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and promote international understanding through Lions clubs."*



SERVING TOGETHER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Embrace the High Ideal of Service



Lions in Guatemala deliver food after government officials warned of nutritional problems.

Many assume that people of great accomplishment celebrate personal success, but you may be surprised to realize that success without service is often meaningless. Albert Einstein once said, "It's high time that the ideal of success should be replaced by the high ideal of service." Success can't be confined to individual achievement. Albert Schweitzer said, "I don't know what your destiny is going to be but one thing I do know is that those who are successful have sought and found how to serve."

Lions, this year we are shining a beacon of hope by highlighting our service. Let's remind ourselves why we became Lions and why we are Lions today. Do you view your membership as an obligation to attend or as an opportunity to serve and to be a beacon of hope for your community? Let your commitment to serve radiate from your heart and gain personal satisfaction from having made a difference to someone in need.

In November, December and January, as we celebrate the holidays of various traditions, I am asking Lions to shine the light on feeding the hungry. I've seen how effective Lions can be in this regard. In Amsterdam I met two brothers who were forming a Lions club for the purpose of starting a food bank. In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, I met a remarkable woman. Lion Uma and her club feed 100 people a day; some of them are blind and all are poor. I asked her how she got started. She told me, "Well, one day I saw a young boy sifting through a garbage can in search of food for his family." She saw a need and she responded.

We know in nearly every community there are food-related needs. We need to be alert to the need and be willing to respond to meet the need. Your response to such a need may be to start a food bank or contribute to one. Your response may be to deliver food baskets or even adopt a family for the holidays. Be willing to give from you abundance of time and energy to someone who is lacking. Make our motto of service a meaningful reality each day. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in service to others." As Lions let us always find ourselves serving others from our heart, making our communities better places to live and being a beacon of hope.

Sid L. Scruggs III
Lions Clubs International President



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LIONS NEWS BRIEFS

CONDOLEEZZA RICE TO ADDRESS LIONS

Condoleezza Rice, the former U.S. secretary of state, will be the keynote speaker at Lions' 94th international convention in Seattle July 4-8. Rice currently is the Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy at the Hoover Institution and professor of political science at Stanford University in California. From 2005 to 2009 she served as the 66th secretary of state under President George W. Bush, the first African-American woman secretary of state. Before serving as America's chief diplomat, she was Bush's national security adviser during his first term. Prior to joining the Bush administration, she was a professor of political science at Stanford and its provost from 1993 to 1999. A native of Birmingham, Alabama, she has authored or co-authored several books including *Germany Unified* and *Europe Transformed: A Study in Statecraft*, *The Gorbachev Era* and *Uncertain Allegiance: The Soviet Union and the Czechoslovak Army*.



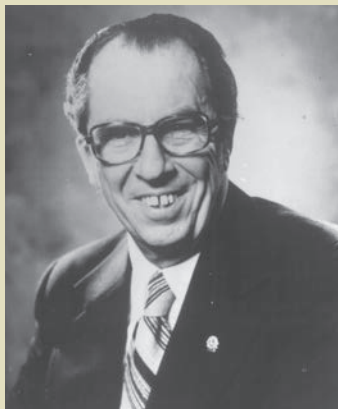
LIONS HELP PAKISTAN

Lions Clubs International Foundation is providing US\$120,000 to help

Lions in providing relief to victims of the floods in Pakistan. More than 20 million people have been affected and displaced, representing eight percent of the country, and 1,500 people are dead following the deadliest flooding in 80 years. Donate online at www.lcif.org/donate. or contact LCIF at donorassistance@lcif.org or (630) 203-3836.

A CHAMPION OF LIONS DIES

Past International President Tris Coffin of Rosemere, Quebec, Canada, has died. Elected to the association's highest office at the 1973 international convention in Miami, Florida, Coffin wasn't shy about sharing his belief that "good Lions all speak the same language." He strongly advocated the growth of Lions Clubs International as a global opportunity for people everywhere—a way to get to know each other while helping others. An optician, Coffin also considered himself a bit of a salesman. He not only helped sell "Lions," he also once proudly called himself the "Fruit Cake King of Canada" for selling more than 40,000 fruitcakes to raise money for the Montreal Central club's community service activities.



Tris Coffin

LIONS PLATE IN WISCONSIN

Wisconsin has become one of an estimated 20 states with a Lions specialty license plate. Once development costs of \$23,700 are recouped through plate sales, each plate sold will provide a \$25 donation to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation—as well as increase the visibility of Lions. The plate costs \$25. Ed Hida, who joined the West Allis Central Lions Club in 2009, spurred the project.



LIONS SUPPORT SCHOOL-IN-A-BOX

Lions recently donated \$39,468.62 to UNICEF for the School-in-a-Box program. The funds represent designated donations made by Lions and other donors to LCIF during the last year. School-in-a-Box carries essential school supplies such as notebooks, pencils and scissors for up to 80 children. In emergency situations, the kits allow a teacher to instantly set up a classroom in a tent or under a shady tree. Since 1996, Lions have contributed more than \$200,000 for School-in-a-Box through LCIF.



In Iraq, Zainab Abdul Rehda, 11, writes on a slate in a fourth-grade class in Baghdad with writing materials from a School-in-a-Box kit.

Photo courtesy of UNICEF/Shehzad Noorani

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

Jim King, 54, is a man on the move. After deciding commercial farming in Washington was no longer for him, he moved to Alaska for a time. He now calls Georgia home after becoming the executive director of the Savannah Association for the Blind, Inc., in 2009. King has retinitis pigmentosa, a degenerative eye disease that affects each patient differently. For King, driving at night was never an activity he felt comfortable with and he quit driving completely at 28, after which his vision deteriorated rapidly. With the aid of his 5-year-old guide dog, Wade, King enjoys the friendship and service of the Wilmington Island Lions Club.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR CLUB: It's a great club filled with good folks who are service-minded and dedicated Lions. The people in my Lions club are just the greatest people. When they help, they don't do it with condescension. They just help people and it's a positive experience.

FAVORITE FOOD: I like to cook Thai food. When I lived in Washington, I went to Thailand for a month at a time for a couple of years. I have a degree in agricultural economics and I met some people who were involved with a university in Thailand. They were telling me about a project where the purpose was to introduce alternative crops to poppies. A lot of the small farmers out in the mountains were heavily involved in the poppy trade; not because they were criminals, because they needed to raise cash.

I got interested in the project and tried to help out. I ended up wandering around and making friends with different farmers.

WHY I BECAME A LION: I've been involved with vision rehabilitation for a long, long time. I identify with the Lions and feel like I'm a part of the organization. They all have a positive outlook and attitude.

WHAT MY CLUB DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT ME: I spent time in the jungles of Thailand in a bamboo hut. Some of these farmers are more slash and burn, hunter-gatherer types who move where the food is. Their homes are bamboo huts and their villages never stay in one place for very long. A few different times I ended up staying in those villages with the locals.

PROJECTS I'D LIKE TO SEE MY CLUB TAKE ON: I would like to see the club continue to support rehabilitation efforts. Also, I'd like to see my club start projects that support and educate disadvantaged youth and young people. They are our future Lions.



Welcomed a new Lion into the club who you think deserves a bit of recognition? E-mail us a brief description of your Lion and the reason you're nominating him or her at lionmagazine@lionsclubs.org. Please include "Welcome to the Club" in your subject line.

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CLUB OF THE MONTH

GRAND RAPIDS LIONS CLUB, MICHIGAN

CLUB TITLE: Grand Rapids Lions Club

FOUNDED: 1919

COMMUNITY SERVED: Grand Rapids, which is on the west side of Michigan and the second-largest city in the state.

MEMBERSHIP: 111 Lions with 85 percent participating in more than one club activity. The members range in age from 20s to 90s and the club has added almost 30 new members during the past three years.

MEETING MATTERS: The club is known as the downtown Grand Rapids Lions Club and meets at noon on Tuesdays at the University Club from September through May, except on the first Tuesday of the month. That day, the club meets in the evening at an eyeglass recycling center to process glasses for their mission trips to Central and South America.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS: The club serves in multiple ways, including a Blind Dinner Date that honors three individuals who have made significant efforts to assist the blind and visually impaired. The club also hosts a "Drive for Vision" Golf Outing and an annual calendar raffle. More than 20 years ago, the club established the Grand Rapids Lions Club Foundation to ensure the club could donate to charities indefinitely. The endowment fund is currently at \$350,000 and allows the club to donate about \$100,000 per year to charities and individuals when coupled with regular fundraising efforts.

SERVICE PROJECTS: Lions support the eyeglass recycling program to provide glasses for the Lions of Michigan Vision Mission Trips and process 200,000 glasses annually. The club also supports the Meijer Kids Christmas Shopping Day for more than 35 disadvantaged and visually impaired children. Also, the club sponsors field trips for visually impaired children and a sports day so visually impaired youth can try rock climbing, horseback riding and other sports.

CLAIM TO FAME: Former U.S. President Gerald R. Ford was a member of this club.

WHY BE A LION? "Becoming a member in our club can be the first step on a pathway of leadership that can lead you to serving your neighbors down the street and around the world."

— First Vice President Brent Spoelstra



Lion Dr. Gary Anderson gives an eye exam during a mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

OVERHEARD

"I have to wear glasses the rest of my life. But that's OK. God gave me two eyes and I've adjusted to having one. I'm careful when I drive because I really have a blind spot."

—Meredith Legg, 23, who battled eye cancer after winding up as the all-time leading scorer in basketball for the University of South Carolina-Aiken. Legg spoke to the Aiken Mid-Day Lions and thanked them for their support.

"The Lions clubs' cash donation drive was equal to that of an entire nation."

—Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou on funds raised by MD 300 Lions for typhoon victims. From Taiwan News Online.

"I felt so bad that I couldn't help these people. I really tried everything I could think of."

—Wanda Hennessey of Evington, Virginia, after receiving many phone calls for the Lynchburg Host Lions Club, the previous owner of her phone number. From the News and Advance.

ON THE WEB

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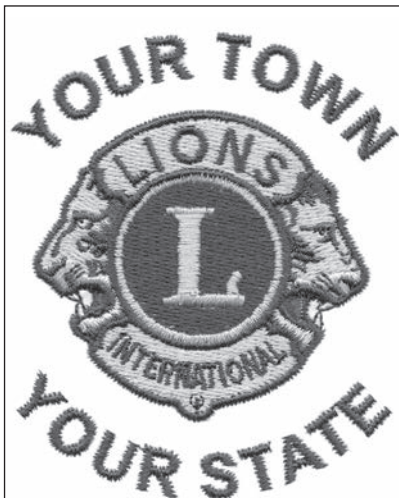
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The Alliston Lions are helping to re-
store the shed. Banting co-discovered
insulin, first produced from
cattle pancreas. Banting credited
his farm upbringing for furthering
his research.

2,000

Boards to be used for a six-foot
wide, 1,000-foot long lakeside
boardwalk partially completed by
the Kincardine Lions Club in
Ontario, Canada.

78

Pinochle players who competed in
the Annual State Lions Club
Pinochle Tournament in Dickinson,
North Dakota.

4

Hours on two Sundays (1 to 5 p.m.)
the Shrewsbury Public Library in
Massachusetts could remain open
thanks to a donation by the Shrews-
bury Lions.

10,000

Dollars contributed by the Brighton
Lions Club in Ontario, Canada, to a
recruitment fund to bring a doctor
to town.

316

Anglers who competed in the Perch
Derby sponsored by the Townsend
Broadwater County Lions Club in
Montana.

102

Countries in which SightFirst funds
blindness prevention projects after
grants were approved for the Cen-
tral African Republic and Burundi.

61 YEARS AGO IN THE LION OCTOBER 1949

Lions clubs will collect toys for
needy children at Christmas time
aided by a fictional Lions club on
the popular CBS radio program,
Hilltop House. A main character on
the show is Daniel Findlay (pic-
tured), who once was part of a
"rough-neck gang" but now lives at
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By Shawn Oyler
Universal Media Syndicate

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hoard of U.S. Coins and currency," Marshall said.

"Having valuable U.S. Gov't coins and currency serves as an economic life raft during tough times," said Thomas C. Harris, Retired Deputy Director of a U.S. Treasury branch and advisor to the World Reserve.

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Quilts Offer Comfort

Lago Vista Lion Marilyn Gates says that while it wasn't a dark and stormy night ("Don't all stories start out this way to grab the readers' attention?" she asks), it was a typically hot, humid, Texas — and because it was 3 a.m. — dark summer night. Police found an 18-month-old toddler wandering alone down the road.

"The little guy was clad only in a dirty diaper," she says. It wasn't the first time that police came across a small child who'd escaped his family home in the middle of the night. Gates suggested to police chief Danny Smith how she and Lions could help.

