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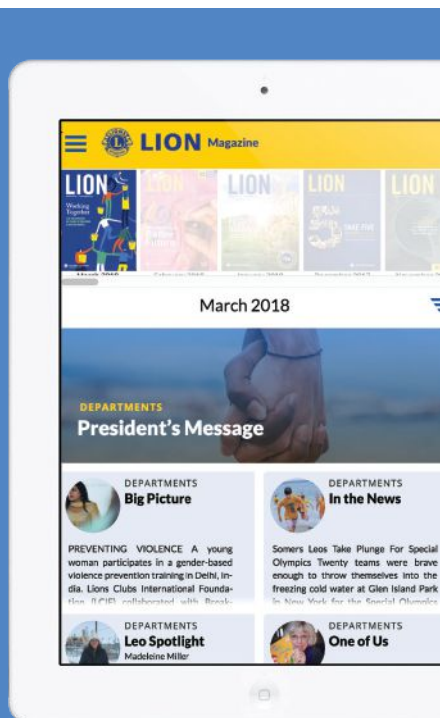
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We Serve.

Reaching for New Horizons

Hello, Lions!

I am incredibly honored to be beginning this year as your international president. My theme is We Serve, and I am excited about what we can achieve together through service. We have a lot to do, and I'm ready to help you take a few steps out of your comfort zone. Being a Lion isn't about doing the same thing year after year in the name of tradition. Being a Lion means looking for how you can best be of service. Sometimes, that requires creative problem solving. If you're not sure what that means or how to do it, I'm going to help you.

Here are a few things I want us to focus on this year.

Membership. It's on everyone's mind. How can we not only recruit new members, but keep our current members and build leaders who can take our work into this next century of service? One way we can do this is through balanced membership, including both genders and people from all walks of life, who can bring their life experiences to bear on the service work we do.

Friendship. Comradery has always been a part of the experience of being a Lion. We don't want to lose sight of the importance of building friendships through service. There is nothing that can bond people more closely than working together to help others. Yes, we

have a lot of work to do to reach our goal of serving 200 million people per year. We must organize better, account for our work better, be more creative in how we approach problems. But we do not have to do it without a sense of humor, a sense of fun.

Lastly, I want to revive a lost art. And that's the art of storytelling. After your club completes a service project, take a moment to write down the story of your work. Who did you help? Why? What circumstances led you to reach out in that particular way? It's through stories that we connect and learn. And if we share those stories with others looking to serve, we can multiply our capacity for change.

Lions, I am excited to be your new president. I am ready to make this a year in which we all reach new horizons when We Serve together. 🐘

Yours,

Gudrun Yngvadottir

International President, Lions Clubs International





Wonder Wiener

Scarlet, 10, awaits the results of the Wonder Wiener Costume Contest, part of the Buda Lions Club's 21st Annual Buda Wiener Dog Races and BBQ Event held Saturday, April 28, 2018, in Buda, Texas. See story on page 38.

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Lions Tom Fisher and Marlene Vandertoorn were married in front of a group of surprised Lions at a recent club meeting.

Lion Love

New Minas & District Lions Club members and visiting Lions in Nova Scotia, Canada, were treated to a very special and unexpected surprise at a recent regular club meeting.

Lion Tom Fisher (72) and Lion Marlene Vandertoorn (80), both members of the New Minas & District Lions Club, exchanged vows during the new business portion of the meeting.

Except for a few close friends and the minister, the special occasion and marriage ceremony came as a pleasant shock and surprise to all in attendance.

In true Lions fashion, Fisher and Vandertoorn celebrated with a honeymoon at the Nova Scotia District N2 Lions Convention in April.

Hawaiian Lions Receive Emergency Grant to Help Evacuees

Lions in District 50, Hawaii, have been awarded a US\$10,000 emergency grant to aid their efforts to help those impacted by the mandatory evacuations due to lava flows, earthquakes, and dangerously high levels of sulfur dioxide in the wake of a historic volcanic eruption.

The Kilauea volcano erupted on May 3, 2018, sending lava flow into residential subdivisions and prompting the mandatory evacuation of nearly 2,000 residents as of June 1.

Lions have been helping pack food for the Food Basket, the organization contracted by the Red Cross to provide food for evacuees. While there has been an influx of food, there were not enough people to pack and distribute it.

On Thursdays they deliver water, canned goods, hygiene items, blankets, and other emergency items to shelters, and on Saturdays they serve hot meals to approximately 300 evacuees.

District Governor Blayne Hanagami pointed out that, unlike some other natural disasters, Hawaiians are dealing with an ongoing and ever-increasing radius of catastrophe.

The District 50 Lions have contributed club funds in addition to the emergency grant funds to continue the relief effort. For the moment, they are focused on providing emergency items to those in need. "They have nothing," says Hanagami.





Special Olympics Draws Belgium Royalty

Lions of MD112 in Belgium were honored to welcome His Royal Highness Prince Laurent of Belgium and his family to the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Village during the 2018 Special Olympics National Games in Belgium. Lions and Leos of Belgium have supported the health program since 2008. At the Health Promotion examination stand at the 2018 games, Lions emphasized the connection between healthy eating and both short- and long-term diabetes.

Joining Forces to Fight Diabetes

On March 24, 2018, Lions celebrated the 40th annual Lions Day with the United Nations by discussing topics related to this year's theme, "Working Together Globally to Combat Diabetes."

The annual event is intended to bring the two global organizations together to solve this problem. This was the first year that three events were held. The first, in Geneva, Switzerland took place in September and kick-started the conversation, which included how Lions, Leos, the UN, and other partners can work together to fight diabetes. The conversation was continued in Nairobi, Kenya, in February, and culminated at the United Nations headquarters in New York City, where it was announced that Lions Clubs International has officially partnered with the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), a leading international organization in the fight against diabetes.

International President Naresh Aggarwal signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the IDF President Professor Nam H. Cho to establish a cooperative alliance in the global fight against diabetes. The two organizations will come together to help prevent diabetes and improve the quality of life for those living with the condition worldwide.

