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LET US LINK ARMS

➔ NAMASTE!



Each one of us can only reach as far as our arms will go. But what happens when I take your hand, and you take your

neighbor's hand?

There was a story in the news last year. A family swimming in Panama City Beach, Florida, got caught in a rip current. Nine people—including two children and an elderly woman—were trapped. People heard their cries for help and began forming a human chain. Seventy to 80 strangers, hand-in-hand, were able to pull each swimmer out and to safety.

Think about this. Not one of those people could have saved the victims on their own. A police officer tried, but had to turn back, the current was too strong. But together. Together! One by one they pulled the family members to safety.

This is what we do as Lions. As Lions, we reach out to people who are

drowning in life. But as individuals we can only do so much. Sometimes the current is too strong and help can only reach those in need when we band together. I call this the Power of We.

This is what LCIF does. It helps Lions form a human chain to pull people to safety. LCIF can respond in ways individual Lions and Lions clubs cannot. Since 1968, LCIF has given just over US\$1 billion in grants. In the wake of natural disasters, LCIF can mobilize funds swiftly, getting much needed help on the ground within days. For example, LCIF awarded a US\$100,000 grant to support relief and reconstruction in Puerto Rico after the devastating hurricanes there this fall. That is money that could immediately get to work providing relief for victims.

LCIF enables Lions in Indonesia to partner with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, in a campaign to provide vaccines to 95% of Indonesia's children between the ages of nine months and 16 years by the end of 2018. This is an incredible goal, and one that they are swiftly closing in on. LCIF has eradicated river blindness in Colombia and Ecuador – the first time any country has completely eradicated the disease.

They're doing it! And they're doing it because they've joined hands. They've linked arms. They've become a greater whole than the sum of their parts.

LCI is the world's biggest service association by membership. However, we should also try to become the world's biggest in fundraising through LCIF. I never feel right to ask for a lot from a few, so I ask for a little from everyone. Even an average donation of US\$1 per week from each member will double our annual funds raised.

This month, I challenge you all to look to your neighbors to your left and to your right. How might you join hands? And consider how donating to LCIF may extend the service you do.

DR. NARESH AGGARWAL
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



PREVENTING VIOLENCE

A young woman participates in a gender-based violence prevention training in Delhi, India. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) collaborated with Breakthrough Communications PL and the Independent Television Service, Inc. (ITVS) to sponsor the training, which initially took place October 10 and 11, 2017, in conjunction with International Day of the Girl Child. The project promotes a positive school climate and safe learning environment for all students.



FREEZIN' FOR A REASON

In spite of freezing weather, the Somers Leos with 71 team members took top prize for most funds raised by a public school, generating US\$27,000 for Special Olympics at the Special Olympics Westchester Polar Plunge in New York.

// PHOTO BY DEBORAH KARSON



BEAUTY IN THE DETAILS



The 2018 Lions Rose Parade float wasn't all roses. The 35-foot long float had little hidden gems like this beauty: a dragonfly made out of seeds and other natural elements. // PHOTO BY YASUTO TANA



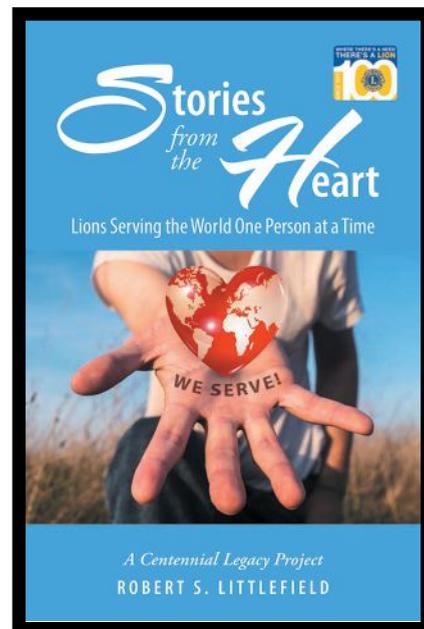
Somers Leos Take Plunge For Special Olympics



Photo by Deborah Karson

Somers Leos emerge from a frigid plunge, raising more than US\$27,000 to benefit Special Olympics.

Twenty teams were brave enough to throw themselves into the freezing cold water at Glen Island Park in New York for the Special Olympics Westchester Polar Plunge Fund. But if the plunge wasn't shocking and fun enough, the win was. The Somers Leos, with 71 team members, took top prize for most funds raised by a public school, generating more than US\$27,000 for Special Olympics. And for his work on the Polar Plunge, team captain and Leo club president Brandon LaSpina was nationally recognized by Disney/ABC Television Group and Youth Service America with their "Be Inspired Grant" for kids and families making a positive impact in their communities. Youth Service America's Youth Partnership Manager Sara Pope said this about the project: "We received an overwhelming number of wonderful applications, and your project stood out to us as one of the best in the country." Special Olympics New York has more than 68,000 athletes training and competing year-round in 22 Olympics-style sports. It costs \$400 to support training and competition for one athlete for one sports season, but athletes and their families are never charged to participate. Somers Leos' achievement means they were able to sponsor 62 athletes for an entire season.



BOOK IDENTIFIES TRUE ORIGIN OF SERVICE—THE HEART

Past International Director Robert Littlefield's book "Stories from the Heart," will be released this month.

Littlefield wrote the book to help readers "gain a better understanding of what service to others has meant to those who have chosen to heed the call to give of themselves in order to make life better for those in need."

"Stories from the Heart" will be available through Club Supplies for US\$23.99.

From the sale of each book, US\$13.85 will go directly to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

GEORGIA WELCOMES NEW ATLANTA NAMASTE CLUB

A newly chartered Lions club in Georgia has chosen “Atlanta Namaste” as its chapter name. Lion Ramesh Gude, a native of Amaravathi in the southeastern part of India, is president of the new Indian-American club. Gude says he is proud to accept the club charter during the 100th anniversary year of Lions and particularly because Lions Clubs International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal of Batala, Punjab, India is the first Indian to serve as international president. Members of the new Namaste Club look forward to working for both the Indian and larger communities. Mark Bradley, governor in District 18 I, covering 34 counties across northeast Georgia, helped to launch the newest club. He expects the new Indian club to support Lion global causes, but also some that may be unique to the large local Indian community with an estimated population of 20,000 in the areas of North Fulton, Forsyth and Gwinnett, Georgia.

Parade of Bright Blooms Welcomes New Year



International President Naresh Aggarwal and his wife, Navita, wave to the estimated one million spectators who came out to watch this year’s Rose Parade.

On January 1, 2018, International President Naresh Aggarwal and wife, Navita, represented Lions as principal riders on the Lions Clubs International float in the 129th Rose Parade® in Pasadena, California.

The float, themed “Preserving Our Environment,” was designed to depict Leos planting trees and overseeing the preservation of a historical landmark to showcase the service themes Engaging Our Youth and Protecting Our Environment. Covered with more than 100,000 roses and featuring a working water wheel, the Lions Clubs International float was one of 39 entries that made its way along the 5.5-mile route down Colorado Boulevard. With the extensive media coverage of this popular event, it’s estimated the parade is viewed by approximately 400 million people in 85 countries around the world.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY STARTS YOUNG AT ZIA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students at Zia Middle School in Las Cruces have formed the first middle-school level Leo club in New Mexico. And they’ve been busy—helping to host a haunted house, sorting eyeglasses, and now creating boxes for the Jared Box Project, which provides plastic storage boxes of children’s toys, games, and activities to children who are hospitalized.

Samara Nuñez is an eighth-grader at Zia and co-president of the club. She said the group has been busy with a number of community service and volunteer projects so far. “We help the community,” she says. “It’s really fun.”

Teacher Victoria Griffin is the club sponsor and is impressed with the students’ commitment. “They show up for everything,” she says. “They do everything.”

Lily Kirkpatrick, an eighth-grader and vice president of the club, said her grandmother is a Lion. It was part of what inspired her to join. Plus, it was an opportunity she hadn’t had before.

“I’ve never been in a club like this,” she says. “I was really excited about being able to do some sort of community service.”

The Leo Club members went to work right away, sorting 3,000 donated eyeglasses into children and adult sizes, bifocals and other categories in preparation to be sent to people in need. And this past fall members helped set up for and run a haunted house for the town of Mesilla. More recently they volunteered at a pancake breakfast fundraiser put on by the De Noche Lions Club.

Sixth-grader Emily Allen is treasurer. “I like participating because I like helping make my community a better place,” she says.

OVERHEARD

“I did not realize all the Lions did. I’ve known for years about their donating of eyeglasses and helping the blind. But all these other things—fighting hunger, helping the environment—this is all new to me. I’m impressed.”

—SUANNE DEWEY-HOFFMAN, first-time attendee of the Mesa Lions Club “That’s amore” fundraiser.

“It’s not the cost that counts, it’s the lives that are impacted that are important.”

—LION DR. ANU ESUOLA on the medical screening she helped facilitate.

“When you see they are going to have Christmas, that’s Christmas to me.”

—LION ANN HOLBROOKS of the Norton Lions Club in Virginia, on giving gifts to children in need through the club’s Big Heart drive.

BY THE NUMBERS

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Weight in ounces of a gold nugget being raffled by Lions in Australia.

