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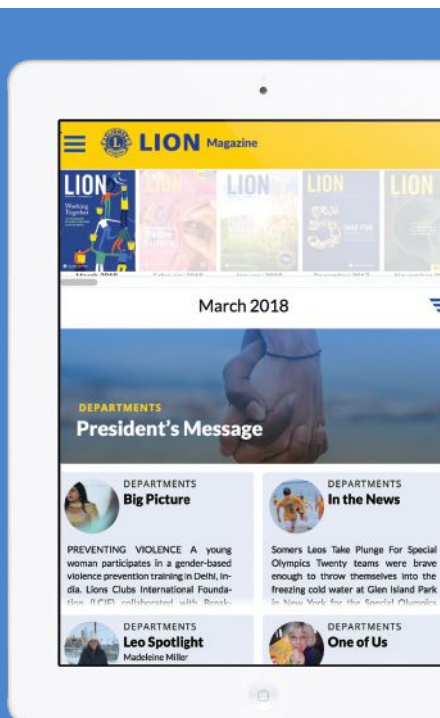
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### WHO WAS MELVIN JONES

Conference goers get grilled about the man who started it all.

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Lions honored for sponsoring members.

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# We Did It

Namaste!

Our centennial year is now coming to a close. It's time to look back on our work and be proud of all we've accomplished. It has been a year of celebrating great service, and a year of doing great service.

We have a number of remarkable examples of what Lions do in this issue. Walks to raise money to support children's hospitals, Buddy Benches for lonely kids, tackling hunger through food drives, cycling for diabetes awareness, building schools, planting flags on Mount Everest, recycling electronics, and, literally, building bridges—Lions are doing it all. I couldn't be more proud to be part of this global organization of doers.

The numbers are astounding. Since July 2014, we've served more than 236 million people and continue to reach more every day. You've completed more than 31,000 Legacy Projects that will benefit your communities for years to come. This year, we are on track to serve more than 150 million people. Please report your service to make sure this happens.

But there is still so much to do. We won't be resting on our laurels. We've set our sights on our next century of service with LCI Forward. Now is the time to familiarize yourself with our strategic five-year plan and share our long-term goals with your club at your next meeting.

It has been a pleasure being your International President in this very special year of service. While I will no longer be bringing you monthly messages, I will still always be yours, with you in the name of service and as a Lion. In my title of International President Lion Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, my favorite word is "Lion."



**Dr. Naresh Aggarwal**

Lions Clubs International President



We Serve.





## State Senator Shaped by Lions

On March 21, 2018, California Senator Toni Atkins, a Lions club beneficiary, became the first woman in history to lead the California Senate.

As reported in the Los Angeles Times, at 7 years old Atkins had been struggling to read and was assigned to summer school when it was discovered she had an undiagnosed vision problem. Her family had no health insurance and the local Lions club stepped in.

“When I put on those glasses,” she tells the Times, “the first thing I did was I looked at the ground. I looked down and I saw for the first time how green the grass was. I just couldn’t believe it!”

As a Senator, she uses her experiences as a way to relate to her constituents, and has sponsored important healthcare legislation to help kids at risk like she was. For example, Senate Bill 379 is a bill that makes dental screenings more widely available to school children, which will in turn lead to more treatment, better collection of statewide data, and improved overall oral-health strategies.

In a ceremony in the state capitol, Atkins was sworn in as the 48th President pro Tempore of the California Senate before being unanimously elected by a vote of her colleagues.

## 2018 Peace Poster and Essay Prize Winners Announced

ZhuoQi Wang, sponsored by the Dalian Heping Huihua Lions Club in China, and Ely Potter, sponsored by the Delaware Lions Club in Ohio, are the Grand Prize winners of the International Peace Poster and Essay contests, respectively.

Wang is 13 years old and describes her poster as, “In a time tunnel, some Nobel Prize winners and ambassadors are passing the peace to the children from [the] future. They are carried by a dove of peace and flying toward the peaceful future. Humans and nature, artificial intelligence, and aliens are staying together in harmony.”

Potter is also 13 years old and says in his essay, titled “The Future of Peace,” “Peace isn’t an object that you can touch. It’s something you can feel... Even though I can’t see well through my two eyes, I can see it clearly in my heart.”



Wang (below) and her winning poster (left).



## OVERHEARD

“I will stop and talk to some of the homeless that pass through, especially the ones with dogs. All of them have a story; take time to listen.”

— **Lion Jon Stewart** of the Safford Lions Club in Safford, Arizona, on what drives him to volunteer.

“I want everybody to know how much we appreciate the Lions Club recognizing them. Every day our guys go out and do things and see things that are tough. And they know it’s part of their job, but to be recognized is an honor.”

— **Norwalk, Ohio Fire Chief John Soisson**, on the recognition of two of his own as Firefighters of the Year by the The Norwalk Lions Club.

“I like pancakes but I don’t know if I like them anymore.”

— **Miles Johnson**, member of winning team at the 65th annual Pancake Days hosted by the Lions clubs of St. Joseph, Missouri.

## BY THE NUMBERS



# 46

Stops along the Tour of Italy at which Lions offered spectators free diabetes screenings.

# 1.1

Kilometers of paved walking trail constructed by Lions in Jarvis, Ontario.

Hours students used to walk each day to attend school in Malaysia before Lions built a dormitory for them.

# 4



# 15,781

Feet in elevation where Lions from France, Italy, and Switzerland held a meeting atop Mont Blanc.

# 6,000

Trees planted by Ngongotaha Lions Club in New Zealand to create an oasis of native plants.

## Terry Thoren

Snohomish Lions, Washington

Among his peers, Terry Thoren is known as the former CEO of the company that produced the animated Simpsons, Rugrats, and the Wild Thornberry's movie. But, as Thoren reminds us, Tommy Pickles and Angelica, the Rugrats stars, would be in their 30s now.

Thoren is working with real children these days—children at risk—through Wonder Media, his creation that uses animated stories to address issues like hunger, child abuse, and social-emotional learning. His company runs a global education website called WonderGroveLearn.com, and uses AnimationNow to help students tell their own stories through animation.