The partnership offers Lions around the world access to new resources, co-branded materials, service opportunities, and the chance to work with like-minded community members.



OVERHEARD

“I don’t know a ton about the Lions to be honest with you, but I know that when there’s something that needs to be done, or money to be raised, or somebody that needs to be helped, those guys are there.”

—**Missy Elward**, on the support from Lions for Brave the Shave, put on by the St. Baldrick’s Foundation. See story page 34.

“I have been for a long time on earth and I have realized that it’s very important to give both views of the genders to the world.”

—**Vigdis Finnbogadottir**, IP Yngvadottir’s French teacher and the world’s first democratically directly elected female president (Iceland, 1980 to 1996). See story page 29.

“At my age I can get used to anything. And my hair grows fast.”

—**Lion Shirley Hall**, of the Sebastian Lions Club, on shaving her head to raise money for childhood cancer research. See story page 34.

61 YEARS AGO IN THE LION

July 1957

Twin sisters, both blind, get a close-up “view” of Jean the elephant when the Lakeview Lions Club in Chicago took 150 blind and 100 deaf children from the Bell public school to the circus for a day.



BY THE NUMBERS

14

Number of pancakes eaten by one member of the winning team at the 65th annual Pancake Days hosted by the Lions clubs of St. Joseph, Missouri.

19.34

Pounds of the total winning catch for Greer Centennial Lions Club bass fishing tournament winners, Mark Bishop and Andy McIntosh.

7

Weight in tons of the limestone rock sealing time capsules buried at the Hayden Lions Club’s Centennial covered bridge dedication.

21

Feet in width of the custom-built starting gate for the Buda Lions’ Weiner Dog Races.

1

Tons of food donated by East London Port Rex Lions of East London, South Africa, to a local animal rescue.

USA

Bags to Benches

When Poquoson Lion Kathy Feigh finds she can barely get her car in the garage, she knows it's time to take out the recycling.

Many of us do that for ourselves. But what Feigh does, she does for her Virginia community.

"We need more people like her," says Stephanie Hicks, materials resource coordinator for the Trex Company's Community Challenge recycling program. "People like her keep the ball rolling."

Although Feigh speaks lightly of the plastic bags that Lions, friends, and friends of friends leave on her porch and by her garage door to recycle, she is seriously committed to her job as chairman of her club's recycling program.

Poquoson has 10 recycled plastic benches throughout town that were earned by the Lions through the Trex project. They are scattered wherever people might want to sit—near the soccer fields, along the walking trails, and by the park playground.

Through the program, community organizations that collect 40,000 to 50,000 plastic bags over six months earn a free 48-inch Trex bench, says Hicks. And in Poquoson, the Lions have done that every six months for five years, earning them 10 benches.

Lions bring their empty plastic grocery bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, clear wrappers off paper towels and packs of water bottles, newspaper sleeves and more to club meetings. They and other community members also leave them in bags by the Feighs' home. Kathy Feigh



collects them in larger bags, and then her husband, Keith Feigh, also a Lion, is good at smashing bags of bags into one very large bag, she says. Then she weighs the collection, emails Hicks about how many pounds of plastic she is sending their way, and takes the plastic to the local grocery store where she leaves it to be delivered to Trex.

The Trex website (trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs/) offers details including what plastics are accepted and a list of retailers who will take it off your hands.

If the thought of counting out 40,000 plastic bags is frightening, Feigh assures others that you don't have to count. Roughly 1,000 grocery bags weigh 13 pounds. Hicks also suggests clubs not wait until 40,000 bags have been collected before taking them to the nearest collection spot. You might not get a warm reception.

Although it may sound like a lot of work, "It really doesn't take a lot of time. Maybe an hour a week," says Feigh. "They're real nice benches and they are delivered free.

"It sure beats seeing the plastic go to landfills. All it takes is for somebody to take the time to do it."

MONGOLIA

Reaching Across Borders to Bring Sight to a Boy

A young boy on the verge of losing his vision is now being treated, thanks to the swift action of Lions in his home country and abroad.

Six-year-old Erkhesh was diagnosed with glaucoma in his left eye at just 3 months old. He underwent surgery to treat the eye five times when ultimately his optic disk was removed, rendering him blind in that eye.

He was monitored regularly and in 2017 began to show signs of change in his right eye. However, the doctors in Mongolia were not able to definitively diagnose Erkhesh without more sophisticated equipment. Fearing their son would now lose vision in his right eye as well, Erkhesh's parents wrote a letter to Lions asking for help.

Lions in Hong Kong, Beijing, and Mongolia answered. The Beijing Lions of D385 stepped in to bring Erkhesh and his family to Tongren Eye Center for evaluation

and treatment. They arranged for the family's travel and lodging while in Beijing, and accompanied them, along with an interpreter, to each medical visit.

But that wasn't enough for the Lions. When they heard that Erkhesh and his siblings had never seen the ocean, Beijing Lions contacted Lions in Qinhuangdao who arranged a day at the sea for the whole family.

After a month of treatment, Erkhesh and his family are back in Mongolia where Lions there monitor his wellbeing.. They've learned Erkhesh's mother and younger siblings have the same eye condition and the Beijing Lions have offered extra assistance for them as well.

Although they are still working through treatment, thanks to Lions reaching across borders, a boy—and his family—now have hopes of keeping their sight.

USA

Strong Women Stay Fit—Mind, Body, and Soul

Since 1952 the Springfield Lions in Pennsylvania have been educating adults in everything from sewing and woodworking to public speaking and math skills.

Now they provide a yoga class, and through Penn State Extension, encourage good health with the Strong Women Program, an exercise-based class designed to help women ward off diabetes and osteoporosis as well as strengthen their balance and learn proper nutrition.

Joan McMenamim, nutrition educator advisor for Penn State Extension, teaches the popular Strong Women program in Springfield. More than 14,000 people participate in the program

statewide, she says. It is geared toward women 40 and older, although men can join and younger people are welcome.

