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## *Our Passion to Grow Continues*

Our 2005-2006 International Program states clearly that service is the mission of Lions clubs, but members are their lifeblood. Consequently, I emphasized that membership and club growth be a top priority this year. With this Passion to Grow in mind, the goal of Plus One became an identifying mark of our year together. I challenged every club president to achieve a positive net growth of one or more members and each district governor to expand the district by at least one new club. To further emphasize the importance of growth, attractive new awards are being made available to Lions who are successful in meeting these objectives.

How are we proceeding in our passion to strengthen the framework of our individual clubs and the entire association?

Admittedly, experiencing a net growth in membership remains a challenge, and we must all exercise our passion for reaching this objective in the most dedicated and energetic manner possible. Our total membership, at last report, stands at 1,307,549, truly not as high as we would have liked, but we did bring in 59,313 new Lions. I also emphasized the need to invite more women into our clubs, and I am pleased to report that, thus far during 2005-2006, Lions clubs worldwide have inducted 20,262 women, bringing their total number to 224,884. This is, most

assuredly, an encouraging sign for the future of our association. It is obvious that women are increasingly discovering the service opportunities available to them through membership in a Lions club, and are also, I'm proud to say, putting their passion to serve into accepting important positions of leadership in their clubs, districts and internationally.

Also, in regard to membership growth, more Leos are choosing to join Lions clubs once their service in a Leo club comes to an end. This is heartening and I applaud Lions clubs that recognize their passion for growth by inviting these young people who already understand the need for volunteerism in the community to continue their commitment to give of themselves on behalf of others.

In the area of extension, 292 new Lions clubs have been chartered this year and latest reports show our worldwide club strength now stands at 45,037. We also have also added 42 club branches this year, bringing our total to 667 to answer needs in locales where traditional Lions clubs are unable to do so. There are currently 156 New Century Lions Clubs and 231 Campus Clubs thus giving access to individuals who would not otherwise have the opportunity to grasp an outlet for their passion to volunteer in their communities.

Our international Mission 30 Team of experienced Lions is continuing to move



ahead to support growth around the world, and I know that the success we shall experience as an association will be due in large measure to the passion of these Lions. In addition to this team, a total of 4,675 Certified Guiding Lions have completed training and are assisting Lions clubs in strengthening their capacity to meet community and human needs.

Lions Clubs International continues to expand its frontiers. This year, we have added three new nations to our global family—the Republic of Kazakhstan, Somalia and the Republic of Maldives, bringing the spirit of “We Serve” to 197 countries and geographic areas. Additional nations have been recognized as strong possibilities for the introduction of Lions clubs and we look forward to welcoming them into our association in the near future.

Lions, our determination to enhance our club and membership strength must continue to be a paramount objective this year, and every year, for it is fundamental to the spirit of our Passion To Excel.

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### **Official Notice: Convention Call**

#### **Boston Prepares to Welcome International Visitors**

In compliance with Article VI, Section 3, of the International Constitution and By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2006 International Convention. Our 89th International Convention will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America, beginning Friday, June 30 and continuing through Tuesday, July 4.

Our convention will be hosted in one of the most historic cities in the United States, indeed, in the world. Boston is a favorite destination for business meetings, sports enthusiasts, all manner of conventions, and tourists interested in the very finest in shopping, dining and sight-seeing. Lions and their families from around the world will participate in the exciting plenary sessions and witness a number of events, among them the

installation of the new international president, a warm welcome to the 2006 Humanitarian Award recipient, along with the stirring flag ceremony and an important Campaign SightFirst II presentation. The big parade on Saturday will bring together thousands of registrants to once again emphasize the international nature of the association, informative seminars will strengthen our foundation and voting on Tuesday will signal the beginning of a new year for Lions worldwide.

The Lions of Multiple District 33 will welcome their international visitors and ensure that their stay will be truly enjoyable. It will be my honor to share with you in reviewing how the Passion To Excel guided us throughout the year. Signed by me at Oak Brook, Illinois, United States of America, this first day of April 2006.

Sincerely, Dr. Ashok Mehta, International President

# Focus on Membership Growth

Does your club find itself in need of additional members? Would having more members enable you to carry out additional projects or help your club be more self-sufficient?

If you said yes to either of the above, know that you can find help implementing membership growth strategies. There are several resources available from LCI, including the Year-Round Growth Program, the Membership Key Awards and Orientation Guides, designed to help you and your club feel more comfortable about inviting new members.

## Year-Round Growth Program

The Year-Round Growth Program (YRG) represents a shift in focus from the periodic recruiting drives to the idea of continual recruiting. YRG is designed to provide members with strategies and tips for continuous recruiting and to reward members for their recruiting efforts. Components of the program include: an optional year-round membership outreach strategy and the Membership Key Awards.

The optional year-round membership outreach strategy is a tool that Lions can use for continuous recruiting. An outreach calendar was created as a way to keep members motivated and suggest a specific group to recruit each month. Each month has a different focus area so that a wide range of potential members can be approached throughout the Lions year.

Consider using this list, or a list that is similar, as a reminder to recruit and as a planning guide for your year round activities. (For example, in July/August, your club could focus on recruiting women by planning activities that would appeal to women.) Utilizing a type of outreach strategy can help every Lion feel comfortable with inviting new members.

For more information on how to use an outreach strategy and participate in the Year-Round Growth Program, call 630 571-5466, ext. 322 or e-mail the Membership Operations Department at [memberops@lionsclubs.org](mailto:memberops@lionsclubs.org).

The Membership Key Award program is an excellent way to reward every Lion who has taken the extra step to recruit new members. Membership Key Awards are based on the number of new members a Lion has sponsored. Currently, there are keys for the recruitment of 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450 and 500 members. Each key is awarded to the sponsor after the new member has been a Lion for a year and a day. Keys are issued from International Headquarters based on the Monthly Membership Reports (MMR) submitted by club secretaries.

Keys play a vital part in rewarding members who recruit. They symbolize the proud heritage of Lions clubs and the strong commitment of each Lion. For more information on obtaining Membership Key Awards, email the Membership Operations Department at

[memberops@lionsclubs.org](mailto:memberops@lionsclubs.org) or call 630 571-5466, ext. 340. By e-mailing the Membership Operations Department, members can also find out their key award history including information on when they received their last key, how many members they have sponsored and how many additional members they have to sponsor to obtain a higher-level Membership Key.

Through the Year-Round Growth Program, members, sponsors and clubs receive recognition for their recruiting efforts. Based upon the number of members recruited, existing Lions can also receive: a personalized letter from the International President, a Membership Excellence Pin and/or Banner Patch, and of course, Membership Keys. Clubs can receive the Membership Excellence Banner Patch and Flag Set.

## Orientation Guides

Orientation Guides are designed to provide club leadership with ideas on how to conduct member orientations. Orientation is a valuable tool. Consider that a proper orientation can assist new and existing Lions in feeling welcomed into the club and into LCI as a whole. A Lion who feels comfortable within their club is more likely to remain actively engaged. For more information on how to conduct an orientation, or how to participate in one, contact the Membership Operations Department at [memberops@lionsclubs.org](mailto:memberops@lionsclubs.org) or call 630 571-5466, ext. 355.

Focusing on continuous membership growth and membership growth programs can help your club in a number of ways. Membership growth enables a club to remain a vital part of the community and enables it to reach out to more people in need. (Individuals benefit from inviting new members as well. While inviting new members, each Lion can share their experiences and communicate the pride they feel as a Lion.) Membership growth programs give current club members the opportunity to receive recognition for their recruitment efforts.

Have ideas on how LCI can help in your recruiting efforts? Contact the Membership Operations Department at [memberops@lionsclubs.org](mailto:memberops@lionsclubs.org) or call

## Optional Year-round Membership Outreach Strategy

July/August	Women
September	Professional partners. Example: eye doctors, teachers and Lion service project partners
October	Traditional membership drive
November/December	Spouses/Family
January	Leos and former Lions
February	Target demographic groups as appropriate for each constitutional area. Example: baby boomers, young professionals, ethnic groups, etc.
March	Traditional membership drive
April	Worldwide Induction Day
May/June	Retention



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(630) 571-5466, ext. 355. LCI is continually looking for ways to keep membership growth at the forefront of club activities.

