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The Best Way To Observe the Centennial

The other day I heard a sports commentator talk about a great athlete's legacy. The player was an all-star every year and a probable Hall of Famer, but the commentator remarked he needed to win this championship to cement his legacy. We hear that word a lot—*legacy*. It's part of discussions about artists, elected officials and innovators. Somehow there is something greater than the sum of our accomplishments. There is an identity or a lasting effect we can create that transcends what we have done and serves as a capstone, an obvious high point.

We have the opportunity to make the Lions Clubs International (LCI) Centennial more than just a celebration. We have an opportunity to leave a lasting impact on our communities. Centennial Legacy Projects are a great way for your club to cement its value and leave a lasting impression. It's a way for your club to celebrate the Centennial while reminding the community of your vital contributions.

Clubs worldwide have eagerly embraced this initiative. More than 4,000 Legacy Projects have been reported to LCI on MyLCI. Clubs are undertaking smaller initiatives such as making park benches or doing larger projects such as building clinics and expanding libraries. Many of the projects are innovative and ingenious such as the donation of the Kensington Lions in Prince Edward Island in Canada of a dozen 16-channel transmitters/receiver sound units to a school to enhance learning.

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So connect with your community by planning a Legacy Project during our centennial. Make your centennial celebration unforgettable by giving your community a lasting gift that Lions and community members will never forget.



Bob Corlew

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How do you spell service on a college campus? Members of the new Michigan State University Lions Club embody the spirit of Lions in a figurative way. With them are Guiding Lion Ray Robins (far right) and 2015-16 District 11 C2 Governor Russ Amidon (middle). See story on page 20.



Photo by Halsey Fulton

Angels We Have Seen on High

For 30 furious seconds, 621 sand angels thrashed about on Narragansett Town Beach in May in Rhode Island. The Guinness World Record had been a relatively paltry 352. The sand angels included nearly 100 Lions, Leos, scores of parents with children and students from the University of Rhode Island. Many learned of the project through Facebook. It was a meticulously planned event. Lions arranged for government officials—four state representatives—to serve as witnesses (a Guinness requirement), divided the beach into 22 lettered squares, escorted participants to the correct area, used bullhorns to communicate and horns to start and end the activity, secured sponsors and sold pins and T-shirts. Eighteen of the state's 31 clubs took part. The Lions succeeded in raising awareness of Lions: ample media coverage and "compliments galore on Facebook," says District 42 Governor Mary Ann Hutchins.



Watch a fun video of
the sand angels in action.

Video by Halsey Fulton
Fish Hawk Films

Even better, Lions raised about \$15,000 for Adoption Rhode Island, and four families inquired about adoption. "As an adopted kid myself, I couldn't be happier," says an emotional Hutchins. "To think a child could end up with a family—that brings tears."

Above photos by Peter Goldberg

FIRST WOMAN ELECTED TO LEAD LIONS IN 2018-19

Lions Clubs International is proud to announce we will have our first woman president in 2018-19. Past International Director Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir of Gardabaer, Iceland, was elected second vice president by Lions at the 99th international convention June 28 in Fukuoka, Japan. "My election means that fresh winds are blowing, and there will be more diversity in the leadership of Lions," Yngvadottir told the LION. "This election shows that Lions are ready to embark on a new century of service while adapting to an ever-changing world and worldviews. The fact that not only am I a woman, but that I also come from a tiny little country, highlights that Lions are spread out across the globe. And that every member, even in the remotest corner of the world, is valuable for our



Past International Director Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir of Gardabaer, Iceland, celebrates with her family her nomination as second vice president at the 99th international convention in June in Fukuoka, Japan.

association." An international director from 2010 to 2012, Yngvadottir is the vice director of the Institute of Continuing Education at the University of Iceland. "By electing a woman as their leader, Lions show themselves to be modern, despite having served for a century," she says. "This I hope will help to boost the membership of Lions worldwide, so we can expand our service reach and impact." Past International Director Jung-Yul Choi of Korea was elected third vice president; he will serve as president in 2019-20. Full coverage of the convention will be in the October LION.



The latest LQ showcases the food pantry and yard sale run by Lake of the Woods Lions in Virginia.

Photo by Branson Tarr

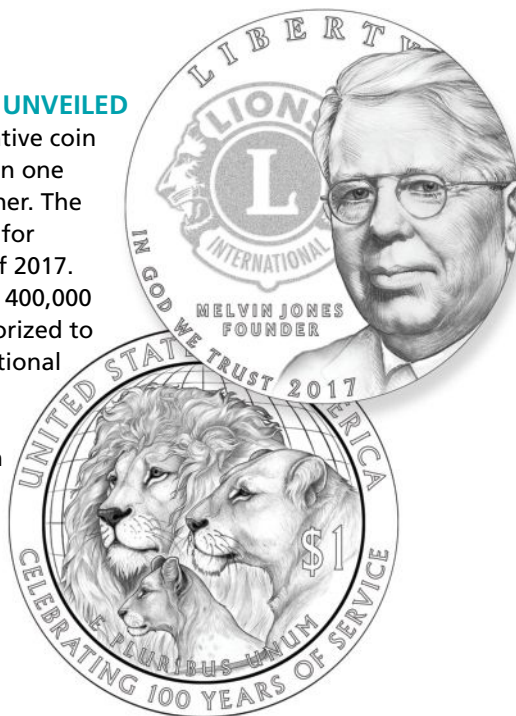
VIDEO MAGAZINE DEPICTS LIFE-ALTERING PROJECTS

A wide range of life-changing service of Lions and Leos is shown in the July 2016 Lions Quarterly. Lions and Leos prove to be good sports in supporting inclusive sports in partnership with Special Olympics, children at Camp Leo learn to manage their diabetes while having fun and forming deep bonds and Lions empower women worldwide. Also, the Virginia Lake of the Woods Lions Club holds a highly successful weekly yard sale, and Lions in Illinois work with their library to create a Reading Carnival for children. Be sure to "like" and share LQ on social media. LQ is available on the LCI website, YouTube, iTunes and DVD.

Watch the latest LQ.

CENTENNIAL COIN DESIGN UNVEILED

Lions' Centennial commemorative coin shows founder Melvin Jones on one side and three lions on the other. The \$1 silver coin will be available for purchase in the first quarter of 2017. The U.S. Treasury will produce 400,000 coins; \$10 of each sale is authorized to be paid to Lions Clubs International Foundation. The coin's design was unveiled June 28 at the 99th International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan. Congress approves only two commemorative coins each year. The coins often cost \$30 or more.



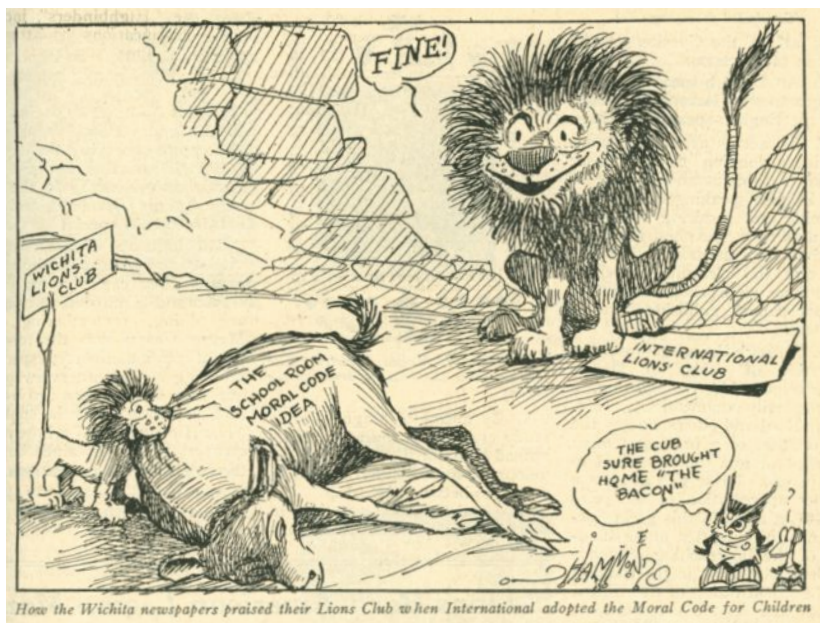
CLUB WELCOMES FOURTH-GENERATION LION

Clark Selters, 26, received some good-natured ribbing when he became a Lion in May 2016. "Yeah, they said, 'Here's another Selters.' I got some jabs," he says. Selters is a fourth-generation Lion. His father, John Selters III, 63, joined the Pomona Host Lions in California in 1987. He was preceded by his father, the late John, a member from 1952 to 2009, and Clark's great-grandfather, John, a Pomona



Attending Clark Selters' (middle) induction ceremony were his father, John (right), and Past District Governor Gilbert Smith, also a Pomona Host Lion.

91 Years Ago in the LION



SEPTEMBER 1925

Lions Clubs International comes out in support of the Moral Code for Children, guidelines to build character and citizenship adopted by many elementary schools nationwide, and the LION reprints a cartoon from a newspaper in Wichita, Kansas, that praises the Wichita Lions for backing the move.



DID YOU KNOW that Lions today still help young people through Lions Quest? Learn more at lions-quest.org.

Lion from at least 1932-1940. Clark has a lot to live up to. "My father and grandfather set records with perfect attendance," he says. His great-grandfather helped the club start the Los Angeles County Fair. Lions were part of Clark's youth. He ate at the club's barbecues, won first-place in the club's Bowl-a-thon and attended an international convention at age 3. "I remember my grandfather always wearing his Lions hat. He really enjoyed being a Lion," says Clark. "But there was no pressure [to join]." Lions are not the only thing four generations of Selters have in common. All are (or were) lawyers in the family practice. "We're not too original, I guess," says Selters. "We're not getting any smarter."

CENTENNIAL BUS TO HIT THE ROAD

The Lions Centennial Bus is gassed up, the new president and his wife are set to board and Lions from 20 states will be able to share their thoughts on Lions and the future of Lions Clubs with the president. International President Chancellor Bob Corlew of Tennessee and his wife, Dianne, leave in the coach bus Sept. 18 from Omaha, Nebraska (following the USA/Canada Forum), and will travel east meeting with clubs before circling back west and ending the tour Oct. 1 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The trip's purpose is to promote the Centennial, publicize Lions and gather input on Lions Clubs. The bus also will stop in Washington, D.C. and three cities in Canada including Toronto. The Corlews took a similar bus trip in February in which they covered nine states and 2,300 miles over nine days. To see the trip schedule visit lionsclubs.org.