McMenamim leads students through a series of weight-bearing exercises, working the hips, wrists and ankles, parts of the body known to deteriorate with age. They strive to improve strength and flexibility, to relieve arthritis symptoms, and focus on improving balance to reduce falls

But exercise doesn't just help your body, says McMenamim. "It helps your mind, your body and your soul." Physical benefits are not the only thing that have kept her students coming back, some for more than 10 years.

"We're like family. We're there for each other," McMenamim says. "I have women who have gone through family deaths, through illnesses, divorce. It's good to have both physical and mental support."

Rosemary Navas is a committed student who rides her bike and leads an active life. She chooses to come to class to exercise socially.

Many of her fellow students are of the age where their social circles have dwindled, they have retired or have lost their spouse, and they need to get out, she says.

"No one is judging," says Navas. "It's tremendous."





Barend Jacobus "Renco"
Booyse



USA

Lions Help a Grieving Family

When tragedy struck the small farming community of Stafford, Kansas, Lion hearts connected to help a bereaved family more than 9,000 miles away.

Barend Jacobus "Renco" Booyse from Newcastle, Natal, South Africa, was working at Hearn Farm Inc., a custom harvester business in Stafford, when he was killed in a farm accident. He was 25, a full-of-life avid fisherman and hard worker, one of multiple young men who travel more than 20 hours from their homes in South Africa to Stafford each year to stay for six months and provide seasonal farm labor. For the Hearn's, they help from spring planting through fall harvest.

Zarina Luck, president of the Newcastle Lions Club, heard the sad, faraway news and immediately began efforts to find Lions who could help, not only in her town but in the U.S. One Lion thoughtfully led her to another, and eventually she reached Kansas, a place she has never been.

Kansas District Governor Randy St. Aubyn got the news of the accident and called Hubert "Dean" Minnis, president of the Stafford Lions Club.

"We are a small club with limited funds, but we try to help those in need whenever possible," Minnis wrote in a letter to Luck.

"I had tears in my eyes when I read the response from the club that offered their assistance," says Luck. "It was so moving to know that we are part of such an organization that people who have probably never heard of us or our town, and whom we will probably never meet, immediately responded and were willing to come to the aid and assist complete strangers."

Minnis offered to pick up the Booyse family at the Wichita airport and get them safely to Stafford, 85 miles west. Once there, the Lions would see that they were housed and fed, and give them \$200 to help with expenses.

The Stafford Lions are a small club, with just six members, says Minnis. "But we do what we can."

The Booyse family—Renco's parents and his brother—were moved by the fact that the town was so small [population 1,000], and yet the Lions there had managed to get together a donation to assist them. So were the people of Stafford.

"He was like family, which they all are. They stay here. We feed them. We travel together and work together," says Marsella Hearn, whose husband, Brent, owns the business that plants and harvests crops for cattle feed in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

"He [Renco's father] said that without the funds that were donated and the other assistance they received, they would never have had the opportunity to go—something which gave them a lot of closure—to be able to see where their son had been and what had happened to him," says Luck.

"It touched their hearts that these strangers were so generous and that strangers actually cared."

SOUTH AFRICA

Lions See the Unseen in Their Community

The Lions of East London Port Rex, in East London, South Africa, have big hearts for the homeless in their community.

Every month they crisscross the city in groups of three or four, bearing sandwiches and bowls of soup for people in need. “They are overjoyed,” says Lion Nina Taylor. “It not only provides them with warm food, but also a notion of being important.”

The homeless have come to recognize the Lions and look forward to their visits. “They are extremely appreciative,” says Taylor. “They always thank us for the good work and assistance.”

Sometimes they also bring small packages of biscuits, socks, and water; whatever they have been able to collect. During the winter months they bring handmade waterproof sleeping bags called “snugglers.”

The club makes the foldable snugglers from recycled plastic bags and newspapers. They’re easy to carry, protect the homeless from wind and rain, and, when stored in the bottom of the bag, can keep their possessions safe as they sleep.

However, the making of snugglers can be a “mammoth task,” says Taylor. Each one is the size of a single duvet blanket, consists of two layers of plastic and newspaper, and uses one full roll of tape. Because it is such a large undertaking, the Lions arrange days in which all the members can get together to assemble the bags, and they are often joined by the Hudson Park Port Rex Cubs and their parents. According to Taylor, it takes approximately four hours for 20 people to make 20 snugglers.

The club hopes to soon start making snugglers at malls in order to showcase the work Lions do and perhaps inspire others to do the same.

Taylor says their club chose to help the homeless because they are so often overlooked. “The homeless are in every city. One does not always know their story or what put them in the position they are in.”



Top: A grateful recipient of warm soup and a hearty sandwich.

Above: Members of the East London Port Rex Lions Club carefully craft waterproof “snugglers” for the homeless.



WE SERVE THE WORLD AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITH PRIDE, COMPASSION AND KINDNESS.

But there's a world of service yet to be reached. One that lives within our collective aspirations. Once discovered, it will open a level of humanitarian good the world has never seen. It's out there, somewhere **BEYOND THE HORIZON.**



Lions Clubs International

CHARTING OUR COURSE

Pursuing New Horizons with International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir

In the brisk air of the North Atlantic Ocean lies a small country.

It's a land defined by natural beauty and discovery. It's a place of grit and unwavering innovation, where nearly 100 percent of the electricity comes from renewable sources and seven of every thousand people are Lions, the highest ratio in the world.

So what is this small, but impressive, country?

It's Iceland, and it's the home of our 2018-2019 International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir. President Yngvadottir joined the Eik Lions Club in 1992 and, from that moment on, has served her local community and the world with the passion, care and vigor both Lions and Iceland are known for.

“TO REACH BEYOND OUR LIMITS,
WE MUST REACH WITHIN OUR
CLUBS, COMMUNITIES AND SELVES.”

- International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir



REACHING BEYOND, TOGETHER

If you go to Iceland, there's a phrase you'll often hear. Its meaning is both simple and inspirational, and it sums up the Icelandic capacity to achieve the seemingly impossible.

"THETTA REDDAST"

—it means that everything will work out, somehow, no matter how large a problem may be, through hard work, trust and community.

With this attitude guiding their way, the people of Iceland have been a shining example to the world of how to live harmoniously with their neighbors and the planet.