## Current Developments in Member Invitation

### Former Member and Spouse Entrance Fee Rebate Forms

During December 2005-June 2006, former members will be eligible to join a Lions club while receiving a rebate for the US\$25 entrance fee. During that same time, spouses of former members will be eligible for to join a Lions club while also receiving a rebate for the US\$25 entrance fee. Each rebate will be credited to the club account statement after the new member has been reported on the Monthly Membership Report (MMR).

To fill out the former member rebate form online, visit our Web site at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and type "Rebate Form" into the search field.

To fill out the former spouse form online, go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and type "Spouse Rebate Form" into the search field.

For more information on the Former Member Rebate Form, including

requirements for the program, contact the Membership Operations Department at [memberops@lionsclubs.org](mailto:memberops@lionsclubs.org) or at 630 571-5466, ext. 340 or 356.

For more information on the Spouse Rebate Form, including eligibility requirements for the program, contact the Membership Operations Department at [memberops@lionsclubs.org](mailto:memberops@lionsclubs.org) or at 630 571-5466, ext. 340 or 356.

### Celebrate Membership Growth at the Key Award Breakfast, July 2, 2006.

After a long hiatus, the Membership Key Award Breakfast is being held again this year. We are looking forward to the re-emergence of this tradition.

The breakfast will feature a keynote speaker addressing the importance of membership growth in the association. Commemorative gifts will also be presented to each Key Award holder. Attendance is open to all Membership Key Award holders and one guest. The ticket price is US\$25. Business attire is required and seats are limited. To register for the breakfast, see the Optional Ticketed Events section of the Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation Form on our Web site.

## Correction

The last part of the Council Highlights in the April '06 issue of The Lion should have read:

The following International Guests/Speakers as requested by each D.G. have been approved by LCI for each District:

A1	Lion Maynard Rucks, I.D.
A2	Lion Kay Fukushima, P.I.P.
A3	Lion Dennis Cobler, P.I.D.
A4	Lion T. S. Lee, P.I.P.
A5	Lion Bob Moore, I.D.
A711	Lion Howard Jenkins, I.D.
A9	Lion Beverly Roberts, I.D.
A12	Lion Bruce Schwartz, P.I.D.
A15	Lion Brian Stevenson, P.I.P.
A16	Lion Brian Stevenson, P.I.P.

A VOTE FOR 2006-2007 COUNCIL CHAIR (in-camera):

An election for a Council Chair Elect was held and Governor David Cole from A-15 was elected to be the next Council Chair for 2006-2007.

I hope no one was offended by the errors.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Wayne Hoey, MDA Secretary

# From the Desk of I.D. Terry Graham

Since the middle of January, Lion Jean and I have been travelling to all parts of North America and parts of the world. Everywhere we go we are well received and the Lions are doing great work in their clubs and districts.

The International Board of Directors met in Slovenia from March 22 – 29, 2006. We met in a small coastal town of Portoroz. Of course the scenery was beautiful, however you can't see much from inside a meeting room. Lion Jean said the surrounding countryside was a sight to behold. We did have an opportunity to visit the Postojna Caves. They are about 350 feet below ground. A small train gradually descends about 2 kilometres to the cave area. There are huge caverns with many stalactite structures forming from the floor to the roof. The temperature remains a constant 46 degrees Fahrenheit. A good site to visit.

The committees brought 63 resolutions to the table. Some of these included:

- Authorized use of the Lions membership relationship to network, discuss and promote a member's professional and/or private commercial interests; however, prohibited unsolicited promotion and/or use of mailing lists, directories or other listing for unsolicited mailings.
- Adopted a resolution to provide a family dues structure (effective January 1, 2007) to encourage membership growth for family friendly clubs.
- Adopted resolution to provide that the convention of a single or sub-district shall be eligible to endorse a second vice president or international director candidate only if the single or sub-district meets the minimum district requirements. (35 clubs & 1250 members) For several years the board has tried to encourage districts to either redistrict or gain members to become a full district.
- Approved charter cancellation of 329 clubs (4,954 members). This is always a task that is regrettable.
- Revised 100% District Governor Award rules. These will take effect for 2006-7
- Approved 61 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$2,696,285.
- Approved funding support provision for the second phase of the 2006-07 Faculty Development Institute program.
- Approved grant under the Urban Market Membership Development Grant Program for District A-711 (Ontario, Canada)
- Approved a club extension training initiative for North America, South America and Australia/New Zealand, in which LCI will provide a multiple district extension team with an opportunity to receive updated, field-based training on new club development.
- Approved creation of an online database of Lions club community service and fundraising projects.
- Adopted guidelines for a Lions Emergency Management Team (LEMT) concept to aid Lions when responding to natural disasters and other emergencies.
- Changed the Lions club's relationship with Leo clubs to a "Lions club sponsored affiliation."
- Approved a new "Lions Serving Humanity Exchange Program" to promote the provision of humanitarian service through community involvement and international cooperation.

The clubs will receive more information either directly or in the Lion Magazine articles.

Prior to my visiting a District Convention, I usually receive the DG newsletter. One such district was MD14E, which is the Pittsburgh area. On the front cover of the November issue, in large print, was the membership number of 1216. DG Lee when on to explain he received a letter from International that they were to become a transitional district. He challenged his MERL team, district officers and the membership of 14E not to let this happen. When we visited the district on April 8, the district membership was at 1286 and the governor was confident they would be over 1300 by year end. Was it luck? I think the district wanted the full voting



rights and privileges of a full district and the membership took the appropriate action. This is a success story I felt I should share with you. Let's not take our membership for granted. Ask someone to join your club.

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The International convention is fast approaching. It's not too late to register and join in on the fellowship and learning experience of an International Convention. Boston will be a wonderful city to visit and the host committee will be sure to make your trip a memorable experience. We hope to see you there.

As this is the last newsletter for the Lions year, we want to say thank you for this opportunity to serve on the International board. It is truly an experience of a lifetime.

Have a safe and relaxing summer.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Terry Graham

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING PORTOROZ, SLOVENIA MARCH 23-28, 2006

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Approved two year suspension of royalty payment made to association for Multiple District 322 (India) non-dues revenue/affinity credit card program to allow this pilot program to develop and further expand.

Approved automatic eligibility for newly established non-dues revenue programs, which exclusively designate all proceeds to be donated to Campaign SightFirst II, to designate and direct that the full amount of the royalty payment made to the association be donated, granted or otherwise transferred by the association to the Lions Clubs International Foundation for the benefit of Campaign SightFirst II.

Reviewed complaint filed by Multiple District 300 Taiwan under the Constitutional Complaints Procedure.

Authorized use of the Lions membership relationship to network, discuss and promote a member's professional and/or private commercial interests; however, prohibited unsolicited promotion and/or use of mailing lists, directories or other listing for unsolicited mailings (direct mail, electronic, fax or otherwise) for any professional and/or private commercial purpose or benefit.

Revised policy to designate the International President as the Chairperson of the Long Range Planning Committee.

Revised policy to provide more flexibility in the meeting schedule for the Long Range Planning Committee.

Issued interpretation of Article III, Sections 5(a) and 6(b) of the International By-Laws to clarify that the term of validity of endorsement for international office does not begin until a candidate (from a particular single or multiple district) is eligible to be elected and the candidate subsequently becomes eligible to be elected at the International Convention at which the term of the sitting international officer (from the same single or multiple district) expires.

Adopted resolution to be reported to the 2006 International Convention for

adoption amending Article IX, Section 3(a) of the International Constitution to eliminate any minimum requirements for the Emergency Reserve Fund investments in corporate and government securities and cash equivalents in order to ensure that the investment structure for the Fund will provide a secure investment base and maximize investment returns.

Adopted resolution to be reported to the 2006 International Convention for adoption amending Article VI, Section 2 of the International Constitution to grant independent delegate status at the International Convention to each council chairperson during his/her term.

Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2006 International Convention for adoption amending Article VIII, Section 2 of the International Constitution to provide a family dues structure (effective January 1, 2007) to encourage membership growth for family friendly clubs.

