



East Cobb Lions
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September, 2019

East Cobb Lions Club Newsletter

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From our President...

Hello fellow Lions!

We have our Zone meeting coming up on Sept 10 and we have a great project where we need your help prior to the meeting. A few meetings ago Debbie Day, Executive Director of Right In The Community (RITC) was our guest speaker and told us about their special needs residents. They need our help to provide some items for some of the orphans or residents who have no one to provide for them. We have been given a list of names and items we can provide for the residents. They are not asking for anything fancy, just some basic items like toiletries, pajamas, clothes and shoes. Lion Susan Hampton has graciously volunteered to do the shopping for us.

How can you help?????

We are looking for donations from club members to purchase some new items for these residents. Please help if you can by letting Lion Susan (thatsoutherngirl@aol.com) or Lion Ray Moore (famousray@comcast.net) know how much you would like to donate. If you can let Susan or Ray know by Sept 6 that will give her enough time to plan out her shopping. Please help if you can and I look forward to seeing you all at the Zone meeting on Sept 10.

We serve!
Lion Janna

Meeting Schedule

- Sept. 10th Zone Meeting 7pm
Piccadilly Cafeteria
- Sept. 14th East Cobber Parade 8:30am
Dickerson Middle School
- Sept. 17th Board Meeting 6:30pm
Powers Ferry UMC
- Sept. 21st Habitat Feed
Time & place to be announced
- Sept. 24th Regular Meeting 7pm
Piccadilly Cafeteria

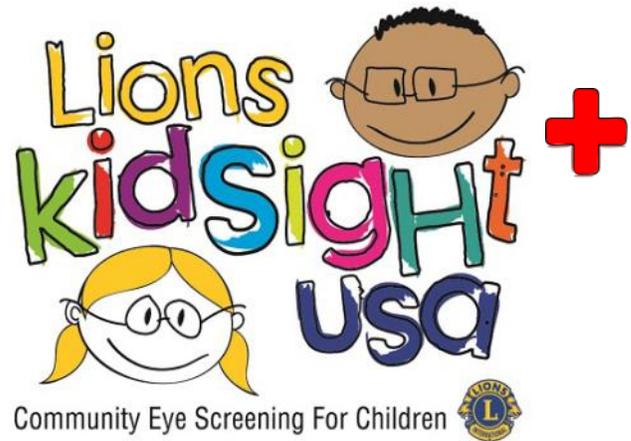
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Lion Ed Ressler, Chairman
East Cobb Lions Vision Screening



Vision Screening September 2019

Vision Screening in the Cobb County School System is like a season with a sports team where you have preseason, season and the playoffs. August was our pre-season and now we begin the season which is September and October. A note for planning purposes. Since most of our screenings are in the morning, please try to make appointments for the afternoon. There are two significant dates in September that I will need at least 10 volunteers.

On September 11, we will be at Campbell HS with 4 machines and trying to screen 750 students in the one day. That is a major task on their part so we shall see. I already know that we will be missing two of our key volunteers, unless of course there is a hurricane on the Georgia coast.

On September 19 we will be testing with 4 machines but at two different schools at the same time. This is a first for us but I know the **"Screen Team"** can do it.

The last week of September school is on break so schedule as many appointments as you can or take a vacation.

Important information from our club treasurer - Lion Ray Moore

East Cobb Lions Club Foundation, Inc.

Our Lions Club and its Foundation exist to serve others. We separated our Club and its activities from our charitable activities when we formed the East Cobb Lions Club Foundation, Inc in the early 2000's. Our Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible

One of the basic tenants of any Lions Club is that we must spend any money we collect from the public ON the public. None of the publics' money (donations, Pancake breakfast, golf tournament, any fund-raising activity that solicits the public) can be spent for the benefit of any member. That is not true for the members money which is comes in the form of dues, tailtwisting fines, etc. We can spend that money however we choose, on our selves or for the publics benefit.

We are two separate organizations with different Federal ID numbers; each has its own set of books and each files its own tax returns each year. With they do share is a common Board of Directors and membership. The records of both are open to any member who wishes to see them. As Treasurer, I feel very strongly that because your money, time and efforts are involved, you have every right to know how your money is spent. Each month, I send each member a copy of the financial report for the previous month. I try to make it as detailed as possible without overwhelming you. I generally have the majority of the records with me at each meeting. If you want to know, please ask.

In July and August, our Foundation received donations totaling \$6150. Half of that was designated for our vision screening program and the purchase of vouchers that provide professional eye exams and glasses. The rest were general donations that will be used to meet our budgeted goals for giving. We purchased \$1399 worth of vouchers which will help 20 people. We also sent \$150 to Right In The Community, \$750 to the East Cobb Civitans for their East Cobb Park project, \$1000 to Powers Ferry UMC as an expression of thanks for the use of their building, \$1000 to Vision Rehabilitation Services, \$500 to Learning Ally, \$250 to SE Guide Dogs, and \$400 to Marietta New Theater In The Square Foundation as a sponsor in their golf tournament.