Consider these notable Icelandic statistics:

#01


most peaceful country in the world by the Global Peace Index

#02

healthiest country in the world by the Bloomberg Global Health Index

#03

happiest country in the world by the World Happiness Report



The sense of unity that helps Iceland thrive is the same attitude that allows Lions across the globe to make their communities stronger, healthier and safer.

Being a Lion is a unique experience. And an incredible honor. Our communities depend on us to meet needs that would otherwise go unmet. They entrust us with the care of some of our most vulnerable neighbors—lives and futures that can be forever altered by an act of kindness. We are men and women who realize that giving back changes lives. Including our own.

There is a spark when people come together to serve. When we unite to make our communities better, we become better. And closer to the people we serve.

TOGETHER, WE CAN REACH BEYOND OUR LIMITS.

WHERE HORIZONS MEET

With an eye toward the future, president Yngvadottir will help Lions discover more impactful service projects as well as greater service outcomes. She is a resilient advocate of LCI Forward and believes in promoting the core abilities and benefits of Lions as a way of reaching the goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021.

This year's focus is a challenge for all Lions to move beyond their service barriers. If a horizon is viewed not as an unreachable limit, but rather as an evolving destination that can be reached through kindness and compassion, then together Lions can provide more good to more people than we ever thought possible.





“THERE IS ALWAYS
AN OBSTACLE. LIONS
CHANGE OBSTACLES
INTO OPPORTUNITIES.”

- International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir



**We can achieve this if we focus on
maximizing four important areas of Lions:**

01 Moving membership forward

Each member matters. Inviting new members, and keeping current members engaged, is the best way to build the strongest service possible. In many regions, we also need to focus on inviting women to join us to reach our full potential.

02 Increasing leadership development

Every Lion is a leader. By providing members with leadership skills, and increasing leadership opportunities for women, we can help all Lions reach their potential.

03 Promoting the fellowship of Lions

Friendship is a key component of Lions. The relationships we develop are lifelong and create the ties that make our service so strong. Let's make sure this shines through in every member's club experience.

04 Sharing our stories

Storytelling is powerful. When we share our life-changing service stories, our communities will understand who we are and what we do. Social media and marketing can help us get our message out and invite others to join us in making a difference.



**We can reach a new world of service
that lies beyond the horizon.**

CHANNEL THE CURRENT

Harnessing the Power of 1.4 Million Lions

Pursuing a new course is never easy. Achieving the service that lives beyond the horizon will require Lions to reach within their clubs, communities and selves. This means developing new resources, renewed motivation and a clearly defined strategy.

Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation have developed programs and tools to help along the way. This includes a global support structure, grants to increase your impact, and new global service causes that are uniting Lions around urgent humanitarian needs.

By utilizing programs and initiatives aimed at increasing clubs' and individuals' ability to serve, we will all be able to deliver greater good to people everywhere.





AT THE HELM OF DISCOVERY

The Programs that Will Carry Us
to Greater Service



Our Global Causes

Lions are supporting new global causes to define our second century of service and meet emerging needs. Lions are serving vision, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer and our new global service focus, diabetes. Our goal is to serve 200 million people per year by 2021.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

This year marks LCIF's 50th anniversary. In the last 50 years, LCIF has awarded more than US\$1 billion in grants, lending a helping hand to millions of people around the world. As the needs of this world continue to change, LCIF continues to change, as well. At the beginning of this Lions' year, LCIF has launched a three-year US\$300 million capital campaign in order to support the new initiatives on the horizon. As Lions continue to create positive change in communities around the world, LCIF will be there in support. When Lions and LCIF work together, service activities reach more people and make a bigger impact.

The Global Action Team

This team brings together the power of the Global Leadership Team (GLT), the Global Membership Team (GMT) and the Global Service Team (GST). By combining the resources and expertise of these three important segments, the Global Action Team aims to increase global membership to 1.7 million by 2021. With increased membership, Lions will be able to do more good for more people around the world than ever before.

Balanced Membership

For Lions to truly be the global leader in service, we need a balanced membership of caring men and women. We will work closely with the Global Action Team to develop new strategies, programs and partnerships that can help us increase the number of women members and leaders.

The Horizon Is Ours

SETTING SAIL

It Takes Lofty Ambitions to Achieve Lofty Goals

As the largest service organization in the world, we are a force for good. And today, it's up to Lions more than ever to lead the way and set an example that others can follow.

Lions have proven what a community focused on humanitarian service can achieve. We've been the agents of good for more than 100 years. Now, as we move further into our second century of service, we must take the opportunity to exceed all expectations—including our own—and prove that we can continue our upward trajectory of service into and beyond the foreseeable future.







CHART YOUR DESTINATION

Every club has a project it has only dreamed about. A project it hasn't completed because of the obstacles in the way. Now is the time to revive that project, or identify a new one, and move forward.

It's a simple formula with incredible results:


Adding **01** new service project per year within each club would mean

47 thousand
new horizons
discovered



11 million
more people
served

toward the LCI Forward goal
of serving **200 million** by 2021



If you target your destination and chart a new course, then we will overcome our biggest challenges. Let these simple motivators help you reach a service goal you've always dreamed of.

“THETTA REDDAST”

- ～ Navigate with purpose
- ～ Be strategic and comprehensive
- ～ Be flexible to the need to change
- ～ Be honest about your limitations
- ～ Make your service goal a reality



THE HORIZON IS YOURS

Go and get it. You're a Lion.

Let Your Service Roam

Show Your MyLion Pride

Our world-class mobile app, MyLion, is changing the way we serve. Help spread the word and show off your service wherever you go with MyLion accessories. Get your MyLion t-shirts, pens, selfie sticks, and more on the online store.



LCIstore.org





A LION'S PRESIDENT

BY JOAN CARY

As a child, Gudrun Yngvadottir's parents would lead the family on hikes through the mountains near their Reykjavik, Iceland home. Oftentimes her mother would be busy caring for Gudrun's two younger brothers, and Gudrun would walk with her father.

But sometimes she had other things in mind. "I don't want to go," she would tell him. "I don't want to go to the top."