Adopted resolution to be reported to the 2006 International Convention for adoption amending Article II, Section 3 of the International By-Laws revising the redistricting provisions of the by-laws to require the approval of redistricted sub-district(s) and the multiple district convention prior to consideration of a redistricting proposal by the International Board of Directors.

Adopted resolution to be reported to the 2006 International Convention for adoption amending Article III, Section 2(a)(3) of the International By-Laws to provide that the convention of a single or sub-district shall be eligible to endorse a second vice president candidate only if the single or sub-district meets the minimum district requirements as provided in Article II, Section 2 of the International By-Laws at the time such endorsement is issued.

Adopted resolution to be reported to the 2006 International Convention for adoption amending Article III, Section 3(c) of the International By-Laws to provide that the convention of a single or sub-district shall be eligible to

endorse an international director candidate only if the single or sub-district meets the minimum district requirements as provided in Article II, Section 2 of the International By-Laws at the time such endorsement is issued.

## CONVENTION

Established registration fees for the 2007 International Convention.

Adopted the Proposed Schedule of Official Events for the 2007 International Convention.

## DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE

Approved a single club transfer in Mexico.

Approved charter cancellation of 329 clubs (4,954 members).

Twenty-nine (29) previously canceled clubs were returned to good standing by removing the reasons for cancellation.

Appointed 111 district governors for 2006-07. Remaining appointments are to be made at the June 2006 board meeting.

Approved the redistricting proposal from MD 4 (California-Nevada), to form a new district, Single District 46 (Nevada), independent of MD 4 (California).

Granted preliminary approval to the redistricting proposal from MD 202 (New Zealand) etc. Consideration for the final approval is to take place at the June 2006 board meeting.

Appointed Lion Peter Bieder of Switzerland to serve as the Coordinating Lion for Georgia.

Revised redistricting rules.

Revised 100% District Governor Award rules.

Added a housekeeping change to the status quo rules in the Board Policy Manual.

Requested the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to draft an amendment in the International By-Laws regarding redistricting rules.

Added new policy that disallows a transitional district to endorse an international second vice president or an international director candidate.

Requested the Constitution and By-Laws Committee to draft an amendment to the International By-Laws regarding endorsement of an international second vice president or an international director candidate.

## **FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION**

Approved the 2005-06 3rd Quarter Forecast.

Approved a contribution to the defined benefit plan.

Approved the 2006-07 International Program Budget.

Approved US\$2.3 million to be allocated to purchase property in India for the Southeast Asia International Office.

Approved Board Policy Manual revisions regarding budget and forecast preparation.

Reduced mileage budgets for international officers and international directors.

## **LCIF**

Approved 61 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$2,696,285.

Approved measures to revitalize and strengthen the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program.

Authorized LCIF Chairperson Clement Kusiak to sign, on behalf of the foundation, a MOU concerning the ownership and operation of the Dolakha Lions Eye Care Center, Nepal.

Renewed LCIF's membership in the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness/VISION 2020 at the supporting member level.

Revised the name of the Lions-Quest program to the "Lions Quest" program and authorized staff to amend Lions Quest trademarks and copyrights, as appropriate.

Selected the 2006 Humanitarian Award recipient.

Approved an LCIF seminar at the 2006 International Convention to provide a general overview of the foundation, its programs and accomplishments, and information on how to apply for grants.

Authorized staff to close LCIF Zimbabwe accounts at National Bank of Commerce and also to open and conduct business transactions with Diamond Trust Bank.

## **LEADERSHIP**

Approved updated 2006 District Governors-elect Seminar Group Leader list.

Approved funding support provision for the second phase of the 2006-07 Faculty Development Institute program.

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING**

Approved formation of an ad hoc committee to further refine a proposal on board restructuring and present a resolution to the board in June 2006.

## **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Re-authorized for another three year period a charter fee income sharing arrangement with the Lions China Affairs Committee, allowing half of charter fees from new clubs in China to be reinvested in club extension activities and club officer training initiatives.

Approved three grants under the Urban Market Membership Development Grant Program for District A-711 (Ontario, Canada), District T-3 (Concepcion, Chile), and District 323-D2 (Pune, India).

Approved a club extension training initiative for North America, South America and Australia/New Zealand, in which LCI will provide a multiple district extension team with an opportunity to receive updated, field-based training on new club development.

Approved Lions Clubs International affiliation with the Republic of Maldives, bringing the total number of countries and territories where LCI is present to 197.

Approved revision to Life Membership category allowing former Lionesses who are now Lions to apply a limited number of their Lioness years toward Life Membership qualifications, effective in 2006-07.

Authorized Constitution and By-Laws Committee to draft a constitutional amendment proposal for the 2006 International Convention for a new Family Membership Program and a discounted family dues rate, which would allow subsequent family members after the first member the option to pay half dues and no entrance fee. All qualifying family members shall be Active members with all rights and privileges.

Approved regulations for Family Membership Program for inclusion in Board Policy Manual, contingent on the program being approved by delegates at the 2006 International Convention.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Increased the number of Ambassador of Goodwill medals from 35 to 40, Presidential Award medals from 775 to 995, and International Leadership Award medals from 980 to 1080 for Lion year 2006-07.

## **SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Adopted a three year pilot program to provide financial assistance to multiple districts or single districts for hosting Leo events that involve Leo members in clubs located within and outside the district/multiple district.

Named the Top Ten Youth Exchange Chairpersons for 2006.

Approved creation of an online data base of Lions club community service and fundraising projects.

Adopted guidelines for a Lions Emergency Management Team (LEMT) concept to aid Lions when responding to natural disasters and other emergencies.

Discontinued the association's cooperative alliance with Goodwill Industries, Inc.

Changed the Lions club's relationship with Leo clubs to a "Lions club sponsored affiliation."

Approved a new award for Lions clubs that have continuously sponsored a Leo club for five years and in increments of five additional years thereafter.

Approved a new "Lions Serving Humanity Exchange Program" to promote the provision of humanitarian service through community involvement and international cooperation.

Approved housekeeping policy changes for Leo age range changes.

Approved housekeeping changes relating to the adoption of a Lions Quest chairperson.

Approved the functions of the Lions Quest chairperson.

# Official Notice 2006 International Convention, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

The following proposed amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2006 International Convention.

**ITEM 1:** A RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE ANY MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND INVESTMENTS IN CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE INVESTMENT STRUCTURE FOR THE FUND WILL PROVIDE A SECURE INVESTMENT BASE AND MAXIMIZE INVESTMENT RETURNS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article IX, Section 3(a) of the International Constitution shall be amended by deleting the present language and substituting the following:

(a) The assets of such FUND shall be invested and reinvested in conformance with an investment policy developed by the Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee and approved by the International Board of Directors. The objective of the investment policy shall be to maximize investment returns of the Emergency Reserve Fund within reasonably prudent and acceptable risk levels for the association.

**ITEM 2:** A RESOLUTION GRANTING INDEPENDENT DELEGATE STATUS AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO COUNCIL CHAIRPERSONS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article VI, Section 2 of the International Constitution shall be amended by adding the following provision as a new sixth paragraph:

Each council chairperson of this association shall be entitled to full delegate privileges at the international convention convened during his/her term. No such council chairperson shall be included in the delegate quota of his/her club for such international convention.

**ITEM 3:** A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FAMILY DUES STRUCTURE TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERSHIP GROWTH FOR FAMILY FRIENDLY CLUBS. (TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007)

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That effective January 1, 2007, Article VIII, Sections 2(a), (b), and (d) of the International

Constitution shall be amended by deleting the period and adding the following phrase at the end of each sentence:

“, except as provided in sub-section (f) herein.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That effective January 1, 2007, Article VIII, Section 2(c) of the International Constitution shall be amended by deleting the period and adding the following phrase at the end of the first sentence:

“, except as provided in sub-section (f) herein.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That effective January 1, 2007, Article VIII, Section 2 of the International Constitution shall be amended by adding a new sub-section (f) as follows:

(f) For family membership programs as adopted by the International Board of Directors, the following dues shall apply:

(1) The first family member shall pay a semi-annual per capita tax, a special semi-annual convention fund tax, and the annual subscription price for the official magazine, as provided in sub-sections (a), (c), and (d) above, respectively.

