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## The Roswell Roar

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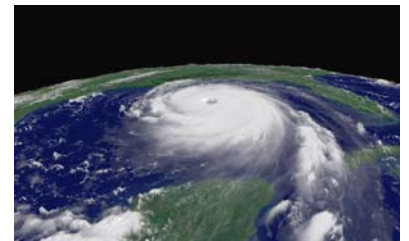
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### Meeting Notice

The September Meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel on Holcomb Bridge Road on Monday, September 19, 2005, starting at 7pm. The menu for the evening will be Mixed Garden Salad, Roast Herb Chicken, Roasted Rosemary & Parmesan Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Rolls & Butter, Strawberry Shortcake. Our speaker will be Jill Gonyea from the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

### A Message from our President

Lions Clubs in Georgia and around the world are providing assistance and relief efforts to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Your Roswell Lions club provided \$500 to the Hapeville Lions Club who was offering assistance to some of the first evacuees, which initially numbered 200 but grew quickly. John Keeter, President of the Hapeville club was very appreciative of our support. Our Club will also donate \$1000 to LCIF-Katrina Relief Fund. This is the same amount donated to the Tsunami fund at LCIF earlier. LCIF has made grants to District 18A for \$10,000 to assist with eyeglasses and hearing aids for evacuees who end up in our District. LCIF has also made a \$200,000 grant for the Katrina general flood relief effort, as well as other grants to Districts that were a victim of Hurricane Katrina. There are opportunities for our Roswell Club members to participate through donations to LCIF for the Katrina relief fund and North Fulton Charities.



Enhanced Image of Hurricane Katrina - August 28, 2005

Our Club was well represented at the first Zone meeting in Woodstock, where the emphasis of the meeting was on MERL. Six of our members attended. Please consider who you might introduce to our Roswell Lions Club and invite them to one of our meetings. Our Club is doing many good things in our community and hopefully other people would like to join in our projects and programs. Our new International President, Ashok Mehta gives a high priority to his program, the "Passion to Grow" which you will hear often this year as we work to increase the membership of our Club.

The remainder of the year is a busy time for our Club with our apple sale being kicked off at our meeting on September 19. The golf tournament follows in October with the Christmas tree sale beginning in late November. Thanks for all your support for our various projects as we move forward this year.

*Lion Alan*

# Lions Lead Katrina Recovery Effort

## ***Faced with a daunting challenge, Lions lead the recovery...***

Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama on August 29<sup>th</sup> and will undoubtedly go down in history as one of the worst disasters in United States history, rivaling the legendary status of the San Francisco earthquake and the Galveston hurricane of 1900. With whole towns devastated, thousands of families displaced by the hurricane and the subsequent flooding of New Orleans, an unprecedented number of Americans are in need. At least half a million people are homeless and many have lost everything they own. Damage estimates are in excess of \$100 billion and climbing every day. Despite the challenges involved, once again the Lions of the United States have stepped up to the daunting task of supporting those in need with renewed hope and vigor.



Over 80% of New Orleans was flooded after Katrina – August 29, 2005

## ***...in Georgia***

Within hours of the storm, the Hapeville Lions found many Gulf Coast evacuees arriving at shelters in their community. Past District Governor John Keeter, serving as President of the Hapeville club, initiated an effort to provide relief to the evacuees shortly after their arrival. Soon Lions throughout District 18-A pulled together to assist in this effort, which benefited at least 1200 Katrina evacuees. Roswell Lions President Alan Bethel worked with our club's board of directors to act quickly to support this effort, by providing an initial donation of \$500 from our activities fund support the Hapeville Lions effort. At the September Board meeting, the Roswell Lions approved a \$1000 donation to LCIF for Katrina relief. Also, many Roswell Lions are volunteering their time to assist with cleanup efforts in the Gulf Coast, or in volunteering to help with evacuee efforts in our community.

## ***...and worldwide.***

LCIF immediately made funds available for Katrina relief projects. The Lions of District 18-A (serving Northwest Georgia) successfully applied for a LCIF grant of \$10,000 to support Katrina-related projects in the district. Several thousand dollars in LCIF grants are being dispersed to Lions clubs and districts to provide immediate relief for Katrina victims. In a time of despair, Lions worldwide are roaring to life in their support for those in need. For more information on how LCIF is supporting the Katrina recovery effort, visit the LCIF Katrina website at <http://www.lions-katrina.org>.