Read about the February bus tour.

By the Numbers

650

We Make Them, You Bake Them pizzas made in four hours by Fredonia Lions and Lionesses in Wisconsin.



17,000

Books for sale at the Giant Used Book, Movie and Music Sale of Philomath Lions in Oregon.



200

Job seekers at a job fair of the Cumberland African Nova Scotian Association held at the

Amherst Lions Club in Nova Scotia, Canada.

2,000

Weight in pounds of a generator that Meriden Lions in Connecticut moved and installed at High Hopes home for children with disabilities.

150

Ham and scalloped potatoes dinners typically served on election night by Union Springs Lions in New York.

40

Restaurants whose staff took part in the Waiters Race of Visalia Breakfast Lions in California.

Years since the last showing of "Ellsworth Movie Queen" in the Maine town. The amateur movie, made in 1935 as a fundraiser for Ellsworth Lions, was shown at a community center in town last year.



80

18

Trips made in one month by Darlington Lions in Wisconsin to transport eye tissue from Dodgeville to Madison, 45 miles apart.



Overheard

"I just like helping people. That's what we're supposed to do—help someone in need."

—Keith Thomas, 2015-16 president of the New Bloomfield Lions Club in Missouri, after his club threw a benefit barbecue for a couple whose house burned down while they were on vacation. From the Fulton Sun.

"I'm so happy. It's like I won the lottery."

—Darlène Heath, who received eyeglasses from the mobile vision van of the Smoky Mountain Lions Charities of Knoxville, Tennessee. From the News Sentinel.

"Your beard becomes your best friend."

—Michael Foote of the Baccalieu Lions Club in Newfoundland, Canada, who had his head shaved as part of a club project to raise money for Young Adult Cancer Canada. From the Western Star.

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Globally, nearly 1 billion adults cannot read and write. The issue isn't just a challenge for low-income nations, either. In the United States, 21 million people can't read, and millions more have reading skills so limited that they have difficulty with common tasks such as reading signs or workplace instructions.

The Reading Action Program, launched in 2012, is a 10-year Lions commitment to focus on strengthening global literacy. The program calls for Lions to organize service projects and activities that underscore the importance of reading.

Lions clubs around the world have responded with a broad variety of community-based, person-to-person efforts. Some have helped develop after-school reading programs. Others have volunteered to read to children at local libraries, work as reading tutors or donate books and computers. Whatever the project, Lions say the work is deeply satisfying.

"I get tears in my eyes when I see these children improving their reading on a daily basis. It's worth my time indeed," says Jean-Marie Willem of the Bruxelles Saint Hubert Lions Club in Belgium, which created an after-hours school reading program staffed by Lions.

In Hawaii, the West Kauai Lions Club holds bingo games for kids. The prize? A book. "It's a good project, because it promotes reading," says club member Charles Ortiz.

The Nagoya West Lions Club in Japan teamed up with the Makati Golden Lions of metropolitan Manila to build a library for children in the Philippines, then donated new computers and educational software. "Computers are necessary nowadays," says Shinzo Suzuki of the Nagoya West Club. "So I like [young people] to study or get more knowledge about computer use."

Many reading efforts tie in with Lions' longstanding efforts to help people with visual impairments. Leos and Lions from Multiple District 107 in Finland recorded stories, fairy tales and poems, then published the recordings online so children with visual impairments could listen.

The Montclare Elmwood Park Lions Club in suburban Chicago, Illinois, held a reading carnival for more than 100 children, treating them to story time, a puppet theater, face painting, crafts, balloon twisting and snacks.

To increase the literacy program's impact, Lions have joined forces with other organizations that have the same goal including Reading is Fundamental, the largest children's literacy nonprofit organization in the U.S. And at the 2012 International Convention in Busan, South Korea, Lions announced a partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development's global literacy campaign, saying USAID and Lions both believe that "literacy is critical to the future of all children."

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The Hoshiarpur Samarpan Lions Club in India provides students with books.

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Pride in Serving Youth

Queens Pride Lion Ralph Gonzales says he discovered something unexpected when his club and the Little Neck Douglaston Lions united to sponsor the Braille Challenge in New York City. He knew contestants from the sixth through 11th grades would be thrilled to compete. What he didn't anticipate was how Lions felt by observing the interaction of families whose children were contestants.

"We were watching parents sharing stories about raising a visually handicapped child. Hearing them talk among themselves made me feel like we sponsored a more valuable event than we could have ever imagined. We wanted to empower the students, but we empowered the families, too," he points out. "We just sat back and were pretty close to tears when we saw how much it meant to them to meet other families who shared the same challenges raising a visually impaired child. It was kind of amazing to see."



A student competes in the NYC Braille competition sponsored by Lions.

There were 50 visually impaired and blind students who participated in the competition that tests proficiency and promotes the importance of Braille. Lions hosted the finals event by providing volunteers, meals for contestants, their families and teachers, trophies, certificates and prizes.

Gonzales estimates that about 60 percent of his club's projects are focused on helping youth. They've helped train 200 Lions Quest teachers, collect Toys for Tots, donate school supplies for an after-school program, collect eyeglasses and bought new clothes for needy students. They also sponsor a yearly trip to the circus for

150 blind and hearing-impaired children, who use headsets and ASL interpreters during performances.

Still, Lions want to do more, emphasizes Gonzales. "We've already hosted a workshop for 35 NYC physical education teachers to learn about beep baseball, and we're planning to work with more teachers and students to teach them about the game," says Gonzales. Lions recently gave the school district 300 T-shirts donated by the Brooklyn Cyclones, a minor league baseball team. "We really want to have a team sponsored by next year," he emphasizes.

Sleeping Soundly, Thanks to Lions



Hudson Lion Ron Maynard (left) and Camp Pride staffer Bill Goodfield load mattresses onto a cargo container in Boston for shipment to Odessa, Ukraine.

When the 42 Lions clubs in eastern New Hampshire funded the purchase of 260 new mattresses for Lions Camp Pride in New Durham, Hudson Lion Jerry Vaccaro, the camp director, believed that the old mattresses, still serviceable, could be put to good use. And now they are—more than 4,500 miles away in Odessa, Ukraine. "Being in the mattress business for 43 years, I had some contacts," he says. "Some of those mattresses had been at the camp since 1989. But since they were used only three or four months of the year because we're a summer camp, they were still in good shape. We didn't want to just throw them out."

Working with several agencies, Lions and other volunteers loaded the mattresses into cargo containers for overseas shipment from Boston. The cost of the shipment is estimated at \$40,000, paid for by a humanitarian aid program of the United States Department of Defense. It took a month for the cargo ship to reach Odessa. The mattresses are now being used at an Odessa hospital, and Camp Pride guests are sleeping soundly on their new ones. "Smiles are coming from all different directions at camp," says Vaccaro. "The 'thank yous' we got from parents and kids were overwhelming."



Photo by Susan Holland

Gary Jones and Ken Foxx (right) install the final screws in the iron frame around the new Gravette welcome mural.

Mural Anchors Town to its Heritage

Lions in Gravette, Arkansas, were looking for a way to honor their small town of 2,300 people. There was already a Lions logo on the sign welcoming drivers to Gravette, but the club's 18 members thought bigger was better when it came to promoting their town.

Now, just a short distance away, visitors view a colorful mural depicting Gravette's history and cultural heritage. The mural is affixed to the front of the Mid-Continent Concrete plant located near the highway, with a large "Welcome to Gravette" sign anchored to the center.

Composed of 16 four-by-six-foot panels, the mural was created in two months by 50 volunteer art students at

Gravette High School. Lions paid for wooden panels and the 10 gallons of paint to complete it. "It shows scenes in and around Gravette," says Lion Susan Holland. Among those scenes are a football field, a farmer in a field, and an early steam locomotive, which played an important part in Gravette's historical development. A baseball player (Gene Stephens), an astronaut (Dick Covey) and an Air Force plane (several flying aces have hailed from Gravette) recall noted people from Gravette.

Lions thanked students with a pizza party. And then club members faced another big job—coating the murals with waterproof sealant and mounting them in an iron frame to the concrete plant's exterior. The mural doesn't just provide a colorful and warm welcome to drivers entering Gravette. "Every Lion feels a sense of accomplishment whenever we drive by," Holland says.

One, two three ... Oom-pah-pah!

It's all in the name, although the abundance of beer may help. Mark Lootz, a Plymouth Lion in Massachusetts, serves as chairman of the Thirsty Pilgrim, the club's Oktoberfest-style festival held on Plymouth harbor's waterfront for two days each September. He says Lions never realized seven years ago when they sponsored their first festival that it would become the club's most popular event. "Turns out that it's become our biggest fundraiser by far," says Lootz, who says it brings in more cash than the club's annual pancake breakfast, golf tournament and Vegas Night combined.

It's not just about beer, brats and dancing to good German music. It's about feeding the hungry. "We give out money to 12 different food banks in our town right before Thanksgiving to help people before the holidays," Lootz says. Last year, the club raised \$40,000 for food pantries and gave funds to eight elementary schools for their "backpack and snack" programs. The Thirsty Pilgrim has raised \$200,000 for families in need since it began. Lions charge



A little lederhosen and some cheery music from the King Ludwig Band entertain Thirsty Pilgrim visitors and raise money to help feed the hungry.

a \$5 admission for adults, a price that includes three beer sample tastings, but there's also plenty of fun for underage visitors to keep them amused. Face-painting, balloons and contests for kids make it a family-friendly day.

BELGIUM

Imagine There's No Need

Thirty-six years after his death, John Lennon remains beloved across Europe and especially in Brussels, where people are proud of their independent spirit and creativity. The Brussels Imagine Lions Club, named after the ex-Beatles anthemic hit, enjoys doing untraditional projects—such as its recent collaboration with artists who painted and sculpted using old doors and window frames.



An artist created this work of art for Lions to sell.

Fifteen artists created, well, it's open to interpretation what they depicted. There was a Madonna-like mother and child (a refugee family?), a bundle of sticks and wood and an iron woman made from discarded brass and steel. Displayed at an old warehouse, the art fetched US\$12,000. Typically, Lions split the selling price with the artist.

Two years ago, partnering with the club, artists created paintings on old beer barrels. Proceeds from both fundraisers went to a home for adults with disabilities.

The club was formed in 2010, the 30th anniversary of Lennon's death. None of the 11 members are artists: there are lawyers, an insurance agent, an entrepreneur and a firefighter. But the club does meet at an interesting place: the Youkounkoun Palace, a restaurant named after the world's biggest diamond.