(2) Subsequent qualifying family members, not to exceed four additional qualifying members per household, shall pay a semi-annual per capita tax equal to one-half (1/2) of the total amount paid by the first family member as described in sub-section (f)(1) above.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS CONCERN THE INTERNATIONAL BY-LAWS

**ITEM 4:** A RESOLUTION REVISING THE REDISTRICTING PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BY-LAWS TO REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF REDISTRICTED SUB-DISTRICT(S) AND THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF A REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL BY THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article II, Section 3 of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the first sentence and substituting the following:

Section 3. REDISTRICTING. Any single district which desires to become a multiple district and any multiple district which desires to add one or more sub-districts thereto or to otherwise change or redistrict any one or more existing sub-districts in any way shall submit to the International Board of Directors a redistricting proposal approved by a convention of



the respective single district, and in the case of a multiple district redistricting proposal, approved by a convention of the multiple district and the convention of the redistricting sub-district(s), together with a map showing boundary lines for all proposed sub-districts and a list showing the Lions clubs which shall comprise each proposed sub-district. PROVIDED, however, approval by the convention of redistricting sub-district(s) is not required if the respective redistricting sub-district does not meet the minimum district requirements as provided in Article II, Section 2.

**ITEM 5:** A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONVENTION OF A SINGLE OR SUB-DISTRICT SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO ENDORSE A SECOND VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE ONLY IF THE SINGLE OR SUB-DISTRICT MEETS THE MINIMUM DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE II, SECTION 2 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BY-LAWS AT THE TIME SUCH ENDORSEMENT IS ISSUED.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That effective immediately following the adjournment of the 2006 International Convention, Article III, Section 2(a)(3) of the International By-Laws be amended by adding the following language at the end of sub-section (3):

PROVIDED, That the convention of a single or sub-district shall be eligible to endorse a candidate only if the single or sub-district meets the minimum district requirements as provided in

Article II, Section 2 of the International By-Laws at the time such endorsement is issued;

**ITEM 6:** A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONVENTION OF A SINGLE OR SUB-DISTRICT SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO ENDORSE AN INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATE ONLY IF THE SINGLE OR SUB-DISTRICT MEETS THE MINIMUM DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE II, SECTION 2 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BY-LAWS AT THE TIME SUCH ENDORSEMENT IS ISSUED.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That effective immediately following the adjournment of the 2006 International Convention, Article III, Section 3(c) of the International By-Laws be amended by adding the following language at the end of sub-section (c):

PROVIDED, That the convention of a single or sub-district shall be eligible to endorse a candidate only if the single or sub-district meets the minimum district requirements as provided in Article II, Section 2 of the International By-Laws at the time such endorsement is issued;

## Lions Convention Update

**June 30 - July 4, 2006**  
Boston, Massachusetts, USA



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# Candidates for Second Vice President

## Albert F. Brandel

Albert F. Brandel of Melville, New York, is a member of the West Hempstead, New York, Lions Club and an associate member of the Melville Lions Club. He served as an international director in 1993-1995 and has held numerous offices at the club and district levels, including club president and 100% District Governor. He has sponsored 42 new members, served as a presenter and panelist at USA/Canada Lions



Leadership Forums and worked with the Long Island Lions Eye Bank as a cornea transporter. He has been the Lions representative to UNICEF for 10 years. He has also been involved with Lions' programs at the World Trade Center for 9/11 and has served as a group leader at numerous District Governors-elect Schools.

He has received from Lions Clubs International the Supreme Extension Award, the 30 Member Key, 12 International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Past Director Brandel has served as a Little League volunteer and is a Eucharistic Minister in his church. He is also a member of the board of directors of the United Nations Association of the USA and is a retired police detective. His wife, Dr. Maureen Murphy, also a Lion, is an anesthesiologist and currently practicing at a community hospital.

## Sid L. Scruggs III

Sid L. Scruggs III of Vass, North Carolina, is a member of the Vass Lions Club and served as an international director in 2000-2002. His many offices include 100% club president, district governor of excellence and multiple district extension chair. He also served on the North Carolina Lions Foundation Board and as multiple district White Cane chair. He has been a presenter at



the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. He has received eight Extension awards, the Guiding Lion Award, the Key of Nations membership award, four International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the International President's Leadership Award, six International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Past Director Scruggs is chairperson of the Board of Directors of North Carolina's Governor Morehead School for the Blind, on the Board of Directors for the Raleigh Lions Clinic for the Blind and a life member of the North Carolina Lions Foundation.

A retired commercial airline pilot, he is a life member of the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association. He and his wife, Judy, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have four children and 14 grandchildren.

## Ross L. Thorfinnson Jr

Ross L. Thorfinnson Jr. of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, is a member of the Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, Lions Club and served as an international director in 2001-2003. He has served as club president, district governor and council chairperson. He has also conducted sessions on strategic planning and leadership and served as chairperson on numerous committees. He has received the District Governor's Excellence



Award, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, five International President's awards, an International President's Leadership Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. His community activities include serving as a member of the Eden Prairie City Council, chairperson of the Eden Prairie Human Rights and Services Commission, Boy Scout troop committee chairperson, an American Red Cross disaster assistance team volunteer and a softball coach for the Eden Prairie Girl's Athletic Association. He is currently serving as a National/Multi-National Coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II. He is a financial planner and business consultant. His wife, Lynda, is also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

## Dennis R. Tichenor

Dennis R. Tichenor of Wilsonville, Oregon, is a member of the Milwaukie, Oregon, Lions Club and served as an international director in 1992-1994. He has been club president, 100% District Governor and chairperson of the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, the Lions Eye Bank and the Council of Governors. He was also chairperson of the District Governors-Elect



Schools in Seoul, Korea; San Diego, California and Osaka, Japan. He has been a presenter at several international conventions and forums and was chosen to lead Past International President Kay Fukushima's IMPACT program in 2002-2003. Past Director Tichenor has received the Master Key, the International President's Leadership Award, seven International President's awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. He is a retired educator and the owner of a travel company and he and his wife, Judi, have two daughters and one grandchild.

# LCIF Grants 101

## Everything a Lion Needs to Know About Securing a Grant

by Jay Copp

Your community has a pressing need, and your club or district wants to help. Yet you are not quite sure if there are enough funds to accomplish your mission. Hmm, the wheels start turning. I wonder if LCIF can help?

Yes, it can. Five hundred times a year LCIF can. That's how many grants LCIF typically provides to Lions every year. Not every grant proposal from Lions is accepted by LCIF, but Lions who understand the basic ground rules for grants and can work within them stand a good chance of being given an LCIF grant.

### Humanitarian Focus

Lions interested in applying for an LCIF grant need to know the basic mission of LCIF. The foundation funds humanitarian projects, not projects that are only community-oriented. So say Lions want to create a playground. That's a worthy project, but not one LCIF considers humanitarian. On the other hand, an athletic complex for disabled youth is considered a humanitarian initiative.

LCIF's grants typically focus on: blindness prevention/sight restoration, youth services and development, health promotion/services to the disabled, and emergency relief/ reconstruction assistance. These are admittedly broad categories, which allows Lions to be creative and responsive to local needs in applying for grants.

The flip side to the broad funding guidelines is that Lions may be uncertain if they are on the right track in securing an LCIF grant. The best way to determine if your project idea has merit is to directly ask LCIF for guidance, and we'll work with you on a grant proposal.

LCIF is judicious in exactly how its funds may be applied. It normally provides capital funding for equipment and infrastructure needs. For example, it will fund the expansion of a health clinic and new equipment for a health clinic but usually does not pay for a brand-new medical center or operating expenses of a health center. LCIF favors projects that

are self-sustaining, have a strong Lions' identity and are connected to an entity with a proven track record.