Gates and other women in the club formed a quilting circle. Their friends helped. "Quilters are with fabric like drug addicts are with drugs," she jokes. "I have large tubs of fabric lying around. I don't have a lot of money, but I can do this for others."

The quilts stitch two per week, and have made and given 26 of the soft fabric quilts to police. Each child given a quilt gets to keep it. "It's something comforting for them to

SERVICE IDEA MAKE QUILTS



Lions Marilyn Gates (left) and Jo Ann Thornton sew quilts together.

have and keep. Traumatized kids curl up in them and settle down," she says. The project is expanding. They've begun sending quilts to a local children's crisis center and hospitalized soldiers at nearby Fort Hood.

SERVICE IDEA OFFER SHELTER



There may be no room at the inns, but Moriarty Lions took in stranded motorists during a dangerous spring snowstorm.

Clubhouse Provides Refuge from Storm

When a dangerous snow and ice storm struck Moriarty, New Mexico, in late March, roads were closed and travelers were forced to seek refuge. Mary Jane Shannon, a past District 40 N governor, says, "Motels were full and many travelers were expecting to spend the night in their cars. Families with small children, as well as elderly relatives, were very concerned about their safety and welfare."

Lion Don Trumball told the fire marshal to use the Lions clubhouse to house stranded motorists. Firefighters brought 100 cots to set up and the building soon began to fill up with strangers who had no place else to go during the storm. A total of 132 men, women and children from 14 states were housed overnight. The group was so thankful to Lions for their hospitality that more than \$500 was donated to the club by thankful travelers.

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Tree Tapping a Community Tradition

The third-largest producer of maple syrup in the world is New York, and when spring comes to the state, Lions in Andover get busy. The whole community participates in the annual Maple Festival Lions sponsor in late March.

Lions have perfected the art of patience as they begin the tapping process. Roger Drumm explains, "On average, it takes 40 gallons of sap taken from the trees to make one gallon of syrup. Each tap holds a bucket collecting the sap, and there may be two or three buckets hanging from a tree depending on its size." The sap is then taken to the Lions "sugar shack" for another step in the process.

"We have a small evaporator two feet wide and four feet long, where we can boil between five to 10 gallons of water vapor or steam from the sap every hour or so. It takes between four to six hours to make a gallon of syrup," he says. He credits Lion Ron Steffenhagen for his 30-year tenure in the sugar shack, where kindergarteners "love to visit." Lions explain the process to them, but Drumm says the highlight of their visit is sampling the warm maple syrup after it has finished cooking.

Children and visitors help with tree tapping as Andover Lions set 90 traps that yield three gallons. It's a tedious process, but one that Lions have been doing for 38 years along with sponsoring the annual festival. Syrup isn't the only reason to attend the event, though. Lions also provide free eye and diabetes screenings as well at the school where the festival is held.

SERVICE IDEA TEACH KIDS



Lion Ron Steffenhagen runs the evaporator in the club's "sugar shack."

SERVICE IDEA COLLECT BOOKS

Books for Soldiers

Sally Kelavan and other members of the Stafford Aquia Evening Lions Club in Virginia are now on a mission to get books into the hands of recreational readers serving in the military overseas.

Since last year, Kelavan and Lions have collected paperbacks and had them shipped them to troops serving in some of the world's most dangerous areas. It started with a simple message. "My son, Major Andrew Harmon, is in the Army Reserve and three years ago was called to active duty. One day he was able to get an e-mail out stating that many of the soldiers have nothing to read," she explains. More than 1,500 books have now been collected, shipped and delivered overseas.



Sally Kelavan prepares another shipment for book-loving soldiers.

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Like a picked flower cut from the source, we gradually wilt physically and mentally and become vulnerable to a host of degenerative diseases, that we simply weren't susceptible to in our early adult years.

Modern medical science now regards aging as a disease that is treatable and preventable and that "aging", the disease, is actually a compilation of various diseases and pathologies, from everything, like a rise in blood glucose and pressure to diabetes, skin wrinkling and so on. All of these aging symptoms can be stopped and rolled back by maintaining Growth Hormone levels in

the blood at the same levels HGH existed in the blood when we were 25 years old.

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GHR is a natural releaser, has no known side effects, unlike the synthetic version and has no known drug interactions. Progressive doctors admit that this is the direction medicine is seeking to go, to get the body to heal itself instead of employing drugs. GHR is truly a revolutionary paradigm shift in medicine and, like any modern leap frog advance, many others will be left in the dust holding their limited, or useless drugs and remedies.

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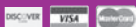
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Amish mantle and miracle invention help home heat bills hit rock bottom

Miracle heaters being given away free with orders for real Amish fireplace mantles to announce the invention that helps slash heat bills, but Amish craftsmen under strain of early Christmas rush force household limit of 2

Save money: only uses about 9¢ electric an hour; so turn down your thermostat and never be cold again

By MARK WOODS
Universal Media Syndicate

(UMS) Everyone hates high heat bills. But we're all sick and tired of simply turning down the thermostat and then being cold.

Well now, the popular HEAT SURGE® miracle heaters are actually being given away free to the general public for the next 7 days starting at precisely 8:00 a.m. today.

The only thing readers have to do is call the National Distribution Hotline before the 7-day deadline with their order for the handmade Amish Fireplace Mantle. Everyone who does is instantly being awarded the miracle heater absolutely free.

This is all happening to announce the HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow® Fireplace which actually rolls from room-to-room so you can turn down your thermostat and take the heat with you anywhere. That way, everyone who gets them first can immediately start saving on their heat bills.

Just in time for winter weather, portable Amish encased fireplaces are being delivered directly to the doors of all those who beat the deadline.

These remarkable fireplaces with patent pending technology are being called a miracle because they have a stunning fireless flame that gives you the peaceful flicker of a real fire but without any flames, fumes, smells, ashes or mess. Everyone is getting them because they require no chimney and no vent. You just plug them in.

The Fireless Flame® looks so real it amazes everybody because it has no real fire. So what's the catch? Well, soft



■ **GENUINE AMISH MANTLES MADE IN THE HEARTLAND OF OHIO:** Everyone wants to save money on heat bills this winter, so entire Amish communities are working from the crack of dawn to build these real wood fireplace mantles to last forever. The Light Honey Oak mantle is a real steal at just two hundred ninety-eight dollars because all those who beat the order deadline by calling the National Hotline at 1-866-815-7110 to order the fireplace mantles are actually getting the hi-tech imported Fireless Flame HEAT SURGE miracle heaters for free.

spoken Amish craftsmen who take their time hand building the mantles have a process that forces a strict household limit of 2 to keep up with orders.

"We can barely keep up ever since we started giving heaters away free. With winter just around the corner, everyone's trying to get them. Amish craftsmen are working their fingers to the bone to be sure everyone gets their delivery in time for Christmas," confirms Frederick Miller, National Shipping Director.

"These portable Roll-n-Glow Fireplaces are the latest home decorating sensation. They actually give you a beautifully redecorated

room while they quickly heat from wall to wall. It's the best way to dress up every room, stay really warm and slash your heat bills all at the same time," says Josette Holland, Home Makeover Expert.

And here's the best part. Readers who beat the 7-day order deadline are getting their imported hi-tech miracle heaters free when encased in the Amish built real wood fireplace mantles. The mantles are being handmade right here in Ohio in the heartland of Amish country where they are beautifully hand-rubbed, stained and varnished.

You just can't find custom made Amish mantles like this in the national chain

stores. That makes the Light Honey Oak mantle a real steal for just two hundred ninety-eight dollars since the entire cost of the miracle heater is free.

This free giveaway is the best way to slash heating bills and stay warm this fall and winter. The HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow Fireplace gives you zone heating and all the beauty and warmth of a built-in fireplace but rolls from room-to-room so it can also save you a ton of money on heating bills.

Even people in California and Florida are flocking to get them so they may never have to turn on their furnace all winter. And since it uses only about 9 cents of electric



How It Works: The HEAT SURGE miracle heater is a work of engineering genius from the China coast so advanced, you simply plug it into any standard outlet. It uses only about 9¢ of electric an hour on the standard setting. Yet, it produces up to an amazing 4,606 BTU's on the high setting. So watch out, a powerful on board hi-tech heat turbine silently forces hot air out into the room from the vent so you feel the bone soothing heat instantly. It even has certification of Underwriters Laboratories coveted UL listing. It also comes with a limited full year replacement or money back warranty less shipping plus a 30-Day Satisfaction Guarantee. OH and FL resident transactions require the remittance of applicable sales tax. Sorry no shipments to MA and CA residents.



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The hi-tech silent heat turbine takes in cold air

an hour on the standard setting, the potential savings are absolutely incredible.

"We are making sure no one gets left out, but you better hurry because entire communities of Amish craftsmen are straining to keep up with demands. For now, we are staying out of the large national retail stores in *Rolls anywhere to throw*



■ **EASILY ROLLS ANYWHERE:** This is the portable Roll-n-Glow® Fireplace that easily rolls from bedroom to living room to keep you warm. No vents, no chimney and no tools. Just plug it in.

order to let readers have two per household just as long as they call before the deadline," confirms Miller.

It's a really smart decision to get two right now because for only the next 7 days you get both miracle heaters free. That's like putting five hundred bucks right in your pocket and you can save even



■ **SAVES ON BILLS:** Everyone can get low bills and stay warm and cozy. The Roll-n-Glow Fireplace saves a ton of money and makes your front room look like a million bucks.

more money on your monthly heating bills.

"Everyone's calling to get one but those who are getting their Christmas shopping done early are surprising the whole family by getting two. So when lines are busy keep trying or log onto amishfireplaces.com. We promise to get to every



■ **SAFE FLAME:** The Fireless Flame looks so real it fools everyone but there is no real fire. That makes the flame window safe to the touch under the watchful eye of a parent. It's where the kids will play and the cat and dog will sleep.

call. Then we can have a delivery truck out to your door right away with your beautiful Heat Surge Roll-n-Glow Fireplace," Miller said.

"You'll instantly feel bone soothing heat in any room. You will never have to be cold again," he said. ■

On the worldwide web:
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■ **FREE:** Get this \$249 miracle heater free. It is being given away free to all who beat the 7-day order deadline for your choice of the Light Honey Oak or Manor Cherry finish Amish Mantles. The free heater comes already encased.

How to get 2 free heaters

The National Toll Free Hotlines are now open. All those who beat the 7-day order deadline to cover the cost of the Amish made Fireplace Mantle and shipping get the HEAT SURGE miracle heater free.

A strict limit of 2 per household has been imposed. Since some home woodworkers want to build their own mantle piece, they are letting people get the imported miracle heater alone for just \$249. Or, with orders for the Amish made mantle you get the miracle heater free.

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■ **ON THEIR WAY:** Early Christmas orders have turned country roads into pipelines to the big city delivery system. Everybody wants a fireplace that comes fully assembled with a handmade Amish mantle in Light Honey Oak or Manor Cherry finish and gets delivered by truck right to your door. All you do is plug it in.

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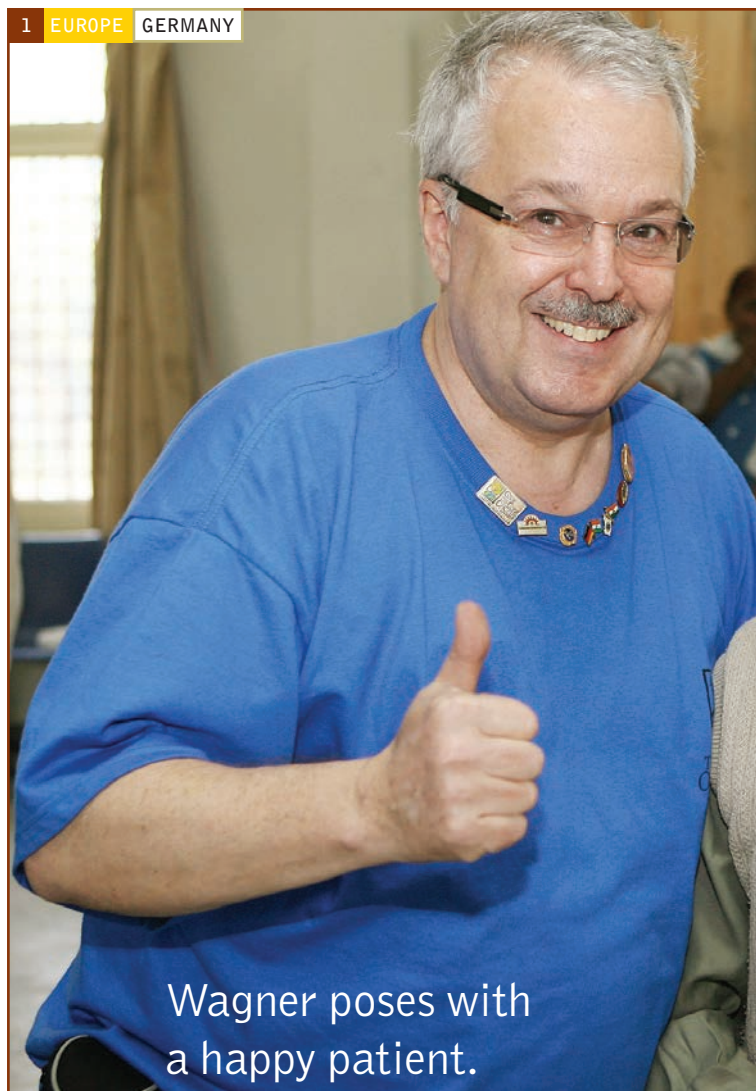
For two weeks the lines of men, women and children at the orphanage in Amritsar, India, stretched out the door. Some 20,000 people eventually had their vision checked. Lion Carlo Wagner, an ophthalmologist from Koblenz, Germany, was one of two dozen eye specialists who brought the gift of vision to the poor.