As a college student, Thoren discovered the joy of working with children when he volunteered for Head Start. Now, at 66, he strives to help children understand why reading and writing is relevant, why kindness matters, and why empathy is important.

“His passion and dedication to kids and to service amazes me,” says Thoren’s Snohomish neighbor, Merle Kirkley, who didn’t take long to note the new guy’s “servant attitude.”

Thoren says he’s a Lion because Kirkley was always asking him to help on volunteer projects. “I’ve always enjoyed that stuff, and I thought, shoot, I should go do stuff, too.”

So in 2016, he joined.

### What kind of Lion activities do you most enjoy?

I love all of the Lions activities where we are outdoors and connecting with the residents of Snohomish. My wife and I moved to Washington because we enjoy the beauty and splendor of the upper Northwest. We have enjoyed working in the Lions Club Weenie Wagon, directing traffic at the annual Halloween Parade, and volunteering at the Evergreen State Fair.

### What have you learned from children about the world?

I have learned that children will always rise to the level of the challenge we present to them. Writing for animation is extremely engaging and students want their animated characters to sound intelligent when they are presented to an audience. Students will go the extra mile to write a script that is far above the quality of writing they have achieved before animation came along.

### Is there a cartoon that’s sure to make you laugh?

I find all of the original Tex Avery cartoons produced by MGM and Warner Bros. to be hilarious. Especially the Droopy cartoons.

### What’s your best cartoon voice?

Popeye

See how the students responded when Riverview Lions gave their local elementary school its own animation studio.

Students put Story Maker into action at the Future Ready Tech Expo







## Animation Studio Brings Literacy Skills to Washington Students

At Riverview Elementary in Snohomish, Washington, animated videos teach students everything from social behaviors to dividing fractions. But their learning isn't limited to what they see on the screen. Students learn through the process of creating the videos themselves, writing scripts, and editing.

As Riverview Principal Tammy Jones says, "If the Lions hadn't gotten it for us, the kids wouldn't have it."

Snohomish Lions contributed US\$15,000 to fund the school's animation studio where kindergartners through sixth graders use WonderGrove Learn and Story Maker software to write scripts and create animated videos that air on the school's YouTube channel.

"It's much more than making cute little cartoons," explains Jones. "We're integrating literacy. Teaching social skills."

Riverview was the first school to try the creation of Snohomish Lion Terry Thoren, who travels the country introducing the benefits of animation creation to educators. Jones has nothing but praise for how it has impacted her 575 students.

"In a normal course of a kid writing a report, they do one draft and they're done. It's a one and done," explains Jones. "But with the Story Maker process they might do 50 edits. They will keep working on it, paying attention to content and the message."

Jones has observed how children with reading fluency problems develop a more expansive vocabulary with more descriptive words when using the software. Reading and writing skills improve because of it.

Thoren says he began this work when his father challenged him to "stop using cartoons to sell Happy Meals and toys to kids." He wanted Thoren to help his sister, a special education teacher, with animation that would teach appropriate behavior to her students.

Now, Thoren's goal is to effect change and help children at risk. "This is an engagement tool to help kids understand why reading and writing is relevant," he says. "My strength is in making animation or teaching kids to make animation to make the world a better place. Animation knows no borders."



## USA

### Lions Give Gift of eSight

Week after week the readers of the Raymondville Chronicle News in Texas watched the thermometer that charted the “temperature” of the Raymondville Lions’ project in the newspaper.

Lions were collecting donations to support a local woman in need, and every week readers anxiously looked to see how close they were to reaching the US\$15,000 mark.

Tammie Caldwell, a lifelong resident of Raymondville, had to use a magnifying glass to see the numbers in the paper, even though the fundraiser was all for her. But in eight weeks, thanks to the Lions and a flood of community support, the fever peaked. News was good. The Lions had raised the money to buy Caldwell electronic eSight glasses.

Caldwell, 42, has struggled with vision problems since childhood. At age 13 she was diagnosed with Stargardt disease, inherited juvenile macular degeneration that causes progressive vision loss. At 25, she was declared legally blind.

Now she helps her mother run the longtime family business, Caldwell’s Jungle Nursery in Raymondville, and she can see clearer than she has in many years.

“The glasses are my eyes now. Years ago I was told someday something would come along to help me see,” she says. “We’re in that time now. It was the glasses, thanks to Lions. It makes a world of difference.”

With Caldwell’s new glasses she can read a book, the newspaper, even the tiny print to place plant orders for the nursery. She can see eye color and the expression on her mother’s face.

She met the Lions in 2012 when she asked newspaper editor and publisher Paul Whitworth for help in advertising a fundraiser. Caldwell hoped to raise money for a trip to Oregon to take part in clinical trials for a surgical procedure aimed at stopping further deterioration of her vision.

What she didn’t know was that Whitworth is also a Lion. He connected her with Raymondville Lion Guy Fambrough, and Fambrough got the train rolling, sharing news of Caldwell’s plight with Texas Lions in Kerrville and Brownsville, as well as Lions in Portland, Oregon.

Caldwell was one of 12 chosen from a worldwide waiting list to take part in the study, and Raymondville Lions supported her multiple trips to and from Oregon, donating frequent flier miles as well as money. Her surgery was successful at sustaining her vision, but her world was still blurry.



Then she learned of eSight glasses that require no surgery. Worn like a normal pair of glasses, eSight glasses enable an individual with legal blindness or low vision to see in the same manner as someone who is fully sighted.

The glasses work with a high-speed, high-resolution camera in the center of the glasses that captures what the user is looking at in real time. The video feed is then sent into a computer in the housing of the glasses and projected in color on the two near-to-eye screens with clarity and no delay. The wearer can tilt the glasses to their ideal position to eliminate balance and nausea problems that might otherwise occur.

With the glasses, Caldwell says she is able to do things she was never able to do before. That includes giving hope to others as she shares her story.



See a demonstration of how eSight works.



## AUSTRALIA

# Brisbane Lions Look Out For Seniors

This March, for the 5th year, Lions in Queensland, Australia held a Health and Wellness Expo for Seniors. More than 400 people packed into the Hillsong Auditorium at Mount Gravatt for the free one-day event. Topics included avoiding scams, understanding pensions, women's health, misadventures in medication, funeral planning, melanoma risk, hearing health, and sleep disorders.