One woman knit these toys that Liverpool Lions sent to Romania.

ENGLAND

Toys Help Heal Wounds—Sometimes Literally

Joan Elliott remembers a poignant moment after Lions in England sent teddy bears to young children in Mostar injured during the Bosnian War in the early 1990s. Short of supplies, the embattled medical professionals told the Lions that next time they should provide teddy bears with bonnets that had ribbons—the ribbons could help keep the tubes on the babies.

For more than 20 years Lions in England have been shipping hand-knit bears and other hand-knit toys and clothes to children in dire straits. They've partnered with Lions in Norway to help children affected by Chernobyl, Moscow Lions in Russia assisting an orphanage, Turkish Lions responding to an earthquake and Lions in Sri Lanka aiding a nursery.

Lions typically work with church groups, whose members knit or crochet the toys and clothes. The latest project of the Liverpool Lions is supporting disadvantaged children in Romania. The painstakingly crafted goods “bring some comfort and joy to these children,” says Elliott, a past district governor.

ITALY

World's Fair Includes Our Roar

World's fairs have been spectacular events since the first one was held in London in 1851. The expositions have introduced to the world such wonders as Paris's Eiffel Tower and Alexander Graham Bell's telephone. World Expo 2015 was held over six months in 2015 in Milan, Italy, and Italian Lions were on hand to showcase the wide range of Lions' service.

The theme of the fair was “Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life,” and Lions' large exposition booth highlighted Lions' service in alleviating hunger, providing drinking water, preventing disease, encouraging healthy lifestyles, protecting the environment, curtailing waste of food and water and promoting food safety and innovation in growing food.

Past International Presidents Giuseppe Grimaldi of Italy, Barry Palmer of Australia and Joe Preston of the United States attended the Lions Day at the fair, and Grimaldi and Preston also participated in a day dedicated to biodiversity. Attended by Past International Directors Manoj Shah of Nairobi and Alexis Vincent Gomes of the Republic of Congo, an African Lions Day focused on innovation in the food chain.

Altogether, 137 nations took part in the fair, which was attended by 22 million people.

NAMIBIA

Caring for a Community's Elderly

One question changed the course of a club and eased the pains of the elderly.

“Why isn’t there home-based nursing care for older people here?” Lion Trevor Schaefer asked Corrie Steyn, a nurse, in 2007. “Here” is Henties Bay in Namibia, a small country of 2.3 million in southwest Africa.

There were about 700 elderly residents then in the town of 6,000 and no hospital. So Steyn started the Nurses on Wheels program with the help of Lions and then joined the Hentiesbaai Lions Club three years later.

“We saw the need for home care. We wanted to take care of the psychological and physical needs of the elderly until end of life,” says Lion Pieter Erasmus. Today, a team of nurses and seven care workers provide care to the bedridden, assist with hygiene, exercise and post-operative care and tend to terminally ill patients.

Steyn, now the club’s director of health and welfare, often makes her rounds with Hannelore DeJager, another

nurse; Christine Anderson, a social worker, and Lorraine Swartz, a caregiver—all Lions. The club buys medical equipment and donates space in their large clubhouse for the nursing program. There is an examination room, a consulting room for nurses or a visiting doctor, storage space for medical equipment and an administrative office.

Lions also operate a “Smousgat” shop in the clubhouse where second-hand clothing and other items are sold to raise money to help needy elderly. The shop has proved so popular that Lions plan to increase its size and relocate to another building.

Male Lions accompany nurses to lift patients and assist with the transport of bigger medical equipment such as hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers and commodes, says Lion Jeanette Bronkhorst. Female Lions in the 64-member club also go with nurses on home visits to offer their assistance and cheer to patients.

NEW ZEALAND

Jet Ski Proves Its Worth

Kayaking far off Uretiti Beach, the couple tipped their vessel and fell into the water. In their 60s, they desperately flailed their arms as the waves pushed them out further. Beachgoers called police, who dispatched a rescue squad on a jet ski.

“The police would have taken a half hour or more to get there. The jet ski was there in minutes,” says Terry Ward of the Whangarei Lions Club in northern New Zealand. “They were exhausted and would have drowned.”

Ward’s club recently provided the Ruakaka Surf Life Saving Team with the jet ski after two crab fishermen died near the popular beach. The club raised NZD\$25,000 (US\$17,000) to purchase the rescue vehicle. The lifesaving team patrols miles of beach area.

Known as the “city of 100 beaches,” Whangarei has 55,000 people. Its four Lions clubs have 88 members.



The jet ski already has saved two lives.

SPARTY HEARTY

The new Michigan State University Lions Club is No. 1 in the hearts of its devoted members.

BY JULIE HALPERT

Two miles from campus, three Michigan State University students kneel beside a toddler-sized play kitchen and aim and then spray sanitizer on tiny plastic cups and toy hamburgers, mustards and ketchups. The college cleaning crew is learning that being a Lion encompasses all kinds of service.

The students are volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House, a home away from home for families whose seriously ill children are hospitalized. Preventing illness among families with sick kids is vitally important. The diversity of service practiced by Lions was what drew her to join, says Patty Costello, an 18-year-old freshman in 2015-16. No other campus group “had the versatility to do such a broad range of things,” she says.

Chartered last October in East Lansing, the Michigan State University Lions Club is flourishing. It began with 30 members and now has 37. The club has hit the ground running. In less than one year, it’s launched 30 projects including working with Brookdale Assisted Living, Habitat for Humanity and a food bank.

It’s no easy feat to launch a successful club of any type at MSU, a sprawling Big Ten university whose mascot is the helmeted Sparty. Students have classes to attend, homework to do and often jobs to work—not to mention social functions, sports events and late nights of having fun in myriad ways. And it’s not as if there aren’t other clubs on campus to belong to. The first recruitment for a Lions club on campus was in September at Sparticulation—400 student groups vied for new members.

A further hurdle was a lack of awareness of Lions Clubs among the student body. Some students believed Lions passed out Tootsie Rolls at intersections. (The Knights of Columbus do that.) Others assumed the club had something to do with the Detroit Lions. Vivien Powell,



a 19-year-old sophomore, says her father was surprised when she told him she was becoming a Lion. “Isn’t that for older people?” he asked.

“He didn’t expect a group of college students to be interested in it,” she says. Fortunately, many students, Powell included, had no preconceived notions. She says she now “lives and breathes” Lions.



The Michigan State University Lions Club gathers at the iconic Spartan Statue on campus. Joining members are 2015-16 District 11 C2 Governor Russ Amidon (see if you can guess which one he is), and Sparty, the university's muscular mascot.

- College Campus Lions clubs gain in popularity. Read the story from the June 1999 LION.
- A Campus club thrives at the University of Georgia (September 2013 LION).

That kind of embrace of membership is reflected worldwide among college students. There are now 111 Lions campus clubs in the United States among a total of 500 in 66 nations.

A Roaring Start

Courtney March, a 22-year-old senior business major in 2015-16, stands at the lectern at the front of the classroom. “They’re for residents at Brookdale Assisted Living,” she reminds two dozen of her fellow Lions. “Try to make two each. Make them as cute as you can.” Sitting at desks, the students munch on cookies, chat with one another (often loudly or animatedly) and decorate valentines. Upbeat songs from Justin Bieber and Katy Perry fill the room. A golden retriever named Brandi, a Leader Dog, wanders from row to row as students take turns petting her. Welcome to a biweekly meeting of the campus club.

Meetings at MSU include many traditional elements: the hanging of the Lions banner, collection of dues, a presentation of pins, election of officers to fill vacant seats and guest speakers such as a representative of the Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange Program. Yet the club definitely has a more informal vibe. Members aren’t decked out in the traditional Lions vests. Women dress in typical student attire such as leggings and long sweaters while men come in jeans and sweatshirts.

Regular clothes make sense for college students, not flushed with cash. The goal is to avoid asking students to pay more for wardrobe items on top of dues, though they may decide to order T-shirts at some point, explains Kaylee Langlands, the chair of the Social Media/Public Relations Committee Chair. “As students, we’re here to serve,” adds Kaitlyn Kwiecinski, one of the first members. “We’re less worried about the gear that goes along with it.”

The club is less formal in other ways. Instead of a ritual prayer favored by some clubs, “we might throw in an MSU fight song,” Langlands says.

As the club evolves, it plans to build partnerships with area Lions clubs. Many local Lions turned out for the MSU clubs’ charter party. “They’ve been willing to go out of their way to meet us and help,” says Rachel Swartz, another charter member.

The seeds for the club were planted when a friend of Courtney March tried to start a Lions club at Western Michigan University. That club never got started. But March, her interest piqued, emailed Ray Robins, membership chairman of the nearby Holt Lions Club and secretary of District 11 C2. Robins was elated. Starting a club at MSU had been a longtime goal of Lions in the district.

“Getting a Campus Lions club means you get a younger generation exposed to Lions,” says Robins, 68. When they leave here, they will go on and join another club and infuse younger blood into those organizations.”

Robins took on the equivalent of a part-time job over the next year acting as a Guiding Lion to get the club off the ground. That job was made easier with March as a partner. She’s a “natural born leader,” he says.

March became president. “Service has been my calling, and that’s what the Lions are about,” March says, her

singsong voice conveying the passion she feels for Lions. She saw the club as filling a void on campus for an international group focused on community service. She enlisted three of her friends: Kwiecinski, Swartz and Sarah Mimnaugh, all 21-year-old seniors during the 2015-16 school year, to help form the club. Robins quickly dubbed them “the gang of four.”

March took on the leadership role despite a heavy schedule: a 15-credit class load, four hours of daily homework and two jobs that took 15 hours weekly. She was able to maintain her 3.9 GPA in the midst of it all, fueled by three to four cups of coffee a day and a Type A personality. “I go crazy when I’m not busy,” she concedes.

Much of the recruiting took place through social media. The club has its own website and Facebook page and is active on Instagram and Twitter. Four of the club’s 38 members are from outside the United States. Twenty eight are women. Going forward, the club plans to recruit more men.

Members are studying a range of disciplines—everything from business to pre-med, psychology, public policy and advertising. What they all have in common, March says, is a passion for service. They need to be committed to the club because the \$51 annual dues can be a challenge for students on tight budgets.

The club fulfills a need for its members. For Nick Miller, a 19-year-old public policy major and the group’s fundraising committee chair, it was the chance to quickly assume a leadership position. “It’s a good opportunity to start something new,” he says. Volunteering and philanthropy provide a solid base for a political career, he adds.