The days were long and arduous. Food and water were minimal. Yet Wagner, the charter president of the Sophie von la Roche Lions Club in Koblenz, was energized by volunteering.

“It was such a wonderful experience,” he said. “The gratitude that we experienced made us forget any of the challenges we faced. There wasn’t any screaming or cheering, just a quiet, almost religious gratitude that deeply moved me.

“They were thankful for our help even if we couldn’t completely fix their problem. It meant a lot to them that we did our best and took their concerns seriously. Often it’s the poorest of the poor who are completely on their own. They

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Wagner poses with a happy patient.

were just grateful that we showed them we cared about them—they really felt it.”

A leading eyewear designer and manufacturer, the Luxottica Company organized the mission to Amritsar, located near the Pakistani border and known for its stunning temples. Nearly 130 volunteers took part including high school and university students. Local Lions also volunteered their time. The volunteers had access to 45,000 glasses, donated by Luxottica, and also could make glasses on the spot to fit any prescription.

The medical team performed several cataract operations. They also treated people whose vision was extremely poor. “What we saw there was truly unbelievable. We saw one



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woman who had a diopter reading of negative 18 and had never worn glasses. This must be a totally new life for her now," Wagner said.

The patients were not the only ones deeply affected by the mission. "It's hard to go from seeing how people over there live and how they manage to get through life with their heads held high to coming back and hearing people complain about the littlest things," Wagner said. "It's just something I can no longer understand."

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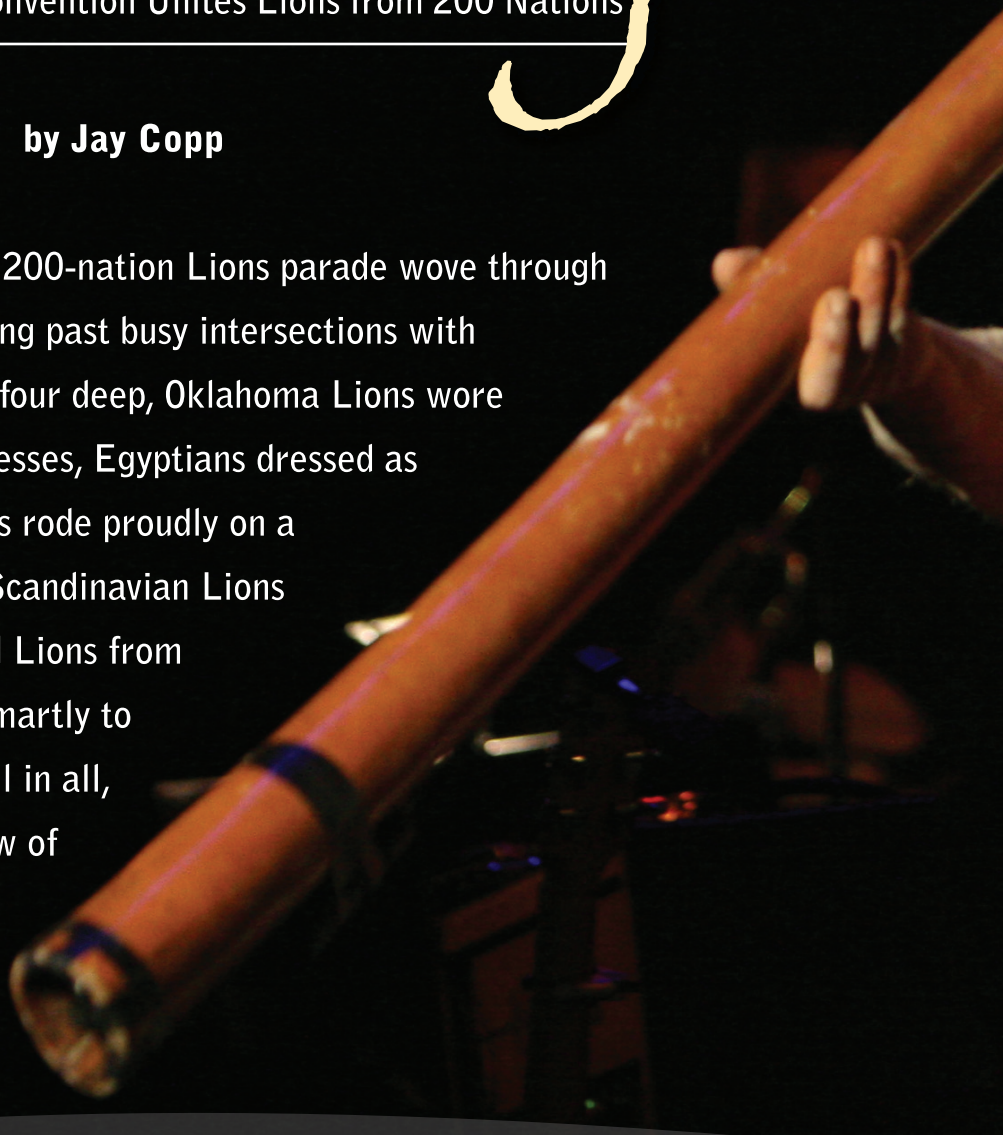
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SUCCESS IN Sydney

93rd International Convention Unites Lions from 200 Nations

by Jay Copp

Stretching for miles, the 200-nation Lions parade wove through downtown Sydney. Striding past busy intersections with onlookers lined three or four deep, Oklahoma Lions wore Native American headdresses, Egyptians dressed as mummies, and Londoners rode proudly on a double-decker bus. The Scandinavian Lions sang a lilting melody and Lions from Pennsylvania marched smartly to the strain of bagpipes. All in all, it was an impressive show of numbers and diversity.





An Aboriginal performs at the convention.



Lions flags flutter in Sydney.

Sydney Convention

“I knew about the club near me. But I didn’t know Lions were this large,” said Greg Light of Sydney, watching the parade on a long lunch break. Light added that he buys a dozen books from the Lions each year at a book sale and then dutifully returns them next year so the club can resell them.

The 93rd International Convention June 28-July 2 brought together nearly 12,500 Lions and guests to revel in decades-old traditions such as the parade, to elect new officers and to hear about the progress and direction of Lions clubs worldwide. Lions also learned new skills at seminars, listened to renowned figures such as Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai of Kenya and heroic pilot Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger and enjoyed the pleasures

of a world-class city and the camaraderie of fellow Lions.

The Sydney convention, like those before it, combined cherished rituals such as the flag ceremony, irresistible entertainment such as a dueling piano segment at the second plenary and small endearing touches that remind Lions of their purpose and value such as the large blue tent in the exhibit hall, the same kind of tent used by LCIF and Lions in Haiti after the earthquake. Lions attending conventions marvel at the scope and range of Lionism. The five days in Sydney were a showcase for the association not just for Sydneysiders but for Lions.

“It’s good to see so many people who do good for others. It’s inspiring to see people under that same banner,” said Suzanne Foxe of the Logan Ladies

Business Lions Club in Australia.

For veteran convention attendees, the experience doesn’t grow old. “I just love it—the travel, the excitement, the new experiences, the new things to learn,” said John Ochoco of the East Kaua’i Lions Club in Hawaii, who has been at 15 conventions. “It never ceases to amaze me all we do. It’s inspiring all the things we do for the blind. I just love coming to the conventions. Each one feels like the first time.”

At the third and final plenary session of the convention Sid L. Scruggs III of North Carolina took the oath of office as the new international president. Scruggs urged Lions to remain Beacons of Hope (his presidential theme). His son, Kevin, an accomplished singer, sang the *Beacon of Hope* song and, in a touching tribute to

A contestant displays her talent in the Global Youth Music Competition.



Scruggs' wife and his mother, Judy, *Wind Beneath My Wings*. Earlier in the day, Dr. Wing-Kun Tam of China Hong Kong was elected as first vice president and Wayne Madden of Indiana was elected as second vice president. Seventeen international directors also were elected (see September LION or visit www.lionsclubs.org).

Before a hushed crowd, keynote speaker Sullenberger recounted the calm precision in which his crew landed a passenger jet in the Hudson River last year. Maathai, the activist leader of the Green Belt movement, received the prestigious Lions Humanitarian Award and then expounded on the dire need for education, civic engagement and service.

At the opening plenary session outgoing International President Eberhard J. Wirfs of Germany detailed a year of growth and innovation and proudly cited gains in membership including growth in China and Africa, new structures such as the District Governor team, technological advances such as Webinars and improvements in leader-



Immediate Past President Eberhard J. Wirfs asks for applause for new President Sid. L. Scruggs III.

ship training. Move to Grow was his theme during his presidency and Wirfs saluted Lions for moving the association to new heights.

Conventions typically herald new partnerships and programs, and Sydney was no exception. The Pediatric Cataract Initiative will fund innovative, replicable programs to prevent and treat cataract in infants and children and promote early childhood vision

screenings. Bausch + Lomb will contribute US\$350,000 in the pilot year to launch the partnership program. Also, Essilor, a leading manufacturer of optical lenses, will partner with LCIF to provide equipment, expertise and exclusive brand-quality lenses through local Lions clubs worldwide to help Lions with their vision projects.

Music was a predominant element of the convention—from the first-ever

Sydney Convention

Global Youth Music Competition and the International Show featuring Men at Work front man Colin Hay to the Lion Music Around the World video montage at the third plenary and the chanting, singing and marching bands at the festive parade. Music to Lions ears, too, were the words of gratitude spoken at the ple-

nary sessions by beneficiaries of Lions service.

Lions from nearly 200 nations in the convention hall cheered proudly for those sentiments; they acted in unison as well when exchanging mini-flags of nations placed on their chairs or roaring in approval when Maathai and Sul-

lenberger took oaths of membership. The unity of purpose drew Lions from disparate places close to one another in Sydney. "We're all so different but we are all alike," marveled first-time convention attendee Lion Joanne Parrott of North Carolina.



A "butterfly" dancer is part of the flag ceremony.



Hip-hop dancers perform during the opening plenary session.



Youths find fun in the exhibit hall.