"OK. OK. You don't need to," he would reply. "It's not necessary. But enjoy the tour; enjoy what you can see and explore on the way to the top."

And then Yngvi Zophoniasson would tell her about the rocks, the birds and flowers they saw along the path. They would sing—he with his beautiful tenor, and she, with joy, in her small child's voice.

"And suddenly," says Gudrun, smiling, "we were on the top."

These are the stories Gudrun loves to remember and to share. The ocean and the mountains are what she misses when she is away. Out every window in her native country is a mountain to climb.

And now Gudrun has reached another peak. As Lions Clubs International President, she is at the top of the largest service organization in the world. But she never set her sights on that peak, either, she says, on break in a hotel dining room, away from the bustle of Iceland's MD 109 annual convention in Reykjanesbaer.

"That was never my dream or my goal to become president," she says. "But leaders and mentors, including past international presidents, have watched her climb. They noted her steady stride, her preparedness for what she would encounter, her penchant for perfection, for turning obstacles into opportunities, and her natural tendency to encourage and assist others, teaching them along the way.

And finally, she said, "OK. Let's try."

She had been an active Lion since becoming a member in 1992, first in her club [Gardabaejar Eik], then in her district, in her country, in Scandinavia, and in Europe.

"Somebody would ask me to take care of a project or a training and I do it, I love it, and everything I want to do I have to do as well as possible," says Gudrun. "It's just my nature."

"So on the way to the top I have enjoyed every project."

Gudrun was born and raised near the coast, a shy girl who spent her days exploring the seashore, camping, sailing, and planting trees with her family. Her artistic mother, Hanna Valdimarsdottir, taught her to garden and sew, giving her fine pieces of cloth with only the instruction to "make something nice."

Valdimarsdottir was a socially and politically active woman who led by example. She strongly supported the candidacy of Vigdis Finnbogadottir, Iceland's first female president, the world's first woman elected to lead a democracy [from 1980 to 1996], and also Gudrun's French teacher.

"Having a mother like mine as a role model makes it easier for me to step forward," says Gudrun. She admired her mother but was not interested in politics, instead choosing to focus on biomedical science at the University of Iceland.

While her career developed, she went back to study art history. Painting is her lifelong passion, and art books fill the shelves in her home.

At the University, she became vice director of the Institute of Continuing Education, working in 1990 with program director Margret Sigrun Bjornsdottir.

"Gudrun never gave up until everything was finished, however exhausted we were," recalls Bjornsdottir. "The last year we worked together we had 300 courses and about 12,000 participants. You couldn't have 300 programs a year without a lot of creativity. And Gudrun has that immensely. But it's not enough to be creative. You also have to be able to execute your ideas and to get people to work with you on these ideas. That's really what Gudrun is good at.



“She brings out the best in the people she’s working with. She’s excellent at motivating others to work for a higher cause, but to enjoy it as well.”

At the same time Gudrun was working at the university, she and her husband, Dr. Jon Barni Thorsteinsson, were raising their two children—son Thorsteinn Yngi Bjarnason, an engineer, and daughter Hanna Bjarnadottir, a designer and a Lion in her mother’s club.

“Gudrun doesn’t see obstacles,” says past international director Thorsteinsson, her sweetheart since they were 17. He describes her as “hard working, accurate and honest,” as someone who always sees the good, and always finishes what she starts, even if it means pulling an all-nighter as her family slumbers.

Gudrun became acquainted with Lions while supporting her husband’s work as a Mosfellsbaejar Lion in Mosfellsbaer, outside Reykjavik. Vision programs and Helen Keller captured her attention and opened her eyes to the global impact of Lions as she assisted him in his role as Sight First coordinator, but she also joined Lions to make friends in her new neighborhood, she says.

Close friend and past district governor Laufey Johannesdottir sponsored her.

“Everything Gudrun is doing is right from the heart, and she is doing it the correct way,” says Johannesdottir. “It doesn’t matter what kind of work you ask Gudrun to do, she is there for you.”

“Many of the club members [like Johannesdottir] are really good friends of the family,” explains Bjarnason, a Lion in his father’s club. “Sometimes I get confused whether they are my relatives or not.”

Icelanders appreciate this sense of community in their small country where neighbors know and treat each other like family, and where almost 1 percent are Lions—representing the highest density of Lions in the world.

At Gudrun and Jon’s, where dinnertime is coveted, her hope to encourage this closeness among Lions—to engage family more in Lion activities and bring family values to clubs—is evident. Family decisions are made with input from all family members, and family fun is important. They play card games like “Fisherman” together, and they take family ski trips to Austria, including the six grandchildren who admire their grandmother’s technique and their grandfather’s speed.





They also enjoy Lion projects and events together, like the Mosfellsbæjar Lions' breakfast celebrating Iceland's First Day of Summer, a national holiday dedicated to children. Between Lion business on stage and wishing "gleðilegt sumar" [happy summer] to Lion friends, Gudrun and Jon wrapped their arms around the grandchildren, taking turns holding the youngest, baby Gudrun, while they ate.

And true to their country and upbringing, they plant trees together.

At least 4,000 hand-planted trees break the wind and bring life to the family's summer cottage. Many have grown tall, but Bjarnason remembers when he and the trees were small. He didn't always appreciate them.

"Why on earth are we doing this?" he would ask his mother as they dug the holes. "Be patient," she would reply, promising that one day the trees would be tall and full of life, and he and his children would enjoy them.

"What she promised has come to reality now," he says. "I think that's what she's also doing in the Lions organization. When she started to build out the Leo clubs in Iceland she was thinking to create a good society of young people, but also thinking ahead, knowing those people would grow to become good Lions in the future."

Gudrun also taught her son to "never say never," a phrase that remains near and dear to him.

"I was 12 or 13 and I thought, 'what an odd thing to say.' But later I realized it offers support and encourages persistence," says Bjarnason. "Her persistence and creativity will benefit Lions in so many ways.

"I am really proud of my mother being the first female president, but I'm also proud of LCI for the signal it is sending to the world and to the future generations, like my 9-year-old daughter."