Eleven years ago the Brisbane MacGregor Lions Club had a guest speaker come talk to their club about prostate cancer. The talk inspired one of their life members to get a health checkup that saved his life.

That year, coordination between the Brisbane MacGregor Lions, the district governor, and sponsorship by local, federal, and state officials led to the first official Health Expo. They decided to focus the Expo on seniors because it felt the most inclusive, but invited younger relatives to accompany their loved ones so they may also benefit from the information.

What started as a community service to seniors with five keynote speakers and free displays in the community hall has grown to eight keynote speakers and has moved to a commercial space with air-conditioned seating and parking. Displays are now paid by advertisers.

The club hands out feedback forms at each expo to ensure they maintain a good understanding of what their community needs and wants to know. This has led to an expanded array of topics that go beyond healthcare to things like wills and, estate planning, and avoiding scams.

To add a little spice to the day the club organizes a free sausage sizzle for lunch.

Says Lion Narelle Wyvill-Anstey, first vice president and secretary of the Brisbane MacGregor club, "If as a result of the Expo...one life is saved or one life is improved, we have done our community a great service. It goes far beyond just being an expo."







# *Celebrate* **WE DID**

## A BRIEF LOOK AT LIONS' CENTENNIAL SERVICE WORK

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**It was called the Centennial Celebration**, but what it became was a large-scale commitment by Lions around the world to serve more, better, and beyond anything that had been done before. Lions led through service, sharing their work and their impact to connect with communities around the world.

Answering the Centennial Service Challenge, Lions served more than 246 million people through youth, vision, hunger, environment, and diabetes projects, more than doubling the original goal to serve 100 million people.

Centennial Membership Awards inspired Lions to invite hundreds of thousands of new members and start thousands of new clubs. More than 31,000 Legacy Projects have connected Lions more than ever to the communities where they live and work.

Now that the party is almost over, take a look at some of the many amazing projects Lions have engaged in over the past four years, and consider how you and your club might be inspired to continue doing great work into Lions' second century of service.

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# Constitutional Area 1 USA



## ◀ Lions Centennial Bus Tour

Centennial President Bob Corlew shared our celebration across 20 states and two Canadian provinces on a Lions Centennial Bus Tour in the fall of 2016. Lions and Leos around the world followed the tours on social media. Throughout the tour, President Corlew met with club members and civic leaders, inducted new members, chartered clubs, and participated in Lions service projects.



## ◀ A Recreational and Learning Park

Lions have a long history of support for the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind. Sixty-one Lions Clubs in South Carolina raised over US\$100,000 to match a US\$100,000 Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) grant and collaborated with other community partners to create a playground specially designed for these children to enjoy playing together.



## ▶ New Vision Centre in Jamaica

The Lions Club of Montego Bay partnered with the Canadian Vision Care Volunteers/Red Deer Central Lions Club, the Ministry of Health and the Brenda Strafford Foundation to open a new Vision Clinic in Albion Montego Bay, where people receive glaucoma and cataract examinations and prescription eye glasses.

## Walks for Childhood Cancer Research ▶

Ohio Lions are fighting pediatric cancer, one step at a time, by hosting walks and participating in fundraisers. Together they raised US\$25,000 for the Cincinnati, Toledo, Cleveland, Akron, Columbus and Dayton Children's Hospitals, and priceless awareness of the need to support children with cancer.





## Constitutional Area 2 Canada



### ◀ Mount Cheam Lions Club Eye Centre

Mount Cheam Lions Club partnered with the Steller's Jay Lions Club to raise US\$600,000, and LCIF provided a matching grant for the purchase of cataract surgical equipment at Chilliwack General Hospital. More than 5,300 surgeries take place annually at the center with people traveling up to 400 miles to receive treatment.



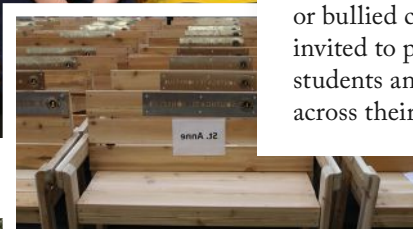
### ▲ Westbank Lions Community Centre

Lions devoted countless hours to maintain this community meeting place for more than 40 years. When the building was recently damaged by fire, Lions rebuilt and enlarged the facility, then made it a Centennial gift to the City of West Kelowna, where it serves more than 35,000 people.



### ◀ Buddy Benches for School Children

A buddy bench is a place where children who feel left out, lonely, or bullied can sit to signal that they would like to talk or be invited to play. The Edmonton Southgate Lions Club, assisted by students and teachers, assembled 80 buddy benches for schools across their city to support students' emotional wellbeing.



### ◀ The Jarvis Lions Walking Trail

Lions in Jarvis, Ontario raised funds to construct a 1.1 kilometer (0.68 mile) paved walking trail for their community. Club members planted trees and installed solar lighting and benches with the Lions International logo along the trail. The trail is used by all ages and enhances the recreational opportunities of residents and visitors.



## Constitutional Area 3 *FOLAC*



### ◀ Extended Flood Relief in Paraguay

Eighteen months after devastating floods struck Paraguay, local Lions finished repairs on five primary schools that were destroyed by flood waters, enabling 1,725 students to return to school. LCIF provided emergency relief immediately after the flood and continued to provide funding for long-term community reconstruction needs.



### ▲ Lions Run for Children

To benefit an educational activity center for children with disabilities and autism, Lions throughout District O4 worked for more than a year to host a marathon with 500 runners. T-shirts were distributed to illustrate Lions International's support of children on the front and the Centennial Celebration on the back.



### Relieving Hunger in Latin America ▲

Leos and Lions in Latin America and the Caribbean came together to alleviate hunger as part of the Centennial Service Challenge. More than 800 clubs and nearly 13,000 Leos from 17 countries participated, collecting food donations from community members and distributing the food to vulnerable families.



### ◀ Centennial Monoliths Nationwide

A Lion and architect created this design to unify Lions across Argentina with a shape that represents their country. These Lions Centennial monoliths have been installed by districts and clubs from the north to the south, in squares and other visible locations, drawing public, media, and social media attention to the legacy of Lions Clubs.



