

Atlanta Metro Lions



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August was designated as
Membership
Drive Month for
Atlanta Metro

Lions Club.

The Atlanta Metro membership committee designated the month of August to begin a drive to attract new members into the club. At the first meeting in August members were encouraged to bring family members and guests. DG Kenneth Moore visited the

club and spoke about membership.

At the August noon meeting, the committee had a "meet and greet" with members standing and introducing themselves; telling how many years they have been a member of the club; what committees they have served on; and, a funny story about themselves; all while holding a ticking potato that rang a bell. The member's turn was over once the bell rang; then they had to pass

the potato onto the next member and it started all over again. It was a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed it. The purpose was for new members to learn about the older members and for older members to reacquaint themselves with each other.

The committee is encouraging all members to invite people who will be of good service to join our club. We need good members!

District Governor Kenneth Moore Visited Atlanta Metro On August 7th

DG Kenneth Moore and his lovely wife Ellen had his official visit with Atlanta Metro on August 7th at our regular business meeting. The club was celebrating Membership Month and DG Kenneth delivered a very motivating speech encouraging members to bring in new members. He was introduced by PDG Vanessa Stanley. DG Kenneth made it a fun meeting with his jokes and antics. On a se-

rious note, DG Kenneth presented 3 Atlanta Metro members with "Everyday Heroes" certificates for their outstanding work in the club as well as in the community. The recipients were Lions Erskine Boazman, Jean Ector and John Wilson. Our club congratulates these 3 outstanding Lions. DG Kenneth brought tickets for the District fundraiser that our club agreed to help sell for a beautiful rug.

He and Ellen had not long returned from the International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand and brought a book of pictures from their trip.

Lion Ellen Moore is serving as District Cabinet Secretary and Leaderdog Chair. She spoke briefly about leaderdog where she encouraged us to continue to donate.

We Thank DG Kenneth and Lion Ellen for their visit. It was a great meeting.



DG Kenneth Moore



DG Kenneth & Ellen



Lion Ellen Moore

2008-2009 Club OFFICERS

President—Jean Ector
1st VP—Willie Alexander
2nd VP— Harry Price
3rd VP—Sheila Morrow
Secretary—Walter Wiggs
Asst. Secretary—Richard Puls
Treasurer—Carl Roberts
Financial Sec.—Herb Eber
Tail Twister—Bettye Pledger & Winston Minor
Lion Tamer—John Wilson
Co-Lion Tamer—Arthur Crawford

Joseph Thigpen Medicare Speaker

Joseph Thigpen, Medicare Benefits consultant with Well-Care spoke at our July 17th noon meeting. He gave very informative information about Medicare, Medicare Supplemental and the Prescription Drug Plan. He explained and answered many questions about the way in which Medicare works and how to get it to work best for us. He is a very knowledgeable man on this subject.

Mr. Thigpen received his BS degree from Jackson State University and his Masters degree from Atlanta University. His



Joseph Thigpen
Speaker

resume is full of extensive work in securities, finance and insurance. He has obtained several security licenses. He retired from Amoco Oil Company after 24 years of service and now works as a consultant with Well-Care. Mr. Thigpen can be reached at 770-362-8345. He has a wealth of information.

Club Planning Session Held in August

Lion President Jean Ector held Atlanta Metro's planning session for Lion Year 2008-2009 at her home in Southwest Atlanta. All committee chairpersons, board members and members were there to map out the direction the club will take this year. The session was well attended and we are in for a very productive Lion year.



Little Johnny and the Evils of Liquor

Little Johnny's chemistry teacher wanted to teach his class about the evils of liquor, so he set up an experiment that involved a glass of water, a glass of whiskey, and 2 worms.

"Now, class. Observe what happens to the 2 worms," said the professor putting the first worm in the glass of water. The worm in the water moved about, twisting and seemingly unharmed.

He then dropped the second worm in the whiskey glass. It writhed in pain for a moment, then quickly sank to the bottom and died. "Now kids, what lesson can we derive from this experiment?" he asked. Little Johnny responded, "Drink whiskey and you won't get worms!"

Installation of New Atlanta Metro Officers 2008-09



(Left:) Installation of new officers. (Right:) Past President Winston Minor presented plates to honor last year's chairpersons and board members.



