



East Cobb Lions
Serving our community
for 59 years!



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September, 2017

East Cobb Lions Club Newsletter

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From our President ...



Hello Lions,

As we march forward into the new year the theme for my year will focus on increasing our membership. As you know our club does not just focus on vision services for our community we also give back to our community through our foundation. In order to continue these services to our community that was established by our senior members and leadership, we must continue to increase our numbers. Our members are strong but we are aging. In order to continue the legacy established in our club we must continue to grow. I challenge all of you to think out of the box and bring in new ways/ideas to increase our numbers. I am open to any suggestions you may have. I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

As you attend our bi-monthly meetings, please keep track of our calendar for upcoming events and meeting. As a preview, in September, for our first meeting (9/12) we will have a guest speaker (GARRS, Jane Boyton) and in our second meeting (9/26) we will be having a packing party for the troops. On September 16th we will march in the East Cobber Parade, so pull out your walking shoes.

Lion Al Hernandez

CALENDAR

**September 12th - Jane Boyton
Georgia Radio Reading Service.
The Rib Ranch - 7pm**

**September 16th - March in East
Cobber Parade - 10am - meet at
Mount Bethel Elementary
School parking lot - 9:30 am**

**September 19th - Board Meet-
ing - Powers Ferry UMC - 6:30pm**

**September 21 - 23 - USA/Canada
Forum - Portland, Oregon**

**September 26th - Project Mail
Call at the home of Ed and Mary
Ettel, 3661 Sope Creek Farm Rd.
7pm**



Vision Screening

Just wanted to let everyone know how we have been progressing with our Vision Screening Project which this year I call KidSight Plus because we are screening all ages in this program.



Lion Ed Ressler, Chairman
East Cobb Lions Vision Screening

Since March of this year we have screened 2371 individuals and have helped 130 obtain eye exams and glasses. Just in the month of August we screened 1437 individuals. One of the screenings was at Kids-R-Kids in Marietta so all of them were pre-k. This was a first for us and we were aided by an optometrist who was seeing things in the results that we would have no idea what they really meant nor do we want to because as volunteers we do not want to leave ourselves open to any liability.

What is interesting is that of the 1437 we screened in August, 1343 were students in the Cobb County School District. School screenings are always slow but September is already picking up with October already showing a heavy schedule. As of August 30, we are scheduled to screen approximately 6800 students in the Cobb County School District but as I said before, there are several schools that want us to screen but just have not scheduled a date. My original estimate was at least 10,000 students and then we add the Health Fairs that we are requested to attend.

After we finish with the schools and get into what we call our slow season we will be looking for more Early Learning Centers because our goal is to find children in their early years that have potential vision problems and have them seek professional exams before it is too late.

Lion Ed Ressler



Date: August 31, 2017

From: Smyrna Elementary School
1099 Fleming Street
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

To: Ed Ressler
Lion's Club

Dear Mr. Ressler,

Smyrna Elementary would like to express our sincere appreciation for your generous support of our students and staff with vision screening. The efforts of your amazing team completed 378 vision screenings for our students. We thank you and look forward to a continued partnership with your organization.

Lara Fain, Social Worker

Jada Ladner, Psychologist

James Brett Ward, Principal

District Governor Teri Chambers-Rice visits East Cobb Lions Club



District Governor Teri Chambers-Rice shown above with East Cobb Lions President Al Hernandez was the featured speaker at the August 22nd East Cobb Lions Club meeting. DG Teri discussed a variety of topics including plans for an On-line Lions Club, LCI's Global Service Team, the 100 Anniversary of Lions Clubs and our plans and challenges to reach our goal of serving more people in need in our district and beyond.

Cyber On-line Club - The district is beginning the process of organizing an On-line Lions Club. This would be a web-based club just like any regular club with a Board of Directors and would still report activities/projects and pay dues. The club would build, plan and discuss as a club – except they would do it online.

Global Service Team - LCI has announced the creation of this team to further increase our service impact around the world. This team is designed to help us to reach our goal to impact over 200 million lives through service, increase our membership to 1.7 million Lions and Leos, and provide learning opportunities to over 500,000 members by the year 2020.



Remember!!! Project Mail Call Tuesday, September 26th 7 PM

The East Cobb Lions will again be packing care boxes for the United States Military at the home of Ed and Mary Ettel on Tuesday, September 26th at 7pm

The address for the Ettel's home is 3661 Sope Creek Farm Road. We meet at the Clubhouse.

The directions are:

From Terrell Mill Rd. turn east on Paper Mill Rd.

After passing Sope Creek Elementary School, turn right on Sibley Forest Drive then left on Gunby Rd. The clubhouse is on the left.



2017-18 Club Officers

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

A Second Opinion

Lenny tells the psychiatrist, “Every time I get into bed, I think there’s somebody under it.”

“Come to me three times a week for two years, and I’ll cure your fears,” says the shrink. “And I’ll charge you only \$200 a visit.”

Lenny says he’ll think about it. Six months later, he runs into the doctor, who asks why he never came back. “For \$200 a visit?” says Lenny. “A bartender cured me for \$10.”

“Is that so! How?”

“He told me to cut the legs off the bed.”