He refers to Telma, his daughter who delighted her "Amma" when she was asked what she wants to be when she grows up.

"I want to be a Lion like my grandmother," she answered.

There are hopes among many, including Gudrun, that women will take inspiration from the Lions' supporting their first woman president, and thereby join the organization. Our 102nd international president has already seen on her visits to all constitutional areas that Lions and community leaders are re-thinking how women can make a difference in leadership roles, she says.

"In many places in the world women are welcome to serve but not to lead," says Gudrun. "In my case, Lions are saying, 'Oh yes, women can lead.' Lions serve where there's a need, and that has nothing to do with gender."

As a candidate for international president, Gudrun was asked, "Are you going to be a woman's president?"

Her response then and today is, "No. I'm going to be a Lion's president." 

Strong Willed

BY ERIN KASDIN

Diane Alvey sits in a small, sterile room. The air conditioning is blasting against the Florida heat, yet her hands are slick with sweat. She wipes them against her jeans again and again, but the moisture returns. Her heart beats so loudly she's certain passing strangers can hear it. She recites Scripture softly, to herself, in an effort to pace her breathing.

"It's like this every three months," she writes on a Facebook post. "One day of pure emotional torture tucked into 89 really productive, 'normal', blissfully happy, and extremely grateful ones."

It was less than two years ago that Diane and her husband, Eddie, canceled plans to go out of town last-minute due to a hurricane in Tallahassee giving them a rare morning to relax. They





lingered in bed, their 4-year-old son, Will, jumping up and down between them, when Diane noticed something. “I said [to my husband] there’s something about Will’s right leg that looks different.”

Several days later the Alveys sat silently in a hospital room in Orlando. It was Labor Day weekend, 2016. A group of six doctors filed in and shut the door. They stood in their white coats, shoulder-to-shoulder in the small room. Then one reached out her hand, “I’m Dr. Kelly and this is my oncology team.”

Cancer hadn’t been on Diane’s radar. “I knew it happened to children, but it wouldn’t happen to my child,” she says.

Will had a biopsy four days later, on his 5th birthday, and in September, 2016, was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma, a cancer of the bone and soft tissue that almost exclusively affects children.

Worldwide, a child is diagnosed with cancer every two minutes. Most drugs used to treat them are made for adults, and often developed for entirely different cancers. So, while survival rates have been on the rise, children face health repercussions due to the aggressive nature of the treatments. But only 4% of U.S. federal funding is allocated to research on cancers specific to childhood.

“I think one of the biggest misconceptions is that we have plenty of treatments available and we don’t,” says Missy Elward, a volunteer event coordinator for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation.

To date, only three drugs have been FDA-approved to specifically treat children with cancer. In contrast, the National Cancer Institute lists 77 drugs currently approved to treat adults with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma.

Because children diagnosed with cancer are treated with medications developed for adults, they experience extremely severe side effects and often develop late effects—effects of the treatment that don’t show up for years but that can be as serious as the initial diagnoses. A recent study shows that because of the treatments they had as kids, by the time they’re 45, more than 95% of survivors of childhood cancer will have a chronic health problem, and 80% will have severe or life-threatening conditions.

St. Baldrick’s Foundation aims to change that. The non-profit organizes Brave the Shave events all around the world, where participants raise money to have their heads shaved. The shave is symbolic; a gesture of solidarity with the children, who lose their hair as just one of many side effects of their treatment.

Left: Will Alvey gets ready to shave the head of a participant at the Sebastian, Florida, Brave the Shave event in March.

"I shave my head for the kids because it shows them that they're not braving this on their own," says Jeanne Diehl of the Sebastian Lions Club in Sebastian, Florida.

For the past four years the Sebastian club has fielded a team of Lions willing to shave their heads for the event. Ron Black, Sebastian Lions club president, estimates they've raised nearly US\$30,000 for St. Baldrick's over the past four years. "By partnering with an organization like St. Baldrick's, we can raise the necessary funds to eradicate the various childhood cancers like leukemia, lymphoma and all that," says Black.

While there are many organizations that support families affected by childhood cancer, St. Baldrick's Foundation uses the money it raises exclusively to fund research. And in addition to finding cures, much of the research is focused on preventing the lifelong damage that results from surgeries, radiation, and chemotherapies given while young bodies and brains are just developing.

"With childhood cancer research we're focusing on the child. We're not taking an adult medication and giving them half the dose because they're half the size of an adult," says Allison Sutton, Content Strategist with St. Baldrick's. "We're making specific protocols just for their bodies and their makeup and how they are put together internally."

Right: Eddie Alvey, Will's father, post-shave at a recent St. Baldrick's event.



LIONS INTERNATIONAL AND ST. BALDRICK'S SHARE AN ORIGIN STORY

St. Baldrick's is a global organization founded by a group of businessmen looking to give back to their communities. Sound familiar? Like Melvin Jones did in 1917, in 1999 Tim Kenny issued a challenge to his colleagues: How will you give back in exchange for your good fortune in business? They decided to shave their heads to raise money for kids with cancer. Nearly 20 years later, St. Baldrick's has funded more than US\$234 million in grants, funding more childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the U.S. government.



Left: Lion Shirley Hall sports a new 'do.



Above: Will is officially one year "N.E.D" (no evidence of disease) after battling Ewing Sarcoma.

The Alveys understand how important it is to fund research. "If we don't have research for our children, our children will not survive. That is the bottom line," says Diane. Will endured many side effects from his treatments, including stunted growth in the affected leg, and mouth sores that caused him to lose his teeth. But he bounced back after every setback. "It changed us more than it changed him," says Diane. "He's been so strong."

The family goes to Brave the Shave events whenever they have them in their area. Because Will has battled cancer, they are considered an "honored family." Honored families get a grand entrance to the event, and the kids get to go up on stage and help shave heads, dance, or just watch as the hair comes off.

Children who have lost their battles are also honored. For the Alveys, good news for Will is often tempered by sobering news about the children they've gotten to know by belonging to the same horrible club. "Their children become your children," says Diane. As these children are remembered, there are tears. "Will gets sad," says Diane. But after, with a remarkable resilience, Will smiles at the crowd. He wields the electric shaver. And he dances.