Kwiecinski, an economics major with plans to attend law school and eventually work for a nonprofit, has participated in 15 service projects already. “The Lions fell into my lap,” she says. “I wanted to do something to impact the community and leave a significant impact on campus.” She says her experience with the Lions has provided her with valuable leadership and networking skills.

A 20-year-old from Rwanda, Joyce Goodluck chairs the Service Committee. The Lions’ international presence was a big attraction for her. “If I go back home, I can still be a part of it,” says Goodluck, whose laptop has a Lions decal. Since there are few opportunities to help the disadvantaged in her home town, she may start a Lions club there.

Mimnaugh, one of the “gang of four,” has volunteered at Ronald McDonald House three times. She manages to juggle her Lions activities, including her role as treasurer, with a full academic schedule and working 17 hours in the ad department of an insurance company. The Lions club, unlike other college clubs, offers the chance to be more interactive with the community that surrounds East Lansing, she says. Another Lions’ volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House, Melissa Snyder, a 19-year-old sophomore, says that allowed her to see how “a simple thing like volunteering can make such an impact on another person’s life. It makes you see the world through a different perspective.”

Robins, a Lion for 20 years, listens to the students discuss their zeal for the club like a proud father. He’s gratified

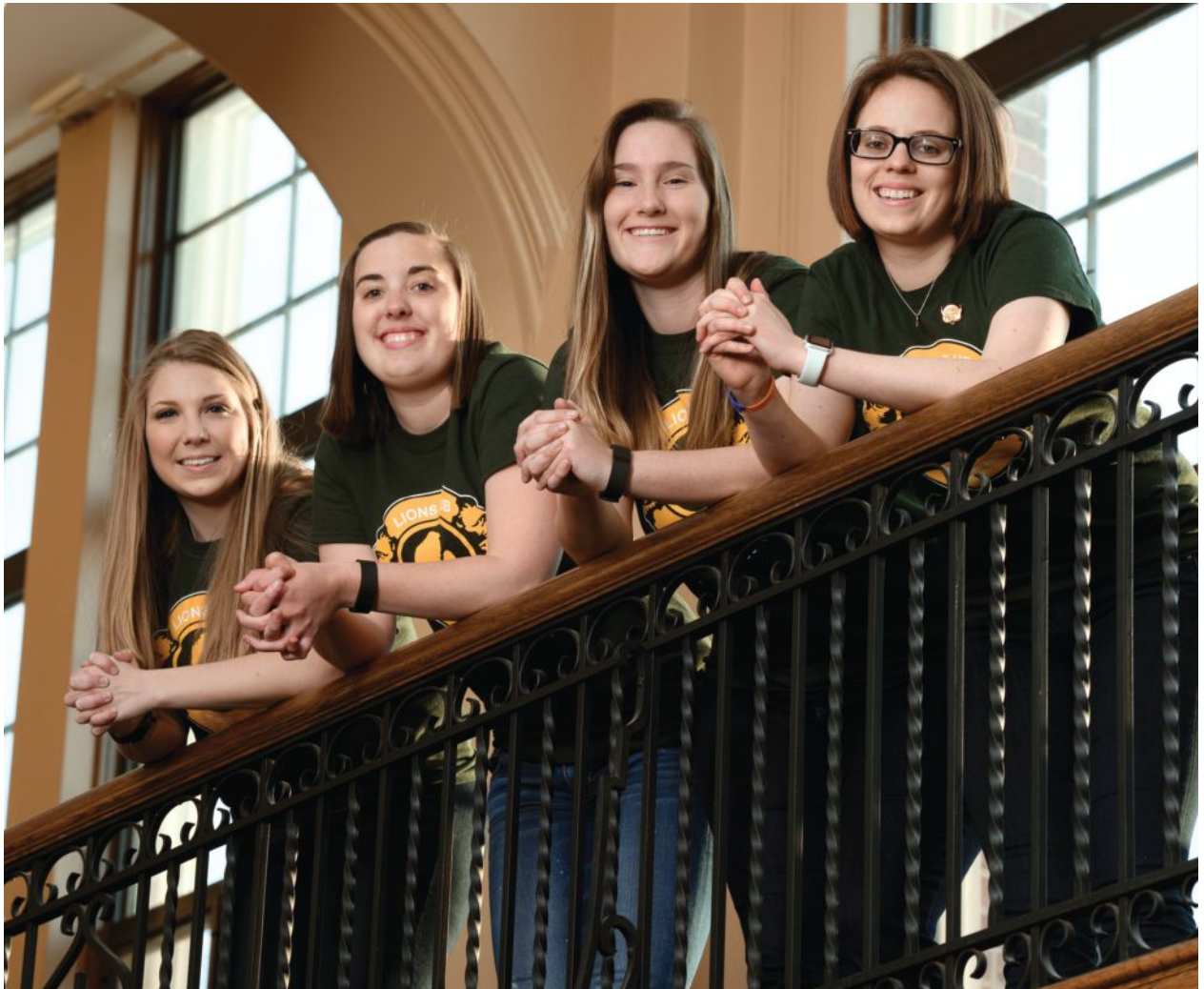
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that so many plan to join other Lions clubs when they graduate. March, who will stay another year at MSU to get her masters in accounting, has already accepted a full-time job in Chicago in June 2017 at Deloitte Tax LLP. She plans to incorporate the Lions into her company.

Powell is pleased that she can remain a member wherever she lives. "I can move to Japan and will find a Lions club there," she says. Adds Langlands, "Once a Lion, always a Lion. We all feel that way."

And the way young Lions feel about their membership is fresh and genuine. After the freshman Costello expresses interest in running for the board but hesitates because she's new, Mimnaugh and Snyder encourage her. "I'd go for it," Snyder says. "What's open?" Costello asks. "Everything!" Mimnaugh and Snyder respond in unison.

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The "gang of four," all 21-year-old seniors who helped form the club, are (from left) Kaitlyn Kwiecinski, Sarah Mimnaugh, Rachel Swartz and Courtney March.

A FIRST FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

A San Francisco-area club for public servants charters with 30 members.

BY ANNE FORD

Here's the career of bomb-squad officer Mike Peck, by the numbers:

Years served: 25.

Potentially explosive devices dismantled or disarmed: About 300.

Words of public recognition: Essentially zero.

"Occasionally, we'd get a little pat on the back—an award here, an award there. But you don't expect one; you don't require one," says Peck, who recently retired from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad in Redwood City, California.

As for emotional support for these hardworking first responders? Those were mostly limited to jokes among the bomb squad itself (such as "If a bomb goes off, it's going to hurt a whole heck of a lot. The good news is, it won't hurt for very long").

"There really wasn't anybody who said much to you to alleviate any stress," Peck recalls. "You had to do it yourself."

Now, police officers, firefighters, paramedics, nurses, emergency medical technicians, and yes, bomb squad members on the San Francisco Peninsula have a new source of support and recognition: the San Mateo County First Responders Lions Club, which will serve the area between San Francisco and Palo Alto.

A number of Lions clubs are formed around a common interest or background. These include the Fairbanks Snowmobile Fun Lions Club in Alaska, the New York City SUNY Optometry Lions Club, the El Paso Executive Women Lions Club in Texas, the Honolulu Kapiolani Ballroom Dancers Lions Club in Hawaii and the Toronto Doctors Lions Club in Canada. Chartered last November, the San Mateo County First Responders Lions Club is for first responders and the family members, friends and community members who support them.

Jack van Etten is a past 4-C4 district governor, a retired chief of the Burlingame Police Department and a longtime member of the Burlingame Lions Club. During his nearly four decades in law enforcement, he engaged in



plenty of good-natured workplace hijinks such as putting pinholes in his coworkers' paper coffee cups, or leaving a rubber snake in his boss's desk drawer.

Van Etten came up with the idea for the First Responders Club because "law enforcement really took a hit" in public perception in the wake of widely publicized incidents such as the 2014 unrest that followed the fatal shooting of Michael Brown by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri.

"I wanted to do something to elevate the status of first responders, so communities can understand that these people are good people, and the [negative] things you hear

about law enforcement don't necessarily represent everyone in the field," says van Etten, who is serving as one of the club's Guiding Lions. "Plus, people in first-responder positions are kind of taken for granted."

Van Etten had a Rolodex overflowing with contacts in the first responders field, and so he began recruiting potential members for the new club. "Everybody knows Jack," says Sandee Schlickman, charter president and a retired ER nurse. "He just started sending out emails to his friends."

The club's 30 members include retired and current law enforcement officers, two emergency room nurses, a fire-

Members of the San Mateo County First Responders Lions Club serve the region between San Francisco and Palo Alto.



fighter, an investigative consultant, and several Community Emergency Response Team participants (members of the public who have received training in disaster response skills).

The club kicks off each meeting at the Burlingame Lions Club Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. “My heart just blooms every time I say it with these people,” Schlickman says. “Justice for all—boy, that means a lot these days.”

Members with law enforcement backgrounds say they’re used to working solo. Those who’ve worked in the fire department or as medics have a more team-based orientation. Yet the members mix well together. “I don’t think

Gulfport, Mississippi, and I worked in a medical clinic there, too.” Then, five years later, a few weeks after the devastating Haiti earthquake of 2010, she and two combat-medic friends took rope, tents, tarps, and medical supplies to the city of Port-au-Prince.

“My dad was a volunteer fireman and a volunteer policeman, and I think I just take after him,” she shrugs.

Because the club’s service area encompasses several dozen towns and first-response agencies, its formation has given first responders from all over the county an opportunity to get to know one another for the first time.

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Members include (from left) Sandee Schlickman, charter president and a retired ER nurse, and Todd Medford, a lieutenant in the San Mateo Police Department and 2016-17 club president. Jack van Etten, a retired police chief, is the club’s Guiding Lion.

we have had a tense moment since we started,” says Schlickman. “Everyone is very respectful of each other’s voices.” Members understand one another and what they hold dear: each meeting ends with a moment to remember a local first responder who has recently passed away.

Some of the members such as Schlickman and Peck knew very little about Lions before joining the club.

“I didn’t have any idea about what the Lions were. I just wanted to make some friends,” says Schlickman, who had just moved to the area and became involved with the club after being invited by a neighbor. “But it sounded like a good group of people to be with. Their whole philosophy is ‘We serve,’ and I’ve always been that way.”