## Constitutional Area 4 Europa

### ▼ Spaces for Youth in Need to Live & Play



Netherland Lions, in cooperation with Foundation Forgotten Child, are providing Magic Gardens (for young children) and Chill Inns and Outs (for older youth) in every one of their districts. Over €620,000 (US\$742,604) was raised for this national gift, which will transform playing and living environments for 50,000 young people.



### We Run – We Serve ▲



Promoting WE SERVE with every step, several Lions from Poland have run every year of the Centennial Celebration, collecting funds for children in need. In 2017, they ran from Helen Keller's hometown in Alabama to the Lions Clubs International headquarters in Illinois. With 1,000 co-runners, they have collected US\$70,000, benefitting more than 1,000 children in seven countries.

### ◀ Cycling Brings Diabetes Awareness

The Tour of Italy lasts for 21 days and crosses much of the country. Italian Lions and Leos were present at stops in 46 communities, inviting spectators to participate in diabetes screening tests. A Lions Clubs car was also part of the tour's race caravan, which was seen by millions of spectators along the route.

### ▶ A Mountain Top International Meeting



As part of their Centennial Celebration, Lions from France, Italy, and Switzerland decided to meet at the top of Mont Blanc, the highest summit in Europe. The climbers set out on Lions Clubs' 100th birthday, June 7, 2017 and reached the peak two days later. A celebratory festival followed in Courmayeur, Italy.





## Constitutional Area 5 OSEAL

### ▼ School Vegetable and Fish Farm

In the Philippines, Lions, school staff, students and parents worked together to build a vegetable and fish farm. A seminar was also provided so the school community would develop the skills needed to maintain and continue benefiting from their farm.



### ◀ Building a School in Record Time

District 334-B donated an elementary school with solar power to a village in Myanmar. The school was constructed in only six months and is much appreciated by the people of the village. Lions shared their joy with a sense of accomplishment for taking on the challenge of raising over ¥2 million (US\$18,316) to make this gift to the community.



### ▲ Vision Screening in Taiwan

The first Sharing the Vision month during the Centennial Celebration was October 2014. Knowing vision problems can hinder a child's ability to perform well in school, the Keelung Hsin I Lions Club in Taiwan organized a vision screening that month for local children – a great example of how Lions and Leos show they care every day.

### A Dormitory for Future Leaders ▶

Students who walked for up to four hours to attend school, or relied on unsafe transportation, now have a place near their school to stay, thanks to the Lions of Korea, Kota Kinabalu Host Lions Club in Malaysia and LCIF. Not only can students spend more time studying, they also receive healthy meals and can join in extracurricular activities.





## Constitutional Area 6 *ISAAME*



### ◀ Rebuilding after an Earthquake

There are many immediate humanitarian needs when an earthquake strikes. Lions continue giving until a community is restored. After the Ridvan Academy school building was damaged in a devastating earthquake, the Kathmandu Laligurans Lions Club donated a new six-room school house for the community's children.



### ▲ A Second Eye Care Hospital for Club

Centennial President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal inaugurated the Siliguri Greater Lions Shri Vidya Sagar Oswal Eye Hospital & Training Institute in 2017. This is the second flagship project of the Siliguri Greater Lions Club, who opened their first hospital over 30 years ago. Supported by LCIF, the new 100-bed facility greatly expands eye care for the people of east India.



### Lions Flag on Top of Mount Everest ▲

Sir Edmund Hillary, a New Zealand Lion, and Nepalese Sherpa mountaineer Tenzing Norgay were the first climbers confirmed to have reached the summit of Mount Everest. In 2017, Pema Sherpa and Pemba Ongchuk Sherpa each unfurled the Lions Flag at the top of the world, honoring the history of Lions International. This activity was coordinated by Mr. Jamling Norgay, son of Mr. Tensing Norgay.



### ◀ Lions Kidney Dialysis Center

Lions had already contributed an eye care center and blood bank for a hospital in Ognaj, India. The Ahmedabad Karnavati Lions Club, in partnership with the State Bank of India, gave those suffering from kidney failure a new treatment center in the hospital with 10 kidney dialysis machines as part of their Centennial celebration.

## Constitutional Area 6 Africa

A robot constructed from various electronic components, including circuit boards, wires, and a small screen, with large blue eyes.

### ◀ Electronics Recycling

Seven Lions Clubs in Egypt, the Middle East, and Africa are preserving our environment for future generations by collecting electronic waste, refurbishing equipment that can be reused, and safely disposing the remainder in proper landfills. Eight of the computers produced from this project are being used in Lions' classrooms.

A street scene in Tunisia showing white buildings, palm trees, and people walking.

### ▶ Saving Children's Lives in Tunisia

Lions donated a medical resuscitation unit to the pediatric ward of the Charles Nicolle hospital in Tunis. This resuscitation unit will save the lives of children suffering from conditions like renal or liver failure in the northern region of Tunisia, which has a population of 5 million.

A photograph of two rhinos in a savanna landscape. Overlaid text reads: "STOP THE KILLING EXTINCTION IS FOREVER". At the bottom, it says "Multiple District 410 RHINOS FOR AFRICA" and "lionsclubs.co.za/rhinoproject.htm".

### ◀ Lions for Rhinos

It is estimated that only 28,000 rhinos still live in the world. If rhinoceros poaching continues at the current rate, the last rhino in the wild will disappear within the next 15 years. The MD 410 Lions have launched an international marketing campaign to raise awareness of the plight of rhinos and help end the poaching of these majestic animals.

A man in a white lab coat is using a medical laser device on a patient's eye.

### ◀ Treatment of Diabetic Retinopathy

In people with diabetes, high blood sugar can damage blood vessels in the retina, leading to vision loss, even blindness. The Casa Anfa Lions Club, in partnership with LCIF, donated medical laser equipment, so 20 people per day can be treated for diabetic retinopathy.



## Constitutional Area 7 *ANZI*



### ◀ Lions Tree Grove

District 202L and the Ngongotaha Lions Club set out to create an oasis of New Zealand native plants. With dedicated hard work and supporting donations, they planted more than 6,000 trees and bushes, and added park benches and grassy spaces. This ongoing heritage project will be a pleasure for residents and visitors for many years to come.



