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February 26, 2011

## East Cobb Lions Club Newsletter

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### From our President ...



*Hello Fellow Lions,*

*As we come to the end of February and the first signs of spring are right around the corner. I have been contemplating my year as president and where I wanted the club to strive. If you remember my theme this year was Miracles through Service and hope you are prepared for a very busy spring.*

*We have our quarterly road clean up scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> to tie in with Keep Cobb Beautiful program and President Sid Scruggs environmental goals for each club. We have the vision/hearing screening March 12, camp work weekends March 18 -20 & April 29 – 1. We will be having our very first Lighthouse Clinic after confirming with Lion Brad that he would run one with our support. Then we just found out that Lion Ray's optometrist would like to help us out with a second clinic. We will also be going over on those clinics to help wash eyeglasses and sort them for the lighthouse.*

*As you can see Miracles do come through from service. Then we have our two spring fundraisers coming up with our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Easter Pan-*

*cake Breakfast on April 9<sup>th</sup> and our largest fundraiser the golf tournament on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you are selling the tickets for the breakfast and finding raffle prizes and golf sponsors for our golf tournament. We have some leisure time to spend at the district convention on March 11 & 12 and the state convention in Gwinnett on June 10 – 12. Please also mark your calendar for the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the Camp on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

*As we do our service projects and fundraisers please remember to keep Lion Frank and Audrey in your prayers. I just read on the care pages that Ben and his family will be going to Philly Feb 20<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the removal of Audrey's primary tumor on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

*Lion Debbie*

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## East Cobb Senior Center recycles used eyeglasses for the East Cobb Lions



(L to R) Lion Bob Hennessey, Kathy Lathem with Cobb County, Lion Kelly Ryan, and Holly Barnes with Cobb County .

The East Cobb Senior Center at 3332 Sandy Plains Road collected 365 pairs of used eyeglasses and presented them to the East Cobb Lions Club on Valentine's Day, February 14. Kathy Lathem- Resource Development Coordinator, Holly Barnes - Program Specialist, and Sandee Panichi - Program Coordinator with the Cobb County Senior Center managed the outstanding recycling effort and participated in the event as the eyeglasses were turned over to the East Cobb Lions for processing and distribution.

At the Lions Recycling Center the glasses will be cleaned, sorted, and the prescription measured. Then Lions and trained eye care professions dispense the glasses, free of charge, to needy children and adults in developing nations.

### Eyeglasses Box Locations

East Cobb Senior Center  
3332 Sandy Plains Road  
Marietta 770-509-4900

FOR EYES (Home Depot shopping center)  
4101 Roswell Rd., Ste. 905.  
Marietta, 770-565-6763

Costco Optical Department  
2900 Cumberland Mall  
Atlanta

Mount Bethel United Methodist Church  
(across from East Cobb Government Center)  
4385 Lower Roswell Rd.  
Marietta, 770-971-2880

Eyes on Providence  
Dr. Bradley Cross  
3535 Roswell Rd NE Suite 8  
Marietta, GA, 678-560-8065.

Eastside Baptist Church  
2450 Lower Roswell Rd.  
Marietta, 770-971-2323

Tritt Elementary School  
4435 Post Oak Tritt Rd.  
Marietta, 770-642-5630

H.M. Patterson and Son  
1157 Old Canton Road  
Marietta, 770-977-9485

Powers Ferry United Methodist Church  
245 Powers Ferry Rd.  
Marietta, 770-973-5272

Dr John Miller, O.D.  
(intersection of Johnson Ferry Rd.)  
4343 Shallowford Rd. NE  
Marietta 770-640-7800

Dr Gray Sass, O.D.  
(intersection of Terrell Mill Rd.)  
1545 Powers Ferry Rd., Suite 240  
Marietta 770-952-6412

East Cobb Veterinary Clinic  
(near Johnson Ferry rd. and Roswell Rd.)  
1314 East Cobb Drive  
Marietta 770-973-2286

Marietta Eye Clinic  
3939 Roswell Rd. ,Suite 100  
Marietta 770-977-8000

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
(corner of Sandy Plains and Trickum Rd.)  
Marietta 770-971-4600



*An opportunity to serve!!!! Lion President Debbie Hennessey received the following letter. Please read and let her know if you can help.*

Hi Debbie,

My name is Peggy Kilmartin and I reside in Hope Valley, RI. My Father resides in Savannah Court Assisted Living in Marietta at 886 Johnson Ferry Rd. He is 87 years old and has his wits about him but he has macular degeneration of the eyes and his sight is failing. He can see to take care of himself but can no longer read. His name is Michael Saxon.

I am telling you all of this because I know the Lions clubs are very involved in doing special things for the blind. I was wondering if you have any volunteers who help those who have sight issues. I looking for someone to spend maybe 30 minutes every week or two helping my father go thru his mail so he can continue to handle his affairs. He loves where he lives and really doesn't want to move to an assisted living in RI but it's difficult for me to help him with these simple things because I am so far away. I looked into hiring someone to assist him but the cost was very high. He really doesn't need someone to 'handle' his affairs, simply to read to him so he can make his own decision.