How so? Well, after Hurricane Katrina, Schlickman and her sister “loaded up four big Rubbermaid containers and filled every one of them up with 50 pounds of medical supplies and treats for kids,” she says. “We took them to

“I only knew three people in the entire club when I joined,” says Todd Mefford, a lieutenant in the San Mateo Police Department and 2016-17 club president. “It has brought together first responders from different areas of the San Francisco Peninsula. We’re getting to know each other, and that’s one of the beautiful things about this club. That’s one of the things we do as first responders—work well in teams.”

Not only that, but the new club gives first responders a way to be Lions without having to join a community-based Lions club. “There may be some people who would not want to be in a community-based club because they may work in Burlingame but live 50 miles away in another city. So they can’t really be in a community-based club because they’re not in that community very much,” van Etten says. “This club involves the entire county, not just one city.”

So far, the young club has supported events such as a

holiday brunch for needy children and an awards banquet for police officers and firefighters. Members have many ideas about exactly how they'd like to help meet the needs of first responders, their families, and those who support them, as well as how they'd like to help the community at large.

"Let's say a police officer dies in the line of duty," says Milan Radojevich, a board member of the new club and a retired law enforcement official. "There are a lot of organizations that come in immediately and help the family out. What happens after they all go away? After the funeral, then what? If you've ever lost a loved one, you know what it's like. You're sitting there going, 'Now what do we do?' Our club is thinking of doing something along the lines of afterward, after everybody leaves, coming back to the family and saying, 'Okay, what do you need *now*?'"

"There are organizations out there that jump to the family within the first 24 hours of a tragedy, but it pretty much dwindles after that," agrees club treasurer Ross Hite, a private investigator and fraud specialist who owns the Burlingame-based Investigative Analysis consulting agency. "We think we've found a niche that we're going to try to address."

Hite points to a case involving a detective with the city of San Mateo's police department who was killed in the line of duty back in 1968. "His widow is in her early 90s, and she's still alive," he says. "This particular tragedy occurred before anything like a benevolent association for officers existed, and we believe she's fallen through the cracks. We'd like to investigate the possibility of providing some assistance to her, such as transporting her to the grocery store. That's just one example."

For her part, Schlickman would like to see the club provide community education on disaster preparedness—something with which she gained much firsthand experience during four post-Hurricane Katrina visits to New Orleans and one visit to Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there.

"Disaster runs in my blood," she jokes. "I'd also like the club to provide some help with 911 dispatching education, so that community members know what to say when dialing emergency services. The dispatchers don't want screaming; they want you to stay calm."

Its members think that the new club may be the only special-interest Lions club to focus on first responders. In that sense, "we're kind of a pilot program," says Peck, a member of the club's board. "Our success will possibly stimulate successes in other geographic areas."

"As first responders, we need to support each other more than ever right now," Mefford adds. "But it's really what we do in the community that makes us effective. Having first-responder Lions in the community will allow us to work more closely with that community—and build trust in law enforcement."

Whether it's ballroom dancing, snowmobiles or UFOs, Lions unite around a common interest. Read the story from the January 2009 LION.

Stitching Together—As Lions

Painstakingly, tenaciously stitching small pieces into a beautiful whole—that's what quilters do best.

So perhaps it's no surprise that the Victoria Quilters Lions Club, Australia, has brought together 24 quilters, all of whom are working toward a larger goal: establishing the country's first museum devoted to quilts and textiles.

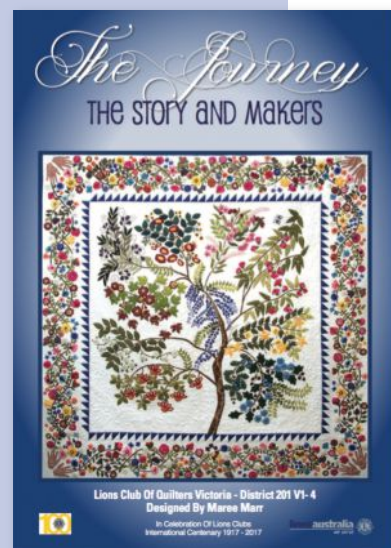
"Unlike the USA and other countries, Australia hasn't previously taken the step to establish a significant quilt museum in our country," says Robyn Falloon, club president-elect. "Whilst every quilter here would love to see that happen, no one person or group has moved it forward until now."

Chartered in 2014, the club envisions the museum as a place not only for the display of quilts and other textiles, but also as an educational center where local artisans will teach their techniques.

To raise funds for the project, the club has created a commemorative quilt to celebrate Lions Clubs International's centennial next year. The quilt, which features a "tree of life" design, will tour Australia until July 2017, when it will be displayed at the centennial convention in Chicago.

But that's not all the club has done. "We've also raised funds for an organization called Streets of Freedom, which gives support to people who are trapped in modern-day slavery situations," Falloon says.

The club also provided care to local families who lost their homes last summer to severe bushfires. What care did that form take? The distribution of quilts, of course.



The commemorative quilt of the Victoria Quilters Club celebrates Lions Clubs' centennial.

Smooth Sledding

Campers in Norway Shed Worries, Grow in Self-Acceptance

PHOTOS CECILIE DANILOFF

In a country renowned for its rugged beauty, the small town of Tana in eastern Norway stands out like a prom queen. Reindeer herds dash through mountain plains and fjords.

Salmon dart in the Tana River. The majestic Rastegaissa mountain looms like a swarthy prince under the soft glaze of the midnight sun in the summer. All that beauty



Dog mushing with its speed and animal fury is a popular pastime at the camp.

resonates with the three dozen or so teenagers and adults with intellectual disabilities who stay here for a week of outdoor fun, camaraderie and just plain chillin’.

Beauty is not something the campers always get. Gunner Stangeland, 23, knows that. Playground bullies at school threw stones at him during recess. Then he was cruelly mocked in a video posted on YouTube. Work colleagues taunted him, too, and he had to quit his job. The *helsesportsuka* camp was another story. He delighted in the dog mushing, relaxed in the outdoor hot tub and pleasantly befriended so many campers that it was hard to remember everyone’s name. But they knew him. “I was a king,” he says of his stay.

The Lions of Norway have held *helsesportsuka* for 34 years. Lions clubs from throughout Norway pay for the camp and transportation expenses, and Tana Lions and other volunteers supervise the canoeing, kayaking, bicycling, air rifle shooting, archery, hiking, fishing, campfires and the random, unpredictable tomfoolery, hijinks and revelry that erupt among campers. An overnight hike through the mountains includes berry picking and salmon fishing, followed by zesty salmon soup and fresh smoked salmon fit for a royal’s plate. If the hikers are lucky, in the morning one of them may grab a tree branch to gently poke and rouse the late dozers, as happened last summer, causing good-natured bedlam.







Games at the camp summon fierce concentration and produce elation.



Fishing gives campers a chance to untangle themselves from their worries and fears.



Music in the evening is soothing.

Leisurely bike rides provide a sense of freedom.





Horseback riding never gets old.







Children of Lions participate in the camp as helpers.





The camp's greatest gift is the memories it fosters.



A RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

Lions boldly take a fresh approach to helping troubled youths.

BY KRISTEN HANNUM | PHOTOS WAYNE ARMSTRONG

Bill Hildenbrand, a member of the Denver Lions Club, had no idea that his kitchen remodel would bring with it an affirmation of his life's work.

Hildenbrand showed the men installing his new refrigerator into his kitchen. One of them kept looking at him. Finally the man spoke up. He had lived for a year in the mid-1980s at Savio House. Hildenbrand is the longtime executive director of the Denver nonprofit that works with troubled teens and families hurting because of neglect and abuse.

"I'm doing good," he told Hildenbrand. He had a steady job, and his family was happy. Savio had helped him get on the right track, he proudly told Hildenbrand.

Savio House, recognized once by Lions Club International as one of the 10 outstanding service initiatives, is a signature project of the Denver Lions Club. It has not only turned multitudes of lives around for 40 years but also helped attract new members, impressed that a club can make such a huge impact on so many people. "I joined the Lions because of Savio," says Ron Abo, a successful Denver architect and chair of the board of trustees for Savio.

Abo has been on other boards of organizations that deal with youth; one used federal dollars to train teenagers for jobs. "It was very specific," he says. "But the youth had many other problems besides not having jobs. A lot of them came from situations of abuse and neglect; some of them were running with gangs. Those federal dollars never addressed the basic problem. Savio House does. It treats not only the child but the family."

Treating the family can begin early. Consider Sienna (a pseudonym). Just 21 years old, she had a 3-year-old, a

2-year-old and a 6-month-old. She stayed with them in a noisy motel on Colfax Avenue, a tawdry downtown Denver street infamous for drugs, prostitution and crime. After social services discovered the children, alone and without supervision, Sienna tearfully explained she'd been looking for work. The social worker thought at first foster care might be the only way to keep them safe. In the end, however, he decided to refer Sienna to Savio.

Her Savio counselor helped her find a job and a home. That counselor also taught her how to properly discipline her children and how to ask for help.

In 2014 (the most recent year for which there are figures) Savio House's 170 counselors served 2,368 families, helping a total of 7,517 people. Its 2015 budget was \$12.8 million, many times that of peer organizations which average less than \$1 million annually, according to FindTheCompany.com. Savio House's administration and fund raising costs, as part of the total revenue, were just 7.2 percent in 2014. Its revenue comes from about 30 contracts with city, county and state organizations. Donations, while crucial for its physical plant, make up only about 2 percent of its total budget.

"Savio is run like a business," says Abo. "So it's very well-funded and well run."

The organization has come a long way since it began in 1966 as an orphanage for wayward boys, housed in a Catholic tuberculosis sanitarium in which dormitory beds were still dressed with clean, neatly pressed sheets and folded blankets. Four Catholic businessmen founded Savio House (although it's not a Catholic organization), and they named it for St. Dominique Savio, who had died at age 14

Savio House counselors believe family togetherness is key to building strong families. Trae Gomez helps out his parents, Daniel and Antoinette, in the kitchen on a day a counselor visits.





Diego (left) and Francisco "Cisco" Robles show their affection for their pets as their father, Francisco, watches on a day they spend time with a Savio House counselor.

of tuberculosis in 1857. St. Savio, who was a model son and student, is honored by Catholics as the patron saint of children.

One of those founders had a friend who was a Lion, and he promoted Savio House as a cause to other Lions in the Denver club. In 1974, the Denver Lions Club officially adopted Savio House.

"That made all the difference," says Hildenbrand, who became a Lion in 1986. "It's the Lions' leadership and direction that have allowed us to be so successful," he says. "I have this great, visionary pool to draw from for my board."