## OUR CENTENNIAL STORIES

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS



### ◀ Our Centennial Stories

For 100 years Lions have shared a core belief that community is what we make it. Lions clubs across Australia donated more than US\$100,000 to over 100 local projects to celebrate this belief. The Community 100 program brought clubs together across Australia and strengthened local relationships. An ebook, Our Centennial Stories, was created to document the humanitarian service provided.



### Lions Connecting People ▲

This suspension bridge was built by Lions Club Bandung Raya in cooperation with The Vertical Rescue. It connects two villages over a river in West Java, Indonesia. The next nearest crossing not only takes more than an hour, but becomes unusable in the rainy season when the river overflows. More than 1,000 people cross this bridge every day, a symbol of Lions' dedication to connecting people through humanitarian service.

### Diabetes Awareness Campaign ▶

Lions took up the fight against diabetes in a big way in Indonesia, where 47 clubs held simultaneous diabetes awareness programs, serving more than 10,000 people. Activities included blood sugar testing and seminars about preventing, controlling and treating diabetes. Attendees also participated in physical exercise to support healthy lifestyles.





# OUR SECOND CENTURY OF SERVICE

For 100 years, the Lions Clubs International mission of service has brought light into countless lives. Our Centennial torches, which inspired Lions and Leos around the globe, are now a shining display at our worldwide headquarters.



The inscription reads, **“Lighting the way to our second century of service.”**

Our five-year strategy, LCI Forward, builds on the success of our Centennial Celebration. Supported by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), LCI Forward is strengthening our organization and will empower Lions and Leos to serve 200 million people, not across a span of four years, but every year.

So be proud of your contributions to our Centennial Celebration. Together, our achievements have made our organization ready to serve humanity in the century to come.



**As our founder, Melvin Jones, said,**

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*"I hope there will always be a Land of Beyond for Lions International, a goal that will keep growing larger and larger as we approach it, yet will keep just out of reach, challenging us to run faster, work harder, think bigger, give more."*



## Convention Call

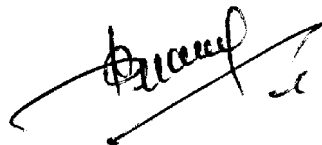
**I**n compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the International By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2018 International Convention. Our 101st International Convention will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, United States. It begins at 9 a.m., June 29, and ends July 3. The purpose of the convention is to elect a president, first vice president, second vice president, third vice president, and 17 members of the International Board of Directors, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Vegas is a city like no other. It is so much more than the bright lights and casinos it's so well-known for. You can watch the sun rise over Red Rock Canyon, take a boat ride on Lake Mead, tour any of the many museums, or visit one of the award-winning restaurants.

The five convention days will feature renowned speakers, first-class entertainers, and, of course, Lions' convention traditions such as the grand parade, the swearing-in of the new international president, and three plenary sessions that demonstrate the amazing range and scope of Lions' service. President George W. Bush and Dr. Sanjay Gupta are two of our special guest speakers.

Convention Week is a wonderful experience packed with fellowship, fun, and learning. Come spend time with fellow Lions, participate in one of the campfire sessions, and become inspired for another year of service.

Signed by me in Oak Brook, Illinois, United States of America, this 3rd day of April, 2018.



Dr. Naresh Aggarwal  
Lions Clubs International President

# Official Notice

## 2018 International Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA



The following proposed amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2018 International Convention. All By-Laws amendments require a majority vote to adopt

**ITEM 1:** A HOUSEKEEPING RESOLUTION TO CORRECT A REFERENCE TO “MULTIPLE DISTRICT” THAT SHOULD REFER TO SUB-DISTRICT.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2(a) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the word “multiple” and replacing it with the word “sub-” following the phrase “respective single, or” in the second sentence.

**ITEM 2:** A HOUSEKEEPING RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL BY-LAWS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article IV, Section 1 of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the word “seven” and replacing it with the word “eight” in the first sentence.

**ITEM 3:** A HOUSEKEEPING RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BOARD REPRESENTATION PROVISION RELATED TO SIMULTANEOUS SERVICE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article II, Section 5(b) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the phrase “as members of the International Board of Directors” and replacing it with “as International Directors” in the first sentence.

**ITEM 4:** A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO INCLUDE A TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article IV, Section 1 of the International By-Laws be amended by adding the word “Technology”; as a new part (k) and re-lettering the remaining parts.



# Candidates for Third Vice President



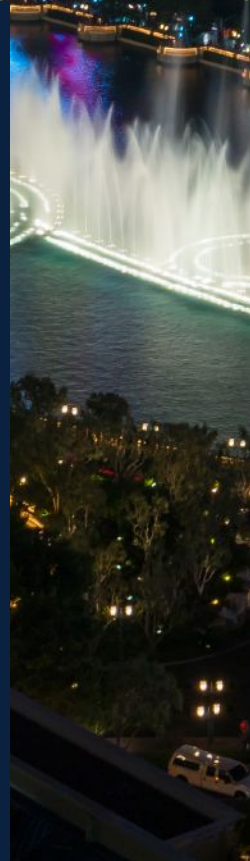
## Patricia "Patti" Hill

Dr. Patti Hill of Edmonton, Canada, is a psychologist and member of the Edmonton Host Lions Club. International Director from 2007 to 2009, she served as the Leadership Chair. Dr. Hill has also served as a member of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning Committee, a Multi-National Coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, Institute Faculty member, and presenter at numerous Forums and International Conventions. A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Dr. Patti Hill also received the Inspiring Woman Award and remains active in professional and community organizations.



## Somsakdi Lovisuth

Somsakdi Lovisuth of Bangkok, Thailand served as an international director from 2004 to 2006. He is in the import and export business and has been a member of the Bangkok Cosmopolitan Lions Club since 1986. He has held many offices including club president, region chairperson, zone chairperson, youth exchange chairperson and district governor. As a Melvin Jones Fellow, he is the recipient of numerous awards including the 100% District Governor Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award.