17.1



Million deaths prevented by the measles vaccine between 2000 and 2014



110,360

Flowers used to build the Rose Parade float

80,000

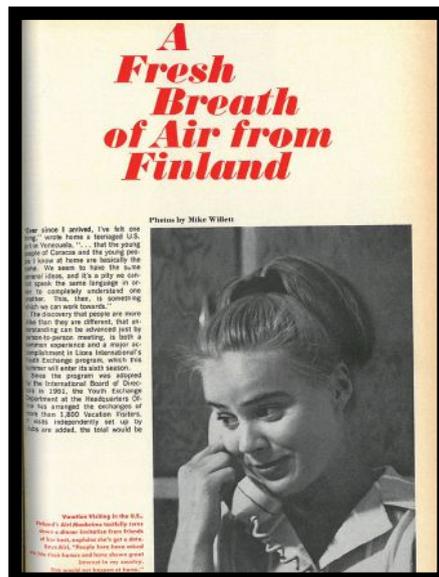
Aluminum tabs donated by the Alum Creek Lions Club to the Ronald McDonald House in Charleston, West Virginia.

1,500

Pounds of chestnuts gathered by Lions in MD 19, District D, to roast and sell over the winter holidays.

300

Bushels of oysters roasted as part of the Massey Hill Lions Club 45th annual oyster roast.



50 YEARS AGO IN THE LION

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Teenagers participating in the sixth season of the Lions International Youth Exchange program learn that despite their different languages, they are “basically the same.”

Read the full story.

Leo Sees A Future Of Giving Back

// BY MADELEINE MILLER

To showcase the life-changing service that Leos perform in their communities, the Leo Club Program hosts the International Leo Day Video Contest. Now in its third year, the event provides young people with a unique opportunity to share how and why they serve.

The theme for 2017 was #YOUthSERVE, and Leos were asked to produce videos that demonstrated how they served within the five service areas: Diabetes, Environment, Hunger Relief, Childhood Cancer, and Vision.

Placing third, the Olongapo City Leo Club's video focused on Vision. The club's winning video told the story of Kimberly Mae Capuvan, a 21-year-old woman from Olongapo City, Zambales, Philippines, who had lost all hope in life because she was unable to see clearly. And she couldn't afford to purchase eyeglasses.

"I have had a very difficult time since I was 9 years old," Capuvan recalls, "especially at school. I always had to sit near the blackboard so I could see, and at night, I got headaches because of my nearsightedness."

Her outlook improved dramatically when the Olongapo City Peninsula Lions Club was looking for young people who needed glasses. Capuvan's teacher asked her if she would like to have a pair, and she was thrilled when she was selected for the program. The Lions made her feel that she wasn't alone, and fitted her with the perfect glasses.

"The first time I put them on, everything came into crystal-clear focus, and I felt new and alive because, for many years, I had trouble reading," she says. "The glasses have made a world of difference in my studying and in my life."

Because her local Lions club had helped her so much when she needed it, Capuvan wanted to be a part of the organization. A friend invited her to join the Olongapo City Leo Club and she jumped at the chance. She now serves as the vice president of the club.

Her favorite service project was when her Leo colleagues traveled to a far away Filipino community to donate books to children. The town is difficult to get to, but she knew how much the books would mean to the kids because they lived so far from an urban area.

Today, Capuvan is working on her second bachelor's degree in management, having finished her bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant management. She has also completed units in education so that she can pursue her dream of becoming a teacher and advocate for children's vision in the near future. In her free time, she participates in sports. For the past four years Capuvan has played wide receiver for the Olongapo Warriors Flag Football team and she hopes to travel the world one day.

"Our eyes are our guide along life's journey. And I'm living proof that clear vision leads to a brighter future."



For Kimberly Mae Capuvan, vice president of the Olongapo City Leo Club in the Philippines, eyeglasses from the Olongapo City Peninsula Lions made "a world of difference."

Becoming a Leo has made her realize that she can touch other people's lives in a positive way, she says. "I was helped by a Lions club. Now I want to give back. There's no end to what we can do to help others, together."

She is also grateful to the Olongapo City Leo Club members for being her brothers and sisters in the organization. "I wouldn't have been able to share my story if it weren't for them," she adds. "Our eyes are our guide along life's journey. And I'm living proof that clear vision leads to a brighter future."



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// Judy Toft

Chicago Northwest Lions

A devoted reader and diligent writer, Lion Judy Toft loves to research Lion history, delighting with every find like a woman gathering her own family's scattered bits of genealogy.

She was introduced to Lions by her late husband, PDG Georg Toft, who "absorbed Lionism," as she says, and thought women should be involved in the club. And she was not a hard sell. Toft chartered the Mayfair Lioness Club, originally called the "Mayfair FemaLions" in 1975, and saw to it that they followed the Lion by-laws and constitution so there would be an easy transition into the Lions Clubs International when women were officially welcomed as members.

When the Mayfair Lions club disbanded last summer after 70 years, she transferred to the Chicago Northwest club. Her enthusiasm for Lions never wavered. Toft has received numerous Lion honors and currently serves as District 1A Reading Action Program Chair, often watching her Chicago living room turn into a library as books are moved from place to place.

What do you like most about being a Lion?

I think it's probably all we do. We do what a community needs, and are not really looking for recognition. But people are very appreciative.

What's the best thing you have personally done for Lions?

I think in many ways I've been a catalyst, so to speak, to get more people involved.

How did your first project for the Reading Action Program turn out?

Well, we got a lot more than what we expected. We decided to merge the RAP program with the "Engaging Our Youth" challenge and collect books for children. We set a goal of 5,000 books to be collected over the year, but by October we had surpassed that. We had eight months to go and I proposed we raise it to 10,000 books. By the end, we had collected more than 14,300 books.

Do you still collect books?

I have some in the living room now. But now we're collecting books on tape for seniors. They're very popular and people need them.

Who is your mentor?

Dr. Seuss. He said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn – the more places you will go."

How can Lions clubs grow in membership?

You can't just show up to meetings. You have to get to know the people in your club. Make the new person comfortable. Find out what the new

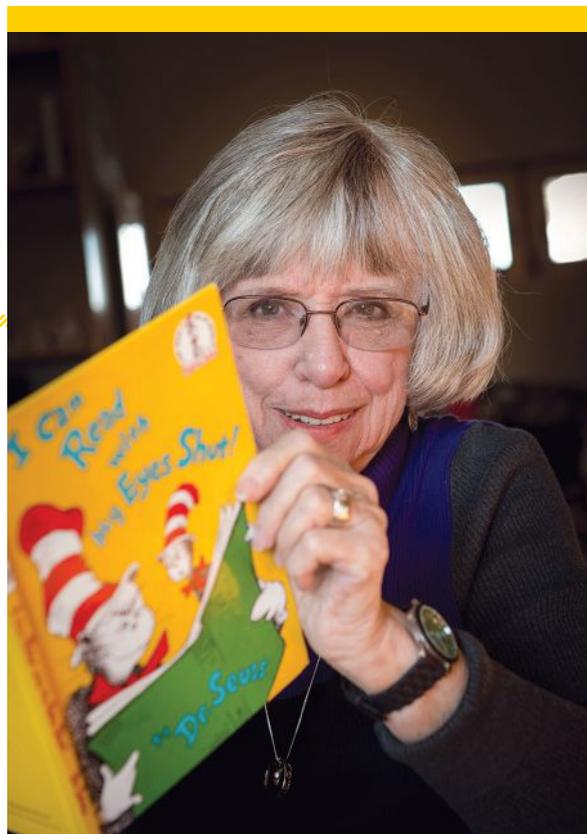


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person likes to do. What kind of project is going to keep them involved in the first year? After five years? If you have to adapt club projects to interest members, do it.

Do you have advice for Lions?

Go out in your community. Talk to people. Ask questions. See what their needs are. Go on the LCI website and look at everything up there. We're not just Lions in your community. We're international. There are many clubs to learn from, and many things to learn about.

What's your favorite book?

My very favorite book, I think, in the whole world, believe it or not, is "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand. I read widely—whatever strikes me at the moment. I think, though, "Atlas Shrugged" will always remain one of my top three.

How do you look back on your years as a Lion?

Georg and I had 51 and one half great years together, three marvelous kids and almost 50 years of being involved in Lionism with perfect attendance—not a bad record. Lionism was a way of life with us—sort of like the credit card you have in your pocket and use all the time. It was always there for us if we needed it. It continues to be there for me when I need it.

Lions interested in learning more about Toft's book project may contact her at jetoft@comcast.net.

Enjoying a Piece of the Pie

The New Germany and Area Lions in Nova Scotia, Canada, have heard about making lemonade from lemons. But they have apples, so they make apple pie, and their pie project has been nothing but sweet and successful.

Four years ago, one Lion in the club of 31 pitched her idea to make apple pies and sell them as a fundraiser. Their club is a short drive from the Annapolis Valley, known for apple orchards and wineries. “And everybody likes apple pie,” says Lion Deb Featherby. “So we tried it. We sold a few hundred that first year and it snowballed from there.”

This year the club sold 1,389 pies in a town of about 450 people. “New Germany has suburbs,” explains Featherby with a chuckle. And the Lion pie bakers have a following.

Lions start by going with their trucks and trailers to a nearby orchard where the Cortland apples have been picked and are ready for them in large wooden bins. (They believe Cortlands make the best pie).