The special guest speaker at the August 27th East Cobb Lions Club meeting was Will Graham. Will lost his eyesight when he was 13 years old and is an inspiration and an outstanding example of how to adapt to the loss of eyesight. Will was joined by his wife, Wendy and his seeing eye dog, Jenny. Back in 1997 our East Cobb Club, led by Lion Stu Minton, presented Will with a tandem bicycle.

Will received his first seeing eye dog when he was 19 years old. Jenny is the 3rd seeing eye dog that he has had. He received Jenny from The Seeing Eye, Inc., a guide dog school located in Morristown, New Jersey. Will described how he was required to go through 2 to 4 weeks of training in Morristown with his seeing eye dog. The training included going to New York City for a day and navigating through a subway and a series of streets from 40th to 49th street. He said that the cost to fully train a seeing eye dog and recipient is up to \$70,000 and the average useful life of a seeing eye dog is 9–10 years.

Will described how he met his wife, Wendy, on a 'blind date'. Wendy is a special education teacher and they have recently closed on a new house. Also, Will has a jewelry business that keeps him active and busy. He is truly an outstanding inspiration for all that come in contact or hear about him. The East Cobb Lions are extremely pleased to have had a small part in helping him.

East Cobb Lion Susan Hampton joins the new Cobb Public Safety Foundation

East Cobb Lions Club Past President Susan Hampton has been a strong community leader in support of better pay for Cobb public safety employees. Susan and several other citizens strongly urged Cobb commissioners to raise salaries and benefits calling the situation a crisis. As a result, in the Cobb fiscal year 2020 budget adopted last month, most police officers, firefighters and sheriff's deputies got a seven-percent raise, and those who got satisfactory performance reviews also received a one-time bonus of \$1,475.



Lion Susan is now expanding on her past strong community action in Cobb county. Susan has joined the **Cobb Public Safety Foundation** as a board member. The foundation provides support to county public safety employees and their families. The **Cobb Public Safety Foundation** raises funds and awareness to help public safety employees who are facing physical, emotional or financial need. The foundation was launched in June by Lance LoRusso, an East Cobb resident and attorney. The organization's board includes many prominent Cobb citizens, including Cobb Chamber of Commerce CEO Sharon Mason and former Cobb Commission Chairman and Georgia Attorney General Sam Olens, both East Cobb residents.

Susan and her strong community action was highlighted in an excellent article recently on the East Cobb News website. To read the article, click on the following link:

<http://eastcobbnews.com/east-cobb-activist-joins-new-cobb-public-safety-foundation/>

East Cobb Lions Support East Marietta Little League

The East Cobb Lions Club was one of the original sponsors of the East Marietta Little League chartered in 1959 and have continued for 60 years to support this outstanding youth organization. On August 13th some of the current 9 -11 Year Old Georgia District 2 Little League Champions joined our annual club picnic at the home of Henry and Cindy Bohn.

Present were Donna Musterer and Carrie Navratil, both are on the East Marietta National Little League Board. They brought their children that played on this year's championship team. Donna's two children - Sam and David along with Carrie's children - Bella and Isaac (aka Dave) enjoyed the picnic and swimming pool at Lion Henry Bohn's house.



From left to right - Sam, David and Donna Musterer with East Cobb Lions Club President Janna Boevink



District 2 Tournament Games

East Marietta 16	Hobgood 5 (Won)
East Marietta 8	Smyrna 6 (Won)
East Marietta 1	Smyrna 0 (Won)

2018-19 Club Officers

President	Janna Boevink
Immediate Past Co-President	Henry Bohn/ Susan Hampton
1st Vice President	Asgar Kachwalla
2nd Vice President	Patty White
Secretary	Debbie Hennessey
Treasurer	Ray Moore
Tail Twister	Bob Shaw
Assistant Tail Twister	Jeff Budd
Lion Tamer	Bob Hennessey
Chaplain	Gene McDuffie
Assistant Chaplain	Don Webster
Membership Chairman	Asgar Kachwalla
Sight Conservation Co-Directors	Kelly Ryan/Ed Ressler
Directors—1 year	Bob Sapp Jeff Budd
Directors—2 year	Ron Shelby
Georgia Lighthouse Associate	Liz Moore
Camp for the Blind Associate	Kelly Ryan
Programs Director	Henry Bohn/ Susan Hampton
Golf Committee Chairman	Asgar Kachwalla
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