Lions make up the majority of Savio's board of trustees. "Each Lion on the board represents communities of interest and can draw on their communities for help," says Hildenbrand.

For instance, Don Smith, an accountant, headed the budget committee and served as board president for 15 years. He didn't shoulder all the responsibility on his own, and his committee kept Savio's budget on track. It takes a lot of Lions to keep Savio on track.

"They're [Lions] in it for the long haul, and they bring energy and knowledge that keep us from making mistakes," says Hildenbrand. "We get so wrapped up in what we're doing; we need that objective view."

The Lions also personally mentored Hildenbrand. Now 67, he was a comparatively callow youngster himself when he was hired in 1979. "They spent a lot of time leading me down the right road," he says.

Now the Lions on the board are devising a transition plan for when the long-serving Hildenbrand retires.

The Lions have also raised millions of dollars to support Savio, which now serves the entire Colorado Front Range with facilities in Longmont, Denver, Colorado Springs and Cañon City.

Just as Savio has evolved over the past decades, there has been an extraordinary change of heart nationally over how to help troubled families and teens. More is understood today than ever before about addressing juvenile delinquents, from depressed kids who are skipping school to violent youths who are a danger to themselves and others. The past 20 years have seen an explosion of knowledge, and Savio House, working with the University of Colorado and with the support of the Lions, has been part of that learning curve.

Hildenbrand simplifies the story: Back in the 1980s, Savio House's residential programs took in troubled boys. The boys there learned behaviors that served them better. "They'd go home in great shape," says Hildenbrand, "but then bounce back within a year, in trouble again. We knew we had to do something different."

Savio began tracking outcomes, so that they'd have metrics rather than anecdotes. So which worked better? Residential care, the traditional cure for troubled youth? Or working with the families, in often chaotic family homes, as some researchers were advocating? Savio was on a path to becoming leader in evidence-based practices, keeping track of what actually works.

By the 1990s, Savio House counseled more adolescents who were drinking or abusing drugs, and they were working with families where there was abuse or neglect on the part of the parent.

The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado launched the Blueprints for Violence Prevention Initiative in 1996, researching hundreds of well-intentioned programs for troubled juveniles. They found only a few that actually met their strict scientific standards of effectiveness. Scared Straight, for example, which was supposed to deter youth from crime by showing kids what life in prison is like, was shown to actually increase a young person's chances of landing in prison. Only eleven programs were judged to be effective enough to be recommended. Savio House won its first national federal grant in 1999 to demonstrate the use of one of those: Multisystemic Therapy, a home-based method of therapy.

Home-based therapy is as challenging as it is blindingly obvious: kids are part of a family. Helping a teen means helping his family—in their home.

Julia Roguski, director of child protection services at Savio House, says the change has been enormous. After she began going into homes, instead of having families come to her, it all came together for her. "I was able to see that sometimes very basic needs were not being met," she says. "And if families are struggling over the basics, then the stress of parenting, which everyone experiences, can tip them over the edge."

Roguski says that the majority of kids treated in their own homes, with their families also getting help, have been able to stay in their homes, either with their own nuclear family or with kin.

Savio House still has a short-term residential facility, but a walk down its halls reveals that it's mostly empty. That's because the data show that children who cannot stay with their own families do better in foster homes than even in the most supportive residence facility. "Foster homes are an environment where there are stable adults modeling correct parent-



Jenna Lander (above), a Savio House counselor, meets with the Gomez family, and counselor Danielle Weiss (below) orchestrates positive interaction with the Robles brothers.



Same City, Different Worlds

Both the Denver Lions Club and Savio House, a treatment facility for troubled youth and families, call Denver home. And yet Savio House's main offices feel a world away from the lives of the Lions who have guided its fate.

Savio House, looking like the Catholic tuberculosis sanitarium that it once was, stands on a rise in the old Barnum neighborhood, not far from Mile High Stadium in northwest Denver. The neighborhood feels tattered around the edges, steeped in frontier history.

At the opposite end of town, the Denver Lions' offices sit off the heavily trafficked South Colorado Boulevard, an urban highway that never slows down. Here is the new Denver, racing between downtown's glass towers and the rival Tech Center's rich sprawl of businesses.

What ties Savio House and the Lions together are troubled families whose lives are turned around with the help of Savio's programs and more than 200 counselors.



Don Smith (left), a board president at Savio for 15 years until 2015, and William Hildenbrand, executive director, are key Lions with Savio.

ing for the kids," says Abo. "The children see that their home situation, that they've always known, isn't the only way they can be parented."

Savio also has a school, both for the few in the residential facility and for students living at home who cannot attend public school because of their behavior or other reasons.

Savio's counselors are out with families most of the time. The chairs at desks in Savio's big open offices are typically empty, although the desks show signs of recent activity: phones blinking, banks of files, scattered notes.

The clients' and the counselors' task—bringing positive outcomes out of anger and despair—isn't easy. "If it were easy to follow someone's advice, then no one would smoke," says Roguski. "We want to help clients in the moment when things are falling apart. If the families can get more help, they're sustainable."

Therapy doesn't stop at families' front doors. If children have negative peers, therapists try to help them develop new friends: on the basketball team or in the choir, for instance.

The new knowledge about treating troubled children, youth and families came about in part because of public policy reacting to a spike in crime and drug abuse, particularly juvenile crime, in the late 1980s and early 1990s around the world. In the United States that crime wave led to building more prisons and detention centers, but also more funding for research on what worked. "While there was a lot of misguided policies enacted, there was also a lot of research," says Shay Bilchik, former head of the Federal Office on Juvenile Justice.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have since been spent, mostly on schemes that don't work or even make crime worse such as harsh jail and prison sentences for non-violent juveniles. But the money was also spent on evidence-based practices like those used at Savio House.

"It's not a hit-or-miss thing," says Abo. "They can point to real successes. It's not 100 percent but it's a lot better than it was before, and it's a lot better than just warehousing kids."

There's more good news. The treatment that Savio House practices—those house calls, mentoring, therapy, and training in better ways to communicate and deal with life's inevitable stresses—costs about \$10,000. That's not cheap, but it's a lot less expensive than the average cost of a year of juvenile incarceration: \$46,662 in Louisiana to \$352,663 in New York, according to a 2014 study by the Justice Policy Institute. Not only do evidence-based practices show better rates of success, they also cost less.

Kids who were at Savio House sometimes come back to thank the staff. Not long ago, a middle-aged man knocked on the door, wanting to show his son the place where, with help, he had turned his life around.

"From a board perspective, we see that there are successes that are happening every day and families are being reunited," says Abo. "That's the kind of thing that makes Savio a special program for me."



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Google Drive Keeps Club Organized and Connected

With 69 members and 79 service projects last academic year, the University of Texas at Austin Lions need more than their enthusiasm and dedication to service—they also need to be highly organized and efficient. This high-energy, tech-savvy club relies on Google Drive to collaborate on tasks and streamline club operations. "Google offers many tools that are similar to the Microsoft Office Suite such as Google Docs [Word], Google Sheets [Excel], Google Slides [PowerPoint], and Google Forms that are our bread and butter for organization," says 2015-16 Club President Darren Tan.

Google Drive offers a central location to store, update and share club files. Use the app to upload photos and videos, collaborate on presentations, edit spreadsheets, update forms and more. With the ability to access files from a smartphone, tablet or computer, your files follow you to every club event or project. "We use Google Forms for service project sign-ups so our coordinators can have all of the participants' information at their fingertips during the events. Meeting minutes are streamlined with Google Docs, with multiple people able to type at the same time. And when we do presentations using Google Slides multiple people can edit the slides, so the information is always updated without one person having to fix every detail," says Tan.

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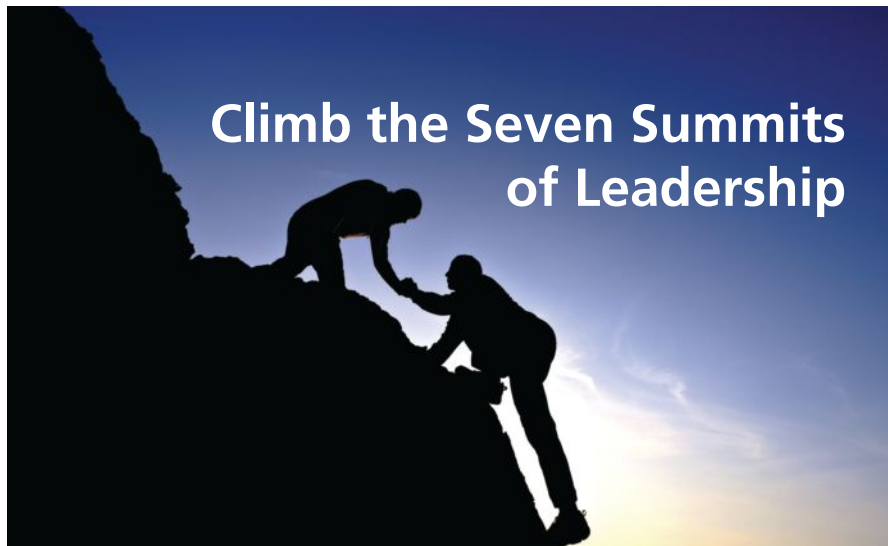
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Climb the Seven Summits of Leadership

International President Bob Corlew's theme, "New Mountains to Climb," takes inspiration from the life lessons gained from scaling mountains, both real and metaphorical. As Lions prepare to reach new heights, strong leaders are needed to help clubs stay on course, weather rocky terrain and enjoy the view. "To climb to the top of a mountain, you need the right tools. You also need the right tools to become an effective leader," says Corlew.

LCI offers an array of leadership development resources to help any Lion reach peak performance. Get geared up at the virtual base camp, the Lions Learning Center (LLC), where online courses help Lions climb what the Leadership Development Division at LCI Headquarters calls the "Seven Summits of Leadership." For each of the following "summits," a corresponding LLC online course is listed. Register and take these courses in the Member Center at lionsclubs.org.

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Read President Corlew's "New Mountains to Climb" theme.

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—International President
Chancellor Bob Corlew



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People with Disabilities Empowered in India

BY CASSANDRA ROTOLO

The child of a farming family in Gujarat, India, Jyotsana Nisarta was only 2 years old when she contracted polio. Jyotsana's mother, already living with her own disabilities, was determined to minimize the effects of the disease on her daughter. Yet even with medical intervention, Jyotsana was left with considerable visual impairment.