International Contest Results

GLOBAL YOUTH MUSIC COMPETITION

First Place: Brian Jeremy Allen, Indiana, representing the United States, its affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas

Second Place: Sophie Rosa, United Kingdom, representing Europe

Third Place: Aaron Chan, China, representing the Orient and Southeast Asia

INTERNATIONAL GINKGO AWARDS

Lion Who Best Exemplifies "Move to Grow"

Lucienne Canali

Guadeloupe Doyen Lions Club, District 63

Guadeloupe West Indies

Outstanding Service Project by a Lions Club

Shouson Hill Lions Club, District 303

Hong Kong Smart Teens Anti-Drug Rap

Authors and Karaoke Song Authors Competition

Hong Kong, China

Outstanding Service Project by a District

District 355 A, Republic of Korea

Vehicle Donation and Club

(District Governor Hee-Chae Park)

Most New Club Web Sites Added by a District

District 324 E2, India

(District Governor Thazhathuveetil Krishnan)

Largest Donation to LCIF by a Lions Club

Camarillo Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club, California

Largest Donation to LCIF by a District

District 334 A, Japan

Most Women Members Added by a Lions Club

Korba Lions Club

District 323 C, India

Most Women Members Added by a District

District 323 H 1, India

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BULLETIN CONTEST — CLUB

First Place: Burnaby Lougheed Lions Club, 19 A, Canada

Honorable Mention: George Town Mutiara

Lions Club, 308 B 2, Malaysia

Honorable Mention: Pinerolo Acaja Lions

Club, 108 IA 3, Italy

Honorable Mention: Sydney Chinese Lions

Club, N 5, Australia

Honorable Mention: Vancouver Pacific Lions

Club, 19 A, Canada

INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

BULLETIN CONTEST — DISTRICT

First Place: District 107 D, Finland

Honorable Mention: District 107 G, Finland

Honorable Mention: District 107 M, Finland

Honorable Mention: District 300 G 2, MD

300, Taiwan

Honorable Mention: District 307 B, Indonesia

INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN

CONTEST — CLUB

First Place: Andres & Boca Chica Lions Club, Dominican Republic

Honorable Mention: Takayama Lions Club, Japan

INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN

CONTEST — DISTRICT

First Place: District 24 D, Virginia

Honorable Mention: District 14 P, Pennsylvania

INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN

CONTEST — MULTIPLE DISTRICT

First Place: MD 25, Indiana

Honorable Mention: MD 19, Washington

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

BANNER CONTEST — CLUB

First Place: Chesapeake Southside Lions

Club, 24 D, Virginia

Honorable Mention: Ringebu-Favang Lions

Club, 104 C, Norway

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP BAN-

NER CONTEST — DISTRICT

First Place: District 14 H, Pennsylvania

INTERNATIONAL WEB SITE CONTEST

— CLUB

First Place: Hong Kong Central Lions Club, 303, Hong Kong, China

Honorable Mention: Bolton Lions Club, Dis-

trict 33 A, Massachusetts

Honorable Mention: Sydney Chinese Lions

Club, 201 N5, Australia

INTERNATIONAL WEB SITE CONTEST

— DISTRICT

First Place: District 307 B, Indonesia

Honorable Mention: District 2 S3, Texas

Honorable Mention: District 105 EA, England

INTERNATIONAL WEB SITE CONTEST

— MULTIPLE DISTRICT

First Place: MD 35, Florida

Honorable Mention: MD 18, Georgia

PARADE RESULTS

Division I Contests

Floats

First Prize: MD 108, Italy "Sicilian" Float

Bands: Category I — High School Bands

First Prize: MD 201 — Australian/Norfolk

Island/Papua New Guinea (MD 201), Mil-

lennium High School Band

Bands: Category II — All-State Bands

First Prize: MD 30 — Mississippi, Missis-

sippi Lions All State Band

Second Prize: MD 10 and MD 11 — Michi-

gan, Lions of Michigan All State Band

Uniformed Marching Delegations

First Prize: District 352, Egypt

Second Prize: MD 330 — 37, Japan

Third Prize: Lions of Scandinavia, Aland Is-

lands/Denmark/Faroe

Islands/Finland/Greenland/Iceland/Nor-

way/Sweden

Division II Contests

Bands

First Prize: MD 354 & 355 — Korea, Hunter School of Performing Arts High

School Band

Second Prize: MD 321-324 — India, Woollooware High School Band

Precision Demonstration Units

First Prize: MD 321-324 — India, Black-

town City Pipe Band

Second Prize: MD 105 — British Isles & Ireland, Hawkebury City Pipe Band No. 1

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST



Curtis Murray of the La Crescent Lions Club in Minnesota won Best of Show (Grand Prize) for his photo of an eagle gliding in for a frozen lake landing.

Best of Show (Grand Prize)

Curtis Murray

La Crescent Lions Club

Minnesota

Best of Category: Urban or Natural Land-

scape

Dennis Foster

Moses Lakes Lions Club

Washington

Best of Category: Animal Life

Curtis Murray

La Crescent Lions Club

Minnesota

Best of Category: Plant Life

Robert Clary

Cheyenne Noon Lions Club

Wyoming

Best of Category: Weather Phenomenon

Paivi Markkanen

Lions Club of Helsinki Park

Finland

Best of theme: Move to Grow Green

Verdie Thompson

San Francisco Ocean Ingleside Lions Club

California

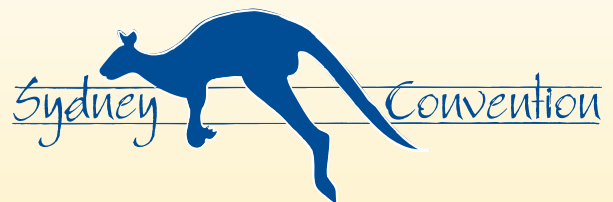


Three women from the Netherlands put their best feet forward.

PARADE OF NATIONS MARCHES THROUGH Sydney



Marchers fill the street and music fills the air.



Egyptian Lions
salute their ancient
heritage.



A dance troupe
razzles and dazzles.



A Brazilian Lion
enjoys the moment.

Oklahoma
Lions stride
down the street.



Lions from Peru dance down the street.





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Deadlines

- **May 1, 2011:** Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation. Registrations after this date will be processed in Seattle.
- **May 1, 2011:** Deadline to receive a refund for a registration cancellation. • **May 27, 2011:** Deadline to receive a refund for a hotel room cancellation.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION *Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.*

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Postal Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

☐ **Lion: Club No.** _____ **Membership No.** _____ District _____ Title _____ ☐ Leo ☐ Lioness

SPOUSE/COMPANION: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Badge/Call Name _____

☐ **Lion: Club No.** _____ **Membership No.** _____ District _____ Title _____ ☐ Lioness ☐ Guest

CHILD: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____

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PACKAGE A: *Includes convention registration for each registrant listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.*

☐ Before December 31: Reservation in delegation hotel

☐ After December 31: ☐ I prefer my delegation hotel

☐ Prefer hotel based on: ☐ room rate of _____ ☐ location near convention center

Arrival date _____ Departure date _____ Number of Guests in Room: _____ Number of Beds Needed ☐ 1 ☐ 2

Special Requirements: ☐ Non-smoking ☐ Wheelchair Accessible ☐ Other _____

• *The Hotel deposit is US\$200 for a standard room and US\$350 for a suite. The hotel deposit is not the rate but reserves the room. Your deposit will be credited to your hotel bill at checkout.*

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OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS *I/we plan to attend the following event(s): (Must be registered to attend)*

EVENT	DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
Membership Key Award Ice Cream Social (Key holders only)	July 5/ 14:00-16:00	US \$20	_____	\$ _____
Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon	July 6/ 13:00-15:00	US \$60	_____	\$ _____
District Governor/Past District Governor Banquet	July 7/18:30- 21:30	US \$100	_____	\$ _____

Meal Preference: ☐ None ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Indian Vegetarian ☐ Diabetic ☐ Gluten Free

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Early (before 31/Dec/2010)	US\$100	US\$10
Regular (1/January through 31/March/2011)	US\$130	US\$10
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Package A:

Registrations: US\$ _____

Ticketed Events: US\$ _____

Hotel Deposit: US\$ 200.00

OR

Package B:

Registrations: US\$ _____

Ticketed Events: US\$ _____

Total Due: US\$ _____

Total Due: US\$ _____

☐ Check ☐ Bank transfer/deposit (copy must be attached to this form) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Your name as it appears on the card _____ Credit card **must** be in the name of the registrant.

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Speakers Uplift Lions

Heroic pilot Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger gave the keynote speech at the convention. Here is a brief excerpt.

Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger

All of us on that airplane and our families have had almost a year and a half now to think about this event. And I’ve had time to answer for myself a question: “What was it about that extraordinary event on that remarkable day that has made people around the world feel the way they do about the event, about the crew, and about me?”

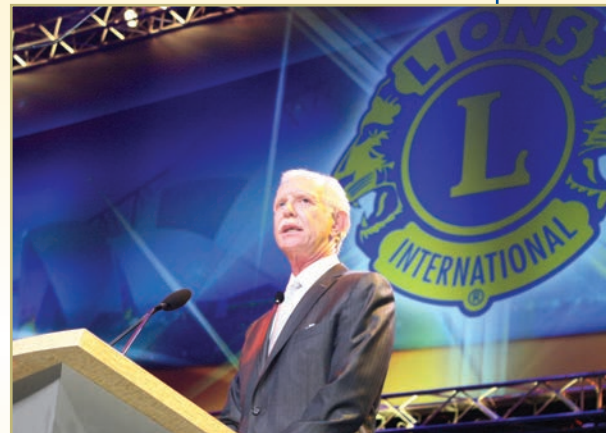
I think the answer must be that it happened at a time in our world’s history when we felt as if we were in crisis. People were worried. They were actively looking for good news and searching for reasons to feel hopeful again. They wanted quite frankly to be reassured that the things that we hold dear and say that we believe are still true. Some had begun to question our collective competence, wondering if good was still possible to be done, if people could do the right thing or if ultimately human nature was mostly just about self-interest and greed. And then along came a group of people who on that day and that place made it their mission in life to see that good was done.

It was life affirming. People did feel hopeful again. It served as a re-

minder when we very much needed a reminder of the potential for good that still exists, not only in the world but within each of us. It was also a reminder that cultivating seemingly ordinary virtues can prepare one to face extraordinary challenges and to perform extraordinary acts.

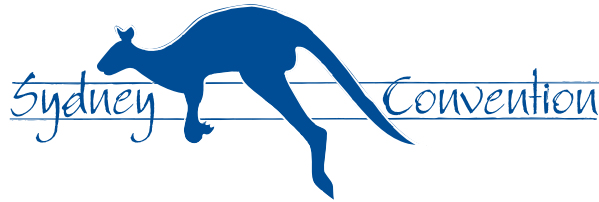
As soon as I made that one announcement in the cabin: “This is the captain. Brace for impact,” I heard almost immediately even through the hardened cockpit door the two flight attendants in front, Donna and Sheila, begin shouting their commands in response to my announcement. Together repeatedly they said “Brace. Brace. Heads down. Stay down.” I knew then that we were on the same page. I felt comforted by that knowledge and encouraged by it. I knew then that if I could find a way to deliver the aircraft to the surface intact my crew could evacuate the passengers and the rescue could begin.

[Crew members] Jeff, Donna, Sheila, Doreen and I never stopped working together to solve the problems that we faced. We never gave



up. We never lost faith in ourselves or in each other. In a similar fashion, for each of you no matter how dire your circumstances might become know that further action is almost always possible. And, when you are a member of an effective team your chances of success are much better than when you are not.

None of us knows what tomorrow may bring. Each of us has the responsibility to prepare ourselves well. At the end of our lives I doubt that we will be counting our money or cataloguing the things that we managed to accumulate. Instead I think it’s more likely that we may simply ask ourselves a question. Did I make a difference? My wish for each of you is that the answer to your question will be “yes.”



Maathai, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, received the 2010 Lions Humanitarian Award. Here is an excerpt of her speech.

For the complete speech of Maathai, as well as the speeches of 2010-11 International President Sid L. Scruggs III and 2009-10 International President Eberhard J. Wirfs, go to www.lionsclubs.org and search for LION Magazine.

Wangari Maathai

Because the environment has been there since time immemorial we have learned to take the environment for granted. And we have an attitude that these resources are limit-less. Well, we know now that there is a limit. You can only take so much from the environment before the environment is unable to give back. And so we find that people who destroy the environment eventually get trapped in a vicious cycle of poverty and underdevelopment. And the Green Belt movement set out to break that cycle.

It is not just a matter of planting trees. It's also a matter of empowering people and making them understand that if we really want to develop ourselves, if we really want to move forward, we must embrace some of the best values that I know that the Lions have – the values of honesty, integrity, accountability and responsibility. These are very, very important values in any community that wants to go forward.

Africa usually is presented as a very poor continent. But Africa is not a poor continent. It is endowed with a huge amount of people and many resources including oil, minerals and forest. It is a very, very rich continent. You can't have such a rich continent and have very poor people. Something is drastically wrong. And the reason is very complex. It deals with history, technology and knowledge. But the most fundamental principle is good governance. She has been unable to raise leaders who work for them rather than tread on them. ...

Sometimes we feel we can't forever give aid, we can't forever give handouts, we can't forever give charity. And so we must get involved in some of the politi-

cal and economic policies that are responsible for the poverty and the misery in the world. And I know it is much easier to give charity than to worry about the politics and economic policies. But sometimes those of us who are in the position to raise their voices – even though at their own risk. We need to because that's the only way sometimes to break that cycle and make sure that these people are freed and liberated from the chains of economic and political subjugation.

Now you can get overwhelmed. And especially the Leos here: don't get overwhelmed. But even some Lions may be overwhelmed. So it is very important to tell you: do not feel overwhelmed.



Make a Difference in the Fight against Hunger

Keeping pantries filled for those in need is a top priority for Lions. The number of malnourished men, women and children in the United States and around the world is rising, according to the United Nations. Poverty and global conflict are the two biggest reasons families go to bed hungry.

