



THE ALPHA LION NEWSLETTER

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Coming Events!

Thursday, April 14h—BOD at 7:00 pm
All members are eligible and encouraged to attend.

Sunday, April 17th—Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 23rd—
Council of Governors Meeting, Perry, GA

Thursday, April 28th — Regular meeting. Social at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Meal is \$20.00 per person. A surcharge will be added if paying with a debit or credit card. Cash bar.

We'll have the honor of having and recognizing Alpharetta's Public Safety winners.

- * **Police Officer of the Year—Jeffrey Ross**
- * **Firefighter of the Year—Eric Hatten**
- * **Communications Officer of the Year—Kimberly West**

Join us!!



CLUB OFFICERS 2021-2022

President—Tony Pickens
Past Pres.—Amy Andrews
1st Vice Pres.—Rick Custer
2nd Vice Pres.—
David Crawford
3rd Vice Pres.— Carl Fricks
Administrator—Rob Lefebvre
Secretary—Holly Hunter
Treasurer—Chris Burt
Tail Twister— Charlie Andrews
Lion Tamer— Valerie Pamperin
Membership Chair—Mary Lefebvre
Care Chair—Lillian Pickens
Marketing Chair—Luis Ceneviz
Service Coordinator—Mark Pamperin

Board of Directors

Sue K. Buchett
Luis Ceneviz
Teresa Ceneviz
Ben Easterling
Fred Edwards

Webmaster—
David Crawford



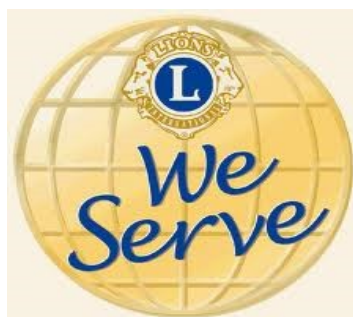
DATES TO REMEMBER

2022-2026 Alpharetta Lions Club and Georgia Lions of 18L

April 14, 2022	Alpharetta Lions Club BOD Meeting
April 28, 2022	Alpharetta Lions Club Regular Meeting
April 23, 2022	Council of Governors Meeting, Perry, GA
May 13-15, 2022	State Convention, Dublin, GA

*******Future Conventions*******

June 24-28a, 2022	LCI International Convention, Montreal, Canada
September 15-17, 2022	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
July 7-13, 2023	LCI International Convention, Boston, MA
July 3, 2026	Lions International Convention, Atlanta, GA





In Memoriam

HAYNES H. TOWNSEND

Judge Haynes Townsend, from Dalton, Georgia, USA, was elected to serve as First Vice President of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

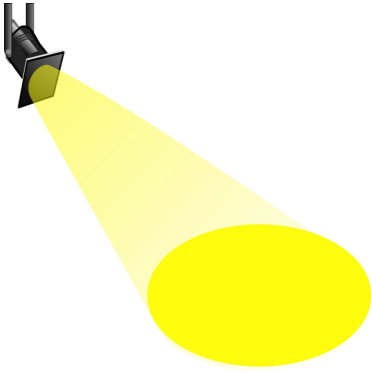
Vice President Townsend served as a Magistrate Judge for 22 years before retiring in 2019. He and Lion Donna have two Daughters, Morgan and Madison and one grandson, Kenneth Haynes Rutledge.

A member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club since 1979, he held many offices within the association, including Club President, region chair, zone chair, district governor, district librarian, multiple district leadership chair and international director. He served on the international board from 2009 to 2011, as chair of the 2010-2011 Constitution and By-laws Committee and as a board appointee to the 2010-2011 Executive Committee. He also served as a presenter at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum.

In recognition of his service to the association, Vice President Townsend received many awards including three Lion of the Year Awards, 15 District Governor Appreciation Awards, the Ervin-Crumbley Award, District 18-A Hall of Fame Award, numerous International President's Awards, International President's Leadership Awards, the association's highest award the Ambassador of Good Will Award, a Membership Key Award and a Knight of Strength Award. Vice President Townsend was a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Lead Donor of LCIF.

In addition to his Lions activities, Vice President Townsend was active in numerous professional and community organizations. He was the Chair of the Dalton-Whitfield Christmas Parade and was honored as the Judge of the Year by the State of Georgia.

His wife, Lion Donna, continues to carry on the legacy of Kindness Matters he left behind.



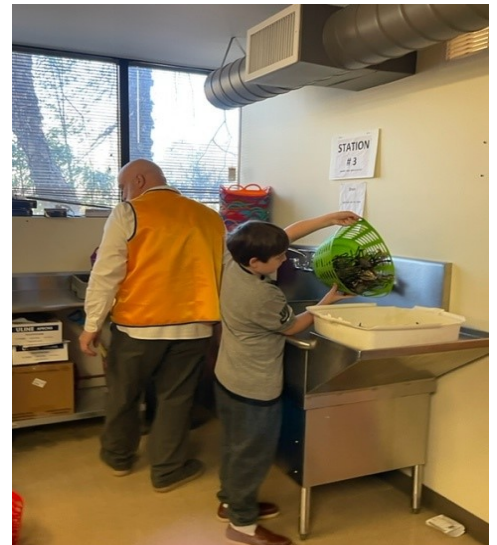
SPOTLIGHT

Trey Pickens...