Throughout her childhood, Jyotsana excelled in school. Opportunities are often limited for people with disabilities in India, so Jyotsana remained dependent on her family. Determined to work, she enrolled in a primary teachers training course. Jyotsana was disappointed when she was not selected to become a teacher because her test score had fallen just one point short, but she remained positive. That's when the Blind Welfare Council in Dahod changed her life.

The council provides advocacy and primary education for children with special needs as well as vocational training for children and adults so they can live independently. The vocational training includes both computer use and various skilled handcrafts.

The Lions of District 323-F1 have supported the Blind Welfare Council for more than 10 years. With support

from a US\$63,000 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions helped to expand the council's vocational training center. The council was able to take on more computer trainees and introduced tailoring, carpentry, Braille printing and offset printing programs. About 100 people each year will be trained for respected and well-paying jobs.

Jyotsana enrolled in the council's computer training course. In only a matter of months, she completed the course and immediately was hired as a computer operator. Happy with her job, she made Rs 2,500 each month (US\$36). The skills she learned in her classes at the Council enabled her to further her career, and Jyotsana soon was hired for a government job. She takes photos and thumbprints and issue identification cards to members of her community.

Her monthly income has nearly doubled, which enables her to help her family as well as pay her own living expenses.

Together with Lions and LCIF, the Blind Welfare Council is empowering people with mental and physical disabilities throughout Dahod. For information on how your district can make difference in your community, visit lcif.org.

The Blind Welfare Council changed her life.



Photo courtesy of Ability Dahod, Blind Welfare Council

The Blind Welfare Council provides educational opportunities to children and adults with mental and physical disabilities throughout Dahod.

A Rising Tide Lifts All Kayaks

BY TOM KERR AND CASSANDRA ROTOLO

Leaser Lake in eastern Pennsylvania, 45-feet deep before unrelenting seepage, eventually became a kind of ghost lake. By 2001, the 120-acre, man-made lake was an eerie landscape of weeds, small trees and even pieces of an old farm that was swallowed when the lake was filled in the 1960s. Attempts to fix the seepage failed, and the surrounding park was mothballed.

The Leaser Lake Heritage Foundation (LLHF) labored for years to get several government entities to supply nearly \$5 million—enough to repair the dam and refill the lake. The repairs were completed in 2015.

Bringing life back to the park became much more than just filling the lake with water. LLHF had big dreams for Leaser Lake: it hoped to provide recreation opportunities to those who otherwise found them just out of reach. It wanted individuals with limited mobility to be able to explore lakeside paths, fish from a floating dock or even slip into a kayak for a paddle on the water. But those were expensive dreams.

Lion Tom Kerr, a foundation board member, presented a plan to raise the money to fellow Lions who shared his affinity for Leaser Lake. The lake is a source of pride for locals in the sleepy but picturesque farmland.



Mike White uses the adaptive kayak launcher at Leaser Lake as Lion Tom Kerr looks on.

The plan called for a park fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Its trails, picnic tables, toilets and parking would be accessible to those with disabilities. The Kempton Lions Club committed to raising money to fund a fishing pier and a kayak launcher. The LLHF committed to several other pieces of the puzzle.

There was nothing like this within 100 miles.

The idea of facilitating positive, unique outdoor experiences for people with limited mobility energized the Lions. There was nothing like this within 100 miles of Kempton.

Over two years, the Kempton Lions, aided by the neighboring Ontelaunee Lions Club, generated more than \$7,000 through fundraising. Meanwhile, Kerr applied for grants from the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation, garnering US\$49,500—enough to pay for the fishing pier and launcher.

The Lions and LLHF worked with a local manufacturer and an engaged group of local adaptive kayakers. The athletes tested prototypes at the manufacturer's facility and at the lake.

"In the process of developing the boat launcher, I had a greater understanding of the limitations of a wheelchair-bound person, as well as many things an able-bodied person takes for granted," admits Kerr. "Understanding the impact this project has on the lives of those with mobility issues makes this project very gratifying."

The project was dedicated in October 2015. During the inauguration ceremony, Mike White, who has spina bifida, rolled his wheelchair down the gangway with ease and paddled off into the open water. "It is liberating. One of the nicest feelings is to look and feel like everybody else," White says.

Sporting his yellow vest, Kerr beamed with pride at what Lions achieved. "I hope this project, done by a small group of people, can serve as a testament to other small clubs that they, too, can do big projects."

Watch a video about the Leaser Lake project.

29th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest

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How the Contest Works

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students 11-13 on November 15, 2016. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme, "A Celebration of Peace."

One winner for each contest sponsored by a club is chosen to advance to the district governor for judging. On the district level, one winner is selected to go on to the multiple district competition and from there one winner is forwarded to International Headquarters for the final judging. Entries are judged at all levels on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of theme.

During the final judging, 23 merit award winners and one grand prize winner are chosen to represent the many entries submitted from around the world.

Awards

Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

- **International Grand Prize Winner** receives a trip to an award ceremony where he/she will receive a cash award of US\$5,000 (or local equivalent) and an engraved plaque. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by the club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony.
- **23 Merit Award Winners** each receive a cash award of US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement.

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- **Official Club Contest Guide & Rules**
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The Lions International Essay Contest entry form is also included in this kit and on the LCI website.

Kits are available January 15 – October 1, 2016.

Purchase your kit early to allow adequate time for shipment and contest planning.

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Club News

When members of the Ugandan Kids Choir performed at churches in Catlin and Danville, **Illinois**, the **Catlin Lions Club** arranged a vision screening for the 12 children. Two of the 10-year-olds from Uganda received glasses from Lions as a result. The club spent \$760 on this effort.

Rockaway Township Lions in **New Jersey** raised \$2,000 in a raffle of New Jersey Devils tickets, collect about 200 eyeglasses monthly for New Eyes for the Needy and hold a Christmas in July or August for children with disabilities and visual impairments at Camp Marcella.



A child happily reaches for a toy given to him by a member of the **Moore Haven Lions Club** in **Florida**. The club gave away 100 wooden toys made by inmates at the **Moore Haven Correctional Facility** as holiday gifts for children.

The **Amherst Lions Club** in **New York** gave five graduating high school students \$500 scholarships.

Concordia Lions in **Missouri** poured a new concrete pad for a park shelter, which had to be moved to a new location and needed flooring.

Moca Leos in **Puerto Rico** sent 181 pairs of eyeglasses they collected to the Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Washington. Lacey Sunrise Lion Don Schmidt, who's also president of the center, says, "I feel good knowing these young people are aware of the needs of people around the world and are stepping up to help them. I think this demonstrates the value of the Leo clubs program."

Using funds raised from their Tenth Motorcycle Poker Run, the **Grass Valley Gold Country Lions** in **California** contributed \$3,500 as its annual donation to Sierra Services for the Blind and gave another \$3,500 to New Events & Opportunities, a youth group.

The **Murrysville Lions Club** in **Pennsylvania** received a certificate from the mayor in appreciation of the club's community service. Additionally, Lion John Jacoby was named Volunteer of the Year by the town council and the club was also named Volunteer Group of the Year by the Westmoreland County Food Bank.

St. Davids & District Lions in **Ontario, Canada**, sponsored their annual carnival, complete with a dunk tank run by Leos. The largest fundraiser the club sponsors, the event has been drawing customers in the region for 52 years.

For the past 15 years, **East Cobb** and **Marietta Lions** in **Georgia** have distributed small flags to residents to wave during the annual Fourth of July parade in Marietta.



Mehlville Lions in **Missouri** purchased and smoked 48 turkeys to include in Thanksgiving food baskets for families in need. Lion Geoff Mees, volunteer Curtis McCall and Lion Kathy Lee Williams (above) keep turkeys moving in and out of a smoker built into a fire truck during the four days of preparation to assemble and deliver the meals. "The truck used to be my grandfather's fire truck," says Lion Rebecca Shockley. "He was a Lion and a firefighter." He passed away in 2008, and her grandmother donated the truck to the club which now uses it at barbecues, parades and for rental income to other organizations.

The **Baraboo Lions Club** in **Wisconsin** sponsored its annual Strides against Diabetes Fun Walk and Run. More than 100 people participated. More than \$2,100 was raised to fund community diabetes awareness and screening programs.

The **Alpena Lions Club** sponsored its first blood drive in its **Michigan** community.



A sight-impaired child closes in on a beeping Easter egg during a hunt sponsored by **Rouzerville Lions** in **Pennsylvania**. Lions added the beeping egg hunt after a suggestion from new members Melissa and Glenn Russ, who arranged for the beeping eggs and helped organize the event. Eighteen blind and sight-impaired children participated after the club's annual traditional event. Both events were held at the same park but in different locations 30 minutes apart to avoid confusion. Eggs discovered by all children were exchanged by Lions for candy and stuffed animals.

The **Portland Lloyd Lions Club** in **Oregon** donated a flagpole and flag to a school for the hearing impaired. Open for 68 years, the school had never had a flagpole. Lions then held a "raising the colors" ceremony for students.



Lion **Richard Reiley** of the **Bozeman Lions Club in Montana** shows off just one month's collection of eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones collected by his club. Lions have distributed collection boxes at senior centers, thrift stores and churches throughout the Gallatin Valley to increase donations and awareness of Lions. Approximately 400 glasses are collected each month by Reiley, club recycling chairman, who adds that about 40 hearing aids a year are also donated. Approximately 20 cell phones are donated to the club, which sells them to a recycling business to fund community service activities.

The **Chambersburg Noontime Lions Club in Pennsylvania** filled 221 boxes with gifts and necessities for children living in extreme poverty overseas. The boxes are filled with different items including toiletries, toys, activity books and art supplies and delivered by Samaritan's Purse.

The **Long Lake Lions Club in New York** sponsored its annual calendar sale with a new twist. For the first time, Lions featured the photos by students in a digital photography class. The 2015 calendar raised \$1,300. Among its many projects, the 18-member club buys seeds for a community garden, donates to the Long Lake Rescue Squad and provides eyeglasses and exams to community members.

Salem Lions in Illinois gave \$500 to the Salem Township Hospital Foundation for its building fund.

The **Windom Lions Club in Minnesota** raised \$2,500 by sponsoring a "Cow Pie Bingo" event during the community's Riverfest celebration.

The **Cold Spring Lions Club in Minnesota** donated a bicycle to the Cold Spring-Richmond police department. The special bike emblazoned with "Police" on it will be used by officers to patrol the numerous bike trails that run through the community as well as the streets.

