



East Cobb Lions
Serving our community
for 59 years!



We Serve

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East Cobb Lions Club Newsletter

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CALENDAR

July 15th - Lions Day at the Georgia Lions Camp

July 18th - Board Meeting at Powers Ferry UMC - 6:30 pm

July 25th - Business Meeting at Rib Ranch - 7pm

**August 5th - Cabinet Meeting at Ward Recreation Center - 8am
4845 Dallas Highway**

New East Cobb Lions Club Website!

Our new website is up and running! Visit us at www.eastcobblions.club.

Yes, that's us, we have our very own domain name. Along with that we are using two new email addresses, eastcobblions@gmail.com and foundation.eastcobblions@gmail.com.

When you visit our page, be sure and click on each of the tabs along the blue bar just under the Lions logo. Each should take you to another page with more information, including links to Lions International and some of the organizations we support. The MEETINGS tab is one you want to check often. The intention is to update it regularly with information about our next scheduled meeting. Under the VISION SCREENING tab, you'll find more about our upcoming screening events.

If you see something wrong or if you have a suggestion, let me know. I do have some things in mind including a suggestion I received this past Tuesday meeting. I am a real neophyte at this and if anyone has any experience with Word Press, let me know, I can use the help.

Remember www.eastcobblions.club, visit soon and visit often.

East Cobb Lions 2017-18 Installation Dinner

On June 27, 2017, the annual East Cobb Lions Club New Installation Dinner was held at Café 33 as East Cobb Lions and guests enjoyed an outstanding meal and program celebrating the end of a great year and looking forward to the start of a new Lions year.

2016-17 President Debbie Hennessey closed out an outstanding year as our president that has further established the East Cobb Lions as a premier Lions Club in the State of Georgia. She presented many awards to East Cobb Lions for their excellent work in support of our mission to serve the needy in East Cobb, Georgia, and beyond to our world.

Lion President Debbie presented special All Star Awards to Lions Jeff Budd, Ray Moore. Liz Moore and Henry Bohn for their outstanding leadership, work, and support during the past year.



Jeff Budd, Ray Moore, Liz Moore, & Henry Bohn
Presidents All Star Award

Past District Governor Ray Moore presented very special awards - the Melvin Jones Fellowship - to Lions Kelly Ryan and Bob Hennessey for their dedicated humanitarian service over many years.



Kelly Ryan
Melvin Jones Fellow Award



Bob Hennessey
Melvin Jones Fellow Award

Lions Debbie Hennessey and Henry Bohn, honored in the past with a Melvin Jones Fellowship, were honored at a higher level with a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. As a recognition of their continued outstanding humanitarian work this honor extends support for the Lions Club International Foundation with an additional donation level made in their name.



Debbie Hennessey
Progressive Melvin Jones Award



Henry Bohn
Progressive Melvin Jones Award

East Cobb Lions 2017-18 Installation Dinner (cont'd)

Chevron Awards - recognizes Lions for their long-term service, beginning at 10 years and continuing in five year increments.

Chevron Awards were given to five East Cobb Lions.

15 Year Chevrons:

- Dick Morris
- Debbie Hennessey
- Bob Hennessey

35 Year Chevron:

- Jeff Budd

50 Year Chevron:

- Bob Sapp



Bob Sapp
50 Year Chevron

New Member - PDG Ray Moore inducted Leslie Dugosh as a member of the East Cobb Lions Club.



Leslie Dugosh
New Member

PDG Ray Moore presented Avery Moore with a Little Lion Award for the outstanding work that she has done with our club to help carry out our motto - WE SERVE.



Avery Moore
Little Lion Award

2016-7 Lion President Debbie presented a Lions International Centennial Pin and a Georgia Centennial Pin to all the East Cobb Lions Club members as she recognized each member's years of service.



Calling All East Cobb Lions



We are hosting the first Cabinet meeting of the new Lions year on Saturday, August 5. Our new governor, Lion Teri Chambers-Rice will preside and introduce us to the program of our new International President [Naresh Aggarwal](#) from Delhi, India.

Our host responsibilities include setting up the meeting space (putting out chairs), greeting our visitors, serving coffee, pastries, having a mid morning break, serving a box lunch and then putting the chairs away when the meeting is over. We will begin at 8 and should be done by 3.

We will be at the Ward Recreation Center which is located in Lost Mountain Park at 4845 Dallas Highway (Rte 120), Powder Springs GA 30127. That is about as far west in Cobb County as you can

School's Out For Summer!

Remember that old song? Well, it is almost not true anymore. Cobb schools are set to reopen on Monday July 31. That is just 2 1/2 weeks!

When schools reopen, it has an impact on our club and its activities.