The crew transfers the apples to 20-pound bags and hauls them back to town, knowing each pie will require six to eight apples.

In the Pinehurst Hall a few days later, the stage is set. About 75 volunteers—Lions and friends—have specific jobs to do. There are dough makers, peelers, slicers, sugar and spicers, people who put the bottom dough in the foil pie plates and people who fill the pies. At the end of the line, Lions put the top crusts on the pies and others bag them for delivery. None are baked.

Farmers get the big buckets of apple peels to feed to their cows, so nothing is wasted. Eggs for the dough—420 this year—are fresh from a nearby farm, so nothing is stale.

And the camaraderie is high, so nobody complains. “There’s no pause for anything,” says Featherby, a dough maker. “It’s the best day ever.”



There’s nothing like homemade apple pie in Nova Scotia where the New Germany and Area Lions made more than 1,300 pies in one day to sell to the community.

The Lions take pie orders beforehand, and in the afternoon on pie making day they deliver the unbaked pies to the customers. Some will pop one pie right in the oven for dinner and save others in the freezer for Christmas. (An unbaked apple pie will get soggy).

As much as Featherby appreciates a piece of warm apple pie, she doesn’t bake one when she gets home. She goes to bed. “You just don’t stop on pie day,” she says. “But it’s fun. We go from 7 in the morning until 5, 6, 7 at night, and when we’re done, I’m flour from head to toe. And I’m tired.”

The Lions used 32.5 bags of flour, 90 bags of sugar, nine tubs of margarine, 2,700 pounds of apples and 394 packages of shortening this year, says Featherby, and they earned a profit of \$10,000. Next year they might have to increase the price of a pie from \$7.50 to \$8 because shortening costs have gone up. And, the Lions may have two days of pie making to accommodate a growing appetite in the community.

While some of the profit is always earmarked for Dog Guides, the rest goes to charities, Diabetes Canada, and the breakfast program in the schools, Featherby says.

“We don’t have to think hard about what to do with the money.”

Lions Create a Safe Pathway in Their Small Community

The people of Alburnett, Iowa—a small town of 700 just north of Cedar Rapids—have a great place to exercise, but getting there was a safety problem.

The Martin Sports Complex, with ball fields, a playground, horseshoe pits and a walking trail, is just a fourth of a mile from the edge of town. But to walk there meant walking on the highway, which was especially risky in the evenings when the students wanted to go.

But after years of the community talking about it, and three years of Lions working on it, the Alburnett

Lions have fixed the problem. With US\$20,000 from Lions’ fundraising and donations, and US\$20,000 in grants, they built “The Safe Pathway”—an 8-foot wide concrete path that extends a quarter mile from the edge of town to the path that circles the complex.

It is both handicap- and bicycle-accessible. Various companies and organizations in the community pitched in with discounted prices and donations, says Lion secretary Roberta Carver. The local electric company installed four light poles at no cost, and the city of

Alburnett will pay the bill to keep the area illuminated.

“All ages use the facility,” says Carver. “We’re proud of it. The community backed us and we were able to get this project put into motion in a short period of time.”

How did a small town club raise the funds for a big project? “We received the majority of donations through a ‘Buy a Yard of Concrete’ fundraiser,” Carver says. “Individual donors could purchase a yard of concrete for US\$100.”

A Yuletide Tradition Unites International Lions

What would winter be without chestnuts roasting on an open fire?

The Leavenworth Lions in Washington wouldn't dare to find out. But they have found that half their chestnut customers don't know what they've been missing. They've never tried chestnuts before. The other half know how good a freshly roasted chestnut is with some hot cocoa or hot spiced cider on a snowy winter night.

For the Lions in MD 19, District D, selling chestnuts over the holidays is now an international event. Every year Lions from the Kamloops Paddlewheelers Lions in British Columbia make the trip to Leavenworth to assist with the Leavenworth Lions' annual roasted chestnuts fundraiser.

And next year, Leavenworth Lions hope, even more Lions from British Columbia will make the trip.

It's a tradition.

The Leavenworth Lions purchase 1,500 pounds of chestnuts from an orchard in Washington and sell them at festivals from a trailer built by Past District Governor Joe Nilles. The first part is the tedious part. All of the chestnuts have to be scored; an X carved in the shell to let steam escape.

Twenty-three Lions and friends scored 300 pounds for the local Christkindlmarkt fashioned after a Bavarian Christmas market in Germany. The rest were scored over three get-togethers in the weeks leading up to the Christmas Lighting Festival, says Lion Joyce Stevens. "It's time consuming and it's not easy, but it's worth it."

The roasted chestnuts, started in a convection oven and finished over a barbecue grill, sell in a 10-ounce cup for \$3.25 and are very popular, but Lions also sell two-pound bags of non-scored and non-roasted chestnuts for those who want to carry out their own yuletide tradition at home.

Sales this winter took in \$16,500 with the profit providing vision and hearing help for community members and supporting numerous other Lion projects. Change jars collected \$1,300 to send children to diabetes camp. And this year the club plans to replace the picnic shelter in Lions Club Park as their centennial project.



The Leavenworth Lions in Washington love to introduce new customers to the wonder of roasted chestnuts from their stand at winter festivals.

Makeover Preserves Art of Blacksmithing

The Signal Mountain Lions Club—believed to be the largest in Tennessee with 98 Lions—historically focused on large community barbecues and a variety of short-term projects.

But they chose to add something different for a year. They focused on a Lions Legacy project that shares the history of community in the scenic Walden Ridge, outside Chattanooga. The Lions dedicated time, money, and labor to restore the blacksmith shop on the historic McCoy Farm and Gardens to its former grandeur. It is owned by the town of Walden.

The shop was beyond repair and Lions decided to raze it and rebuild it on the original site, retaining its original appearance and integrity so it would serve as a working shop for the farm and for reenactments, says Lion Paul Jensen.

More than 20 Signal Mountain Lions worked steadily, demolishing the old structure but saving what they could, including the original forge and chimney, old tools, and horseshoes.

The McCoy Farm Board of Directors, with help from the Lions, funded the project, but community members stepped up in a variety of ways. One citizen renovated and donated an antique ceiling fan from the early 1900s. Pine trees harvested from Lion Earl Hereford's yard were processed at a saw mill and donated. The boards were dried on the property, and some were used to complete the interior walls.

Members of Choo Choo Forge, a local blacksmith club, provided the Lions with guidance, materials and support, and Lions totaled 37 work days and more than 800 man hours.

Charles Adams, a board member for the farm, says the blacksmith shop provided horseshoes, farm implements, shaping of metals during fabrication, wrought iron shapes, and livestock gate hardware in the early 1900s.

"Signal Mountain Lions chose this project to permit future demonstration of this lost art for future generations," says Adams. "The first community demonstration was standing room only."

A piece of Walden Ridge history has been restored, and a plaque on the wall documents years of Lions' service in the Tennessee community.



Before and after photos show the work of the Signal Mountain Lions in saving a historic blacksmith shop.

NEW ZEALAND

Fertilizer Stand Proves Fruitful Fundraising Effort

You might say it's the precursor to a fruit or flower stand. Looking for a new way to raise money for their club, the Temuka Lions in New Zealand opened a fertilizer stand along a stretch of highway through their town, hoping to



The Temuka Lions in New Zealand sell several different types of fertilizer at their roadside stand, relying on an honesty box to collect payment.

entice someone from the more than 7,000 vehicles that travel past each week.

The unmanned stand relies on an honesty box pay system and offers up lime, Nitrophoska Blue, rose mix, lawn fertilizer, bone meal, and 5-kilogram bags of general super phosphate. When in season they also stock lily and freesia bulbs. In the short time it's been open they've had very good sales, says John Butler, the Temuka Lion who originally came up with the idea. "On average, we're getting around 10 to 12 sales per week," he says. "Our prices are competitive compared to the garden centers and hardware stores."

Their club is no stranger to fertilizer sales. Each spring they host a fertilizer drive that raises about \$10,000 (US\$7,300). It started when they began selling seaweed garden fertilizer 15 years ago, leveraging the ties of some of their members who are farmers and have access to bulk rates.

But the stand is new to them. They built it themselves to keep costs down. "It's been a very interesting learning curve for us," says Butler. "We didn't get started until late spring." But they have a dedicated group of members who keep the stand stocked regularly. "We have a very good bunch of Lions," he says.

CANADA

Vancouver Lions Sing Their Own Tune

About 40 years ago Lion Peter Black and his wife, Helen, were on their way to a Lions event in Portland, Oregon when they decided their fledgling Lions club needed a song. During the seven-hour drive from their home in West Vancouver, Canada, they worked out the lyrics, took the melody from the old Scottish song "I Belong to Glasgow," and presented it to their club.

Oh we belong to Lions,
From good old Ambleside,
And we're so full of energy,
And we've got lotsa pride.
We're only some common old working chaps,
As anyone here can see,
But when we get together for service and fellowship
Lions belong to me, hey!

The song has since taken on a life of its own. "It's become a standing thing that we do," says Black, a founding member of the Ambleside Tiddlycove Lions Club. Other clubs get a kick out of it when, at zone or district meetings, the Ambleside Tiddlycove Lions don't just wave. "We get up and sing," says Black.