*What steps do I take to apply for a grant?*

- Identify a humanitarian need in your community (or, in the case of an International Assistance Grant, find a need in a developing country).
- Secure partners including other Lions clubs in the districts. (For International Assistance Grants, a club in a developed country must partner with a club in a developing country.) LCIF grants are for larger-scale projects too big for a single club.
- Plan for a significant Lions' identification and involvement with the project. Lions have to do more than just "throw money" at a need. Service needs to be integrated into the project. Also, Lions must be front and center on the project as it proceeds. It has to belong to Lions and that has to be obvious to anyone who comes into contact with the project.
- Draw up an itemized budget. Indicate whether funds from various sources are collected or pledged and the dates when pledged funds are expected to be collected.
- Obtain the endorsement of the district or multiple district as appropriate.

Some grant proposals come to LCIF with all steps meticulously completed and ready to go. Other Lions contact LCIF before submitting the grant proposal and secure advice and direction. If there is any uncertainty or impediments, it is best to contact LCIF.

### Questions and Answers

We've all had a teacher who told us the only dumb question is the one not asked. That statement usually was followed by a profound silence. Well, don't worry. We'll ask the questions you may have about grants for you.

*Is there grant money available for my club?*

Yes, under certain circumstances a club can identify a local humanitarian need and then partner with other clubs in

addressing that need. The district governor needs to approve a standard grant application. Core 4 grants typically are initiated on the district level. Districts and multiple districts also can seek a SightFirst grant (upon working with a SightFirst technical adviser). The International Assistance Grant (IAG) allows a sponsoring Lions club or district to partner with a host club or district in the country where the project will take place. Again, the district governor must approve the grant application.

*What qualities does LCIF look for in a grant application?*

The budget must show ample funding from local Lions' organizations, have a strong Lions' identity and involvement, be endorsed by the district and involve at least two to three clubs. The project must address an important humanitarian need, serve a relatively large population, be cost effective and be beyond local fundraising capability.

*When should a grant application be filed?*

Complete applications must be sent to LCIF at least 60 days before an LCIF Board of Trustees meeting. The board meets three times a year - October/November, March/April and June/July. SightFirst grants are awarded in January, May and August. For grant application deadlines or other questions, contact LCIF.

*How do I get more information?*

Contact LCIF at 630-571-5466, ext. 580; e-mail LCIF at [lcif@lionsclubs.org](mailto:lcif@lionsclubs.org); or download from the LCIF Web site ([www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org)) How to Apply for an LCIF Standard Grant (LCIF-109), the Standard Grant Application/Criteria (LCIF-27) or other grant brochures and applications.

### Types of Grants

That's a lot of information to absorb about grants—a sort of LCIF Grants 101. But there's more to know. Here is the list of types of LCIF grants.

**Standard** grants provide matching funds up to US\$75,000 for large-scale

projects addressing humanitarian needs such as medical equipment and facilities, homes, and schools for the disabled and youth. Any district (single, sub or multiple) may apply for a Standard grant. A district may have two Standard grant applications or approved Standard grants in process at any one time.

Examples of recent standard grants: US\$17,000 for Lions in Netherlands (District 110-C0) to expand a hospice care center, US\$75,000 for Lions in Minnesota (MD-5M) to establish a children's hearing center, US\$50,000 for Lions in Germany (111-OS) to purchase equipment for a cancer research center, US\$22,297 for Lions of Colombia (F-3) to assist a center for children with disabilities and US\$75,000 for Lions in Japan (330-C) to build an orphanage in Iraq.

**International Assistance Grants (IAG)** fund partnership projects between Lions clubs in at least two countries. Grants are available between US\$5,000 and \$30,000 on a matching basis to fund smaller-scale development projects in needy countries. A district may only have only one International Assistance Grant (IAG) in process or approved at any one time.

Examples of recent IAGs: US\$15,000 for Lions in Korea (354-C) to supply an ambulance for a hospital in Gujarat, India; US\$16,075 for Italian Lions (108-AB) to undertake a rural water supply and sanitation project in Ethiopia; and US\$20,000 for Lions in North Carolina (31-B) to undertake an eye care mission in Bolivia.

**Core 4 grants** target four urgent needs: preserving sight, combating disability, promoting health and serving youth. Grants are available for amounts up to US\$200,000 on a three-to-one matching basis. Current Core 4 initiatives include Lions-Quest, Special Olympics Opening eyes, children's photoscreening, diabetes prevention/treatment and low vision treatment/services. A multiple district may have one Core 4 Grant application or approved Core 4 Grant in process at any one time.

Examples of recent Core 4 grants: US\$25,000 for Lions in Canada (A-15) to expand Lions-Quest, US\$75,000 for Lions in Michigan (11-A1) to expand the Lions Hearing Center of Southwestern Michigan's hearing program and US\$49,680 for 45 Lions-Habitat for Humanity homes in the Ivory Coast (403-A).

**Emergency grants** up to US\$10,000 are awarded for relief aid after a natural disaster. District governors must apply for the grant.

Examples of recent Emergency grants: US\$10,000 for Lions in Chile (T-1) for earthquake relief; US\$10,000 for Lions in Madagascar (403-B) for cyclone relief; US\$5,000 for Lions in India (322-C3) for flood relief and US\$10,000 for Lions in Canada (A-3) for flood relief.

**Major Catastrophe grants** for US\$50,000 and above are awarded for longer-term reconstruction projects following major calamities. Major catastrophe grants were provided for the

tsunami disaster; Hurricane Katrina; the Pakistan earthquake; September 11 and the Gujarat, India, earthquake.

**SightFirst grants** fight preventable and reversible blindness by supporting eye health care delivery systems, training and infrastructure development. Lions districts work with their regional SightFirst technical advisor in developing SightFirst grant applications and project proposals. Completed applications must be signed and certified by the technical advisor, the district/multiple district's SightFirst chairperson and the district governor (or council chairperson in the case of multiple district-initiated applications).

Examples of recent SightFirst grants: US\$105,500 for Lions in Mexico (District B-7) for a cataract screening and surgery campaign, US\$165,000 for Lions in Cape Verde (District 403-A) for a comprehensive eye care program and US\$83,250 for Lions in India (District 323-H) to equip Udayagiri Lions Eye Hospital.



## SightFirst Grants Approved in January

Country/District	Amount (US\$)	Project
Argentina, 0-2	\$168,500	Cataract surgery campaign (1,500 surgeries)
Brazil, LC-5	\$55,300	Cataract surgery campaign(500 surgeries)
Brazil, LD-6	\$40,800	Diabetic Retinopathy Project
Cameroon, 403-B	\$3,100,984	Continue river blindness program
Ethiopia, 411-A	\$780,000	Cataract surgery campaign (10,000 surgeries)
India, 322-B1	\$29,923	Upgrade Calcutta Lions Bimal Podar Eye Hospital
India, MD 322	\$76,705	Cataract surgery campaign (4,500 surgeries)
Laos (Undistricted)	\$61,000	Renovate and equip Vientiane Satellite Clinic
Mexico, B-6	\$120,000	Cataract surgery campaign (1,000 surgeries)
Mexico, B-8	\$99,000	Cataract surgery campaign (1,000 surgeries)
Mexico, B-4	\$97,000	Cataract surgery campaign (1,000 surgeries)
Nepal, 325-A	\$5,464	Support for Dolakha Eye Hospital
Sri Lanka, 306 B-1, B-2	\$17,500	Manpower and Management Training

# Lions, SightFirst Protect 10.5 Million Cameroonians from Blindness

Cameroon, located in West Africa, has 16 million people, 230 ethnicities and one particularly gruesome blinding disease. "River blindness" is spread by the bite of small black flies that swarm around flowing water. The bites allow tiny worms to enter the body. The worms quickly multiply, leading to painful rashes, skin discoloration and, in severe cases, blindness.

The disease, technically called onchocerciasis, is endemic in all of the country's 10 provinces. Those afflicted are unable to work, harvest crops and care for their children.

But Lions of Cameroon have been successfully controlling the disease since the early 1990s with funding from SightFirst. More than 10.5 million Cameroonians at risk for river blindness have been protected.

River blindness, which can't be cured, can be controlled through the medication Mectizan. Partnering with the Carter Center, other non-profits and national ministries of health, Lions and SightFirst have helped deliver more than 70 million Mectizan treatments in Cameroon and 10 other countries in Africa and the Americas since 1996. The pharmaceutical company Merck donates the Mectizan.

