



Georgia Lions Camp Report May 17,2019
State Convention by PCC Olin Newby, Chairman

The camp has continued to meet the day to day challenges that any facility has. Ron Worley, Program Director for the camp has been busy working on the program for this year's camp. Mike Williams has been busy taking care of the day to day activities of the camp and helping Ron get familiar with the camp. Gail Williams is busy getting the summer camp registrations processed plus the other activities she does as office secretary. The Board has been busy making decisions that affects the camps functioning as it should.

Mike Williams has been busy working on the remodeling of the staff cottage. If anyone has some time to help with this project get in touch with him

to see how you might help. The remodeling will enhance the use of the building for a variety of activities.

As we continue to operate the camp, we need more input from the Lions of Georgia. We need more people to take an interest in the camp by speaking to others about the camp as well as visiting the camp letting the camp board about possible sources of funds for the camp .It will be greatly appreciated if people would take more interest in the camp and its activities.

We have projects such as the Memorable Gardens where people can honor or memorialize a friend or relative. The 1976 Society is another way a person can support the camp. The silent auction that will be going on at the State Convention this weekend will be another way to support the camp. Attached is a report from Mike concerning some of his activities. Participate and have a good time.

Thanks for all that you do for the camp. PCC Olin Newby, Chairman of the board.

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Again this year the camp hosted the annual 10-K Swamp Run put on by the Okefenokee Track and Cycle Club. This is our third year of hosting this event. Over 180 participants joined in the race.

The youngest was about two years old (they actually did the one mile fun run with their dad). The oldest participant was over Eighty.

About 350 people were on the camp's site during the race. This year the events primary sponsor was our local Chick fil A restaurant.

Each year this race will be held in late March. I am asking any Lion That can, please schedule to attend next year and give a presence of what it is to be a Lion. Volunteers are welcomed. No work involved.

This year the event raised\$4,500.00 that will be go towards camper sponsorship.

Two of our local Lions Clubs, Jekyll Island and the Darien Lions participated in a fund raising event for the camp put on by Bill Robinson of Caldwell Banker Platinum Partners of Brunswick, Ga. Each year Mr. Robinson puts on a yard sale at his office and choses a Non profit organization to donate the proceeds to. He asked for any clubs or individuals to participate and the Jekyll Island and Darien Lions stepped up to help the camp. After the yard sale ends any items left over were donated to local charities for their use any way they may need.

This event raised \$3,144.00 for the camp. Proceeds were dived to both of the clubs so each club could make separate donations to the camp. Jekyll Island has presented the camp with a check for \$1,572.00 that was put into the camp's general funds.

Jekyll Island club also donated some needs items to the camp along with some Cheese. Yes, really cheese. This is something they have done for the camp for the past two years.

A couple of their club members also helped out with some cleaning over in the building that is being renovated. Cathy Dillon and Michael Mueller.

Jim and Janice Mock of the Alamo Lions Club came earlier this month and helped spruce up the camp by cleaning out flower beds and replanting them with some new flowers. This was Jim and Janice's first time working at the camp and they assured me it was the first of many more. Mr. Jim did attend the Leadership training course that was held here back in January. Mrs. Janice is very talented when it comes to flowers and their arrangements. Hopefully she will take on the task of helping keep out Memorial Garden looking spectacular.

Another new Lions club to come help us here at the camp was a group from the Hahira Lions Club. Mrs. Wanda Johnson put together a work crew and they came during a weekday to get some painting, weed pulling done and some pressure washing. The others members that came to help were Amy and Drew Rozier along with Shannon Kingston. Earlier that morning when they first arrived I asked them if they had been to the camp before. This was their first time. According to them they too will be a regular here at the camp in the future. Guess I didn't work them to hard!!

Not only does the camp's power company, O.R.E.M.C. make monetary contributions to the camp, this year they came and helped in areas that needed some strong backs. Dewayne Johns along with thirteen of his co-workers came and cut down several dangerous dead trees and a couple of trees that were still alive but leaning in a dangerous manner. Other task that were done was buildings were pressure washed, the walking track was tilled up and then sprayed to kill the grass. One of the hardest jobs performed was the removal of carpet and tile out of the staff building. This is the building that is under renovation. This was a very hard task. If you see one of our local employees from this area, tell them thank you. This was a job that many of you would not want to do. At one point. They had to use a wench to pull up the carpet. Someone must have gotten happy with the glue when the carpet was first installed. This carpet probably was installed in the early 80's.

Another organization outside of Lions came again this year to help the camp get prepared for summer season. This is the third year in a row that the Golden Isles Career Academy has come to help pick up debris, rake, paint, clean, and anything else that may be on the work list. They are organized and led by Rick Townsend from the school and the camp was introduced to them by the Jekyll Island Lions Club. This year there were about seventeen students and four faculty members along with the bus driver and Pete Dillon of the Jekyll Island Club that came to help.

Renovation on the Staff building is coming along at a good pace. We have completed the Rough in parts of electrical, plumbing and framing portion of the job. Next up is some insulation installed, drywall hung and mudded, (looking for volunteers!!), and tile for the floors and walls in the bathroom shower areas. Exterior doors were delivered this week and will be installed soon. If you would like to help in any of these areas give the office a call.

So as you see we have been pretty busy here at the camp.

Not only have these previously mentioned activities been happening, we are also preparing for the 2019 summer camping season. Ron Worley our Summer programs Director has been putting plans together for this year's summer sessions. We are preparing for all its activities and it looks like it will be a great summer.

Now I do not want to forget the driving force behind all these activities. Although I help with the outside activities the real person behind the scenes is Mrs. Gail. The camp's office manager and yes you all know, my Wife. She has been busy with her daily task such as QuickBooks, processing and paying the bills, answering the MANY phone calls from campers, doing spreadsheets, putting together manuals, well the list goes on and on. She's doing all this with a broken wing. I am very blessed to have her as a co-worker and supporter. We both love what we do and support the mission of this camp.



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The State Historian is collecting various items during the year that will be included in the History of the Lions of Georgia. The Historian helped the convention committee get a picture and information of the first Director Halliburton for the Macon, Ga Club. Macon was the second club to be formed after Atlanta. The Historian is in the process of scanning some information to be placed in the history of the Lions of Georgia.

I would encourage you as outgoing Governors, in the next few weeks to write a narrative of the highlights of your year as District Governor. I would encourage the incoming Governors to set up a folder to place different items of things that happened as pictures of events that you will participate in and at the end of the year write a narrative of your year as Governor. EACH GOVERNOR IS SUPPOSED TO WRITE A NARRATIVE OF YOUR YEAR AS DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND PLACE IN THE YEARS HISTORY. Thanks for what you do. PCC Olin Newby



Georgia Lions Lion Tamer Report, State Convention
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Lion Tamer

The State Lion Tamer Olin Newby has ordered the State Lions Towels and got them distributed. We have some towels that will be on sale at the state convention. The towels were shipped to LCI to be given to the International Family. The State Pins have been received and are being distributed. A design for the 2020 pin will be presented to the 2019-2020 Council for discussion and possible approval.

Thanks for your support, PCC Olin Newby