Members of the Ambleside Tiddlycove Lions Club prepare to belt out their signature tune.

AUSTRALIA

Speech Device Gives Young Man a Voice

Dylan Bowland can now communicate with his parents, thanks to a generous donation from the Dardanup Lions Club. The South Western Australian club raised more than \$2,300 (US\$1,800) to help Bowland, who has cerebral palsy, purchase an updated speech device.

Bowland has quadriplegic cerebral palsy from a traumatic birth, and requires individualized equipment and expensive technology just to participate in everyday life, says his mother, Theresa. "His disabilities are severe."

When the club heard of the Bowland family's struggles to purchase the needed equipment, they stepped in. Club President Phil Ottrey says helping those in their community is a priority for the Lions. And with a well-supported raffle at the Dardanup pub every Friday night, a battery drive, and some catering the Lions do, "The money never seems to run short," he says.

Seeing how their support helped Bowland, the Dardanup Lions are looking into helping more people with disabilities. "There is a wide open space where people need help," says Ottrey.



Dylan Bowland and his mother, Theresa, work to adjust the old communication device as they await his new one, which was partially funded by a donation from the Dardanup Lions Club.



The Lions Club of Nannup raffled off this 6-ounce gold nugget to raise money for the Lions Eye Institute in Perth. It was found in 2003 by club president Chris Morten.

AUSTRALIA

Lions Eye Research Strikes It Rich with Gold Nugget Raffle

A Lions club deep in the jarrah forest of southwest Australia converted a six-ounce gold nugget into funding for stem cell research to unlock the mysteries of eye disease.

The nugget, valued at \$12,500 (US\$10,000), was raffled throughout the country by the Lions Club of Nannup, raising about \$32,000 (US\$25,385) for the Lions Eye Institute in Perth. It was won by Lion John Noffke, treasurer of the Lions Club of Springsure, who was on the opposite side of the country in Brisbane when he got the news from club president, Chris Morten.

Morten, who suffers from a rare form of retinal damage and has just five percent of normal sight, found the nugget about six to eight inches deep along a remote road north of Perth in 2003 while prospecting with his late wife, Dorothy.

Morten says they spent six years prospecting with an old metal detector, and this is the largest nugget they found.

Noffke, a Lion for 32 years, says he hasn't decided what he'll do with the magical lump of gold other than put it in a safe place. It may be used again for the betterment of research, or may be simply a shiny nest egg. But he will treasure it. "I know the nugget has great sentimental value," he says.

He praises Morten's donation and his commitment to Lions, the Nannup club, and the Eye Institute.

For more than 60 years the institute has been providing scientific answers and innovations to both specialists and patrons, including the synthetic cornea. New stem cell research at the institute is expected to help find answers to many other eye diseases including macular degeneration, says Morten.

In a showing of support from man's best friend, Morten's sight assistance dog, Tandy, a golden retriever, wears a replica of the nugget on her collar and as her companion says, "sends frantic wags of support to all with low or no vision."

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Start with the person nearest to you

// BY AREA LEADER CARL VAN BLERK

The peace, tranquillity and tangible love I felt in the Mother House on my recent trip to Kolkata, India was almost overwhelming. Mother Teresa was truly a special person and she continues to fill the hearts and souls of those who carry her important work forward. The privilege of visiting this unique place while attending the Lions ISAAME forum in December 2017, would not have been complete without this inspiring visit.

Mother Teresa once said, “Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you.” Perhaps, as Lions, we sometimes think we always need to help as many people as possible all the time. Feeding hundreds of people and making sure we’ve tested all the children for sight problems at the local school is a vital component of what we do, but we must never lose sight of the person nearest to us, who also needs our help.

This sentiment became evident to me personally in December 2014 when I was visiting a school in a small seaside town on the Southern Coast of South Africa. This little school in Knysna had just learned of the birth of Carli van Straten, whose parents were both teachers at the same school. Carli didn’t come into the world with all the same smiles, excitement, and joy as most babies bring about, and although her wonderful parents were filled with deep love and exhilaration for her arrival, they were also filled with fear and concern for her survival.

Carli was born with not one, but four very complicated heart defects. A combination of problems that meant her survival beyond just a few hours was highly unlikely.

Carli has double outlet right ventricle (DORV), which means both her greater arteries are coming out of the same ventricle. This in turn means no oxygenated blood runs through her

little body. She also had transposition of the greater arteries (TGA), which indicated that her greater arteries were switched.

This tiny premature baby also had a hole in her heart (VSD), and after birth, when a scan of her heart was done, it was immediately discovered that she also had pulmonary stenosis (PS), which means one of her valves was extremely small.

Just a few months earlier, the doctors had recommended that her parents, Riaan and Joanie, terminate the pregnancy due to obvious major complications. But the faith of this incredible family was unwavering as they chose to not consider that as an option.

Lions Clubs International, through District 410D, got involved by supporting the family with the potentially life-altering medical costs. Within only a few hours of hearing of the family’s devastating news, a tentative amount of R250,000 (US\$21,000) was set aside to help Carli and her family with the medical bills that would accumulate over the coming years. Much like Carli’s family, Lions didn’t question whether she would survive. Carli had Lions walking alongside her now too, and she would fight through, like a true brave heart warrior.

Today Carli is 3 years old, has already been through many brave fights and become a beacon in the Van Straten family and her adopted Lions family. Her parents have started their own fund raising, through the sale of iHeartCarli stickers, and use much of those funds to help other babies in the hospitals they spend so much time frequenting. Sometimes, it’s just a teddy



Carli in the hospital after her birth and now, attending her first day of school.



Carl van Blerk became a Lion in 2006 in George, South Africa. Soon after he chartered the Edens Lions Club and served as charter president for two years before serving on the cabinet and later as District Governor. van Blerk is currently serving as GST area leader.

bear, or some baby essentials, but they have learned to pass on the kindness and gain strength through the iHeart-Carli campaign.

The van Stratens have since moved to a larger city in South Africa in order to be close to the hospitals where Carli is receiving treatment. But she is never far from the thoughts of all those who got to know her. Carli is now growing up in Bloemfontein, and continues to inspire Lions from all over the District. The regular social media photos and stories posted by the family, showing her eating an ice-cream, doing swimming lessons with her older brother Benjamin, or celebrating her first day of play school, remind us daily of why we are Lions and why we need to continually look at the person standing beside us and ask, “How can I help you?”



WHAT LCIF DOES

We expand the reach of your service by awarding grants in **four key areas.**

We give sight by combating eye diseases, creating infrastructure to improve eye care delivery, increasing the number of trained eye care professionals, and making vision care more equitable and sustainable through programs like KidSight USA.

We support youth by helping children learn to work together, make positive decisions, and serve their communities through Lions Quest, and by constructing schools, youth centers, and vocational training centers.

We provide disaster relief by helping devastated communities survive after disasters and by bringing hope through assistance in long-term efforts to rebuild homes and lives.

We address humanitarian needs from global health issues such as measles, diabetes, hunger, and childhood cancer to empowering those with disabilities to lead more independent and fulfilling lives.



Supporting Lions. Serving humanity. Giving hope.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is

turning 50 this year, and along with a golden anniversary, this year brings wonderful stories from beneficiaries around the world and exciting new changes on the horizon. In fact, every indication is that LCIF is in its prime. Gearing up for a new capital fundraising campaign, restructuring grant offerings to better serve the needs of Lions, and preparing to support the new global causes for Lions Clubs International (LCI), LCIF has the right mix of experience and energy to help those most in need. LCIF has been supporting the service of Lions for 50 years, and that's just the beginning.

LCIF has helped Lions accomplish a lot in its 50 years.

LCIF was incorporated as a foundation in 1968 to take the mission of LCI to new heights, tackling global problems and assisting Lions with large-scale humanitarian projects. LCIF distributed its first grant four years later, and hasn't slowed down since.

With more than US\$1 billion in funding awarded through more than 13,000 grants, LCIF has restored sight to parents who had not been able to see their children. It has rebuilt communities devastated by earthquakes and wildfires. It has fed hungry children and empowered youth to become healthy, productive adults. With the support of LCIF, Lions built water wells and latrines that are helping to control the spread of blinding diseases. People who were once hidden from the world because of a disability, denied education and companionship, now attend school and contribute to their communities. This US\$1 billion has shown the world that Lions care and LCIF helps.

LCIF'S FIRST GRANT

June 9, 1972. In Rapid City, South Dakota, a cold front moved across the eastern slope of the Black Hills. Dew points rose as the air became heavy with clouds. By 6 p.m. a continuous line of thunderstorms blanketed the eastern Black Hills. Steep canyons funneled the water toward the dry plains. Water levels of Rapid Creek, above Rapid City, rose 12 feet in just two hours. By 5 a.m. on June 10, Rapid Creek was again within its banks, but not without taking the lives of 238 people. Three thousand people were injured and 1,335 homes were destroyed.

Lions were among the first on the scene to provide help to the devastated community. The foundation made its first grant to District 5-SW for US\$5,000 to assist the South Dakota flood victims, beginning a legacy that continues today.

TODAY

Since that first grant, LCIF has provided funds to projects all over the world. Communities are supported around the globe and around the corner. LCIF focuses on four main areas—**sight, youth, disaster, and humanitarian efforts**—ensuring help goes where it is most critically needed.