To continue to keep blindness at bay, the SightFirst Advisory Committee approved US\$3.1 million in January for Cameroon Lions to continue their efforts against onchocerciasis. The grant will enable Lions to distribute a planned 7 million more treatments of Mectizan.

The latest grant for Cameroon extends the river blindness control program in seven provinces and begins treatments in the one province not covered. The treatments are done in partnership with

the Carter Center, Helen Keller International, International Eye Foundation and PersPective.

The grant was among 13 totaling US\$4.7 million approved by LCIF's SightFirst Advisory Committee. The other grants will enable Lions to provide cataract surgeries, upgrade eye hospitals and clinics, treat diabetic retinopathy and train eye health workers. Besides Cameroon, the grants were for projects in Argentina, Brazil, Ethiopia, India, Laos, Mexico, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

SightFirst is a global initiative of LCIF and Lions to prevent blindness and restore sight. LCIF has approved 771 grants in 89 countries for a total of US\$187 million.

Grants are approved three times a year by the SightFirst Advisory Committee, composed of Lions international leaders and some of the world's foremost blindness prevention experts.

## Campaign SightFirst II Gains Worldwide Momentum

As Campaign SightFirst II gains worldwide momentum, Lions' leadership in the international fight against blindness is being noticed and acknowledged. Lions

Clubs International President Dr. Ashok Mehta has received messages of support and encouragement from many people - including a reigning monarch and one of the world's most distinguished and well-known journalists.

Walter Cronkite was often called "the most trusted man in America" during his 19 years as anchorman and managing editor of the CBS Evening News. His calm, evenhanded way of delivering even the most grave news earned him the respect of the American people and people around the world. So much so, that the Swedish word for anchorman is "Cronkiter." Since retiring in 1981 he has been active in environmental causes and has advocated international cooperation through the United Nations.

*In these opening years of the 21st century, international cooperation is more important than ever if we are to*

*overcome the worldwide problems that confront us. Preventable blindness is such a problem, threatening millions of people on all continents.*

*For more than 85 years, Lions Clubs International has been a model of international cooperation and, in the past 15 years, has established an unsurpassed record of achievement with coordinated projects that have saved millions of people around the world from blindness or severe vision loss.*

*I encourage all Lions to continue this extraordinary work by giving their full support to Campaign SightFirst II.*

Walter Cronkite  
New York, February 2006

H.M Carl XVI Gustaf ascended to the Swedish throne in 1973. He is an avid outdoorsman and has deep appreciation for the natural world. While the monarchy in Sweden has a mostly ceremonial role, he has used his position to urge the acceptance of international environmental protection treaties. He is the honorary chairman of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and

has received the organization's Bronze Wolf award. As king of Sweden, it is also his role to present the Nobel Prizes.

*All living things on our planet are tied together in the intricate web of ecology. To meet the environmental challenges that face our world, they must be confronted on a global scale. We human beings are an intrinsic part of this web, and human problems must be addressed in the same way.*

*Through its coordinated worldwide programs and its ideals of fellowship and international understanding, Lions Clubs International has exemplified the global approach to humanitarian action. By working to eliminate preventable and reversible blindness, Lions have had a positive impact on the welfare of millions around the world. I believe that this important work must continue and I commend the effort that Lions are making through Campaign SightFirst II. I hope that all Lions will give the campaign their full support.*

H. M. King Carl XVI Gustaf  
Drottningholm Palace, February 2006

# Model Club Spotlighted

International President Dr. Ashok Mehta received more than US\$100,000 for Campaign SightFirst II during a recent visit to Model Clubs in Northeast India. The Lions Club of Howrah and the Lions Club of Siliguri Greater have reached their minimum goals of US\$70,000 and US\$35,000 respectively. The Clubs raised funds through personal gifts from members and non-members and by holding public fund-raising events. The Lions Club of Howrah is now working toward a challenge goal of US\$100,000.

The Bangalore East Lions Club has reached its US\$34,000 goal and is working toward a challenge goal of US\$100,000. The Club's campaign will focus on individuals and corporations in Bangalore, one of India's leading centers of high-tech industry.

"All members are committed Lions and their only duty is to serve," said International Director Endorsee K.G. Ramakrishnamurthy, who helped motivate the Bangalore Club's Model Club effort. "They are leading India and the world in Campaign SightFirst II in helping to continue the work of the SightFirst program."

In the USA, the Muskegon North Lions Club has pledged its minimum goal of US\$37,000 and is working toward a challenge goal of US\$50,000. The Club's plans emphasize personal gifts. Because many Lion leaders in the area are eye-care professionals, the Club recognizes great potential in requesting gifts from members of that profession.

"We just jumped in with both feet," said Past International Director Dennis Cobler, a member of the Club and a Sector Coordinator in Campaign SightFirst II

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## Scotland/Oakland Library



After many years of debating the mere existence of the Scotland/Oakland Library, the Brant County Library Board finally approved the building of a brand new library on the existing site. In the fall of 2005, the old building was demolished and the new building erected. Being a longtime project of the South Brant Lions, the club volunteered to be in charge of all the outside landscaping. All materials and labour were donated. The landscaping was designed by Garden Thyme Design, the plant materials from Walter's Greenhouses and the sod from Blue Grass Sod Farms. All installations were completed by South Brant Lion's members Alvin Marr, Joe Keresturi, and Murray Smith, along with Murray's grandchildren and Lisa Gilbert, owner of Garden Thyme Design. Photos show the original and new libraries.

## Tillsonburg Lion Honoured



Tillsonburg Lions honoured one of their own, Lion Dr. Don Hevenor, with a Melvin Jones Award. Lion Don is shown with Club President John Newton seated on the right. Club members have also been busy increasing their numbers, recently inducting their third new member so far this year, Evert Mulders.

Reported by Lion Don Dedrick

# Penny Drive

PDG Bob Davis urged all clubs in District A2 to save pennies for LFC to sponsor a Seeing Eye Dog. Tillsonburg Lions Club provided a wishing well to use for penny collections. Now that the Penny Drive is over, the well will continue to be used to raise more funds for LFC. In the cover photo, pictured at the presentation of \$4000 that was partly raised through the Penny Drive is, left to right, Tillsonburg Club President John Newton, Bruce Kendrick, PDG Lion Bob Davis, and Royal Bank employee Irene McKnight.

# Camp Trillium

A large equipment storage building, that was donated to Camp Trillium, was erected by the camp caretakers and several members of the South Brant Lions Club and their family volunteers. Approximately 160 manhours were required to complete the building. In return, Camp Trillium opened its doors on February 21 and hosted the South Brant Lions for an appreciation dinner. Several Lioness members were also present at the dinner, along with members of the Windham Lions Club.

South Brant Lions also paid for a new \$4000 PA systems. It was installed by Lion Bill Crawford and his son Michael, along with Camp Caretakers Roy McColm and Lioness Ann McCloud.



*Adam Walker, Pieter Berkel Sr and Lion Pieter Berkel on the scaffold, attach a bracket. Lioness Ann McCloud and Lions Peter Welsh and Joe Keresturi help.*

# South Brant Grows



South Brant Lions club is growing! In October 2005, Pieter Berkel became a first time Lion. In February at the Appreciation Dinner held at Camp Trillium Rainbow Park, 3 more members were inducted into the South Brant Lions.

Picture left to right: Lion Bill Crawford, his sponsor Lion Walter Kisielewski, sponsor Lion Peter Welsh, Lion Jerry Elshof, Lion Andrew Pinnock (transferred from A15) and his sponsor South Brant Lions President Lion Walter Blyleven.

Submitted by Lion Don Dedrick



*Long Point Lioness A2 PDP Mary Lou Krestel, left, visited with Lion Dotty Scherer, Florida 35-D Governor, centre, and Palm Beach Gardens Lions Club President Noreen Fleagle.*

# A3

# New Isolette



Kingston mother and grandmother Nancy Watts has written three books of poetry, the proceeds of which go toward buying an isolette for the Kingston General Hospital Neonatal Unit. The machine costs \$35,000 and so far Nancy has raised \$22,500 from book sales.