I would appreciate discussing this further with you if your chapter does in fact do any volunteering in this area. I would also appreciate any feedback you may have of anywhere else I might check for such a volunteer service to help.

Thank you very much for taking the time to consider this request,

Peggy Kilmartin

Here's a brief description of my Dad.

He's a huge Steeler fan and is thrilled this morning!!!

He was born in Donora, PA, served in the Navy, worked in the steel mill, married my mother and had 3 daughters of which I am the oldest.

When the Steel mill closed (I was in 3rd. grade) we moved to Warren, Ohio and he became a pipe fitter for Packard Electric which was a division of GM.

He's a very devout Catholic and all three of us went thru 12 years of catholic schools. Two of us went to Kent State U. and one graduated from Ohio State.

When I was 25 (I'm 57 now) my mother had an aneurism. She was handicapped from that time and her mind was sharp as a tack with historical things but her short term memory was very bad. My dad took care of her until 3 years ago when she passed away. In fact,, their wedding anniversary is Feb. 3rd and my mom passed away on Feb. 10, 2008.

My mom and Dad lived with my sister Sue in Vinings for about 15 years. Sue's children are Jessi (graduate of Dartmouth College and currently living and working in San Francisco) and Elise (Graduate of UCLA and currently living and working in LA) . These 2 girls were the center of my mom and dad's life and the girls love him and are still very important to him. They were both home for Christmas and spent nearly every day with him and he was on cloud nine.

My Dad loves to fish and used to drive to the 'hooch' and fish everyday. When he couldn't drive anymore, his fishing days became more limited because he had to get rides.

We are a family of Steeler fans and football and baseball have always been part of our lives. My dad has always loved football, high school, college, and pros. Since my mom passed away, football is like the center of his life and thank God for the NFL channel because he re-watches games constantly!!

Well, that's the basic overview of my dad and his wonderful life. He can be loud, opinionated, and a royal pain in the A... but he's the best father anyone could ask for! Let me know if there's any questions you may have.

# Hole In One Sight For All

**20th Annual Charity Golf Tournament**

benefiting the ...  
East Cobb Lions Club Foundation

**April 28 at 8:00 am**



Putting Contest  
Awards & Cash Prizes  
Chance to Win a New Car  
Closest to the Pin Contest  
Door Prizes



## Golfers

Only \$125 each

Ft. Lauderdale Style Tournament

All Skill Levels Welcome

Sign up by April 21

## Sponsors

Program Ads Starting at \$50

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Hole Sponsorships Starting at \$500

Includes Golfers & Program Ad

**Sign Up / More Info: [eclions.org](http://eclions.org)**

The Golf Club at Bradshaw Farms

3030 Brashaw Club Drive

Woodstock, GA

East Cobb Lions Club Presents ....



# EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

When: Saturday, April 9 from 7 to 11 am

Where: Powers Ferry Methodist Church  
245 Powers Ferry Rd. Marietta GA

How: Pay at the Door



## 20010-11 Club Officers

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| President                    | Debbie Hennessey                               |
| Immediate Past President     | Susan Hampton                                  |
| 1st Vice President           | Chris Walsh                                    |
| 2nd Vice President           | Chris Howe                                     |
| Secretary                    | Janna Walsh                                    |
| Assistant Secretary          | Patricia Bates                                 |
| Treasurer                    | Ray Moore                                      |
| Assistant Treasurer          | Susan Hampton                                  |
| Tail Twister                 | Asgar Kachwalla                                |
| Lion Tamer                   | Bob Hennessey                                  |
| Assistant Lion Tamer         | Junior Baker                                   |
| Chaplain                     | Yarl Hellemalm-Ashfield                        |
| Assistant Chaplain           | Gene McDuffie                                  |
| Membership Director          | Chris Howe                                     |
| Sight Conservation Director  | Kelly Ryan                                     |
| Directors—1 year             | Alex Gunther<br>Margaret Kelley<br>Dick Morris |
| Directors—2 year             | Al Hernandez<br>Patricia Bates                 |
| Georgia Lighthouse Associate | Ray Moore                                      |
| Camp for the Blind Associate | Bob Hennessey                                  |
| Programs Director            | Chris Howe                                     |
| Golf Committee Chairman      | Chris Walsh                                    |

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| Tuesday, Mar. 8                        | Regular Meeting 7 pm<br>at Eastside Baptist Church                 |
| Friday, Mar. 11 &<br>Saturday, Mar. 12 | District Convention at<br>Alpharetta First United Methodist Church |
| Saturday, Mar. 12                      | Health Fair  |
| Tuesday, Mar. 15                       | Board Meeting 6:30 pm  |
| Friday, Mar. 18 -<br>Sunday, Mar. 20   | Camp Work Weekend  |
| Tuesday, Mar. 22                       | Regular Meeting 7 pm<br>at Eastside Baptist Church                 |
| Saturday, April 2 -<br>Sunday, April 3 | Club Retreat   |
| Saturday, April 9                      | Easter Pancake Breakfast<br>Powers Ferry UMC                       |
| Friday, April 29 -<br>Sunday, May 1    | Camp Work Weekend  |
| Saturday, April 30                     | Night of Spectacles  |



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