Sight

The child of a farming family in Gujarat, India, Jyotsana Nisarta was only 2 years old when she contracted polio. Even with medical intervention, Jyotsana was left with considerable visual impairment.

With limited opportunities for people with disabilities in India, Jyotsana remained dependent on her family. That's when the Blind Welfare Council in Dahod changed her life. With support from a US\$63,000 grant from LCIF, Lions of District 323-F1 helped to expand the council's vocational training center. The council was able to take on more computer trainees and introduced several new programs that train about 100 people per year for respected and well-paying jobs.

Within months Jyotsana had completed her training and was immediately hired as a computer operator. 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 issues 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.

Read more about what LCIF is doing to combat blindness at LCIF.org.

Youth

At Grapevine Middle School in suburban Dallas-Fort Worth, students sit in a circle and take part in a directed dialogue. The Lions Quest exercise is intended to help build community. These students will eventually create their own code of conduct—a set of expectations that they use to hold each other accountable.

“The students started correcting each other. It's something they come up with, so they own it,” says Juneria Berges, former principal at Grapevine. As a result, attendance at the school rose and students demonstrated much-needed critical thinking skills. Studies have shown that students are more likely to achieve academically when their school environment is safe, warm and supportive—just the sort of environment being created at Grapevine. “Lions Quest teaches ethics, caring about others, and responsibility for oneself,” says Berges. “The kids

learn they have choices in life, and you have to make the best choices for yourself.”

Whether they are living in the suburbs, cities, or small villages, these life skills are universal. And nowhere can those lessons be better put to use than the South Sudan. Located in East-Central Africa, South Sudan gained independence in 2011, but 20 years of civil war left the country with essentially no infrastructure. Only a handful of areas have running water, electricity, clinics, schools, or paved roads. Half of the population lives below the international poverty line, which is less than US\$2 per day. It is not surprising then that only one in three South Sudanese men and one in 10 South Sudanese women can read. Very few speak English, which is the official language of South Sudan.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2017 LCIF received its sixth consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for its effective fiscal management and its commitment to accountability and transparency.

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In an effort to bring life skills and hope to the country's young people, 38 teachers from 14 schools and institutions were trained in Lions Quest Skills for Adolescence. At least 6,832 students ages 12 to 18 will benefit from the Lions Quest program.

"As teachers, we have been equipped with the skills we needed to reset the mindset of young people to look at their situation differently and positively," says Emmanuel Ladu, head teacher at Juba Model Secondary School.

To read more about the Lions Quest program or to request materials for a school in your district, visit LCIF.org.

Disaster Relief

When Hurricane Matthew hit the Caribbean in October 2016, it quickly became the strongest storm to hit Haiti since 1964 and the third strongest for the nation on record. Bridges washed away. Many of the main roads became impassible. Food and drinking water were in short supply. Five hundred and forty-six people died, though reports of unconfirmed deaths rose as high as 1,600. Two hundred thousand homes were completely or near-completely destroyed and 1.4 million people were left in need of humanitarian aid.

The Lions of Haiti—victims themselves—quickly went into service mode. They requested assistance from LCIF and were awarded an initial US\$10,000 Emergency grant to address the immediate needs of the victims. Twenty Lions and 10 Leos from Port-au-Prince traveled to Petit-Goâve to work with clubs there. Together, they distributed 550 relief kits to residents and later packed 1,500 kits of food and medicine that were distributed in Les Cayes.

As a nation that was still rebuilding after the devastating earthquake in 2010, the Haitian government lacked the resources to adequately respond to the new disaster. Emergency grants from LCIF are specifically designed to help provide basic immediate needs including food, water, clothing and medicine to victims.

After immediate needs are met, victims of disasters are not forgotten. LCIF remains committed to the important work of rebuilding homes and lives, often long after a disaster occurs. Through Major Catastrophe grants, LCIF supports long-term reconstruction projects to help victims return to their lives and regain their independence.

LCIF provided a US\$200,000 Major Catastrophe grant for relief in the wake of devastating floods that struck Paraguay in December 2015 and January 2016. Now, two years later, relief work is ongoing. Lions and LCIF are still there, supporting communities as they rebuild.

Local Lions recently finished repairs on five primary schools that were destroyed by flood waters. Because of this important work, 1,725 students have been able to return to school.

For information on how your club can apply for Disaster Preparedness, Community Recovery, or Emergency grants, visit LCIF.org.

Humanitarian

SK Talantang is an elementary school located in rural Sabah, Malaysia, amongst tall rubber trees and marshy rice fields. Until recently, more than half of the children who attend the school had to walk up to four hours to school and four hours back home, often barefoot to preserve their shoes. Others used their parents' motorcycles or packed into rickety vans.

CHANGES TO GRANTS

Grants from LCIF allow Lions to amplify their service work and reach more people. If you believe your project could benefit from a grant, be sure to contact your district governor.

New Grants

- **LEO SERVICE GRANTS:** Leos can now assess, plan and implement their own service projects.
- **DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS:** a percentage of contributions to LCIF are transformed into grants that fund local projects in alignment with the foundation's areas of focus.

New Structure

Core 4 grants and International Assistance grants are now rebranded under the category of Humanitarian grants, which encompasses:

- **MATCHING GRANTS** (previously called Standard grants)
- **LIONS QUEST GRANTS** (previously called Core 4 Lions Quest)
- **DIABETES GRANTS** (previously called Core 4 Diabetes)

All of the criteria for these grants will remain the same, as well as the application deadlines.

Remaining deadlines for the 2017-2018 fiscal year:

- **MAY 12:** Application deadline for SightFirst grants to be reviewed at the August 2018 SightFirst Advisory Committee meeting
- **MAY 14:** Application deadline for matching grants, diabetes grants, and Lions Quest grants to be reviewed at the August 2018 board meeting

During the rainy season, many students missed school due to the treacherous conditions. Because of this commute, some parents did not enroll their children in school at all.

Thanks to the efforts of Lions clubs in Korea, the Lions Club of Kota Kinabalu Host, and LCIF, a dormitory was built to house 100 of these children. The dormitory is just a short walk from the school building and includes beds, bathrooms, a dining area, and a kitchen that serves meals five times per day. Many of the amenities are not available in their private homes. The children of SK Talantang are now able to live and study in a place suitable for learning. They are also able to stay after school to participate in extracurricular activities.

Of course, attending school is only beneficial when children have the nutrition needed to focus and concentrate. But around the globe nearly 800 million people do not have enough food to eat. The situation is most dire in developing countries, where one in six children is underweight. The Venezia Host and Venezia Angelo Partecipazio Lions clubs in Italy teamed up with the Koudougou Baobab Lions Club in Burkina Faso and LCIF to address food insecurity in several villages in the West African nation. The Italian Lions received an LCIF International Assistance grant (IAG) for US\$54,267 to support the project.

The Lions had two main objectives. The first was to form a field school to train women in rural areas to use a drip irrigation system. Second, they would use that drip irrigation system to create a village vegetable garden. Women from nearby areas would be taught how to cultivate crops using the new system, as well how to use those crops to feed healthy meals to their families. Water storage towers, compost pits, a storage shed, and fences played important roles in helping the project reach its goals.

Drip irrigation is a low-water, low-pressure system that keeps plant roots moist. By applying water directly to plant roots rather than the surrounding soil, drip irrigation systems use less water than some traditional systems. Drip irrigation is particularly beneficial where water sources are scarce.

Lions got to work. They secured and cleared nearly 2.5 acres of land. They dug a well with a solar pump and a storage tank and planted onions, other vegetables, and fast-growing Moringa trees. Once the crops were planted, Lions from both countries trained local women on using the drip irrigation system and tending to their gardens.

The field school pilot program trained seven women from the Kyon District. It is expected that up to 60 women will be trained annually. The Lions hope that



these women will grow enough excess food that they may start their own village market and sell their produce for a profit, leading to economic stability and independence.

“We Lions are fighting poverty and securing food for women and children in rural Burkina Faso because malnutrition is widespread,” says Lion Giovanni Spaliviero of the Italian Lions Association, MK Onlus. “We hope these vegetable gardens will help to significantly improve the health and the living conditions of children and their families.”

For more information on LCIF's newly restructured grants and how Lions can apply, visit LCIF.org.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Cross Burchett was only 3 years old when he went to a Colorado Lions KidSight vision screening. It was there that his parents discovered he was farsighted, and so much so that his brain had started to shut down the vision in one of his eyes. Cross was at risk of permanently losing his vision.

About 10 percent of preschoolers

have eye or vision problems, and at that age, they do not voice complaints about it. Cross' parents, Kerri and Don, immediately got Cross fitted with glasses that corrected his vision. Early detection and treatment saved Cross' sight.

Today, Cross is 14 years old and enjoys reading, playing video games, and soccer. “To say thank you to [Lions and LCIF] just isn't enough. And I hope they

understand how they changed his life and hopefully [the lives of] many other children with what they've done,” says Don Burchett. Cross joined Dr. Yamada on stage at LCIF's Plenary during the Centennial Convention in Chicago and was presented with the chairperson's plaque. Cross thanked Lions and LCIF once again for his life-changing vision screening.