Nancy lost one grandchild before it was born, spurring her into action to help the Neonatal Department. Kingston is top of the list for handling premature babies, so this type of equipment is vital to their operations. After hearing about Nancy's project through a guest speaker at their club's dinner meeting, the Kingston Lions Club decided to not only top up the amount needed for one unit, but added another donation to purchase some other much needed equipment. In total the Lions gave \$15,520. Pictured is Dr. Bob Connelly receiving cheques from Ann Mitchell, Kingston Joint Advancement Foundation, author Nancy Watts, Lion Darlene Greenlees and fellow Lions.

Reported by Lion Darlene Greenlees



# New Health Centre



The Keene Lions Club recently pledged \$25,000 to support the new Peterborough Regional Health Centre Foundation, upping the club's total support to \$35,000. Presenting the cheque is, left to right, Lion Peter Pogue, Club president Ben Doornbos, Greg Mather, PRHCF, and Club Treasurer Lion Jack Mackness.

Submitted by Robin Creeden

# Lakefield Melvin Jones

RC Lion John Pogue and Lion Jim Galvin presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to 50-year member Lion George Lord.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is recognition of a commitment to humanitarian work. The fellowship is the foundation's highest honour and represents humanitarian qualities such as generosity, compassion, and concern for the less fortunate.

Membership Chair Lion George Payton also presented a 50 Year Service Award to Lion George Lord. President Norma Jones made a presentation to Lion George on behalf of the Lakefield Lioness/Lions. RC Lion John assisted with the presentation of Service Awards to the following members... 48 years to Lion Ed Wiggins, 40 Years to Lion Bert Kelly, 25 Years to Lions Doug Smith and Gary Booth and 5 Years to Lion Tedd Nash.

Absent for presentations were 30-year recipient Lion Gary Wrightman, 10-year recipients Lions Marcel Van Der Mark, John Henry and Randy Kingdon and 5-year recipient Lion John Dunford.

# A4

# Annual BBQ for Ski Hawks



The Lions Club of Bowmanville held their annual B.B.Q. on Saturday, February 25 at the Oshawa Ski Club in Kirby, ON for the Ski Hawks. With a fresh snowfall the slopes were perfect for the Ski Hawks to enjoy a day of skiing. Lion Ken Bragg organized another successful event that was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Lion Doug Rutherford

# Two for Ottawa



The Ottawa South Lions Club recently recognized the long term service of two members, both with over forty years as Lions. PDG Lion Ken Jones made the presentation of Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to Lions Bill Griffin, left, and Lion Don Tanner.

Submitted by Lion Norm Edwards

# Successful Farmers



The Metcalfe & District Lions Club had a very successful Farmers Auction this fall. With the funds raised we were able to donate \$500 to the Cancer Telethon and \$500 to the Heart Telethon. So many friends, family, and neighbors are being affected with these diseases, we can only donate and hope it will help find a cure some time soon. Pictured are Lion Jim Taylor and Lion Lou Withnall.

Submitted by Lion Helen Porteous



# Eye Team

Members of the Kemptville Lions Club have been very busy collecting, washing, neutralizing (testing of the lenses for their prescription) and packing thousands of donated eyeglasses. They have sold cash calendars, worked at bingos and ran many other fundraisers to financially support their commitment of bringing the Gift of Sight to developing countries in the form of refraction and surgical clinics. These teams of volunteers, ophthalmologists, optometrists, opticians, nurses and assistants perform eye exams, dispense eyeglasses and when required perform cataract operations with IOL implants all free of charge. Each volunteer donates their time and skills, and covers all expenses for their trip.

The Kemptville Lions Club is the sponsor of the Canadian Vision Care Team of volunteers. Lion Paul Mahabir the project coordinator and Lion Chal Conn the eyeglass collection coordinator along with Lions David McNaughtan, Albert



*Lion Chal Conn assists a young girl with her new glasses.*

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Dykes, Gail Osborne and Robert Stevenson have participated in these projects to Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago and most recently Grenada. Other Lions from District A-4 who had participated in the overseas projects are Lion Diane Green – Madawaska Valley Lions Club, Lion Ray Trudel- Barrhaven Lions Club, Lion Jim McGlade – Westport Lions Club and Lion Andrea Bedor.

The latest mission was to run a free eye care clinic for the poor of Grenada in early February. Some mornings the patients were arriving as early as 5:30 a.m. to line up for this “chance of a lifetime”. As with every clinic we experienced many moments of joy, when we are able to provide eyeglasses to someone for the first time and they are able to see much better immediately. Amongst our first patients was a young girl about 10 years old who required quite a strong prescription, as luck had it we had her exact prescription in a nice small frame to suit her beautiful face within our inventory of 4,000 eyeglasses. It was truly a touching moment for all of us, seeing her smile, knowing that the little we have done will make such a great difference in this young person’s life.

Another story is that of an elderly woman, who broke her glasses at least 10-years ago, and could not afford to purchase new ones. Once again we were able to find her prescription within our inventory and gave her better sight immediately. She was just thrilled, and with tears in her eyes told us how now she will be able to read her Bible once again, and see the hymns in her church book.

The team came back home to Canada on a high, knowing that our goals for the clinic were surpassed and everything was a success. The success of this project is dependent on the support and assistance of many friends and Lions Clubs. Financial support and donated eyeglasses are greatly appreciated, please contact Lion Paul Mahabir by phone 613-258-5170 or by email pmahabir@yahoo.com for information on how you can assist in this most worthwhile project of bringing this “Gift of Sight” to those in need.

## Lions Celebration



On Saturday April 1, the twelve Lions clubs and one Leo club in the Winchester area celebrated the completion of their five year commitment to the Renewing the Vision Campaign for the Winchester District Memorial Hospital.

Submitted by Lion Dwayne Holmes

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# Special Supper



A supper was held in February at the Maxville arena banquet hall honoring Romeo Aubin, a lifetime member of the Maxville Lion's Club, on his 90th birthday. The Club presented Lion Romeo with a plaque for this milestone in his life. Celebrating with Lion Romeo were many of his family and friends including, left to right, bottom row: Francis Aubin (Son) Dan Aubin (grandson) and Richard Aubin (son). Left to right top row: Lion René Aubin (son), Lion Romeo Aubin (Life time member), Scott Aubin (Great Grandson) and Lion Dan Aubin (grandson).

Submitted with great pride by Lion Dan Aubin

# A5

## Chelmsford Awards



The Chelmsford Lions Club celebrated its charter night with a few awards. Past President John Devost presented Lion Marcel Goupil with his Judge Stevenson Fellowship Award. Lion Marcel has been in the Club for 25 years. Lion Romeo Caza is shown receiving his Melvin Jones Fellowship. He is joined by PDG Barry Brett, right, along with President John Devost, left. President John also presented Lion Moe Armstrong (the Club's current President) with an award for chairing the Club's Western Days for the past two years.

Submitted by Lion Phyllis Blain

# Valley East Donates



Valley East Lions Club incoming president Lion Doug Christink made an initial contribution of \$2000 to Fr. Gerald Lajeunesse, President of "maison la paix House." The new Palliative Care Hospice was set up to allow the ill to succumb somewhere other than the hospital if they so wish and with their families and loved ones with them. This is the first one of its kind in Northern Ontario and our Club is proud to be able to be the first contributor to this worthwhile project. At present they can house four patients at one time with their goal being 10 at one time.

Submitted by Lion Jake Newfeld

# Clubs Visit

A visit from the Earlton Lions Club to the Charlton Englehart Lions Club was highlighted by the induction of two new Lions into the Charlton Englehart Club, bringing the total club membership to forty-three. Both clubs are on a friendly competitive quest for the visitation award for A-5. Also on hand to witness the induction ceremony were seven members of the Earlton Lions Club, who were also there in their effort to win the visitation award.