International President Sid L. Scruggs III believes strongly that Lions need to send out a Beacon of Hope during December and January to the more than one billion people in the world who suffer from hunger or starvation. In the United States alone, the U.S. Department of Agriculture declares that as many as 16 million children go without enough nourishment every day. We can make a difference in their lives by supporting international assistance programs as well as food banks in our own communities.

Start small and aim big. If your town doesn't have a food pantry, organize one. That's what Broadview Heights Lions in Ohio did in 1987 when they established the South Hills Lend-a-Hand Food Bank. They feed more than 120 men, women and children from 45 families who need assistance.

Club President Keith Gaydosh, who manages the food bank, says he's seen a 30 percent increase in need in the last year as a result of the downturn in the economy. "We're in a fairly affluent community, and to see so many people who need help now is really shocking. They've lost jobs and are having trouble feeding their



The Valencia Norte Lions Club in Venezuela collect food for the needy.

"We give enough groceries, including non-perishables, meat, chicken and produce, to last families two weeks out of the month."

families. Our program's name is indicative of our efforts to 'lend a hand.' We aren't permanent, but we help families for six months at a time to get them back on their feet or to support them in a down time."

The food bank is located in an annex of the city hall, and volunteers are mostly Lions who keep shelves stocked and serve families in four towns. "It takes a lot of volunteers and a lot of time," he says. "We give enough groceries, including non-perishables, meat,



SHARING the *Hunger*



20 PROJECT IDEAS FOR RELIEVING HUNGER

Seneca Lions in South Carolina prepare hearty meals for shut-ins. The food delivery to homes also includes the morning paper and extra bread. Pictured are (left to right) Dean Garland, Bill Metcalf, Tom Smith and Jim Atkinson.



Photo by Bob Walden

chicken and produce, to last families two weeks out of the month.” The club also supplies most of the funding and buys school supplies for children in the feeding program.

Gaydosh, 31, says Lend-a-Hand is now serving as a model for other local community organizations that want to establish food banks. “We were shadowed for a month by another group trying to learn how we do it,” he points out. And that’s fine with Broadview Heights Lions. “A lot of people are in need now,” Gaydosh explains. “That’s why we’re here.”

1. Sponsor a community food drive to replenish a local food pantry.
2. Volunteer to deliver prepared meals to elderly citizens.
3. Organize a feeding program at a local school to provide healthy, nutritious meals.
4. Prepare and deliver food baskets to families in need.
5. Serve meals at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
6. “Adopt” a family struggling to put food on the table. Take them shopping for fruits and vegetables.
7. Organize an event to benefit the food bank in your community; use cans of food as admission.
8. Sponsor a hunger walk and use proceeds to buy food for an orphanage or shelter.
9. Create snack packages to be distributed to children in need.
10. Collaborate with other area service organizations to take turns hosting a meal for people in need.
11. Partner with local restaurants or food markets. Pick up donations of fresh food items for a women’s or children’s shelter.
12. Create a cookbook of inexpensive, easy-to-make recipes.
13. Start a food cooperative to serve as a resource for healthy food at a more affordable price.
14. Help plant a community garden so local residents can harvest their own food supply.
15. Collect infant formula and baby food for an organization serving young mothers at risk.
16. Provide a healthy snack or meal for a group of needy children who are in an after-school program.
17. Work with healthcare professionals to provide free classes on nutrition and food preparation.
18. Provide apples or another type of fruit as a healthy snack for children in childcare facilities.
19. Provide transportation for elderly residents so they can shop for groceries.
20. Teach children to bake a loaf of bread that they can take home to their families.



The psychic fair is a popular way to pass time on a Saturday afternoon.

Summoning the Creative Spirit

Clubs Find Clever Ways to Serve Communities

by Pamela Mohr

It doesn't take a crystal ball for members of the Hudson Nottingham West Lions Club in New Hampshire to figure out how to raise money. "We're a small club, but we do what we can," says Wanda Hancock. "We really work on it." Located on the east banks of the Merrimack River, Hudson was incorporated in 1748 and has a population of slightly less than 25,000 people.

Hancock acknowledges that it's tough competition out there for organizations engaging in fundraising to support their community service in an economic downturn. They see the necessity to put a little different spin on things to keep money coming into their club coffers. Her club sponsors a psychic fair twice a year to raise both money and the club's community profile. It's a challenge, Hancock acknowledges, but one Lions cheerfully accepted with a tongue-in-cheek nod to the supernatural.

They charge \$20 for one 15-minute reading during which fortunes are told and "auras" are read. Hancock says that it's all in the spirit of fun and for the last 10 or 11 years has had a good turnout of between 100 to 120 people for those six hours. "For some reason, there are several holistic fairs in this area and we draw from that crowd," she says. The same people tend to be repeat customers, including those who offer their services.

Hancock makes sure to have flyers posted throughout the region advertising the fair and the club also receives a lot of free publicity from local newspapers. "We're always after them," she points out. Advertising costs are kept down, and profits maximized this way, although she says they do pay for some advertising. Lions make anywhere from \$1,000 to \$1,200 from each fair after splitting the \$20 reading cost evenly with booth holders. The spring fair made slightly less, she said, attributing it to the economy's downturn. "They all know it's a fundraiser for the club to keep helping the community, and they take less than they would for their individual readings. They want to contribute, too," Hancock says.

The 28-member club sells hot dogs and light lunch fare, but provides free coffee and doughnut holes for those waiting to have their fortunes told. One of the most popular items sold is a bag of popcorn with white chocolate drizzled on it, created by a clever club member who volunteers on kitchen duty. "It's deadly, but oh, so good," she jokes.

"The fair is quite popular around here," Hancock maintains. "Its success really helps support our other community projects." Vendors are also invited to sell goods like jewelry, handmade soaps and skin lotions. A reader's husband also sells handcrafted wooden flutes. "They're very beautiful," she adds. He plays soothing flute music throughout the day, lending to a very relaxed atmosphere.

Angie D'Anjou is the producer of a cable access television show called *Awakening Moments with Angie D'Anjou*. Well-known in the area, D'Anjou says she's been open to all forms of communication most of her life. In addition to owning the Crystal Jade Metaphysical Shop, she's a certified hypnotherapist and a justice of the peace for the state of New Hampshire.

The businesswoman has a hectic schedule, offering classes, stress relief relaxation, workshops and private reading sessions, but says she was "delighted" when asked to participate again as one of 11 readers at the fair. "I don't always find the time to be able to participate in a group of this type, but I'm honored to have the opportunity to offer support for this great organization," she explains. "If I had more time, I would surely be a member of a Lions club."

Lions consider the fair a form of entertainment, but Hancock tells a tale of a long-ago visit to a county fair in the South where she grew up. "I went with a young man from my high school. He kept telling me to go into the tent to have my fortune told even though I was very skeptical. I finally did and she told me one thing that did come true. She predicted I would marry that young man—and I did. We've been married for 63 years." Her husband, Lin, a 25-year member, has been a Lion one year longer than his wife. She has since tried only one other reading since that fateful visit. A tarot card reader read her cards at this year's fair. Out of the six cards Hancock picked from a deck of 78, each one had to do with money and finances. Hancock, a retired bookkeeper, laughs. She's club treasurer and as she points out, "I'm always involved with the money at the end of something or other. I had fun. Sometimes you just have to go with it."

Music is a Money Maker

Being creative pays off for clubs that dare to be different. Kingston, New York, Lions are fortunate that so many music lovers reside in their community. Capitalizing on these talents also helps them raise money and put their artistic abilities to good use at the same time. Band director Thomas Keehn says putting together a band was a natural outcome for Lions who like to make music. The group started about 15 years ago, and Keehn, then a music director for the 10,000-student Kingston high school district, was approached by Lions to loan sheet music to band members. He got to know members of the club so well that he decided to join 12 years ago. Now re-

Summoning the Creative Spirit



Dorry Dabney, 83, plays a smooth-as-silk baritone saxophone.

tired, the trombonist plays about 120 professional engagements a year in addition to his Lions band schedule.

Membership in the band has been fluid as musical Lions come and go, Keehn says. There were more Lions involved when the band first started, but community volunteers have kept the music going. Dorris “Dorry” Dabney, 2009-10 club president, is currently the only other Lion besides Keehn in the 16-member swing band and was one of the original founders.

Volunteers tend to be friends of Lions or simply supporters, including 85-year-old Jimmy Sweeney, a retired piano teacher. Keehn’s wife, Cecelia, who’s not a Lion, sings professionally and donates her talents as a vocalist. The pair met in music school and still enjoy making beautiful music together, he says. Some of the band’s musicians have had formal training and others just love to play. They all have to meet Keehn’s high performance

standards. “There’s usually one high school student who wants to play with the old guys,” Keehn jokes. Lions give a yearly \$500 scholarship to the teenager as appreciation.

The musicians are all very different. They’ve included high school students and former club president Dr. Lewis Neporent, now deceased, the retired chief of surgery at Kingston Hospital. Some, like Keehn, are retired professional or semi-professional musicians who now have time to give back to the community. Volunteering to play in the Kingston Lions Roarin’ Pride Swing Band not only helps them to indulge that musical inclination but also makes money for a good cause. Francis McKenzie and his partner, Donna Drargun, are longtime volunteer band members. “We get ‘two for one’ in this case,” Keehn points out. “He plays lead alto sax and is a great help in set-ups, knockdowns and even transportation. Donna is second alto sax.”

McKenzie explains how he became part of the band. “Both Donna and I played saxophone in high school and got away from playing music for 20 years before beginning to play in another community band. We found the Lions band through our friend, Dorry Dabney. He played with our band, Exit 20, and sometimes asked us to fill in for members of the Lions band,” McKenzie recounts. “We were familiar with Lions’ community work and were proud to be asked to play with such a prestigious group. A few years ago we were asked to join the band permanently and we both said yes. Neither one of us is a professional musician. We find playing in the band to be rewarding and satisfying, even when we’re just playing for food. We both work full-time jobs and play saxophone every chance we get.”

“Volunteering in the band is fun, but in the end, it’s all about making money for the club,” Keehn emphasizes. The band plays old standards made famous by artists such as Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington and Artie Shaw during the golden age of swing from 1935 to 1945. “‘In the Mood’ or ‘Strings of Pearls,’ both Glenn Miller hits, are probably the most popular of our repertoire,” the band leader reports.

Keehn also has a paying job with a symphony several times per week. He laughs at how busy he’s become

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since he “retired” from the school district. “It was like jumping out of the frying pan into the fire,” he teases. He started playing a trombone at age 8 and now at 69 has no intention of slacking off his busy professional and volunteer schedule.

“We play at many charitable activities, and ask for a \$300 donation,” Keehn says. “We play at nursing homes, towns, community parks, churches, and we’ve even entertained for the Rotary club. Some of the churches haven’t been able to meet our donation request, so I usually ask, ‘Well, can you feed us?’” he says with a laugh. “They do, and we’ve had some pretty good meals.”

Lions bring in anywhere from \$1,200 to \$2,400 per year in contributions. The club’s biggest moneymaker is the annual expo it sponsors for businesses and service

providers at a local mall. Lions have made as much as \$40,000 from the expo in the past. A big draw, naturally, is the band’s swing music, which remains a crowd pleaser even 75 years after its heyday. “People of all ages really like this music,” he points out.

Keehn says the musicians aren’t particular where they play as long as they can entertain and make money for the Kingston Lions club. “We’ve even been hauled around in parades on a flatbed trailer attached to a pickup, pulled by one of our Lions who is a contractor,” he says. “We just want to keep playing.”

Partnerships Pay Off

It wasn’t a shootout at the OK Corral—just a little friendly competition between Lions and police in North Carolina to see who could earn more tips to donate to LCIF. And absolutely no guns were drawn in this fundraising showdown between five Lions clubs in District 31-G and members of the Garner Police Department. In a competition at the Golden Corral, managed by Roxboro Lion Alan Michel, Lions and police tried to outdo each other by providing the best service to diners. All tips went straight into a big jar designated for LCIF Haiti relief efforts. “It was amusing,” says Apex Lion Ken Bucher. “We were tripping all over each other with the help.”

Patrolling the tables and providing service kept both groups busy for the night. Lions also distributed flyers to diners explaining what Lions clubs do locally and globally. “We helped raise some needed funds for LCIF disaster relief in a country few had ever visited,” says Bucher.

The Haiti fundraiser was the third time the restaurant chain and Michel have partnered with Lions to raise funds for LCIF. The first two times were after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and three years later, when Sichuan Province in Central China was struck by a devastating earthquake. Bucher says that Lions were concerned that the economy would put a damper on generosity this time around. They needn’t have worried. The tip jar yielded \$1,200 in just four hours. Golden Corral also donated a percentage of food sales and employees and police donated, too.