Today, they wait for the big news. It's Will's 1-year scan. For the past year he has been off of chemotherapy with no evidence of disease (NED). He gets a scan every three months and will continue to do so for the next four years. Each time, Diane is wracked with the possibility that she will hear news that her son's cancer has returned. "It can always come back," she says. "His whole life, it can come back. So, he's never safe."

But Diane and her family try not to think about that in between scans. Instead, they take any excuse to celebrate. "We celebrate everything," she says. After his diagnosis she took him everywhere he wanted to go and, later, they celebrated his graduation from pre-kindergarten with a big dinner and a cap and gown. "I tell myself, if this is my child's last day, then he is going to have the best day ever," says Diane.

Today, May 14, is her husband's birthday. She considered moving the scan to a different day, but he refused. "What better birthday present," he told her, "than to get a clear scan." He was remaining positive.

Eddie has been a fierce advocate for creating awareness about childhood cancer. After Will was diagnosed, he had a Dodge Charger outfitted with a custom paint job with the slogan "Charge against childhood cancer." He drives it everywhere. "We're going to find the cure, but it's going to take time and money and investment in our children, in our future," says Diane.

In the waiting room,
they finally get the news.
Will's scan is clear. He is
officially one-year NED.

Diane can breathe again. She can pack up the anxious thoughts, stow them away where they always go, tucked away, out of sight for the next three months. For right now, for this moment, she can be happy.

The family celebrates. 🎉





THE FAST AND THE FURRY

BY ERIN KASDIN

Kentucky has its horses. Buda, Texas, has its wiener dogs. Every spring the Buda Lions Club puts on the Annual Buda Wiener Dog Races and BBQ Event, where any willing wiener can test their speed, with the winners taking home Texas-size trophies and big smiles.

From 35 dogs the first year, the annual event now races about 300 dogs per year, though they've had as many as 600 one year, when The Department of Public Safety had to intervene. "We weren't ready for it," says PDG Charles Handrick, a Buda Lion who has helped run the event since its beginning in 1997. They rent city park a full week in advance to prep, building bleachers for the crowd and fencing for the pups. "In the early years we didn't have fencing and we had dogs all over town," says Handrick.



Apollo, 5, finishes first in his race as part of the purebred division. After complaints that some dogs' legs were **ahem** too long, the Lions were compelled to create two divisions: one for purebred wiener dogs and one for mixed breeds ("Nearly Wiener dogs"). A vet examines each dog pre-race to ensure they are in the correct division.



All those little legs leaning against the starting gate made it tricky to keep lowered. Buda Lion Frankie Hoch, who happens to be a mechanic, designed the current gate system, which uses an electric magnet modeled after trailer brakes to hold the gate down. Here, Lion Bruce Broslat coordinates carefully with the announcer to shut off the power and raise the gates at the exact right moment.



Lion Rob Dugan uses a radar gun to measure land speed in the Fastest Dog competition. This is the first year they've offered this event, in which any dog—wiener to wolfhound—can enter. The winner clocked in at 35 mph, taking home a US\$25 gift card to a local kennel, US\$25 in prize money, and, of course, a giant trophy.



Thompson, 5, in green stays focused as Peanut, 3, in blue tries to get ahead.



Any dog can participate in the Fastest Dog competition. Twelve-year old Oakley proves you're never too old to see what you're made of. He makes his way across the finish line with some encouragement from Julie Jordan.



True to its roots, this Lions event still supports the blind. Five-year-old Ace, blind in one eye and deaf, finishes first in his race in the Nearly Wiener division, which is for dogs without the purebred heritage but with all the grit of a wiener dog.



Dewby, 1, is placed into his starting block. The starting gate was designed by Lion Jerry Raines. The first model was open-air, but “dogs kept hopping out. So, we had to put a lid on it,” says PDG Handrick.

Lion Mike Huckaby announces the races. The Buda Lions partner with other Lions clubs and non-profits to put on the event, helping each to raise money that gets funneled into numerous scholarships for the community.



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Microloans Boost Business for Women in India

BY JAMIE KONIGSFELD

What would the world look like if those most in need were empowered to achieve their dreams? The Lions of MD 322 in India and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) partnered to find out. The LCIF Microenterprise Development Program is an example of how Lions and LCIF together can improve the lives of those in need. Five thousand women took the opportunity in hopes they could give their children a better life and a brighter future.

The Microenterprise Program is a project that uses grants from LCIF, money raised by local Lions, and a micro-lending organization local to the area to provide loans to small-business entrepreneurs. Women and disabled citizens in poor areas of the world are given the opportunity to use a loan to give their business a boost. The boost helps their business to grow so they can properly provide for their families. Many types of businesses are eligible for the program, including farming, small shops, tailoring, and cleaning services.

The pilot project involved Eastern India Lions Leadership Academy and a micro-lending bank, ASA International India Microfinance, Ltd. When the project neared completion, Past International President (PIP) Barry Palmer took a trip to India to visit groups in Kolkata and Siliguri.

The women who received loans were eager to answer PIP Palmer's questions and talk about future plans. As their businesses began to do well, their first priority was to provide their children with an education. Some of the women had a secondary priority to build another room in their home that they could rent out for additional income. By the end of the program, 100% of the microloans had been paid back.

The program had a positive impact on an estimated 20,000 people, assuming each of the 5,000 women who received a loan has, on average, a husband and two children.

Lions really drove the success of this program. "I can't speak highly enough of the Lions who are involved in driving the program at a local level," said PIP Palmer. "Because of their commitment in gaining their share of the funding and working with ASA International, this program is becoming a great success for the people in the lower social-economic area."

This is a wonderful example of the empowerment LCIF provides. LCIF empowered Lions who then empowered impoverished women to build successful businesses. These women are now able to give their children enough to eat and can afford to send them to school. They will continue to build their businesses with confidence, knowing they are bright, successful entrepreneurs.