### **Salim Moussan**

Salim Moussan of Beirut, Lebanon, is a retired businessman and member of Beirut St. Gabriel Lions Club. An international director from 1997 to 1999, he has twice been a board appointee, twice a

group leader, and has chaired several leadership forums. He is fluent in three languages, has visited 94 countries, and has attended 30 consecutive international conventions, 78 area forums and more than 50 regional conferences. Recipient of several Lions awards, he was decorated with Lebanon's National Medal of Merit.



### **Fabrício Oliveira**

Fabrício Oliveira of Catolé do Rocha, Brazil, served as an international director from 2006 to 2008. He is a businessman and business administrator, and has been a member of the Catolé do Rocha

Lions Club since 1985. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and has received the Global Vision Medal Award, the Ambassador of Good Will Award, and 11 International President's Awards. Twice a District Governors-Elect seminar group leader, Oliveira is also active in many professional and community organizations. He has been endorsed three times by Constitutional Area III.

### **Brian E. Sheehan**



Brian E. Sheehan of Bird Island, Minnesota, served as an international director from 2011 to 2013 and board appointee from 2014 to 2015. The founder and CEO of Rural Computer Consultants, a software development company, he is also active in many professional and community organizations. A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, he is the recipient of many honors including six International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He has held many offices including LCIF Executive, Chairman of Finance and Headquarter Operations, Constitution and Bylaws and GLT area leader, and presented at numerous Lions events, including the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. He has been a DGE Group Leader numerous times and a member of the faculty for ALLI, ELLI and RLLI.

### **Walter R. "Bud" Wahl**



Walter R. "Bud" Wahl of Streator, Illinois, served as an international director from 2003 to 2005. A retired risk manager and foundation coordinator in the healthcare field, he is a charter member of the Streator Hardscrabble Lions Club. A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, Wahl is also active in many professional and community organizations. He has served as chairperson of the 2011 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, as a national coordinator for Campaign SightFirst, as chairperson of the 2012 Elections Committee, and has been a presenter at LCI national and international seminars.



# Beating the Odds to Make Sure Other Children also Thrive

**BY CASSANDRA ROTOLO**

Lions spend their lives dedicated to the service of others. But sometimes, Lions themselves face seemingly insurmountable obstacles. At only six weeks old, too young to be vaccinated against it, Lion Saipadma Murthy contracted polio. The disease ravaged her tiny body, leaving Saipadma with considerable physical disabilities. Saipadma's father encouraged her to focus on her abilities and use them to improve the lives of other children. This became Saipadma's guiding mantra. She pursued her own education, despite constant pain and difficulty walking, and has dedicated her life to empowering children who might otherwise be caught in an unending cycle of poverty and illiteracy.

In rural India, many families are unable to prioritize the education of their children, especially girls. Children are encouraged to work to support their families. It can be dangerous for girls to travel alone to and from school, and schools often lack basic sanitation and proper accommodations for persons with disabilities. Compounding this situation is the fact that many families in rural India are migrant laborers, moving from one place to another as the seasons change. This is a recipe for what Saipadma calls social and cultural disability.



Lion Saipadma Murthy, center, cares for her students as if they were her own children.

In 2009, the Gajapatnagaram Lions Club of India, sponsored by the Burr Ridge-Hinsdale-Oak Brook Lions Club in the United States, was awarded a grant from LCIF. The US\$5,000 grant renovated a student dormitory in Andhra Pradesh, India, allowing 40 girls to attend classes, some for the very first time. This would be the first step in helping tribal children to overcome their social disabilities.

Thirty-seven boys were enrolled in the school when the expansion work began. By 2010, 10 girls were living in the new dormitory and attending classes. Having a dormitory near school allows the children to stay for months without interrupting their studies while their parents work. "We weren't sure we could care for them," says Saipadma, "because everything was so new to them." There were children now living in the dorms who were not toilet-trained. There were 12-year-old children who could only read at a second grade level. Aside from reading, writing and arithmetic, these students had to learn basic life skills, like personal health and hygiene.

The second step in overcoming these social disabilities involved changing the parents' perspectives. Saipadma worked diligently, approaching families to discuss ways in which their children could pursue their education and still give back to their villages. It was not always easy to convince parents that school could provide stability, safety, improved health and a more secure future. But Saipadma persevered.

Currently, 48 girls and 25 boys are developing life and academic skills that will help them avoid migrant labor, gender stereotypes, child marriage, and a host of other obstacles. Alongside teachers and coordinated by Saipadma, these children learn about community cleanliness and organization, as well as job skills like wood crafting and sustainable agriculture. To date, 1561 rural and tribal students can now read and write thanks to Saipadma and other Lions. Lions continue to support the students and the dormitory, providing financial assistance and tailoring donated clothing to fit the students. The dedication of Lions, together with the support of LCIF, is enabling incredible change in rural and tribal India. This is the power of your Foundation.

Blessing Confidence Udo is a new community drug distributor in Aninri, Enugu State, Nigeria. Here, she measures a child to obtain the correct dose of medication.

# The Carter Center Shares Success in River Blindness Elimination

BY JAMIE KONIGSFELD

Onchocerciasis, also called river blindness, is an agonizing disease that thrives near rapidly flowing rivers. Caused by the bites of infected black flies, the parasite causes intense itching, rashes, skin discoloration, and eye disease that can lead to permanent blindness. Elimination of the disease in Nigeria was once deemed impossible. Today, transmission of the disease has been interrupted in two Nigerian states, Plateau and Nasarawa, ushering in a brighter future for the world's most river blindness-endemic country.

The Carter Center, a partner of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) since 1994, has been working with the government of Nigeria to fight river blindness for more than 25 years. Because of these efforts, mass drug administration (MDA) of ivermectin (Mectizan® donated by Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, N.J. USA) will be stopped within Plateau and Nasarawa, which is the largest MDA cessation in the history of the fight against river blindness. LCIF provided direct financial support to The Carter Center's work in Nigeria from 1994-2008.

"Stopping the mass drug administration program in Plateau and Nasarawa states is a major achievement," said Dr. Frank Richards, director of the Carter Center's River Blindness Elimination Program. "But we must be careful to monitor closely over the next few years to be assured that it does not come back. This will require continued effort and attention."

