



Lions Lighthouse and Georgia Camp for the Blind Joint Meeting

The Georgia Lions Lighthouse and Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind will have a joint meeting **September 11-13** in Tifton, GA. Topics will include fun fundraiser ideas, where and how to volunteer for the Lighthouse's vision programs, hearing screening training, and many other ways you can get involved to help Georgians in need.

There will be a Hawaiian-themed banquet on Saturday night where you can meet with fellow Lions, enjoy some fantastic food, listen to a live band, and learn more about the Lighthouse and the Camp for the Blind. Cost is \$25, and dress is casual.

The last day to register is September 4, 2009. Please RSVP to Georgia Taylor at 229-861-2190 or taylorcove@aol.com

Hotel Accommodations:

Group rates are available at the Courtyard Marriot
814 West 7th Street
Tifton, GA
229-388-0803

Price: \$104/night

Breakfast coupon: \$10/room or
\$8.95/person



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Action Requested

If you have not already submitted an **Associate Director** to the Lighthouse, please do so as soon as possible. We will distribute the AD directory at the September meeting in Tifton. If we do not know who your AD is by August 24th, he or she will not be included in the directory. You can submit your AD online at <http://www.lionslighthouse.org/ll/index.php?q=adform>

Have you set your **White Cane** goal yet? Does your club have a White Cane chair? Last year the Georgia Lions raised \$123,322 for White Cane. This year, we hope to get back above 2006-2007 levels and raise \$167,500 to help prevent Georgians from having to use a white cane.



Join us on Facebook

The Lighthouse is now on Facebook!

Join our page and stay up to date on the latest events, volunteer opportunities, and clients' successes. You will also have the opportunity to give your ideas about how to improve the relationship between the Lighthouse and the Georgia Lions.

The group is open to everyone, so please invite your friends!

Service Numbers for July

- 12 people in District C received hearing aids.
- 2 people received glasses in the district, while 20 people received them throughout the state.
- 41 people in District C were served in an eye clinic.
- 15 people across Georgia received sight-saving surgeries, and four of them were from your district.

Welcome to the '09-'10 Associate Directors!

Many thanks to the following lions for serving as the 2009-2010 Lighthouse Associate Directors in District C:

Cherly Meadows, Albany LC
Eloise Taylor, Donalson LC
Scott Purpis, Hahira LC
Ivy Davis, Moultrie LC
Kenneth McKie, Rochelle LC
Steve Miner, Sylvester LC
Donald Sumner, Tifton LC

Area Vision Clinics

22nd August

Albany
Details Forthcoming
10am – 3pm

23rd September

Tifton
Tift Community Health Center
2pm – 7pm

26th September

Albany
Details forthcoming

Pin Recipients

In celebration of the Lighthouse's 60th anniversary, pins are being given to anyone who has \$60 or more donated on their behalf, or who volunteers more than 6 hours. To date, the following people have received pins:

Carolyn Crumbley
George Crumbley
Carol Fuller
Kenneth Fuller
Janice King
Genie Massingale
Ken Massingale
Leonard McConnell
Ellen Moore
Kenneth Moore
Lib Sodeman
Gayle Watson
Mel Weiss

White Cane Information

White Cane month is in April, but you can start planning for it today! What will your club do to fundraise? How many people can your club help?

Start a letter writing campaign, host an all-you-can-eat potato bar, collect recyclables and cash them in, run a board game tournament. There are hundreds of fun and relatively easy fundraisers that can bring in between \$500 and \$1000. Hold one every month or two and put the proceeds toward White Cane. Your club will make a significant difference in the lives of Georgians in need.



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Letter from a Prosthetic Eye Recipient

Dear Ms. Jordan;

I am writing you and all the Lions Lighthouse staff with profound appreciation and gratitude. I received my new completed eye from Angela Cotton on July 7, 2009 and it is a work of art. I find myself constantly looking in the mirror in total disbelief. My eye loss was caused by years of damage due to a rare and chronic case of Stevens Johnson Syndrome. I have travelled around the country seeing various specialists, and in 1979 moved my family to Atlanta to be under the care of the late Dr. Louis Wilson. Emory treated me as a research patient and I toured the country teaching cornea fellows and residents about my condition.

In 1987 I lost the battle with my right eye after three cornea transplants. I continued to hold out for a medical breakthrough but none came. In 2005 I visited the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. They recommended removing the eye, and this last November the eye was removed.

Dr. Kim from Emory said that the scar tissue was so great they didn't believe prosthetics was possible, but referred me to Angela Cotton anyway. Ms. Cotton said to me "I love a challenge." My next big hurdle was how to pay for this challenge, and you folks made that part happen. And now I have this beautiful new eye that most people close to me cannot tell which eye is the new one. My grandchildren have lost their "good pirate" as I was known with my patch on.

Over the years I have always done a lot of public speaking and involved in community groups. The bad right eye forced me to slow down out of self-consciousness. This new eye means more to me than you can ever imagine. For many years I was in the broadcast industry and practiced law for about twenty years. I served as confidant to former mayors Maynard Jackson and Andy Young. These last few years of economic downturn forced us to close our two restaurants here in Atlanta... But with this new appearance I look forward to the re-build... God bless you and Angela Cotton, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Herbert
Atlanta, GA
7/23/09

For State and Federal Employees

If you are a state or federal employee, you can now have donations to the Lighthouse taken directly out of your paycheck through the Combined Federal Campaign. Because of the Lighthouse's partnership with Georgia doctors, every dollar you donate results in \$5 in care for a Georgian in need. Thank you!

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Federal Number: 52771