School Repairs Delight Students and Community

BY JAMIE KONIGSFELD

A student's eagerness to learn can quickly diminish when their school environment is distracting, unclean, and unsafe. After Typhoon Haiyan (known in the Philippines as Super Typhoon Yolanda), Tagdon Elementary School was destroyed. Lions in Germany wanted to help. They raised funds and secured a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to renovate and expand the school. In the Philippines, Bulan Lions Club, a nearby club that regularly visits the school, was also able to contribute to the school's exciting new beginning.

Located in the city of Barcelona within the Sorsogon Province of the Philippines, the school was originally constructed more than 30 years ago. Once bustling with students excited about their education, the school was left ravaged in the wake of the typhoon. In addition to roof and structural damage, the area flooded, leaving debris littering the ground inside and out.

With the money from the German Lions, LCIF, and Bulan Lions Club, three classroom buildings and nine classrooms were renovated. Repairs were made to the framing, roofing, ceilings, windows, doors, masonry, and electrical components.



Interior and exterior painting brightened up the school to a welcoming yellow with attractive blue accents. In addition to the renovations to existing buildings, the project also funded the construction of a new building that houses a library, computer room, health clinic, and bathrooms. The school health clinic will also be available to the general public, a much-needed service in the community of Barcelona.

Tagdon Elementary School has an annual enrollment of 250 students, all of whom now have a safe school environment that is conducive to learning. In addition to these students, more than 1,000 students from five surrounding elementary schools will use the library, computer room, and health clinic, and more than 4,750 additional community members will benefit from the health clinic each year. Further proof that kindness



matters, this project has helped cultivate a happy and healthy community.

"This has been our hope [and] our help for the Filipinos because we know that by helping them [to have] a good education, we are helping them and their families. And, of course, the whole country, actually," says Dr. Marlene Ruth Hermo-Koslowsky, Lion and former Tagdon Elementary School student.

CLUB NEWS



Lions Doug Herwaldt and Mark Stauber in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, served spaghetti with a smile at their club's annual All You Can Eat Pasta fundraiser.

The **Glen Ellyn Lions Club** in **Illinois** served pasta with all the extras, including live entertainment, to more than 240 people at their annual All You Can Eat Pasta Dinner. They worked with St. Petronille Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and Barones restaurant, raising more than US\$3,500, and donating US\$2,500 to the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry. Lions also provided free vision screenings for 28 adults and children.

The cook trailer made by **Santa Clara Host Lions** in **California** can be spotted at Little League ball games, PALS tournaments for young adults with Down syndrome, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and more. Every September they grill steaks and linguica (pork sausage) sandwiches at the Santa Clara Art and Wine festival to raise funds for Lion causes.

Cucamonga District Host Lions in **California**, Alta Loma Boy Scout Troop 720, and Grace Fellowship Church members came together to construct, wrap, and deliver 500 Easter baskets for children through Inland Empire United Way. Lion Vivian Shiffman, known as "The Basket Queen," spearhead the successful project.

The **Knowlton Lions** in **Quebec, Canada**, contributed CA\$1,000 to the Pettes Memorial Library. Established in 1894, it is the oldest free rural library in Quebec.

The **5M Pin Traders Club** in **Minnesota** hosted a silent auction at the 26th anniversary of the Midwest Pin Swap at Rock Island, Illinois in April. They raised US\$1,000 for LCIF.

Lions John Woodworth and Bernard McKenna celebrated 50 years of service with the **Summerside Lions** in **Prince Edward Island, Canada**, at the club's annual awards gala.

The **Kailua Kona Lions** in **Hawaii** heard that the intermediate school was short on instruments for the 57 students in the band program and sent a request to the West Hawaii Today newspaper for donations. Over the next two weeks, two flutes, one ukulele, three guitars, a large keyboard, a trombone, a French horn, a clarinet, a snare drum, a sax, an oboe, and a set of drums were contributed. Lions donated US\$300 toward refurbishing kits and other nonprofit organizations added to the support.

Since 2010, the **Elkhart Lions Club** in **Indiana** has presented dictionaries to third grade students in the community elementary schools. Last year the Lions distributed more than 1,400 dictionaries to Elkhart students. Over the years the number of dictionaries has exceeded 6,900 at a value of US\$17,000.

The **Jefferson City Host Lions Club** in **Missouri** donated US\$7,500 to the Cole County Chiefs Association to help build a new Mobile Fire Safety Trailer to educate school children. It replaces a worn 25-year-old trailer that was used to educate more than 150,000 children since 1992.

The **Lions Club of Mantua, New Jersey**, along with the United Methodist Church of Mantua, contributed to a fundraiser for 4 Paws for Ability, an Ohio organization that trains service dogs for children and veterans.



Sophia and her mother rely on the assistance of Sophia's service dog, Fresca, trained to alert both before Sophia has a seizure and when she starts to have them.

In Memoriam

Past International Director John O. Gregory has died. He was 96. A charter member of Virginia's Manassas Host Lions in 1947, he served as international director from 1977-79. A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, he received the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor granted by the association to its members. He served for the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II, and was the founder of Gregory Construction Co., playing a vital role in shaping the landscape of Manassas and Prince William County where his passion was building churches with impeccable detail.

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Dogs for the Dogs

Lion Gilbert Arizmendez grills food for the volunteers during the 21st Annual Buda Wiener Dog Races and BBQ Event, Saturday, April 28, 2018, in Buda, Texas.



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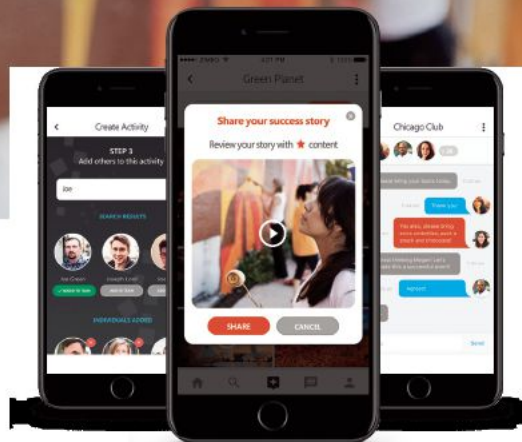
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