Golden Lions in Colorado gave three \$1,500 scholarships to graduating seniors.

Olivet Lions in Michigan sponsored their 16th annual car and truck show, drawing hundreds of participants. They awarded trophies in multiple classes to vehicle owners and distributed more than \$3,000 in prizes.

Rome Lions in New York gave a total of \$11,500 to three area organizations that help people in need and the environment.

Cabot Lions in Arkansas sponsored a clothing, backpack and suitcase drive to collect items for children in the foster care system.

Liberty Lions in North Carolina, who'd hoped to raise \$2,600 with their first walk to raise funds for diabetes awareness and research, doubled their efforts by raising \$5,000. Hundreds of people participated in the walk, after which many were able to receive free screenings provided by Cannon Hospital, whose CEO also walked in

the event. "Our whole community came together," says Lion Lisa Carpenter. Marching were Lions, police, Cub Scouts, members of the Liberty High School ROTC and church and school groups. In addition to supporting diabetes awareness, Liberty Lions provide SPOT screening for children, donate funds to the Storm Eye Institute pediatric waiting room and give citizenship awards to high school students among their service activities.



The **Meadville Lions Club in Pennsylvania** donated a "myGaze" device to a school district's teachers of visually impaired students. Teacher Amy Lippert uses the state-of-the-art device to track a student's gaze. It then plays back live video of eye gaze behavior to help determine what is actually being seen and processed. "This device is a game-changer," says Lion Judy Shumaker. Lions have donated several gifts to help the district's disabled students who attend special classes. Among items donated by the 92-year-old club are three iPads, an adaptable tricycle, a portable light box, illuminated toys and an Amish-made rope for visually impaired students to use as a guiding device during gym activities.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FUKUOKA, JAPAN
JUNE 19-23, 2016

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Denied a second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 108-TB (Italy) and declared Lion Bernardino Salvati as second vice district governor in District 108-TB for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
2. Denied a first vice district governor election complaint filed in District 300-C1 (MD 300 Taiwan), declared a vacancy in the office of first vice district governor for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and that the first vice district governor vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the International and District Constitutions and By-Laws.
3. Upheld a first vice district governor election complaint filed in District 300-D2 (MD 300 Taiwan), declared the first vice district governor election in District 300-D2 for the 2016-2017 fiscal year null and void and of no force and effect, declared a vacancy in the office of first vice district governor for the 2016-2017 fiscal year and that the first vice district governor vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the International and District Constitutions and By-Laws, and declared that the filing fee less US\$350 shall be refunded to each of the Complainant.
4. Removed District Governor A. Sadiq Basha from the office of district governor in District 324-B2 (India) for failure to comply with the International Constitution and By-Laws and policies of the International Board of Directors. Declared that A. Sadiq Basha shall not be recognized in the future as a past district governor by Lions Clubs International or any club or district, and that he shall not be entitled to any privileges of such title.
5. Approved the objectives, duties, meeting schedule and budget of the International Officer Qualifications Ad Hoc Committee.
6. Revised the Trademark Policies in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual related to the general standards of quality and content in the use of the association's trademarks.
7. Revised the Standard Form District Constitution in Chapter VII of the Board Policy Manual to clarify the provision related to the district cabinet and its members being from a Lions club in good standing in the district.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Revised the section pertaining to the Past International Officers Seminar to delete the phrase "immediate past."
2. Removed the bid requirement specifying that the location of the International Convention be held outside the USA once every five (5) years.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Twenty-two clubs from District 322 C4 were cancelled and recorded as fictitious and are not eligible for reactivation or a dues refund.
2. Past International Director K. M. Goyal was appointed to serve as the Coordinating Lion for District 321-A3 (India) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
3. The 2016-2017 Club Excellence Award requirements were amended to allow the formation of a Leo club to complete the membership requirement for the award.
4. The 2017-2018 District Governor Team Award was revised to no longer specify that the award be given to specific members of the DG Team and instead allow an award medal be given to five Lion leaders who the district governor believes contributed the most to the success of the district.
5. Chapter V of the Board Policy Manual was revised to clarify that clubs may be cancelled or placed into status quo utilizing multiple status quo categories.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the FY 2016 4th Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
2. Approved the FY 2017 Budget, reflecting a deficit.
3. Approved revisions to the Purchasing Policy.
4. Approved that, contingent upon the adoption of the proposed resolution to remove the Emergency Reserve fund, the Board Policy Manual be revised by deleting the existing General Surplus Reserve policy in its entirety and replacing with the Operating Reserve policy.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Contingent upon approval of the 2016-2017 proposed budget, approved the design, development and implementation of a new Certified Lions Instructor Program beginning in 2016-2017.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Reconfirmed the goals of LCI Forward (the new strategic plan)—the primary goal being to triple humanitarian service by 2020-202—and added one new first year international director to the existing LCI Forward Project Team for continuity.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the New and Emerging Countries Ad Hoc Committee, to be implemented during the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
2. Expanded and extended the Join Together Pilot to be implemented worldwide until June 30, 2018.
3. Extended the U.S. Involve a Veteran Pilot Program until June 30, 2018 and expanded the program to include Canada.
4. Revised board policy to add the Republic of Montenegro.
5. Revised board policy related to signatures required when 10 or more clubs are added to a district.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Discontinued outside advertising in the headquarters edition of LION Magazine beginning October 1, 2016.
2. Sponsorship for the 2016 Chick-Fil-A Peach Bowl Parade set at US\$160,000.
3. Increased the International Leadership Award to 2,030 for 2015-2016.
4. Established "We Serve" as the presidential theme beginning with 2017-2018 and thereafter.
5. Established a digital category for the international newsletter contest.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Adopted a new service framework consisting of five major service platforms (diabetes, vision, environment, cancer and hunger) with special programmatic components developed for and supported by children and youth, and diabetes serving as the first signature cause.
2. Adopted that the signature cause will be for five to 10 years, and any extension beyond that timeframe will be reviewed by the Service Activities Committee.
3. Established the Ad Hoc Committee to review and prioritize Youth Engagement Strategies with approximately 10 (ten) members (Lions and Leos) appointed by the International President and Executive Officers and requested further review by our successor Service Activities Committee.
4. Adopted a Leo Club Program Advisory Panel Reimbursement Program to begin in the 2016-2017 fiscal year.
5. Awarded the 2015-2016 Leos of the Year Award.

For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI website at lionsclubs.org or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.

[Roar of Approval



It may have started out as business as usual for Texas Lions attending the District 2 A2 convention in Del Rio in April, but two Lions left the convention as a married couple. San Antonio Windcrest Lions **Ester Lopez** and **Don Doyle** were married by Judge Pat Cole, a Del Rio Host Lion, in front of convention attendees. Other Lions helped celebrate the union. Stockdale Lion Janie Garza served as maid of honor, and Past District Governor Christopher Lloyd of the Kerrville Heart O' the Hills Lions Club was best man. The pair, who'd been dating since 2013, celebrated their honeymoon in June with a trip to Florida. Doyle says he wasn't nervous about saying his vows in front of the large audience, but adds, "I was trying not to get overexcited about marrying my beautiful and loving

Ester." Lion Amado Castillo, one of about 120 Lions who witnessed the wedding, recalls, "There were a lot of smiles that day."

Andrea Normand, a Brusly Lion since 1997, has received the Louisiana Nurses Foundation's Nightingale Award as nurse of the year. The Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing also provides scholarships to local nursing students.

Lion **Cecilio Felix**, the 2015-2016 president of the Sacramento Midtown Lions Club in California, is helping to develop a new cattle breeding program in his native Philippines. The Mindanao Cattle Research and Development project is expected to develop a new herd of cattle that is adaptable to the specific regional conditions. "It will give an opportunity to people in the countryside to raise one or two head of this small cattle type in a backyard setting and provide extra family income," says Felix, who emigrated to the United States in 1962 and has practiced as a federal veterinarian in regulatory veterinary medicine.

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In Memoriam

Past International Director **Mohan Lal Tulsian** of India has died. He served on the international board of directors from 1992 to 1994. He became a Lion in 1973 and was a Life Member of the Calcutta Central Lions Club. A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Tulsian was the senior vice president of the Indian Red Cross Society, vice president of the West Bengal Federation of the United Nations Associations and was involved in many other social and philanthropic organizations.

LION Mainstay Retires

For 42 years **Pamela Mohr** has been an editor at the LION. She's written countless stories on Lions' service, talked to multitudes of Lions on the phone and attended numerous international conventions. She's helped Lions understand and appreciate the range and scope of their service. She retired in August. The LION and Lions Clubs International wish her well and thank her for her invaluable service.

For the Record

As of June 30, Lions Clubs International had 1,379,490 members in 46,746 clubs and 743 districts in more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

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Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER 2016

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25 Years: Kronenwetter, Wis.; Yantis Lake Fork, Texas

*Lions clubs operated before Lions Clubs held its first convention in Dallas on Oct. 8, 1917. Hence, the centennial of some clubs predates the centennial of Lions Clubs International.

Anniversaries are based on the official records of Lions Clubs International. The recorded charter date at LCI sometimes differs from local club records.

View the Higher Key Awards.

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A Big Gift for a Little One

Two-year-old Kacey Heisler loves dressing up in her Snow White costume, playing with her two big sisters and reading picture books. But soon after she was born, her parents were gravely concerned about her vision. "Kacey wasn't doing the normal eye movements that newborns do," says Kacey's mother, Kristin Graham Heisler (pictured together). At 2 months old, Kacey was diagnosed with a rare eye disease called Peters Anomaly, which causes cloudiness in the cornea that can lead to glaucoma, cataracts and blindness. She needed a cornea transplant in each eye.

The Heislars were overwhelmed with questions and financial concerns. "I had to stop working because Kacey needed constant care. It also nerve-racking trying to understand what was covered by insurance and what was not. The insurance company knew us on a first-name basis," says Heisler.

Fortunately, Kacey's doctor facilitated the gift of two corneas from the Lions Eye Bank of

Delaware Valley's Gratis Tissue Fund. And the Laurel Springs Lions helped the New Jersey family navigate the new territory. "The Lions helped me understand the process of corneal transplant. Some members went through it themselves," points out Heisler.

At 4 months old, Kacey's successful corneal transplants were

completed, and she began catching up with her developmental milestones, with intervention services the Lions helped the Heislars connect with. Kacey wears glasses provided by the Lions. "Kacey has been doing fantastic, and she's so happy! This really was a miraculous gift," says Heisler.



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