(Left:) PDG Vanessa installing officers.



President, Jean Ector

(Right:) Passing the gavel.



Lion President Says...

We are off and running! Nope, it's not the 10K - it's the Atlanta Metro Lions Club. Thanks to you for your dedication and support of Lionism; you support the theme, "Miracles Through Service."

District Governor Kenneth Moore, Jr. made his official visit August 7th. He presented certificates to "Every Day Heroes," Lion Erskine Boazman, Lion Jean Ector, and Lion John Wilson. The membership committee members put on a special "Member Introduction" which proved to be fun and informative—good job team. Take a moment to

read the latest edition of our District 18-A Newsletter, the Lions Tale, and check out page 6. You'll see some of your members there.

We will soon have a new updated Atlanta Metro Lions Handbook, thanks to Lion Walter Wiggs. Now, we need to take your picture, but we can't if you are "MIA." So, please try to make a noon or evening meeting. Lion Vanessa Stanley and Lion Shelia Morrow are putting to-



President Jean Ector

gether a pictorial directory.

The Food Tasting Extravaganza is October 26, 2008. Sell your ten tickets and come back for another 10. You can do it, I know you can!

Well, I lose almost everything I put my hands on; so, if you have seen my Christmas Activity Survey form that Lion Maynie Anthony just gave out—give it back to me, please. Don't forget that you need to complete one, too.

Introducing New AMLC Member, Lion Eugene E. Thomas

Atlanta Metro Lions Club is delighted to introduce our newest club member, Lion Eugene E. Thomas. Lion Thomas is sponsored by Lion Leonard Bush, Sr. Lion Eugene earned his BS degree from Tuskegee Institute and went on to receive his Masters from Atlanta University Graduate School. He then attended Georgia State University. He served in the Korean War and earned the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

He retired from the Atlanta Public School System after 31 years of service. He retired from the Boys &

Girls Club in Atlanta following 28 years of service. He was appointed by the Salvation Army as the first black Unit Director of the Boys & Girls Club in Atlanta in 1965.

Lion Eugene received a Purple Heart and Combat Infantrymen Badge for service in Korea; selected "Star Teacher" of the Atlanta Public School System in 1969; and, was honored with a resolution by the Georgia State Senate for Outstanding Service to Youth in the City of Atlanta. These are just a few of his honors. We have a very

outstanding Lion.

Lion Thomas is a member of a large number of civic organizations which among them is the Boy Scouts of America. He received an award from the Boy Scouts for Outstanding Community Service to Youth.

He is married to Morriscene Thomas and he is a member of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church. We are proud to welcome Lion Eugene Thomas as a member.



USA/Canada Forum Held in Saskatoon, Canada in September

Lions Clubs International is holding the USA/Canada Forum on September 18-20, 2008 in Saskatoon, Canada. This year we will have 2 outstanding Lions from our district teaching classes. PCC Mark Miller will present "Lions Service: A Proud Past ...A Brighter Future." And, PDG

Haynes Townsend will be presenting, "I'm the Treasurer ...Show Me The Money!" PCC Mark has presented at the forum three times; and, PDG Haynes is presenting for the second time.

All Lions are encouraged to attend



the USA/Canada Forum because the training that you receive there is priceless. It's not too late to register.

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Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

- 9/1 MDA Telethon
- 9/4 Board Meeting 6pm
Regular Business Meeting 7pm
Speaker—PDG Jane Price/Club Photos Taken
- 9/6-7 Lighthouse Fall Meeting, Macon State College
- 9/18-20 USA/CANADA Forum Saskatoon, Canada
- 9/18 Regular Business Meeting 12 noon
- 9/29 Board Meeting, 7pm

OCTOBER

- 10/2 Regular Business Meeting 7pm
Membership Orientation
- 10/18 Regular Business Meeting 12 noon
- 10/26 Food Tasting Extravaganza

NOVEMBER

- 11/1-2 Lions Camp for the Blind Fall Meeting, Warner Robins

- 11/6 Regular Business Meeting & Zone Meeting 7pm
Richard Peterson, Zone Chair Presiding
- 11/8 District Cabinet Meeting, Adairsville
- 11/20 Regular Business Meeting 7pm
Speaker—Lion Tom Jenkins