During its partnership, LCIF has supported The Carter Center with US\$59 million in funding, assisting river blindness and trachoma programs throughout Africa and the Americas. Overall, the Lions partnership with The Carter Center has led to the distribution of more than 214 million Mectizan® treatments in 11 countries. And as a result, The World Health Organization



(WHO) has verified that Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, and Guatemala are now free of river blindness. The final focus on remaining disease in the Americas is in a remote location along the border between Brazil and Venezuela. In Africa, MDA against river blindness has been stopped in parts of Sudan, Uganda, and Ethiopia.

In March, LCIF leadership visited The Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia, USA to renew and celebrate their partnership to support the elimination of river blindness transmission in Ethiopia, as well as the elimination of blinding trachoma, a preventable bacterial infection. Complimentary remarks were made by Lions leadership and The Carter Center, including words from Ambassador (ret.) Mary Ann Peters, CEO of The Carter Center, about the importance of this long-term partnership and all that has been accomplished. A new Memorandum of Agreement was signed by both organizations, which included a pledge from LCIF to provide US\$16 million in financial support for the Carter Center's river blindness and trachoma programs through 2020. These funds will help The Carter Center, Lions, and the national government of Ethiopia to press forward toward river blindness and blinding trachoma elimination. In addition, support will assist national programs in Mali, and Niger to achieve their goals against trachoma.

Nigeria's success shows us that elimination is an achievable goal for Africa. The hard work must continue, as the disease still infects people living in many other states in Nigeria and in many other parts of Africa. The pain, disfigurement, and vision loss caused by river blindness is preventable and thanks to partnerships like the one between The Carter Center and LCIF, along with the generous donation by Merck & Co. Inc., river blindness may very well be on its way to global elimination.



## CLUB NEWS

For the 13th year in a row, the **Wellsburg Lions** in **West Virginia** provided winter coats and accessories for children in the Brooke County schools. In the first year the Lions provided 75 coats, but Lions this winter provided more than 400 coats, hats, gloves, and scarves at a cost to the Lions of US\$13,000. Lions support this endeavor with “A Night at the Races,” a popular fundraising event, and the club solicits donations from community businesses and organizations. Each year they work with the schools to get the items needed, make the purchases, and attempt to deliver the items before the weather turns cold.

Members of the **Bridgeville Lions Club** in **Delaware** sponsored their 65th annual variety show in March. Funds raised support community youth sports teams, scholarships, Leader Dog, and sight programs. Participants included Lions and excellent local talent.

In **Iowa**, the **Davenport Breakfast Lions Club** has collected more than 200,000 eyeglasses in 40-plus years through their collection program coordinated by 40-year Lion Dr. Ken Meyer.

In **West Virginia**, the **Wheeling Lions Club** spent US\$18,000 purchasing three Plusoptix vision screening devices that were donated to the Ohio County Board of Education. They will be used to do vision screenings in the schools.

The **Prunedale Lions** in **California** are helping the Veteran Transition Center with transportation, picking up food for the veterans, and bringing in clothes, linens, and furniture. They are also hoping to start and guide a Veteran’s club in the area.

The **Lake Sumter Lions Club** in **Florida**, started 2018 with a busy schedule, including an open house to introduce newcomers to Lions and to offer diabetes and retinopathy screenings. They held their annual “Burgers, Beverages and Baskets” fundraiser to support the KidSight program in January, took part in White Cane Days in February and March, held their “Re-Sell It Day” in March, and continue their Golfing for the Visually Impaired program.

The **Chestertown Lions Club** in **Maryland** each year organizes the Christmas Basket Program with food and toys for needy families. Five clubs contribute financially and volunteer to make it a success. They include the **Betterton Still Pond Lions**, the **Chestertown Lions**, the **Galena Lions**, the **Millington Lions** and the **Rock Hall Lions Club**. Volunteers this year delivered food baskets to 486 families (about 10 percent of the county population), and toys were distributed to 716 children.



A little girl exemplifies “pretty in pink” with her new coat, hat and gloves from the Wellsburg Lions in West Virginia.

### In Memoriam

Past International Director Vincent A. Vinella (2007-2009) of the Reno Arch Lions Club passed away on April 11, 2018. He was 81 years old.

A Lion since 1974, the late Past Director Vinella held many offices within the Association, including Club President, Zone Chairman, Deputy District Governor, District Governor, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, and MD-4 Counsel Chairman. He proudly held the title of District Lion of the Year 3 times, served as Campaign SightFirst sector coordinator, on the Lions International Convention Elections Committee, and as chairperson of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Host Committee.

For his service and dedication, the late Past Director Vinella was the recipient of numerous awards including several Presidential medals, Builder Key, 40-Year Monarch Chevron, Life Membership and the Ambassador of Good Will, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He was also a multi-level Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.





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## ANNIVERSARIES

### JUNE 2018

**100 Years:** McAlester, Okla.

**95 Years:** Mena, Ariz.; Butler, Pa.; Farmville, Va.; Manchester, N.H.

**90 Years:** Pecos Downtown, Texas; Bethel, Conn.; Las Cruces, N.M.; The Forest Kala Sampath, Ill.; Chillicothe, Texas; Arlington, Wa.; Canton, Kan.; Graham, Texas; Jacksboro, Texas; St. Joseph, Mich.; Trinity, Texas; Perryton, Texas; Spearman, Texas; Sherman Noon, Texas; Guymon, Okla.; Union, Miss.; Bowie, Texas; Uvalde, Texas.

**85 Years:** Murfreesboro, Tenn.; South Kingstown, R.I.

**80 Years:** Concordia, Kan.; Wingham, Ontario, CAN; Kings Mountain, N.C.; North Hollywood, Calif.; Mount Airy, N.C.; Elko, Nev.; Florence Downtown, Ala.; Marksville, La.; Biscoe, N.C.; Troy, Ill.; Trenton, Mo.; Aberdeen, N.C.; Lansdale, Pa.

**75 Years:** Baron Stiegel, Pa.; Shrewsbury, Mass.; Columbus, Texas; Bogalusa, La.; New Palestine, Ind.; Lakeville, Ind.; Cadiz, Ky.; Lapaz, Ind.