THE FUTURE

Lions should be proud of the work they've set in motion through LCIF over the past 50 years. Through their hard work and generous donations, LCIF's two previous capital fundraising campaigns, Campaign SightFirst and Campaign SightFirst II, have raised US\$143 million in 1994 and US\$205 million in 2008. Those campaigns led to considerable progress in the global fight against blindness.

A new capital fundraising campaign, officially launching in July, will be LCIF's most ambitious yet. With a goal of raising US\$300 million, LCIF will support Lions' efforts to triple their humanitarian impact and serve 200 million people per year by 2021. In order to reach this goal, LCIF will expand its areas of focus. Moving forward, in addition to its current core competencies, LCIF will focus on projects addressing diabetes, the environment, childhood cancer, and hunger, all under the humanitarian umbrella. These are issues that LCIF grants have addressed in the past, but this new focus will bring additional solutions and service to the world's most pressing global problems.

As our world continues to change, LCIF will be there, growing and evolving to meet new challenges. To address new concerns and best serve communities and future generations, LCIF is looking to the next 50 years to make its greatest impact yet.

LCIF relies on the generosity of Lions. When you make a donation to LCIF, you can make a difference both locally and globally. Talk to your club's LCIF Coordinator for information on how you can support LCIF, then spread the word on the important work LCIF is doing.

With continued support from Lions, LCIF can continue to be the shelter in the storm, the light in the darkness, the hand reaching out to make our communities safer, brighter, more humane.

ONE SHOT, ONE LIFE

Lions work with LCIF to stop measles

What Is Measles?

- Found in every part of the world
- A contagious viral infection that first attacks the respiratory system, then creates a rash
- Ninety percent of those without immunity will contract the virus when exposed
- Immunity can be easily acquired through a vaccine
- Six times more infectious than the flu

How Measles Impacts the World

- The cause of death for 89,780 people per year; around 245 people every day
- The world's leading cause of vaccine-preventable deaths among children
- Thirty percent of survivors experience complications, which can include permanent hearing loss, blindness, and death

LCIF Impact

LCIF financial support along with GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance matching funds has enabled:

- A projected 87.7 million children to be immunized
- 97.8 million doses of measles or MR vaccine procured
- 61,000 future deaths averted
- By the end of 2017, it is estimated Lions and LCIF mobilized more than US\$85 million toward the global fight against measles

Lions are proud to be a contributing partner in bringing the annual measles death rate below 100,000 for the first time in history.

How Lions Can Help As a Club

- Organize fundraisers such as concerts, dinners, galas, sport events, and donate money raised to LCIF
- Ask your Club LCIF Coordinator to give a presentation on measles

Individual Lions

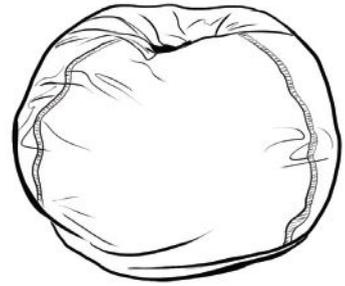
- Spread the word through social media, word of mouth, or publications like the local newspaper
- Volunteer at vaccination centers
- Donate Today! One dollar could save a life

See more stories of LCIF in action.



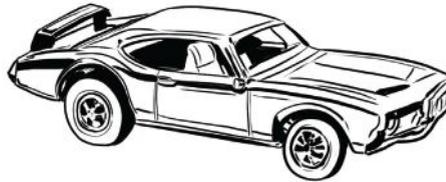
THE BEAN BAG CHAIR. Italian designers Piero Gatti, Cesare Paolini, and Franco Teodoro introduced the “shapeless chair,” the Sacco, as part of the Italian Modernist movement.

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HOT WHEELS. The Mattel brand of die-cast toy cars were originally intended to be more “tricked out” versions of their Matchbox competitors, and the first to roll off the lot was a dark blue Custom Camaro.

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60 MINUTES. The CBS newsmagazine used a unique investigative style reporting that eventually landed it #6 on TV Guides 50 Greatest TV Shows of All Time.

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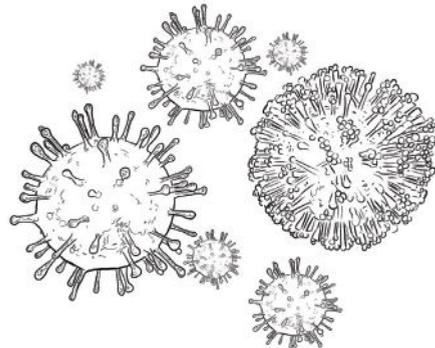
John M. Darley and Bibb Latané first demonstrated the social psychology phenomenon in which individuals are less likely to offer help to a victim when other people are present.

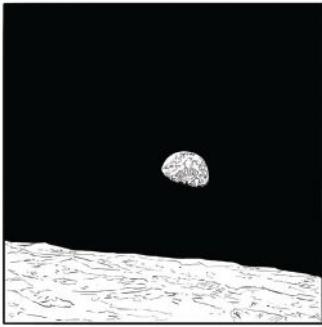
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NOROVIRUS. The gastrointestinal virus, sometimes referred to as the “winter vomiting bug,” made its American debut in 1968 at an elementary school in Norwalk, Ohio. Fifty years later there is still no effective vaccine for norovirus, which kills an estimated 50,000 to 100,000 children in developing countries every year.

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EARTHRISE. The famous photo of the Earth rising above the lunar horizon by astronaut Bill Anders during the Apollo 8 mission was declared “the most influential environmental photograph ever taken” by nature photographer Galen Rowell.



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THE ODD COUPLE. Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau star in the film based on the Neil Simon play of the same name.

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RED LOBSTER. Intended to be a “Harbor for Seafood Lovers,” the first Red Lobster opened in Lakeland, Florida, and now boasts locations in the United States, Kuwait, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Japan, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Brazil, Malaysia, and Ecuador.



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ADIDAS Telstar Soccer Ball. The design we all know today—32 panels stitched together, 12 black pentagons and 20 white hexagons—was first used in the 1968 European Football Championship.



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THE MODERN MEASLES VACCINE. An improved measles vaccine, called the Edmonston-Enders strain, began being distributed and has been the only measles vaccine used in the United States since 1968.



A League—and Field —All Their Own

// BY JOAN CARY

Mississippi Lion Debbie Taylor expects to get a text message every day about the baseball diamond under construction in Columbus.

Either first baseman Lantz Eads has found a ride to the field near his home and wants to share news of the work being done, or he has not found a ride and is hoping for a progress report.

Lantz, 30, has Asperger syndrome—an autism disorder—and he plays ball in the Challenger League run by Golden Triangle Outdoors (GTO), a Columbus nonprofit that provides recreational opportunities for people with physical and intellectual disabilities.

For years the Challenger teams have been playing ball on a traditional grass and dirt diamond in the town's Propst Park. It's been fun, but sometimes difficult. Frequent spring rainouts mean Lantz and his friends miss their weekly opportunity to get together, an important time in their lives. People in wheelchairs have difficulty running the bases when it's muddy and players on crutches and walkers have to be careful not to trip.

"Just getting to the field was sometimes an obstacle," says Taylor.

But not anymore.

With the assistance of a US\$100,000 LCIF grant, the Lions of District 30 M in Mississippi have partnered with GTO to build a Miracle League Field of Golden Triangle (Golden Triangle refers to the "triangle" formed by the towns of Columbus, West Point and Starkville). Debbie Taylor, with the support of her husband, Lion Larry Taylor, is spearheading the project.

The US\$570,000 fully accessible sports facility includes a cushioned rubberized turf that accommodates wheelchairs and other assistive devices, a walkway, fencing, bleachers, and a wheelchair-accessible dugout.

"I'm looking forward to playing on the new field. With the old field, the wheelchairs get stuck. And this one will drain faster," says Lantz, an Atlanta Braves fan who loves baseball so much he got a backyard batting cage for his 30th birthday and a new bat for Christmas. Actually, the new field will drain within 15 minutes after a rain.

Taylor doesn't mind Lantz's daily texts, she says. She enjoys them, and they remind her of her son, Nick, who died at age 28. He was also a Braves fan, also special needs, and also loved the game of baseball.

Nick was born with dwarfism in 1985, further challenged by scoliosis and cerebral palsy, and although doctors thought he wouldn't live to go home with his parents, for 28 years he proved them wrong. He joined the Challenger League when he was just 5 or 6, Debbie Taylor remembers. Nick was recovering from spine surgery, in a body cast, and assisted by a walker at his first game.

Some of his teammates traveled 50 or more miles to play ball with their friends on the regular city ballfield in Columbus, and they still do. But now they will have the Miracle League field. Taylor bubbles with enthusiasm, overjoyed that what their son would have loved so much is nearing fruition for many others.

"That's one reason I want it to happen so bad. Baseball was Nick's love," says Taylor. "Am I excited that it's happening now? Yes Ma'am. It's been a long time coming. We have tried before to get this together, and it never happened. But now it is happening."

Although an unusually cold winter delayed construction, East Columbus Lions—many like Taylor who are also GTO volunteers—are still shooting for a mid-April dedication and to throw out the first pitch at the end of that month.

They broke ground in August when Joy, one of the Challenger League participants, threw in an extra shovel of dirt for the players like Nick who are no longer with them on the field. Taylor loved that. "It figures," she says, "It figures that of all of us, Joy would think of that."