Lion Sherman Leathers accepts a donation from a Garner police officer and his young duly “deputized” son.

Photo by Ken Bucher and Penny Rummel

Partnerships with other community organizations or groups can definitely pay off. Police were able to donate their high energy to a good cause and Lions had help raising money for Haiti. By pursuing a different angle and involving another high profile and respected group of volunteers, North Carolina Lions received a lot of positive publicity in addition to collecting money.

Bucher urges clubs to consider reaching out to partner with others. “If you’re going to be the center of the community as Lions clubs are supposed to be, create a relationship with churches, pastors and fire and police departments. Lions work is relationship-driven. You have to meet those individuals who know the needs of people we serve.”

Service with a Shakespearian Twist

Shakespeare isn’t the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Texas. The Bard of Avon, however, is indeed big in the biggest continental state in the union. The Texas Shakespeare Festival is beginning its 25th year and the 55 members of the Kilgore Lions Club have been helping out for a good number of those years. In fact, says Jeff Howell, who is also the city manager of Kilgore, “We have been participating in the Texas Shakespeare Festival for as long as current members can remember—and that’s a long time for some.” They serve as ushers at “at least one performance, wearing our vests so that patrons know they’re being escorted by Lions,” he explains. Based in Kilgore College’s Van Cliburn Auditorium (named after the world-famous artist classical pianist who was born and raised in Kilgore), the production company has produced 30 different plays by William Shakespeare. A native of Stratford-upon-Avon in England, the legendary 16th-century dramatist and poet left behind a legacy of 38 plays and 154 sonnets.

The company also performs other works, including *The Miracle Worker*, detailing the strong bond of friendship between Helen Keller and her teacher, Anne Sullivan. Kilgore College provides the majority of funding, but the festival also receives grants and funding from other sources.

Lions donate \$1,000 annually to keep Shakespeare’s works alive for Texans. In return, director Raymond

Caldwell presents an annual program for Lions complete with actors and actresses who attend a club meeting in costume. “They share with members their backgrounds and aspirations,” Howell says. By meeting the actors, Lions know who they’re helping. The personal interaction is valuable for the actors, too. They learn not only who their audience is, but also who supports their artistic endeavors.

Caldwell says that most of the actors, professional and aspiring, are from out of state. This year, three were from other countries. “Many of the actors have never been to Texas before. They don’t know what to expect, but they have such a good time when we go visit the Lions, who make them feel so welcome. They fit right in and always come away smiling. The Lions have been so generous to us. Visiting artists are always very impressed when they meet them and learn what they do.”

Howell believes that Lions, too, receive much in return from their support of the theater company. “This is a valuable community service our membership provides as this festival helps bring in tourism and provides ‘cultural enlightenment’ to our community,” he says. Backing the British bard also helps boost club recognition in the community. Twelve new Lions were recently inducted.

Lions are enthusiastic about supporting the performances not only financially, but with their assistance and attendance. “I have attended several plays but really enjoy the one or two non-Shakespearean plays each year because they’re easier to understand,” Howell admits. “Shakespeare didn’t speak East Texan!”



Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* is a popular presentation for Texans.

New Awards Debut This Year

Awards are hallmarks of outstanding service. Two Lions awards have been revamped for the 2010-11 year of International President Sid L. Scruggs III. The Club Excellence Award recognizes Lions for club success. Clubs can strive to receive this honor because it's within every club's reach. Those clubs receiving this recognition will be rewarded with a special pin for the president and a patch for the club banner. The club must conduct at least three service projects during the year, be in good standing and either achieve a net growth in membership or sponsor a new club, among other requirements. Additionally, receiving the Club Excellence Award is contingent on four other factors: LCIF contributions, communications, leadership development and club development.

The District Governor Team Excellence Award recognizes district teams for their motivation and accomplishments on the district level. Five achievements must be met to qualify for this honor:

- Service — 90 percent of clubs must participate in a visible service project.
- Membership — the district must have a net increase or charter a new club.
- Communication — each club in the district was visited at least once by a member of the district leader team.
- Leadership Development — the district provided training and mentoring for club officers.
- Club development — 90 percent or more of clubs in the district are active and in good standing.

There are 20 additional achievements, 10 of which must be met, which are listed on the LCI Web site. This new format allows each district team to set and achieve goals that are unique to their own areas of the world, and therefore devise strategies and services to best suit their regional membership. The application must include the names of members on the District Governor Team,

which may include the district governor, vice district governor, second vice governor, region chairperson and/or zone chairs who demonstrated exceptional efforts deserving of the award's recognition.

Applications for both awards must be received by the English Language Department at International Headquarters by Sept. 30, 2011. They may be sent by postal mail or by faxing either completed application form to 630-706-9130. Additional details are available on the LCI Web site.

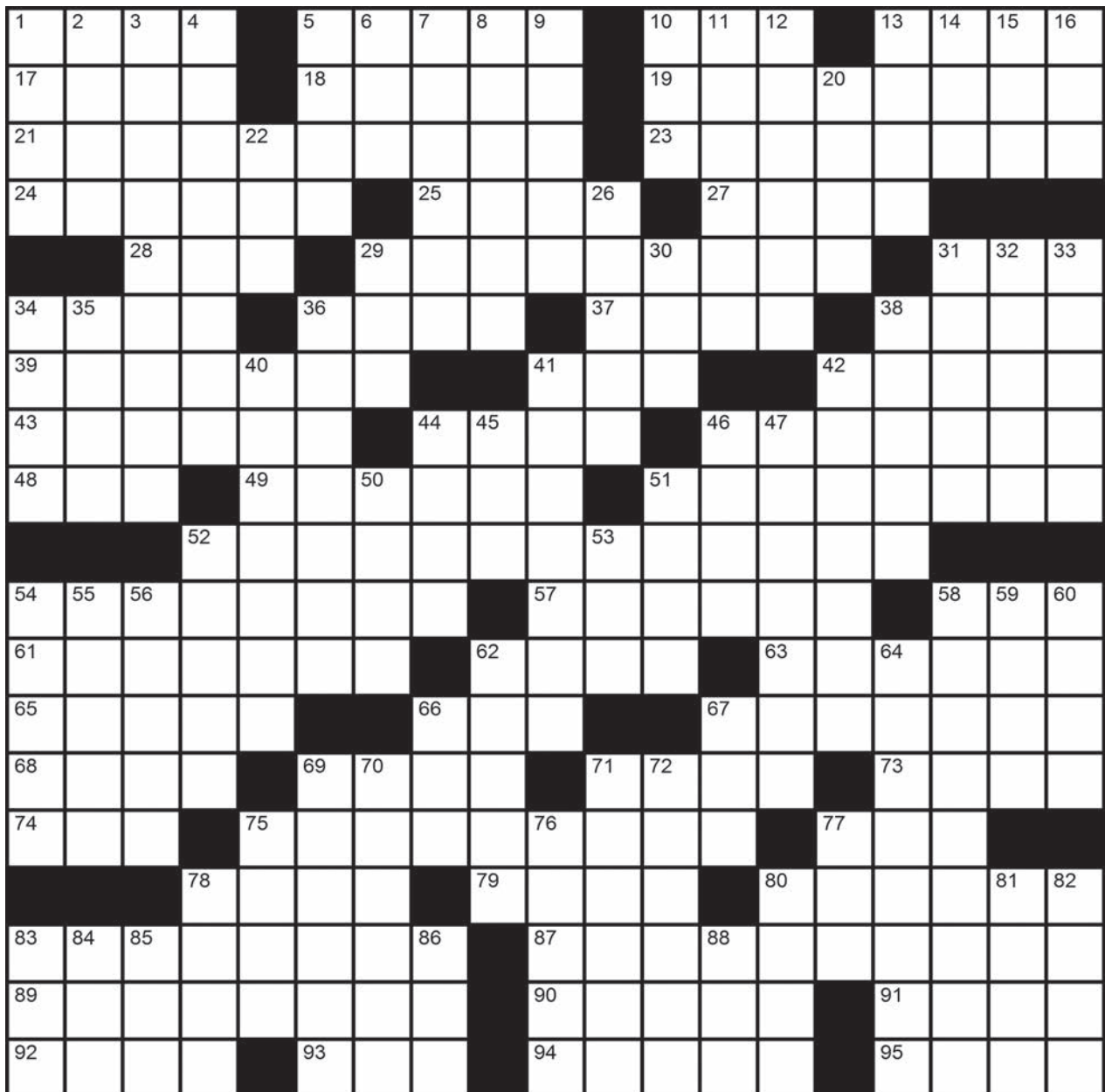


Ray Bachewicz of the South Elgin Lions Club in Illinois sorts eyeglasses for the Lions of Illinois Foundation. One of the requirements for the Club Excellence Award is that a club conducts at least three service projects.

Photo by Linda Scham

Test Your Lions Knowledge

Give your brain a workout and measure your knowledge of Lions by completing this customized crossword puzzle. Questions in *italic* are related to Lions. Answers are on page 52. No peeking!



ACROSS

1. "Very funny!"
5. Fix, as a road
10. "I ____ Rock" (Simon and Garfunkel song)
13. It's out on a limb
17. Rock's Clapton
18. "____ roll!"
19. Number one cause of blindness
21. Preventable blindness stalwart
23. Checks out
24. Stick
25. Type size
27. Old TV's "____ Three Lives"
28. Opposite of ENE
29. Trachoma drug
31. "____ was saying ..."
34. Vehicle through which clubs bring healing and hope to people worldwide (abbr.)
36. Conceal
37. Black and white?
38. Major rtes.
39. Lithe circus performer
41. Greyhound vehicle
42. "...and ____ a good night"
43. Changed direction
44. It might be a lot
46. Lions motto
48. Some pop-ups
49. "Aladdin" setting
51. Weekend segment
52. New York-based partner
54. Places where drinks are free
57. Spanish governess
58. Hero
61. Country of Lions 2009-10 International president
62. Message from an 83-down
63. Words after "Honey"
65. Clearance rack abbr.
66. Low-____
67. Court sport
68. Thai relative
69. Schedule notations

71. Member of an association formed in 1917
73. Standard outfit
74. Antiquity, in antiquity
75. Travel aid
77. Clothes line
78. Cries of insight
79. Tabula ____
80. Singers Fargo and Summer
83. Facebook bios
87. Where Keller talked in 1925
89. Geographic entity
90. Skipping syllables, perhaps
91. 'Vette roof option
92. The rain in Spain
93. The Braves, on a scoreboard
94. "The best ____ to come"
95. Roget offerings: Abbr.

DOWN

1. "____ Rebel": 1962 hit
2. Parched
3. Lofty circus act locales
4. Graves
5. Teeming (with)
6. U.K. record label
7. Slow and apathetic
8. Like some inspections
9. ____ Adams (1998 Robin Williams film)
10. Spectacular serve
11. Nissan sedan
12. Having fun
13. Stepped (on)
14. Peace poster contest "enemy"
15. It may be cubed or crushed
16. Sporty cars
20. TV host Trebek
22. Credit-reporting agency that became Experian
26. Bicker
29. Nose nemesis, to a teen
30. Some "House" sets, briefly
31. Mother Teresa won a humanitarian one in 1986
32. 1664 John Evelyn forestry text

33. The ____ Brothers of R&B
34. Volcano's output
35. Sent a duplicate to, briefly
36. Emperor nicknamed "Little Greek"
38. Weed warriors
40. Juggler's unit, perhaps
41. 2008-09 Lions international president
42. Possible consequence of an earthquake
44. Lincoln and others
45. El ____ (Spanish hero)
46. Farm cart
47. Alum of James Bond's school
50. "Give it ____"
51. "Leave in," to a proofreader
52. Like some needs
53. Secondary, as an outlet: abbr.
54. Pointed arch
55. Danger
56. Slipped up
58. Formal or dignified seriousness
59. Actress Thurman et al.
60. "____ ever so humble ..."
62. Stun gun
64. Those with less
66. Garfield or Sylvester
67. Past International President Wroblewski
69. Muse of comedy
70. Split
71. Eye surgery tools
72. Tomorrow
75. Fan sound
76. Prickly plants
77. Skip and Jump companion
78. Mennen lotion
80. "Dang!"
81. Soon
82. Motor oil additives
83. Blackberry or iPhone, briefly
84. 18-wheeler
85. The Buckeyes, for short
86. Lambert airport code
88. Draft pick?

Building a Playground for Amber

by Alecia Dimar

Just one year ago, 7-year-old Amber Farlow was unable to walk and confined to a wheelchair. Today, Amber knows the joy of walking on her own, using a cane that she calls her “magic stick.” Her mobility would not have been possible without Lions. A new playground was constructed at Amber’s school, supported by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and local Lions of Multiple District 201 in Australia.