**50 Years:** Crewe Burkeville, Va.; Boardman, Ohio; Oceanside, Calif.; Granisle, British Columbia, CAN; Springfield Franconia Mid, Va.; Canton, Mich.; Phoenix Midtown, Ariz.; St. Bruno De Montarville, Quebec, CAN; Burbank Noon, Calif.; Dayton, Iowa.

**25 Years:** Washington Columbia Heights, Washington, D.C.; Melcher-Dallas, Iowa; Arlington, Kan.; Staples 93, Minn.; Edmonton Millwoods, Alberta, CAN; Clarksdale Sunset, Miss.; Rainier, Wa.; Ashland Greater Ashland, Mass.; Swanton Missisquoi Valley, Vt.; Richardson Township Lakes, Minn.; Clinton Valley, Mich.; Hartford Kettle Moraine, Wis.; Montreal Greater Chinese, Quebec, CAN; Malpeque Bay Area, Prince Edward Island, CAN; Greenbank & District, Ontario, CAN

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY • INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1. The committee will continue to monitor and follow up on action plans.

### **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

1. Directed the Panipat Greater Lions Club Lions Club to revoke the membership of Vinay Garg and directed the Kapurthala Lions Club to revoke the membership of Savtantar Sabharwal for conduct unbecoming a Lion. Declared that Vinay Garg and Savtantar Sabharwal shall not be recognized in the future as a Lion by Lions Clubs International or any club or district, and that they shall not be eligible for future membership in Lionism.
2. Directed the Ulkee Lions Club to revoke the membership of Mu-Deok Lee for conduct unbecoming a Lion. Declared that Mu-Deok Lee shall not be recognized in the future as a Lion by Lions Clubs International or any club or district, and that he shall not be eligible for future membership in Lionism.
3. Permitted former member Byeong-Yeol Ahn to join a Lions Club, upon invitation.
4. Revised Chapter VI of the Board Policy Manual to include the provisions related to the Ethical Standards and Conduct of our Lion Leaders that had previously been included as Exhibits in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual.
5. Revised the Standard Form District Constitution, Club By-Laws and Multiple District Constitution to remove the relevant Dispute Resolution Procedure from each document in order to create a new Dispute Resolution chapter to the Board Policy Manual.
6. Revised Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual to remove Paragraph J. and Exhibits C, D, E and F so that those provisions can be moved to a new chapter and an already existing chapter of the Board Policy Manual that the provisions better align with.
7. Created a new Chapter XXV of the Board Policy Manual for the Dispute Resolution Procedures.
8. Revised Chapter XV, Paragraph D. of the Board Policy Manual to add a new Section 10 related to an interpretation of the Definition of "Sufficient Notice" following withdrawal of international officer endorsements.
9. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2018 International Convention to amend Article II, Section 5(b) of the International By-Laws to amend the board representation provision related to simultaneous service to be consistent with recent amendments to the International Constitution.

10. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2018 International Convention to amend Article IV, Section 1 of the International By-Laws to amend the standing committees of the International Board of Directors to include a Technology Committee.

### **CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

1. Selected Mexico City, Mexico as the host city for the 2025 Lions Clubs International Convention.

### **DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE**

1. Approved the Club Excellence Award requirements and the District Excellence Award requirements for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
2. The clubs in MD 51 (Puerto Rico) that were impacted by two devastating hurricanes were given a waiver of the January 2018 dues and an extension to allow more clubs to be officially certified to vote during their multiple district 51 convention, which is scheduled to take place on May 25-27, 2018.
3. Approved the request from district 403 B2 to become single District 417 to take place at the adjournment of the 2018 International Convention.
4. Approved granting the countries of Ghana, Tanzania and Uganda provisional district status at the close of the 2018 International Convention.
5. Approved granting the Ukraine provisional district status as District 134 at the close of the 2018 International Convention.
6. Appointed Past Council Chairperson Myung Shin Kim to serve as the Coordinating Lion for the country of Myanmar.
7. Appointed the Lions submitted by provisional districts to serve as district governors for the provisional districts for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
8. Appointed Lion Muhammed Ishaq Dar to serve as district governor for District 305 N2 (Pakistan) through the close of the 2018 International Convention.
9. Revised the policy regarding official badges to allow two titles be displayed.
10. Revised the Standard Form District By-Laws be revised to require that changes to zone and regions be approved by the district cabinet and in the best interest of the clubs, district and the association.

### **FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS**

#### **OPERATION COMMITTEE**

1. Approved the FY 2017-2018 3rd Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.

2. Requested the necessary language be drafted for a By-Law amendment to be proposed to the delegates at the 2018 International Convention for the inclusion of a Technology Committee as a standing committee of the International Board of Directors.
3. Revised Chapter XXI of the Board Policy Manual be amended by changing the precedence of invites for speaking engagements for an authorized meeting.

### **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

1. Approved the curriculum plan and schedule for the 2019 District Governors-Elect Seminar.

### **MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

1. Approved one application for a PR grant for Multiple District E (Venezuela, Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao) in the amount of \$6,000.
2. Revised Chapter XIX, Official Protocol of the Board Policy Manual to reflect a modification to add Past LCIF Trustees and Past Board Appointees remove Constitutional Area Executive Staff and Immediate Past Council Chairpersons.

### **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

1. Approved updates to the Global Action Team structure.
2. Approved extension of the Join Together Program until June 2021, and that existing Lioness Clubs be eligible for the Program regardless of the number of members. Also approved that the charter fee be waived for Lioness Clubs under this Program.
3. Revised board policy to remove the LCIF trustee liaison position as well as a few other housekeeping changes.
4. Amended board policy to include Republic of the Union of Myanmar as the 214th new Lions country.

### **SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

1. Selected members and alternates to serve on the Leo and Lion Advisory Panel for the 2018-2020 term.
2. Selected the Top Ten Youth Camp and Exchange Program Chairperson Awards for the 2016-2017 year.
3. Revised Chapter XIII of the Board Policy Manual to reflect current practices.
4. Updated Chapter III of the Board Policy Manual to add Leo Lion Board Liaisons.

For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI Web site at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.

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