Mississippi Lions have collected US\$75,000 toward the Miracle League field and US\$25,000 has been pledged by others through individual and group contributions. But Lions in Columbus and nearby towns have also committed to helping with construction, and when games start, they will be there to hand out water bottles and serve as buddies—the able-bodied volunteers who assist the players on the field.

The not-for-profit Miracle League organization started in 1998 when a youth baseball coach in Georgia invited a 7-year-old boy in a wheelchair to play on his baseball team. Just a year later, as the number of special needs kids on teams grew, the need for a league was recognized and Miracle League was formed. As they say, "Every child deserves a chance to play baseball."

More than 200,000 participants now play on more than 300 fields in the U.S., Puerto Rico, Mexico, Australia, and Canada. And about 20 of those fields are Lion supported. Among the first few was the Alabama Lions Miracle League



Field No. 1, begun by the city of Moody but built with the support of Alabama Lions.

Moody Lion Jane Barker recalls how she and her husband, Lion Vernon Barker, both past district governors, traveled the state in 2001 to gain the support of Alabama Lions, churches, and businesses for the field, collecting more than US\$150,000 in donations in the name of the Moody Lions. Lions of Alabama matched an LCIF grant for US\$100,000.

“We were the third field and the first in Alabama, opening in 2002,” Jane Barker says proudly. Now there are four such fields in the state.”



“When they hit that ball and start going around the bases in their wheelchair or on their walker, they have smiles that go from one side of their face to the other.”



“The Lions truly led that Congo line,” says Miracle League President Diane Alford. “They did a fantastic job.”

And they plan to continue to as the field draws 150 to 200 participants from seven counties, some coming 80 miles to play baseball on a field where the fear of injuries is diminished and crowd support is overwhelming. The Moody Miracle League is hosting annual 5K runs to raise money and replace their 15-year-old field, says the league’s volunteer executive director Steve Sebastian.

Players, age 2 to 69 last year, also enjoy movies under the stars on the field in the summer.

“There’s not a Lion who would turn their back on a Miracle League field,” says Jane Barker who recently helped her husband put a fresh coat of paint on the sign at the field.

“It’s amazing. There are no outs. No errors. Everybody bats until they hit the ball, and everybody cheers for everybody. When they hit that ball and start going around the bases in their wheelchair or on their walker, they have smiles that go from one side of their face to the other. You don’t forget something like that.”



(Left) Miracle League players enjoy the game of baseball with the help of “buddies.” (Third from top) Nick Taylor, son of Lions Debbie and Larry Taylor, enjoyed the sport for many years before he passed away at age 28.



Cuddling Up With A New Book

Braille Tales Expands Reading Opportunities

// BY JOAN CARY

Maddie Horlander plucks her favorite books from the shelves in her school library and stacks them next to her mom's chair before wiggling onto mom's lap.

"Llama Llama Gram and Grandpa" is at the top of her heap, and although the precocious 5-year-old can't read the words, she's doing more than looking at the pictures.

As Maddie's mother, Kristin, reads aloud, Maddie follows, top to bottom and left to right, her small fingers tracing the braille dots that accompany the print on the page.

It's a Braille Tales book. That means a sighted person and a visually impaired person can sit and read the book together because it's written in both print and braille.

Braille Tales books are an effort of the Lions-supported American Printing House (APH) for the Blind in Louisville, Kentucky. Every other month, APH sends a specifically chosen print/braille children's book for free to about 1,500 visually impaired children throughout the U.S. and U.S. territories.

Bob Belknap, APH vice president of development, would like to see that number grow. He encourages families to sign up for the free program because the books encourage reading and help build early childhood literacy skills, but they also give blind children and sighted parents, or vice versa, the chance to cozy up and read together.

Maddie, a student at Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) in Louisville, is not blind. She was born with a rare genetic disorder called ocular motor apraxia that affects her peripheral vision. Her eyes do not move quickly enough to focus on the right or the left, so she moves her head in a figure 8 motion to compensate.

She is learning braille in preschool, but her parents are uncertain if she'll be a braille reader. From Braille Tales books she has already learned that we read from top to bottom and left to right on the page. She has discovered that not every person reads in the same way, and she has taught her older sister how some of her school friends read.

At home, Maddie has about 10 Braille Tales books that have come in the mail since her mom registered her for the program. They are thankful for the books, Kristin Horlander says, because braille titles for children are rarely stocked in bookstores and libraries, and are not only limited, but expensive for parents to buy.

The Braille Tales program began when a blind mother in Tennessee searched for braille books so she could read to her young sighted child. Her child was receiving free books through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, a popular

program that mails about one million free, age-appropriate books to children under 6 throughout the U.S., the United Kingdom, Canada and Australia every month. But the blind mother could not read the books to her child.

In 2011, the APH found a way to solve her problem. APH, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and Penguin USA, which provides the books, launched the Braille Tales program together. Parton presented her favorite book, "The Little Engine That Could"—the first Braille Tales book—to a young braille reader from Tennessee. And by 2012, the first 200 print/braille books were in the mail from APH to children nationwide, with Louisville Downtown Lions contributing.

Belknap says through a simple online process families can register visually impaired children from birth through age 5 in the program to receive a free book every other month. APH's goal is to have 2,000 children receiving their books this year. A donation of US\$77 pays for one child to receive the books for one year.

At APH, a reading specialist chooses books appropriate for visually impaired children from Imagination Library's list, then has the books delivered to the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women near Louisville. Women in the prison braille program who are skilled at transcribing braille—a highly marketable skill when they are released—affix the clear braille labels to the pages.

Recordings of all of Imagination Library's books are also available through the APH website.

Lion Adam Ruschival, president of the Louisville Downtown Lions and a graduate of the Kentucky School for the Blind, says the club is happy to support APH's efforts as well as the VIPS that Maddie attends. The Lions have sponsored VIPS for about 30 years.

Throughout the years, Lions clubs from West Virginia to Wyoming and Illinois to Alabama have also supported APH, says Belknap. But the downtown Louisville Lions have established a particularly strong working relationship with their neighbors.

Louisville Lion Charles "Burt" Boyer, retired from his work in blind education, is proud of his club's contributions. "If you start getting Braille Tales books when a child's born, your child can have quite a library by the time they turn 6," he says.

Lions Clubs interested in helping visually impaired children in their community with Braille Tales books can find more information at www.aph.org/brailletailes



Keeping Watch

Dog sniffs out deadly drops in blood sugar

// BY JOAN CARY



Every few months Minnesota Lion Lu Ommen found himself in the company of an ambulance crew. He had gone into life-threatening diabetic shock, his blood sugar low enough to cause a dangerous seizure.

But as much as he came to like the 911 responders, Ommen has not seen them for a while. He thanks Gilbert and the Lions for that.

Gilbert, a 62-pound black Labrador retriever, became Ommen's 24-7 companion four years ago. Where Ommen goes—the golf course, his Harmony Lions Club meeting where he is now president, the pickle ball court, to church, or to bed—his diabetes service dog goes too.

When Ommen's blood sugar is too low or too high—under 100 or over 140—Gilbert alerts him by tapping him with his paw.

"The more out of whack it is, the more aggressively he taps," says Ommen. "If I really get out of whack, he might bark."

On occasion, Gilbert has also alerted Ommen's companions of blood sugar concerns when he's been around them, catching the signs on their breath and then tapping them with his paw.

"What he does, he can do to anybody," says Ommen. "He's a great dog."

Gilbert, 6, came to Lu and Sue Ommen from Can Do Canines, a Lions-supported nonprofit outside Minneapolis that, since 1989, has provided more than 600 service dogs free of charge to people in Minnesota and nearby Wisconsin. He is trained to monitor his human partner's breath, both night and day.

Lion Alan Peters, the organization's founder and executive director, explains that the change in blood sugar starts in a person's stomach and creates a particular smell on their breath. Although it is impossible for humans to detect, it is clear to the sensitive nose of a trained dog.

Peters is also a diabetic, having discovered it by checking his own blood while volunteering at a Lions' glucose screening event.

Dogs like Gilbert were unheard of when he began the organization, but are now in high demand. Can Do Canines has a waiting list of 184 people and has partnered 42 dogs with diabetics.

The other dogs among the 600-plus serve as hearing assistants, mobility dogs, seizure and autism service dogs.

Often the people most in need of a service dog are the ones who can't afford them, says Peters. Each service dog costs the organization about US\$25,000 from birth to age 2, when they are typically introduced to their owner, and that's where the support of Lions in Multiple District 5M has helped.

Minnesota Lions donated more than US\$182,000 to the organization during Lion year 2016 to 2017, says Peters.

"They are our biggest single supporter. We see a lot of value in them, and it's not just because of the money. Lions are more likely to know the needs in their community."

With US\$75,000 in donations from individual clubs and a US\$75,000 Lions Club International Foundation grant, Can Do Canines was also able to add 10 kennels to their facility.

Gilbert might recall those kennels on a visit, but now he sleeps next to the Ommens' bed, responsibly waking at night to check his partner's breath.

"I keep a pretty close eye on him," says Ommen.

If Gilbert could talk, he would say the same.



Where Minnesota Lion Lu Ommen goes,
his diabetes service dog, Gilbert, goes too.