We have been supportive of the Title 1 elementary schools in our area, Brumby, Sedalia Park and Powers Ferry. For a list of ALL Title 1 schools in the county, visit <http://www.cobbk12.org/title1/> and scroll toward the bottom of the list. Click on the link to any school and there will be a supply list available. Title 1 schools have large transient populations, new children arrive almost every day, a large number of families may be single parent or with both parents working. These children and their families don't always have the resources to purchase the almost \$100 in supplies the schools suggest. We can help again as we have for a number of years. The schools are always grateful for our efforts. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, July 25. Can you bring a notebook or two, some wide ruled composition books, folders, pencils, markers, crayons and erasers or any other items on the supply lists above?



Lions, we pride ourselves on the difference we make in a child's life through our vision screening program. This is another way we can help a child learn effectively and become a better citizen.

Vision Screenings



Welch Allyn SPOT Vision Screening Machine

Lion Ed Ressler, East Cobb Lions Club Vision Screening Chairman, was the featured speaker at the July 11th East Cobb Lions meeting. Lion Ed reported on the outstanding community service that our vision screenings have provided during the past year. Over the last year local Lions clubs have provided 4,553 screenings at Cobb County schools, churches, community centers, YMCA's and other organizations.

Special emphasis has been and continues to be focused on Cobb County Title 1 Elementary Schools with high numbers of children from low-income families. Good vision helps ensure that all these children have the opportunity to perform and meet the challenging state academic standards. Low income students that need glasses are then providing direct payments/vouchers, as needed, to eye care providers for exams and eyeglasses.

Lion Ed projected that we will perform approximately 10,000 screening in this coming year. We have received a grant of \$8,500 and we expect additional grants/donations to exceed \$10,000 this coming year to help provide this much needed community service.



East Cobb Lions Celebrate Marietta Fourth of July Parade



Marietta's Fourth of July Parade and Celebration was a resounding success again this year as East Cobb Lions contributed greatly to the patriotic spirit of the crowd by handing out flags. Organizers estimated that over 40,000 people attended the activities with the parade starting the day at 10am. As in many past years, the East Cobb Lions joined with the Marietta Lions to walk the route ahead of the parade handing out approximately 10,000 flags to excited parade attendees. The parade followed with 73 entries from civic groups, businesses, political organizations and many others. Established in 1968, this event has become a high point of the summer activities with a festival on the square following the parade.



2017-18 Club Officers

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| President | Al Hernandez |
| Immediate Past President | Debbie Hennessey |
| 1st Vice President | Henry Bohn / Susan Hampton |
| 2nd Vice President | Jan Williams |
| Secretary | Ray Moore |
| Assistant Secretary | Evelyn Endsley |
| Treasurer | Ray Moore |
| Assistant Treasurer | Willie Diggs |
| Tail Twister | Jeff Budd |
| Assistant Tail Twister | Bob Shaw |
| Lion Tamer | Bob Hennessey |
| Chaplain | Gene McDuffie |
| Assistant Chaplain | Don Webster |
| Membership Chairman | Asgar Kachwalla/ Ken Dumbleton |
| Sight Conservation Director | Kelly Ryan |
| Fundraiser Chairman | Shatillia McFarlin-Ball |
| Directors—1 year | Ken Dumbleton Bob Shaw Shatillia McFarlin-Ball |
| Directors—2 year | Frank Ciccone Janna Boevink |
| Georgia Lighthouse Associate | Liz Moore |
| Camp for the Blind Associate | Kelly Ryan |
| Programs Director | Ed Ressler |
| Golf Committee Chairman | Henry Bohn / Susan Hampton |
| Newsletter Editor | Don Garrow |
| Assistant Newsletter Editor | Jeff Budd |
| Scholarship Chairman | Sue Herring |
| Assistant Scholarship Chairman | Gene McDuffie |
| Vision Screening Chairman | Ed Ressler |

Tail Twister Joke of the Month

Pleasing Everybody (an ESOP's Fable)

There was an old man, a boy, and a donkey. They were going to town and it was decided that the boy should ride. As they went along they passed some people who thought that it was a shame for the boy to ride and the old man to walk. The old man and boy decided that maybe the critics were right, so they changed positions.

Later, they passed some more people who thought that it was a real shame for that man to make such a small boy walk. The two decided that maybe they both should walk.

Soon they passed some more people who thought that it was stupid to walk when they had a donkey to ride. The man and the boy decided maybe the critics were right so, they decided that they both should ride.

They soon passed other people who thought that it was a shame to put such a load on a poor little animal. The old man and the boy decided that maybe the critics were right, so they decided to carry the donkey.

As they crossed a bridge they lost their grip on the animal and he fell into the river and drowned.

The moral of the story: If you try to please everyone, you will eventually lose your ass.