## ***You can do your part!***



Beyond the donations made by our Roswell Club, individual members can make contributions to LCIF or North Fulton Charities. Please make your check payable to the Roswell Lions Club and specify it be used for either LCIF or North Fulton Charities. North Fulton is very active in assisting evacuees from the Gulf coast. Send your check to Robby for consolidating as one donation from our Club.

Remember that the effort to support families displaced by Katrina is a long term effort, with some evacuees unable to return to their homes for up to a year. Be cognizant of opportunities to volunteer your time to help those who have escaped this disaster. Show them how Lions exemplify our motto of ***We Serve!***

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## **Committee Reports**

### **Fly-The-Flag**



Lion Robby Robinson reminds us that additional help is needed in distributing and flying the flags with this program. If you would be interested, contact Lion Robby Robinson or Lion Doris Westbrook. The next Fly the Flag event will be Columbus Day on October 10.

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### **Adopt-A-Road**



Lion Richard Noakes will be looking for volunteers for the new location at Willeo Road west of Coleman Road. Call him at 770-238-0148 for further info and to sign up. The next cleanup will be Saturday, September 24 beginning at 8.30am. Be sure to support this project at least once this year!

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### **Apple Sale**

It's time for the apple sale again! The orchards tell us it will be a good crop and we are shooting for a delivery date of Oct. 12th. Forms will be available at the regular meeting setting the prices. Call Lions Doris (770-993-0038) or Robby (770-641-9143) if you have questions.

# Club Business

## Actions Taken by the Board

The Roswell Lions Board of Directors met on September 13, 2005 with 10 Lions in attendance.

- Board approved several efforts for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts:
  - o Previously approved (telephone poll) a \$500 donation to Katrina project sponsored by Hapeville Lions
  - o Approved \$1000 donation to LCIF to for Katrina fund.
  - o Approved a \$150 to support Southern Baptist project for Mississippi coast cleanup- sponsored by Lion Bill Parsons
  - o Will encourage additional donations from members for Katrina-related projects at September meeting.
- Roswell will host next zone meeting at Golden Corral, November 14, 2005, beginning at 7pm.
- President Bethel appointed Lion Ann Welden to Membership Care Chairperson.
- Apple Sale begins Sept 19, Golf Tournament on Oct 25, and our Christmas Tree Sale site has been confirmed.
- Adopt-A-Mile considering extending scope of cleanup.

## Membership Care Chairperson

A membership care position has been created and will be chaired by Ann Welden. This position will assist in taking meeting attendance and touching base with members who have been absent from meetings to determine if we can offer assistance. She will also send notes and cards to members and their families in times of illness or need. A membership report will be provided at each meeting as well as member updates for our monthly Roswell Roar. Thanks Ann for your willingness to take on this important Club position.

## Summary of Last Meeting

The last meeting was held on Saturday, August 20th 2005 at the Edenwilde Club House

- Members enjoyed the delicious steaks thanks to the masterful grillmanship of Bill Parsons and Stan Shuford.
- Approximately 40 Lions and spouses were in attendance.
- President Bethel welcomed everyone in attendance and made a few brief announcements.
- The meeting was adjourned.

## Fifth Annual Golf Tournament – October 24<sup>th</sup>

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Outing is coming up on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Palmer Dodge for sponsoring the hole in one contest and the hole to win a car or truck, and thanks to Fran Farias for sponsoring the \$10,000 Putting Contest.

The golf committee needs your help to make this a successful event. We will need help beginning at 9:00am on the day of the tournament for setup and registration and for several other jobs to run the tournament, such as: two witnesses for the car/truck hole (11am-4pm), assisting with the raffle, and assisting with the Million Dollar Shot and the \$10,000 Putting Contest at the end of the day. Be sure to contact a member of the Golf Tournament committee- Lions Troy Holman, Pat Welden or Jeff Hammen- if you are interested in participating.

Please encourage your family, co-workers, neighbors, and friends to participate in our Golf Outing this year. We will make every attempt to combine smaller groups (1-3 people) into foursomes. We can accommodate up to 36 foursomes, or 144 golfers. Golfers will pay \$125 each or \$100 each as part of a foursome.

Remember - all monies collected during our charity golf outing go towards our sight and community related projects fund.

## Walking Wounded

Lion Frank Toler suffered a broken wrist and bruised shoulder shortly before Labor Day, but is already on the mend. Lion Frank says that it will take six to eight weeks for his injuries to heal, and would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support.