He's the grandson of Tony and Lillian Pickens. He attends Mountain Road Elementary School in Cherokee County. He's in 4th grade. He enjoys playing with his Nintendo Switch, reading, playing outside, doing crafts and most of all helping.

He is a hard working little man, that enjoys participating in anything and everything. He sings in the school choir and has volunteered to participate over the years in several plays and musicals at the school.

On Saturday, February 19th he joined a few of us Lions going to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse in Chamblee to clean glasses. He helped clean, rinsed, dry, sort and kept us entertained for three hours. Thank you Dennis and Barbara Chapman, Rick Custer, Mark Pamperin for being so good to him and making him feel welcomed, part of the team and for nominating him for this honor! He's very proud and we are too!!



**Thursday, March 10th—BOD Meeting, Tony Pickens, Presiding
Present— Rick Custer, Fred Edwards, Chris Burt, Amy Andrews, Holly Hunter,
Rob & Mary Lefevbre, Mark & Valerie Pamperin**



**Saturday, March 19—District 18L Convention in Dalton GA.
DG Pamela Williams, Presiding**

Great meeting and day of fellowship!! We had a great turn out. We had 108 members attending.

**Our David Crawford was awarded with an International President Certificate of Appreciation and Dennis Chapman was nominated and elected to be the next 1st Vice-District Governor. Please take a moment to congratulate them both!!!
Al Hernandez, 1st VDG was elected as our new 18L District Governor!**

There was a very deserved and emotional tribute to LCI 1VP Judge Haynes Townsend by PID Kembra Smith, Lion Octavio Perez and his widow, Lion Donna Townsend.

Our guest speaker was International Director, Allen Snider from Canada and his wife, Lion Susan Snider.

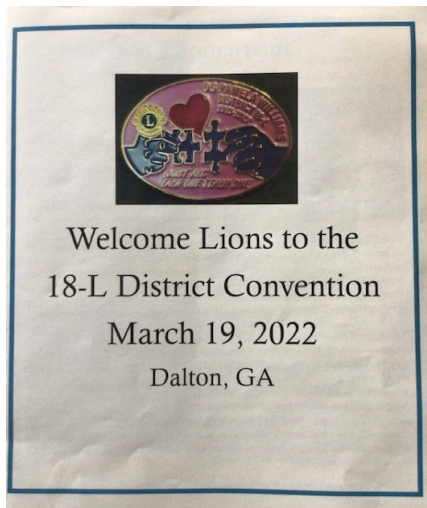
More pictures on our club's Facebook page.



Facebook.com/Alpharetta Lions Club

Website: <https://www.alpharettalions.com>

District 18L Convention, Dalton GA



Thursday, March 24th—Regular Meeting. Tony Pickens, Presiding
Our guest was DG, Pamela Williams. She had the opportunity of inducting our new
Lion members, Fran Schefer, Nesim Bekaroglu and Bob and Mary Evans. Please take
a moment to welcome and congratulate them.

Our dear fellow Lion Fred Edwards was given the Tom Bingham Fellow Award. This
is the highest honor bestowed upon a Lion to recognize the highest achievement in
support of the work of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation.

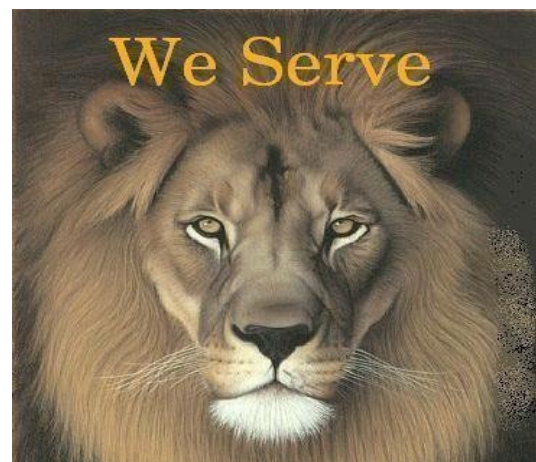
Lion Fred has led our eyesight/eyeglass collections committee for over 20 years and
collected, sorted and delivered tens of thousands of eyeglasses, frames and lenses
that are donated and distributed to those in need all over the world.



Saturday, March 26—Road cleaning

We had 10 Alpharetta Lions participating in the Roswell Street road clean up. We all worked from 9:00 am to 10:00 am so 10 manhours were provided. We collected 9 bags of trash.

Thank you so much to Nesim Bekaroglu, Rob and Mary Lefebvre, Chris Arthur, Mark & Valerie Pamperin, Charles Strums, Barbara Chapman and her granddaughter, Carina Wheeler, Lillian Pickens





Happy Birthday

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY AND
MANY
BLESSINGS TO
ALL OF YOU
BORN IN THE
MONTH OF
APRIL!