity Golf Outing – Monday, September 15, 2003- Brookfield Country Club



Planning for the 3rd Annual Charity Golf Outing is well under way. You will notice our venue has changed. We have added a cookout to the format and our Hole-In-One sponsor this year is Palmer Dodge. Golfers this year will have one chance at a 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab for a hole-in-one. We are meeting on a regular basis for breakfast at Southern Skillet. If you are interested in assisting with this project contact Lions Troy Holman, Pat Welden or Jeffrey Hammen. We need to begin recruiting golfers (individuals and foursomes) and sponsors. We would like to see each Lion organize a foursome or find a hole

sponsor. Golfers cost \$125 or \$100 each in a foursome. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. This year's tournament will be in memory of Lion Mickey Berman.

Actions Taken By the Club:

The Club took the following actions in April 2003:

Spent \$129 to purchase glasses.

Contributed \$100 to North Fulton Community Charities.

Agreed to purchase balloons with Roswell Lions logo for the Arts Festival

Agreed NOT to purchase closed circuit television for needy Roswell resident.

Agreed to have the Rome Braves Game and Cookout in place of the July BBQ.

Important Dates:

May 10 – 11, 2003 – Roswell Colors Festival of Arts. Roswell, Georgia.



May 19, 2003 – Dinner meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7pm. Georgia State Senator Tom Price (Roswell)

May 29 – June 1, 2003 – Georgia Lions Clubs State Convention. Dalton, Georgia.

May 31, 2003 – Special Olympics – Eye Screening. Emory University – Racquetball Courts. More info to follow.

June 1, 2003 – Helen Keller Day

June 16, 2003 – Dinner meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7pm. [*Spouses are invited*].

Installation of Officers for 2003-2004.

July 12, 2003 – Hickory Crawdads vs. Rome Braves – Game and Cookout. \$30/person including transportation.

August 2003 – Annual Steak Fry at Doris Westbrook's House. Date and time to be announced.

September 15, 2003 – Roswell Lions 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Brookfield Country Club

September 22, 2003 – (Date Change) Dinner meeting at Roswell Holiday Inn @ 7pm. Our speaker to be announced. [*Spouses are invited.*]

September 27, 2003 – Adopt-A-Road Cleanup – Holcomb Bridge Rd.

Thought of the Day:

“The struggle of life is one of our greatest blessings. It makes us patient, sensitive, and Godlike. It teaches us that although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.” *Helen Keller*

Message from the Editor – Lion Jeffrey Hammen:

This is my last newsletter and I wanted to thank Past President Gene and President Sally for giving me an opportunity to serve. It has been a lot of fun and was a great way to learn about our club and about Lionism. I have enjoyed telling our story. Lion Bob Garrett will take over starting with the June Newsletter and I know he will do a great job.

Send us your email address. If your address has changed or if you have a new one, please email it to RoswellLions@aol.com.

MD-18, Georgia State Lions:

Mark your calendars – May 29th to June 1st at the Northwest Georgia Trade & Convention Center in Dalton, Georgia.

Pictures from the April Meeting by Lion Bob Garrett:



Tax Advocate Tim Jarrell explains his duties as our tax advocate. He explained how the position was created and gave several examples of things he has worked on.



President Sally presents Lion Larry Gross with Certificate of Appreciation for his work on getting new signs for White Cane Day. They look awesome and should last a long time.



Guests and prospective members Bonnie and Mike Burke sit With Lions Larry Zacharchuk, Tom & Linda Spudic, Jeffrey Hammen and Troy Holman.



Lions James Good, Virgil Ladson, Bill Duffin, Jack Diggs, Bob Fulton and Lewis Mason.



Lions Tom Freels, Robert Joe, Frances Parsons and Tom Phillips.



Lions Larry Gross, Jim Armstrong, Bob Pegram, Pat Welden and Frank Toler.

Lets Help the Special Olympics

M&Ms, a national partner with Special Olympics, is conducting a campaign to benefit our program February 16 - March 31. Consumers may submit wrappers from specially-marked packages of M&M'S® Brand products announcing the Special Olympics "Find all the Gold" Instant Win Game. Special Olympics will receive \$.50 for every redeemed wrapper. To redeem wrappers, send to: M&M'S® Brand/Special Olympics Keep Wrappers to Keep Dreams Alive, P.O. Box 5074, Blair, NE 68009-5074. ALL WRAPPER REDEMPTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 31, 2003.



State Summer Games Volunteers Needed

Vision Screening of Athletes – Opening Eyes

Date: May 31, 2003, Saturday

Time: 9:00 am—1:00 pm or
12:30—4:30 pm



Place: Emory University, Special Olympics Georgia
Woodruff PE Building Racquet Ball Courts

Atmosphere/Dress: Casual, shorts, t-shirts, tennis shoes

On site training—volunteer jobs: vision screening, facilitating —
no experience necessary

Parking Available in Peavine Parking deck—you can see the back of Woodruff PE building from the parking deck.

To sign up contact: **Jennifer Daniell at Special Olympics (770) 414-9390 x 110 or
email: jennifer.daniell@specialolympicsga.org
or contact Frank Toler, Roswell Lions Club (770) 992-5500
email: ftoler@mindspring.com**

***Lions Clubs International** has a partnership with Special Olympics North America that includes funding of eyewear given during this vision screening.

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Rome Braves Game and Picnic

Saturday, July 12th

\$30/person

\$15/person without the bus.

Buy your tickets now!

Bring your relatives, friends and neighbors.