“Thank you so much, Lions, for what you have done for the school, my daughter and everyone there,” said Michelle Farlow, Amber’s mother. “It’s absolutely amazing. It’s made them happy children who enjoy their lives a lot more.”

Amber has many medical needs. Born with breathing difficulties, she remained in the hospital for the first 18 months of her life and has survived 55 operations. She still requires assistance from a machine for a majority of the day and night to breathe. Despite all her medical complications, Amber radiates an unmatched spirit.

When Lions approached the Gosford East Public School, which Amber attends, about building a special needs activity center, staff enthusiastically accepted their offer. Such a playground was previously a dream for the staff and children. But through support from Lions and LCIF, it quickly became a reality.

“It’s just amazing to see that the work and money from around the world makes a difference all over the world. I never thought it would happen to our little community here,” said Graeme McLeod, principal of Gosford. “Lions do make a difference. It’s a wonderful, wonderful thing to make a difference. I thank all Lions.”

Without funding from LCIF, the dream would have never become a reality for Amber and all the other special needs children at the school. The center cost nearly US\$170,000 to construct, well beyond the local Lions’ funding capabilities. That is when Lions reached out to LCIF for support and received a US\$57,596 grant to construct the playground.



Amber plays in the sensory corner of the activity center.

“I am just ecstatic about the playground. It’s probably beyond my expectation and I’ve been involved with it right from the beginning. But when you see the kids, particularly the kids in the wheelchairs and walking devices, it’s just a fabulous feeling to see the results of our work,” said Jeff Kukura of the East Gosford Lions Club.

Lions are dedicated to helping disabled people. Through the efforts of LCIF, local Lions and the community, special needs children such as Amber are given the opportunity to experience a playground in the same way her non-disabled classmates do.

Amber’s story inspires Lions to continue serving people with special needs. Still, LCIF cannot do it alone. We need your support to make even more sensations happen. Together, we can bring hope to all the Ambers of the world.



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Raising Awareness, Reducing Blindness

by Nicole Brown

Doug Martin is a school bus driver, so he was surprised when he failed a visual acuity test at a Lions' screening in Camperdown, Australia. He was immediately referred for a comprehensive eye examination, and the eye doctor determined that he had cataracts in both eyes. After undergoing surgery and receiving glasses, he was able to return to his job.

Martin is not the only one with undetected vision problems. In fact, 153 million people are visually impaired because of near-sightedness, far-sightedness or astigmatism. Yet almost all of them could have normal vision with eyeglasses, contact lenses or refractive surgery.

That's where Lions come in. Lions have long played a key role in preventing blindness, both in their local communities as well as globally. Through SightFirst, Lions develop and implement projects that save sight, raise awareness of eye diseases and educate communities on preventative programs.

Lions are leading these efforts and are having great results. Hundreds of thousands of people have had their eyesight saved or restored at an average cost of US\$6 per person.

The Lions Eye Health Program

(LEHP) is one example of how Lions raise awareness of eye health and disease prevention in their communities. Begun in the United States, the program also has had great success in Turkey, Japan, Canada, Fiji and Australia.

Launched in 2000, the Australian LEHP program has galvanized Lions. LEHP there has established paid and volunteer management positions, created a wide range of materials in multiple languages and coordinated regular public events. Lions have made the program a permanent, ongoing program of the multiple district. Through LEHP Martin and many others have been screened and had their vision saved or restored.

Lions World Sight Day is another example of Lions' efforts to raise awareness of eye diseases and promote the need for regular eye exams. For more than 12 years, Lions have conducted special sight-related projects during the month of October. World Sight Day has since become

an international event of Vision2020 in which other blindness prevention non-governmental organizations also participate. This year's Lions World Sight Day event will be held in Osaka, Japan. Lions will hold events and provide equipment for the visually impaired at a zoo, a school for the blind and visually impaired and the Lighthouse for the Blind.

Through Lions' SightFirst efforts, such as the Lions Eye Health Program, Lions World Sight Day and other outreach efforts, Lions are raising awareness and reducing blindness on a global scale. By successfully raising more than US\$200 million through Campaign SightFirst II, Lions will remain leaders in eye health promotion and disease prevention.



Lions in Turkey provide educational materials through the Lions Eye Health Program.



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Roll Out the Welcome Wagon

Recruit Lions by Welcoming New Families in Your Community

There's something about the Texas town of McKinney that draws people in and makes them want to call it home. An average of 100 new families move in each month. New hospitals, shopping establishments and homes line the landscape of this Dallas-Fort Worth suburb.

With the distinction of three times being named one of the fastest growing cities among those with a population of 50,000 by the U.S. Census Bureau, the Lions club in McKinney has both the challenge and the opportunity to reach out to all these new faces. The 65-member group represents a cross-section of society with various professions and a huge age range.

Jim Halphen, a member of the group, moved to the area two years ago and joined the club last year.

"My brother-in-law was in it and he seemed to be having a whole lot of fun. I thought I couldn't let him do that by himself," Halphen said. "Another secondary purpose was to get to meet some people in the area when we moved in and we figured that that would be a good way to do it."

Immediate Past President Danny Wolf said the club has a variety of avenues to reach out to recently added community members who may not be



familiar with the club. One of the strategies includes placing a brochure about the club in a packet provided by the Chamber of Commerce to new residents.

"People are coming into McKinney so heavily that we provide these brochures on a monthly basis," Wolf said. "The only thing we have to do is pay \$5 [to print the brochures] and we have to go down once every six months to stuff the brochures."

Another tactic is to make sure the club is present at a variety of community functions that appeal to potential Lions in all walks of life.

"We try to open up a booth for everything. We publicize it beforehand and we staff that booth throughout the event, whether it be one day, two days or whatever," Wolf said. "Occasionally we use a gentleman from another club who wears a Lions outfit and that gets attention and draws people to the table."

Wolf said Lions ensure that no matter what the club is doing, someone is taking photos and writing a press release to send to the local news outlets. The club ends up sending out about 140 news releases per year, including releases for their visitors' nights, which they host about every two months.

Keeping an updated Web site with contact information for officers has aided their efforts as well. Lori Ellis joined the club last year after she opened her own business and had more time to get involved.

"I got on the Web site and contacted the person in membership and said, 'What do I do?'" Ellis said. "I really like the fact that we back up the simplest phrase there is, 'We Serve' and we do that."

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Lions Who Play Together ... Stay Together

It's no secret that people will keep coming back to a place where they have fun. When your clubhouse or meeting is that place, you've set your club up to retain and engage your members and even attract some new faces.

Just ask the Ottawa Lions Club in Illinois. The club now has 70 members, an increase from 28. Zone Chairman Craig Emmett said the gain

can be attributed at least in part to the establishment of a game night at their clubhouse.

"Once the economy started going bad, we started a fun night," Emmett said. "We started getting 30, 40 people coming in to play euchre, bags, poker, Monopoly and chess. When we got the people in there we started talking about the Lions club."

Emmett said they open the doors of their clubhouse about once per week, usually on a Wednesday. People stream in from 7 p.m. to midnight and will play any number of different games, depending on what people are interested in that night.

"We charged admission of \$5 for non-members. People were starting to think, 'I could come 12 times and pay for my dues,'" Emmett said. "A lot of the people got in just because of that, but they're all staying."



Emmett said the club added at least 10 to 15 members in their 20s as a result of the efforts. Club President Jane Billings said the fun atmosphere has attracted many new Lions.

"You become friends before you become Lions," Billings said. "You get interaction with other people. One member might bring a guest and that person experiences a great night."

Billings said the fun events and

evenings add energy to the group dynamic, as well as offer a casual venue to discuss upcoming projects or recent accomplishments.

"We're good at heart and that's what we're trying to work at," Billings said. "[Lions] get exposed to a really good atmosphere and it gets them excited."

This atmosphere and enthusiasm for volunteering keeps Billings coming back. Diagnosed with terminal breast cancer, Billings said she wanted to live her life in fast forward by becoming the club's president.

"It's all in what's important to you. I've always been a volunteer, so to remain a volunteer and make my mark while I'm here is important to me," Billings said. "I don't think people should waste their time and sit idle. Retirement may never get here."

A Frozen Tradition in Minnesota



Photo by Dr. Mike Thiele

Breakfast diners can't resist trudging through the snow to check out a helicopter that landed on the frozen lake. The aircraft are as eagerly anticipated as Warroad Lions' pancakes.

Located along the border of Canada on the south shore of Lake of the Woods near the "chimney peak" of Minnesota, Warroad Lions sponsor a breakfast fundraiser with a different spin. Their Ski Plane Fly-In and Breakfast attracts pilots from all over the Midwest. Many locals also attend, says Dr. Mike Thiele. He calls Lions a "skilled kitchen crew," but admits the big draw is a chance to "chat with pi-

lots who come from near and far, with new, old and interesting planes."

Every pilot gets a free breakfast, but only those who land on the river with skis can compete for various prizes. "The breakfast is traditionally hosted with the cooperation of the American Legion club in downtown Warroad, one block from the Warrod River where ski-planes land. Planes with wheels can also land at the War-

road International Airport and call for shuttle service to the club," Thiele explains. Lions organize an outside work crew to prepare the frozen river landing. "Depending on ice and snow conditions, sometimes we have to place markers showing the runway area, and sometimes we have to grade the snow smooth," Thiele says.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
JUNE 23 – JUNE 27, 2010

AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. Reviewed the donation processing in Mumbai, India.
2. Reviewed audit planning with Grant Thornton.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Denied the second vice district governor election complaint filed in District B-9 (Mexico) and declared Lion Federico Cota Rodriguez as the second vice district governor of District B-9 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
2. Denied the second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 323-J (India) and declared Lion Bhava H. Kothari as the second vice district governor of District 323-J for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
3. Denied the second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 324-B3 (India) and declared Lion V. Murugesan as the second vice district governor of District 324-B3 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
4. Revised and reorganized the Standard Form Club, District and Multiple District Constitutions and By-Laws in the Board Policy Manual to provide more clarity and ensure consistency among the standard form constitutions and by-laws, the International Constitution and By-Laws and the provisions of the Board Policy Manual.
5. Revised the Club, District and Multiple District Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Board Policy Manual to include provisions for filing written responses to complaints and maintaining confidentiality.
6. Removed the provision for a fiscal agent in Turkey in the Board Policy Manual since the position is no longer necessary.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Approved a housekeeping update to certification procedures.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. The Board accepted and approved the district governor election results and appointments for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
2. Recognized the clubs within the Republic of Georgia and the Republic of Belarus as provisional zones.
3. Appointed Lion leaders to serve as Provisional Zone and Region Chairpersons for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
4. Approved the Hangzhou area of China as Provisional District 386 upon reaching 17 clubs and 450 members and the Executive Committee was given the authority to appoint a district governor for the provisional district for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
5. Revised the Club Rebuilding Award requirements to require that the club remain in good standing for 12 months before the award is conferred and since the club must be in good standing for 12 months, the requirement to prepay the semi-annual per capita dues was removed.

6. Removed language relating to the Lioness trademark and club supplies since the trademark policy is already included in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual as the association discontinued selling Lioness club supplies many years ago.

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FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the 2009-2010 Forecast, reflecting a surplus.
2. Approved the 2010-2011 Budget, reflecting a surplus.
3. The board approved Northern Trust Company as Trustee of the Retirement Income Plan.
4. Modified policy regarding board meetings. The board meeting schedule must be approved by the Board of Directors. The total cost of the October/November and March/April board meetings shall not exceed US\$2 million.
5. Modified companion travel for international director, past international president, past international director, board appointee or official speaker to speaking assignment(s), board meeting(s) or international convention. International president must approve an adult companion, other than a legally recognized spouse, at the beginning of each year.
6. Modified Board Policy for district governor budgets to reflect practice. Policy is as follows:
Budget
The district governor will be provided a budget annually for district administration. Annual budgets will be based on the average of the highest three years of the last five years. This includes the final approved budget for

the immediate past district governor as of March 31, and actual expenses reimbursed for the four preceding district governors. Proposed increases will only be considered for the district governor's location within the district, substantial club growth or redistricting.

7. Consolidated Club Supplies Chapter of Board Policy Manual.
8. Revised policy to allow international president to approve an additional 5,000 miles for past international director's speaking assignments under special circumstances.
9. Approved housekeeping revisions to the Executive Officer Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy.