Lion Frances Parsons recently underwent cataract surgery. Lion Bill, her husband, reports the surgery went fine and she is recovering nicely.

We were all delighted to see Jean Caudell at our August Steak Fry as she concludes a trying but successful battle against cancer.



*Lion Frank Toler gives his fellow Lions a big THUMBS UP for their support!*

# International President's Program

## A Passion to Serve – by International President Ashtok Mehta



International President  
Ashok Mehta

The Lions' passion exhibits itself daily in countless service activities. Through our youth programs- whether Leo clubs, Lions Quest, or Young Leaders in Service- we act in the capacity of trustees of future generations. Through our sight and health programs, we improve living standards for people in need. In our many other activities, we focus on significant needs, fulfilling the association's mission, deeming service a privilege and never a burden.

Lions are widely heralded for working with the blind, restoring sight and preventing visual impairments, and deservedly so. Sight programs will continue to merit our best efforts for many years to come. Our support of Campaign SightFirst II, LCIF's new fundraising initiative, will help millions of people avoid the tragedy of vision loss.

Last year, we launched a new Lions Services for Children Program. Already, clubs everywhere are responding passionately to the needs of children in adverse circumstances by providing education and health services. With children suffering from poverty, illness, disabilities and illiteracy, I encourage your club to conduct **at least one** service project this year to help disadvantaged children.

Lions' services vary as widely as the needs of the world. The Adopted Service Programs of Lions Clubs International, which cover seven service areas – Sight, Youth, Environment, Diabetes, Hearing, International Relations, Culture/Community – comprise more than 50 major activities. These programs, described at our association's website, [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), compliment local activities and offer clubs excellent options with which to fulfill the service mission of Lions.

*This article is an excerpt from the International President's Program for 2005-2006 titled A Passion to Excel, which is available in its entirety at the LCI website: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/intprogram.pdf>.*

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## Wit and Wisdom

### In the Words of Helen Keller

"To keep our faces toward change and walk like free spirits in the presence of fate... is strength undefeatable." ~ Helen Keller

### On Patriotism

"Patriotism has less to do with a state, and more to do with a state of mind." - Unknown

"Intellectually I know America is no better than any other country, but emotionally I know she is better than any other country."  
- Sinclair Lewis

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## Why Aren't You Running?

One bright, beautiful Sunday morning, everyone in the tiny town of Johnstown got up early and went to the local church. Before the services started, the townspeople were sitting in their pew and talking about their lives, their families, etc. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the exit, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from this evil incarnate.

Soon everyone was evacuated from the Church, except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew, not moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that the ultimate enemy was in his presence. Now this confused Satan a bit, so he walked up to the man and said, "Don't you know who I am?" The man replied "Yep, sure do." Satan asked, "Aren't you afraid of me?" "Nope, sure ain't," said the man. Satan was a little perturbed at this and queried, "Why aren't you afraid of me?"

The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for 48 years..."

## Important Dates



**September 2005** – Apple Sale begins. Contact Lions Robby Robinson and Doris Westbrook for details.

**September 19, 2005** - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel @ 7PM. Speaker: TBA

**September 24, 2005** – Adopt-a-Road Pickup on Willeo Rd. Pick up from 8:30 to 11:00AM.

**September 22-24, 2005** – USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Peoria IL.

**October 12, 2005 (Tentative)** – Apples arrive

**October 17, 2005** - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel @ 7PM. Speaker: Lion Dan Harrison - SE Guide Dogs.

**October 24, 2005** – Annual Golf Tournament at Brookfield Country Club.

**November 12, 2005** – Adopt-a-Road Pickup on Willeo Rd. Pick up from 8:30 to 11:00AM.

**November 14, 2005 (Tentative)** – Second Zone Meeting, hosted by Roswell Lions at 7pm.

**November 21, 2005** - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel @ 7PM. District Governor Visit - DG Jane Price

**December 19, 2005 (TENTATIVE)** - Dinner Meeting at Roswell Doubletree Hotel @ 7PM. Annual Christmas Party (SPOUSES INVITED).

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*Remember to save your Used Eyeglasses, Used Hearing Aids and Used Cell Phones! They can ALL be recycled to help someone in need.*

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## Summer Steak Fry



President Alan welcomes Roswell Lions and their Guests



Another delicious dinner thanks to our master chefs!



1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Richard and Judy Noakes enjoy the delicious steak dinner.



Many thanks to Past President Sally Poole for securing the Location for this year's Steak Fry.