Welcoming the New Year with a **Fragrant** *and* **Colorful Tradition**

All photos by Yasuto Tana

The first Tournament of Roses parade was organized when members of the Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena, California, wanted to showcase the rich array of colorful mid-winter blooms to visiting friends from the East coast. The parade included carriages decorated with hundreds of flowers and drew 3,000 spectators. More than 100 years later, floats are bedecked with hundreds of thousands of roses and draw crowds of approximately 1 million people.



Lions first entered a float in the 1948 parade and have entered every year since 1992.

(Left) Lions Tim and Amy Haugen adjust one of the 110,360 flowers that cover this year's float, which is themed "Preserving Our Environment," and designed to depict Leos planting trees and overseeing the preservation of a historical landmark featuring a working water wheel.



(Above) Yellow, red, hot pink, and peach roses, plus orange circuit gerberas, purple iris, yellow gerberas, and lavender cattleya orchids cover the 35-foot-long float.

(Left) International President Naresh Aggarwal and his wife, Navita, inspect the float.



Roses are placed in individual vials of water and added to the float one by one.



It is a quintessential California New Year's Day in Pasadena, with highs in the low 70s and plenty of sun, as the Lions Clubs International float cruises down Colorado Boulevard.



According to parade rules, every inch of the float must be covered in flowers or some other natural material. Rocks are covered with light lettuce seed, powdered rice, and poppy seed. Birch trees showcase yellow and orange dendrops. Cattails are made of gold sweet pepper, green ground parsley flakes, and green Ti leaves.

// CLUB NEWS

No need to make dinner in Enid, **Oklahoma**. The Lions have you covered. The **North Enid Lions** are making and selling enchiladas to replace their ham and beans community fundraiser. Lions take orders beforehand and sell the homemade enchiladas in bags of six. In the first session they prepared more than 1,000 enchiladas. Multiple sessions—each with an increasing number of orders—have followed. A package of six ground beef with cheese or chicken with cheese sells for US\$10.



Lion dedication runs deep in the Fulwiler family of **Virginia**. Lion Harry Fulwiler III is a charter member of the **Park West Lions Club** in Virginia. His father, Harry Fulwiler Jr., was a member of the **South Boston Lions** in the mid-1920s. Harry Fulwiler III's wife was a member of the **Park West Lioness Club**. Harry Fulwiler IV has been a Lion since 1994, and recently, Harry Fulwiler V, a fourth-generation Lion, joined the Park West club. His father had the honor of pinning the Lion emblem on him at his induction.

The **Twin Cities Lions** of Shickshinny/Mocanaqua, **Pennsylvania**, honored their last living charter member, John Matusek Sr., for his 70 years of service to the club.

The **Penn Valley Hi-Graders Lions** and **Higgins Diggins Lions** in **California** worked with the Nevada County 4-H to collect See's candy for troops at Beale Air Force Base in California. They distributed the candy to the airmen who were on duty over the Christmas holiday.

Southern Regional Middle School Leo Club in **New Jersey** is proud to have new members. More than 80 students have joined the club since 2012, and they recently honored Leo Keeley Malik, whose peace poster won third place in the New Jersey Lions District L contest.

The **Boise Bench Lions** in **Idaho** hosted their annual "Support Our Service People" Walk, a tribute to all military deployed over the holidays.

In **Texas**, the **Linden Lions Club** hosted a pumpkin decorating contest, charging a US\$5 entry fee. Decorated pumpkins were on display and individuals purchased US\$1 tickets to vote for a winner. Lions raised US\$334 to send a child to the Texas Lions Camp.

In **Florida**, spectators lined the streets for the 57th annual Christmas parade sponsored by the **Mount Dora Lions**, with Lion Terry Askins once again serving as parade chairman. Leos from Mount Dora High School followed along the parade route and collected two tons of food items for the Lake Cares Food Pantry.

The **Lions Club of Leduc** in **Alberta, Canada**, donated US\$200 to the Black Gold Hospital Foundation for the purchase of a CT scanner. They also finished the Leduc Lions Park, a 64-acre wilderness park in the middle of Leduc, completing the pathway system that provides walking access to all parts of the city.

Plant City Lions in **Florida** and **Strawberry Crest High School, Plant City High School** and **Durant High School Leos** worked for two days at the Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union's 15th annual Pig Jam, where professionals and amateurs compete to be the best barbecue pit masters. The Lions BBQ Team smoked the competition and went home with numerous honors including First Place Ribs. The Lions and Leos together raised more than US\$3,000.

Brandon Lions in **Minnesota** made a donation of US\$3,600 to the Brandon-Evansville school district, enabling each of the 36 teachers to purchase items for use in the classroom.

In **Ohio**, the **Prospect Lions** sponsored their 10th annual NASCAR Dinner and Auction to provide scholarships for graduating high school seniors. They also installed two park benches near the village Christmas tree as their Legacy Project.

The **Forbes Road Lions Club** in **Pennsylvania** sponsored, installed, and dedicated a veteran's wall known as the Honor Hustontown Military Honor Roll that now hangs in the Forbes Road High School lobby. It recognizes all Hustontown veterans and honors them for their service.

In **British Columbia, Canada**, the **Burnaby Loughed Lions** operate and manage four housing projects for low-income families and seniors. Along with this large project they have a variety of small but vital programs to support the community. They include the repair and rehabbing of bicycles for children, and the club hosts a popular Friday night Meat Draw to raise money for service dogs.

Members of the **McKeesport Lions Club** in **Pennsylvania** manned the red kettle for the Salvation Army, raising close to US\$300.



Katie Shearin, Second Vice District Governor of 12 S had the honor of presenting Lion John Merritt with the Lion of the Year plaque for the **Eagleville Lions Club in Tennessee** on Merritt's 100th birthday. Merritt also received certificates of appreciation from International Past President Bob Corlew and from Shearin. He became a Lion in 1993 at the age of 75, so Merritt is also celebrating 25 years of Lion service in his community.

The **Uniontown Lions Paul Ruley Eyeglass Recycling Center in Ohio** supplied 2,849 clean and graded glasses to Southern College of Optometry in Tennessee. Student volunteers in Optometric Service to Humanity added them to their supplies for their mission trips to Mexico, Honduras, Belize, Columbia, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic. They also supplied glasses for a church mission trip to Ukraine.

The **Kiel Lions in Wisconsin** celebrated a Christmas party with a surprise Melvin Jones Fellow presentation to Lion John Kovach Jr., by his father, Lion John Kovach Sr.

The **Corinth Lions Breakfast and Corinth Lions Evening** clubs in **Mississippi** recently merged to put a little more "oomph" into their roar. The Lions provide eye glasses and hearing aids for the needy.

The **Yucaipa Valley Lions in California** hosted their annual golf tournament fundraiser in November, their annual Christmas parade in December, and in February, with the Grand Terrace Lions, offered their free sight clinic.

In **Wisconsin**, the **Sister Bay Lions** invited local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, high school athletes, and coaches to their "Packer Night," where the guest speaker was Lane Taylor, who started all 16 games for the Packers last year. Taylor played left guard on offense for the Packers following four years with Oklahoma State.

The **Sun Lakes Lions in Arizona** decided to make their Community Legacy Project the gift of two "Kneeler-Wheelers" to the Sun Lakes Sheriff's Posse. The Posse lends medical equipment to Sun Lakes homeowners in need.

In **New York**, the **Southern Tier Retired Lions**—average age of 83— participated in the Worldwide Week of Service to Fight Hunger, contributing 79 food items and making a donation to the Big Flats Food Pantry.

Stafford Township Lions in New Jersey donated more than US\$2,000 worth of Shop Rite gift cards to local veterans and residents in need.

East Troy Lions in Wisconsin mourn the loss of fellow Lion James Wenzel who was 100 years old. Wenzel served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and dedicated his life to service through Lions, serving as District Governor in 1962. He received many Lion awards including the Melvin Jones Fellowship award and the association's highest award, the Ambassador of Good Will.

After a year of work, the **Lions Club of Windsor in Connecticut** dedicated to Lions its Centennial Project—the installation of 18 quick response coded stations at the Connecticut Valley Agricultural Museum in Windsor. The digital audio-guided stations enable any visitor with a smartphone (or one provided by the museum) to learn about the exhibits and history of shade tobacco in the valley. Andrea Guidice, who is blind, toured the museum and called the addition "spectacular," saying, "As a result of them, this place is transforming from a vast, drafty old shed to a building with a livable past."



The **Bear Creek-Buck Township Lions in Pennsylvania** distributed Christmas poinsettias to more than 90 seniors over the age of 80 residing in the townships.

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Voting at 2018 International Convention

Voting for Executive Officers and International Directors

Every Lions club in good standing can participate in the election of executive officers and international directors and can vote on amendments to the association's bylaws by assigning delegates to represent the club at the international convention.

At the International Convention certification and voting will occur at the same time in the convention Voting Area. As soon as you are certified, you will receive a ballot and will be able to vote immediately. Certification and Voting days and times are:

- Sunday, July 1, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (13:00 – 17:00)
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One For the Angels in the Outfield

The Challenger (baseball) League is run by Golden Triangle Outdoors--a Columbus, Ohio nonprofit that provides recreational opportunities for people with physical and intellectual disabilities. At a ground-breaking ceremony for a new Miracle League ball field, Joy, a Challenger League participant, throws in an extra shovel of dirt for players who have passed away.



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