LCIF

1. Changed the foundation's custodian for Charitable Gift Annuities (CGAs) to Northern Trust.
2. Added a representative for Africa to the LCIF Steering Committee for a two-year term.
3. Appointed a representative to the Bausch+Lomb Pediatric Cataract Advisory Council.
4. Allocated US\$1.9 million from the humanitarian grants budget reserve to provide for grants approved through June 30, 2010.
5. Revised the humanitarian grants spending policy.
6. Approved 32 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$1,155,201.
7. Tabled eight grant applications.
8. Renewed the Core 4 funding priority status for the diabetes prevention and control program for one year, until June 30, 2011.
9. Appointed a representative to the Pan-American Ophthalmological Foundation Board of Trustees.
10. Updated signatories at the foundation's Scotttrade account, in order to facilitate donations of securities.
11. Revised the foundation's By-Laws, the LCIF Chapter in the Board Policy Manual and the LCIF Operations and Policy Manual in order to implement the LCIF Steering Committee.
12. Updated the sections on banking and investments in the LCIF Chapter of the Board Policy Manual due to a change in the foundation's bank.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Increased the duration of the District Governors-Elect Seminar program to four days, beginning with the 2011 seminar in Seattle and added one-day hotel and meals to the DGE Seminar expense reimbursements for district governors-elect and faculty members.
2. Approved a five-day China Lions Training Team Orientation for 15 Lions leaders from China.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

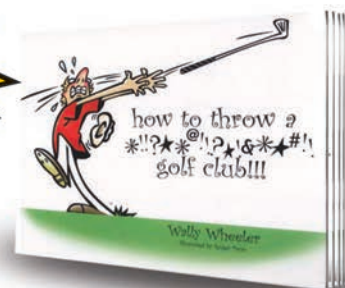
1. Approved a final plan to phase out the MERL team program and its corresponding four separate chairperson positions by expanding the Global Membership Team (GMT) down to the multiple district and district level and to consolidate the current chairperson positions of Membership, Extensions, Retention (M-E-R) into a single team. The plan also aims to transform the previous function of retention into a much broader focus of "club success" to better address the root causes of low retention. Additionally, the Leadership function in MERL and its chairperson position will be separated from M-E- and R, and be elevated to its own structure, to be known as the Global Leadership Team (GLT), which will work alongside the expanded GMT in a highly integrated and interdependent way. Going forward, the interdependent structures of the GMT and GLT will better address regional growth needs while also focusing more efforts on club success and more leadership

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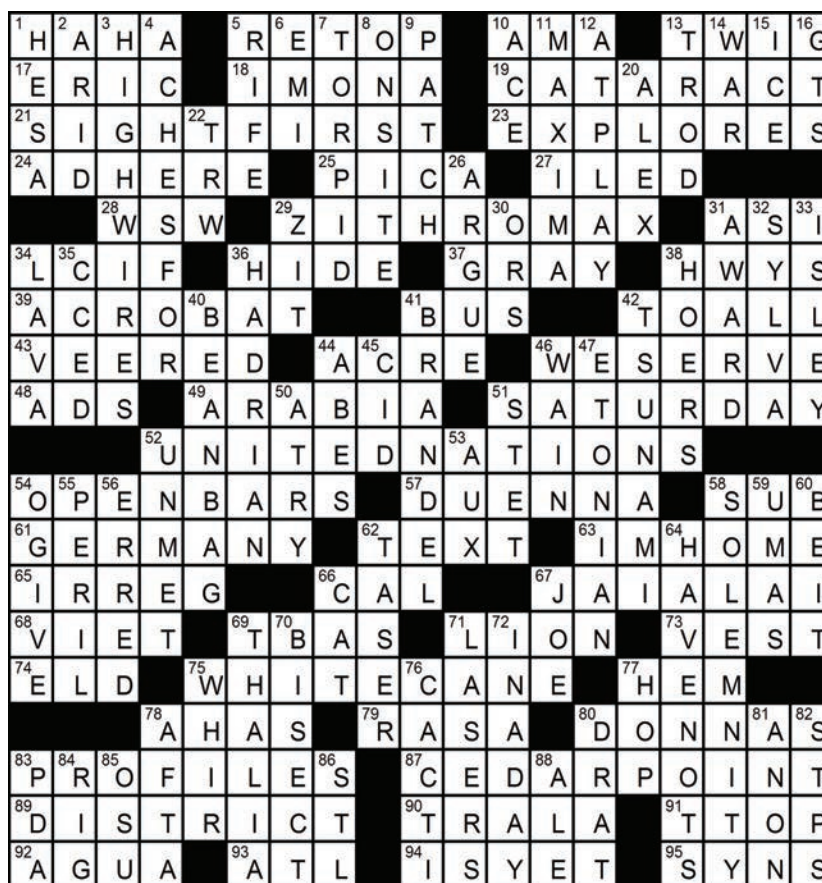
80 Years: Caldwell, South Whitley and Westfield, Ind.; State Center, Traer and West De Moines, Iowa; Minneapolis, Kan.; Ayer, Mass.; Ferguson and Lebanon Host, Mo.; Lordsburg, N.M.; Manchester, Ohio; Mason + Dixon, Pa.; Romney, W. Va.; Ellsworth, Wis.; St. Thomas, Ontario, CAN.

75 Years: Newton, Texas; Grangeville and Twin Falls, Idaho; Elwood, Ind.; Lexington, Mass.; Canton, Gouverneur and Massena, N.Y.; Laurinburg and Spring Hope, N.C.; Salem Host, Va.

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25 Years: Greenville, Ill.; Glenburn, N.D.; Millmont West Union Area and Pittsburg Hilltop, Pa.; Boiestown Upper Miramichi, New Brunswick, CAN.; Duck Lake and District, Saskatchewan, CAN

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development at all levels of LCI to enhance our service mission. The year of 2010-11 will be one of transition allowing districts and multiple districts with active MERL teams to keep them in place while planning a transition to the new GMT and GLT structures by 2011-12; areas with inactive or expiring MERL Teams are encouraged to make the transition as soon as they deem possible during 2010-11.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the Kingdom of Bhutan as the 206th country of Lions Clubs International.
2. Authorized application for Bhutan Civil Society Registration, if appropriate.
3. Changed the level of when the Membership Development Committee reviews and charter applications for approval. The level was lowered from the fifteen (15) charter applications to ten (10) charter applications in a district in one fiscal year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Awarded PDS – Flexible International Mailing, a three-year contract for shipping Lion Magazine and Lion Magazine in Spanish to overseas destinations.
2. Rearranged the awards section of Chapter XX of the Board Policy Manual.
3. Amended the criteria for International Director Recognition Award to delete the medal portion of the award.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Named the recipients of the 2009-2010 Leo of the Year Award.
2. Established a requirement for Lions clubs that wish to cancel Leo club sponsorship and/or receive financial credit to submit a Leo Club Termination Form to the Youth Programs Department at Lions Clubs International.
3. Modified Leo club cancellation policy to require a sponsoring Lions club to determine, by a majority vote, if sponsorship of a Leo club shall be cancelled. In addition, the district governor shall be notified in writing by an officer of the sponsoring Lions club of its intent to cancel its sponsored Leo club a minimum of 30 days prior to the sponsoring Lions club vote.
4. Deleted language in the Board Policy Manual to clarify that the Procedural Guidelines for Reviewing Leo Club Continuation is to be followed when a Lions club wishes to cancel its sponsored Leo club without the agreement of the Leo club members.

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

INFORMATION

HIGHER KEYS ISSUED DURING JUNE 2010

Supreme Key (500 Members)

- Lion Raju Manwani, Mumbai Sol, India

Imperial Key (450 Members)

- Lion Raju Manwani, Mumbai Sol, India

Monarch Key (400 Members)

- Lion Raju Manwani, Mumbai Sol, India

Ambassador Key (150 Members)

- Lion Robert Armbrust, Anchorage Racing, Alaska

Grand Master Key (50 Members)

- Lion Walter Truax, Bakersfield Sports, California

Senior Master Key (25 Members)

- Lion Benjamin Dodge, Peoria Heights-Suburban, Illinois
- Lion Del McGee, Forney, Texas
- Lion James Benke, Helotes, Texas
- Lion Richard Moody, Lompoc Host, California
- Lion Linda Bosma, South Haven Black River, Michigan
- Lion Guillermo Perez, New York Barahona, New York
- Lion William Jones, Warrenton Sunrise, Virginia
- Lion Jeff Hurn, Flatwoods, Kentucky
- Lion Araceli Mangrobang, Guam Nightingale, Guam
- Lion Arthur Yao, Manila Molave, Philippines
- Lion Nadeem Sheikh, Faisalabad Allied, Pakistan
- Lion Sambhu Agarwala, Kalna, India
- Lion Deveshwar Bhatt, Surat Parle Point, India

- Lion G. Kesavan, Puducherry Pride, India
- Lion K. R. Natesan, Idappadi Tex City, India
- Lion S. S. V. Ramamohan Rao, Nellore Pratibha, India
- Lion B. Niranjana, Bangalore Basaveshwaranagar Presidency, India
- Lion A. V. Ramalingachar, Hassan, India
- Lion Azza Mahmoud Mohamed Ali, Cairo Nevertiti, Arab Rep. of Egypt
- Lion Samba-Diom Ba, Nouakchott Caravane, Mauritania

CLUB BRIEFINGS

ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Fox Lake Lions Club** in **Illinois** co-sponsored a Kids Training and Exercise Boot Camp Program with the Village of Fox Lake Parks Department. A total of 221 participants ages 6 to 12 took classes from professional trainers during the six-week class. There were two separate age groups along with a special needs class.

The **Park Ridge Lions Club** in **Illinois** is collaborating with a local resident to screen students in the Cook Islands and provide eyeglasses. Susan Koralik screened 638 students, 25 of whom needed glasses. Doctors in New Zealand agreed to examine the students and provide prescriptions, which the club will fund.

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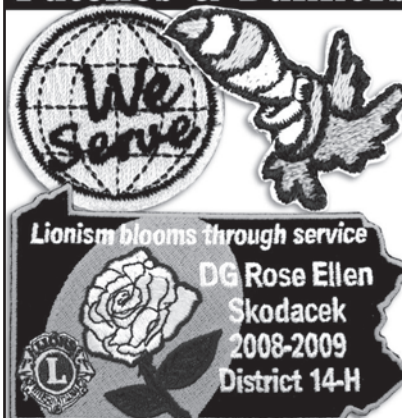


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DONOR PROFILE



Justiniano visits an aid worker while assisting with Lions recovery efforts in Haiti.

Name: Carlos Justiniano, Past International Director

Club: Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

Years as a Lion: 31

Profession: Orthodontist

How did you become a Lion?

"I come from a family of Lions. My father would bring me to Lions events when I was young, so it was natural for me to become a Lion. In my family we now have three generations of Melvin Jones Fellows."

Why is donating to LCIF important to you?

"My first exposure to LCIF was during my year as district governor. I learned about the many grant programs that LCIF has to extend the reach of districts and clubs and their service projects. Then as an international director, I learned how LCIF helps Lions all over the world. During a visit to Kenya, I saw with my own eyes people who walked 20 to 30 miles to get assistance at the Lions hospital there. The gratitude in their smiles convinced me of the importance of LCIF. Most recently, through my service in Haiti after the earthquake, I see more proof of how important LCIF is to helping people in times of greatest need. Just as some people give to a church because they believe in the mission of that church, so I give to LCIF because I believe in the mission of LCIF."

How does your club support LCIF?

"Our club got involved from day one. A year or two after I joined the club, the first SightFirst campaign began. It was clear right away that this was something very important that our club had to get involved with it. It feels really good to know that by raising US\$57,000 for SightFirst, our Lions club saved more than 9,500 individuals from blindness. In fact, I still get choked up when I read or hear updates about the individuals reached through our SightFirst program."

How did you raise funds for CSFII?

"When I made a Major Gift Pledge during CSFII, I was already a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow (PMJF). I believe that a Lion is a more complete part of the Lion family when he or she is a Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF). So I wanted to encourage as many Lions as I could to become MJFs. As I traveled to Lions' events, I made this offer: I would donate \$200 toward a person's MJF if that person would promise to complete the donation with \$800. In this way, I helped Lions in seven or eight different countries to become MJFs. It is important to remember that LCIF helps us to serve beyond our local community and LCIF also helps us to serve our local community when we need it most."

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PUMPKIN PEEKIN'

Jonah Helfrich, 6, peers at the carved pumpkin display in Sycamore, Illinois. The Sycamore Lions run the contest, part of the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival.

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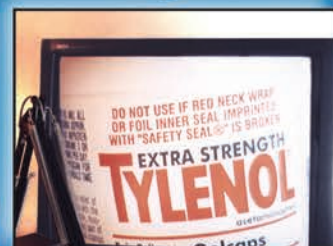
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