Submitted by Lion Bob Beaven

# Winter Carnival Fun

The Restoule Winter Carnival in an annual event put on during the school March Break for local children ages 5 to 18. The Restoule & District Lions Club donate their time to run the events. There are eight events including Tea Boiling, Nail Driving, Egg Toss, Two-person Cross-Cut Sawing, 3 legged Race, Sack Race, Barefoot in the Snow Race, and Jello Eating. The kids are separated by sex into four age categories, with ribbons for the top three finishers per event. Points are also awarded to determine the overall winners, who each receive a medal.



Winners were, left to right, front row - Katlin Culin, Ayla LeGault, Taylor Stinson. Back row - Phillip Berry, Ashley Francis, Avery Kirk, Cameron Humphrey.

Submitted by Lion Hank Dreher

# Sudbury Suomi Lions



The Sudbury Suomi Lions Club presented a \$ 5000 cheque to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine in February. The cheque will be matched by the provincial government's Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation to create a \$10,000.00 Endowed Bursary for a student of the new Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Interest earned on the capital will be used to pay out the annual award in perpetuity in the name of the Club. The Sudbury Suomi Lions Club is proud to invest in our future physicians as Northern students pursue their dreams of northern medical service , clinical studies and research projects that are directly related to the health of Northern Ontario residents.

Left to right are Lions Carol Viitala, Maija Israelsson, Maija Ceming, Diana Haaranen, Lion President Reijo Viitala, Carol Charlton, Gerry Loughheed, Veikko Kivikangas, Polly Rutenberg, Lasse Skogberg, Sonja Kahkonen and Lauren Vary.

# Arne's Birthday



The Sudbury Suomi Lions Club and the Sudbury Lions Club celebrated the late PDG Lion Arne Ritari's 100th Birthday on March 2, 2006. Lion Arne was born in Seinajoki, Finland on March 7, 1906. In 1950, Lion Arne brought the idea of Lionism to his native land and became the Godfather of Finnish Lionism. The legacy of Lion Arne now sees Finland with 951 Lions clubs. Finland is now the fourth largest Lions country in Europe and the second largest in the world in proportion to its population. The power of one.

Pictured from left to right are Lions PDG Rolly Albert, Stephen Brazeau, Jim Austin, ZC Robert Vaillancourt and Peter McLeod of the Sudbury Lions Club and Lions Veikko Kivikangas, Maija Ceming, Lauren Vary, Sonja Kahkonen, Maija Israelsson, Inge Pellerin and Carol Viitala of the Sudbury Suomi Lions Club. Photo by Lion Reijo Viitala, President of the Sudbury Suomi Lions Club.

# A711

## Erin RACC Fair



Lions Jim Scott (left) and Joe Leenders manned the Lion information table at the 2nd Annual Erin 'not for profit fair' in February. The one-day fair resulted in 2 possible new Lions members.

Submitted by PDG Derek Bloomfield

## 55 Years Strong

The Erin & District Lions Club celebrated their 55th Anniversary in April. Erin Mayor Rod Finnie extended thanks from the Town of Erin for 55 years of community service and presented Lion PZC Fred Steen with a framed certificate congratulating him for 55 years of perfect attendance and continuous service. Guest of Honour and key speaker International Director Lion Terry Graham presented Charter President Lion Bob McEnery and Charter Treasurer Lion PZC Fred Steen with their 55year chevrons.

Reported by PDG Derek Bloomfield



# A9

## A Taste of Goderich

This fundraising project involved a large number of the Goderich Lions Club members. It took place at the Columbus Hall in Goderich with over 140 people in attendance. All members of the club were asked to donate an item to be auctioned off either in a silent auction or live auction. The admission was \$20 per person.

Approximately 100 items, from a stained glass clock to a weekend at a chalet in Collingwood were auctioned. During the evening five local restaurants provided free samples of food. The Goderich Lions Club raised over \$10,000.00 from the event.

# Non-Motorized Parade



The Kemble Non-Motorized Christmas Parade was another success this year. The Lions club organizes the event. Participants make floats that can be pulled by manpower; people walk their pets- dogs, cats, horses. Santa and Mrs. Claus ride on a wagon pulled by horses. And the club members collect donations for the local food bank along the way. The Lions provide treat bags for Santa to hand out afterwards at the arena, and over three hundred hotdogs were served to the hungry crowds this year. It was a fun afternoon!

## 50 Plus Years



At the Mitchell Lions Club March meeting Lion Dick Thorne (centre) and Lion Tom Heath (right) were each recognized for being a member of the Mitchell Lions Club for over 50 years. Club President Joe Waite made the presentations and extended congratulations on behalf of Lions International and the Mitchell Club members.

# Christmas Wishes



The Kemble and District Lions Club donated \$500 to the Children's Aid Society's Christmas Wish campaign. This money is used to help bring a good Christmas to a needy family in the area. Left to right: Drew and Cindy Wheeler, CAS representatives, Lion Ron Mackenzie and Lion Sandy MacGibbon.

Submitted by Lion Yvonne Thomson

# New Equipment



The Kemble and District Lions Club donated \$2500 to the Grey-Bruce Regional Health Centre in Owen Sound. The money will be used to purchase pediatric equipment. Left to right: Lion Sandy MacGibbon, Hospital foundation Chair Paul Wiettendorf, and Club President Ron Mackenzie. The club also recently inducted three new members, bringing membership to a total of twenty-nine.

Submitted by Lion Yvonne Thomson

# AI2

## Thank You



Jean Perryman, Manager of Coldwater IGA, received a plaque from the Coldwater Lions Club President Ken Cadeau. The IGA has supported the Coldwater Lions projects for over 30 years.

## Coldwater 50



Lion Harold Greenwood, left, of the Coldwater Lions Club, received a 50th year chevron from DG Leonard Day. Governor Len also accepted a cheque for \$1,000 from club president Ken Cadeau toward a new Dialysis machine.

Submitted by Lion David Lennox

# The Kearney Lions Club District A12

The Kearney Lions are having a very busy 2006. In February, the Club hosted a family skate and bonfire to launch the Kearney Winter Fest &



Dog Sled Race Week-end. Over 100 participated and enjoyed excellent ice conditions, a warm fire, hot dogs & hot chocolate.



Also in February the Club welcomed two new members, Art Broeckel and Ron Patton. Pictured with Lions Art and Ron are their proud sponsors, Lion Orma Tilley and Lion Elton Taverner.



In April, the Club held an Open House to present Lionism to the Kearney Community. A chili and garlic bread supper was served, the MERL team did their thing, and everyone had a great time. At press time we did not have the tally of attendees or the number of new members.

The first week-end in May is the Adopt-A-Highway/Highway Cleanup including Kearney streets and parks, followed the second week-end with the Charlie Fetterley 10kms Memorial Walkathon, and then the long week-end with the Kearney Lions Annual Black Fly Sale. The first week-end in July is the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lobster Fest. This is a huge hit with approximately 260 lobster lovers participating. Tickets go fast so get yours early.



Pictured here, up to their elbows in Lobster are; Lions Orma Tilley, Virginia Anderson, Mary Flavelle, Sue Johnston and Denise Gawley



Lions (Flossie) Virginia Anderson and Bob Tilley lead the way at the Kearney Regatta Parade, August Civic Holiday weekend.

# AI5

## Lost Heir Alive



Atwood Lions Club hosted a Lost Heir Tournament on March 14, 2006, with an outstanding 40 teams vying for the trophy and top honours. This year's winners were Brian McGuire and Trent Bowman, who received their trophy and cash prize from Atwood Lions members Tim Buchanan and George Smith. The tournament is held annually in conjunction with Paddyfest, Listowel's Irish Festival.

Teaching Mr. Paddy a thing or two about Lost Heir: Mr. Paddy sits down to learn some tips from the ladies on playing Lost Heir.

## Better to Hear You



Usborne Central received a big boost in April from the Centralia-Huron Park Lions Club, who donated \$1,700 to the school, allowing for the purchase of a new FM amplifier system. The school already has two FM systems and hopes to buy three or four more. The system involves the teacher wearing a headset with a microphone that amplifies his/her voice through a speaker at the back of the room. The system allows the teacher to speak in a normal speaking voice and filters out background noise. Student advisory council secretary Lisa Denotter said the system benefits all students, including those with hearing or learning disabilities. Each system costs over \$1,600, and principal Gladys Rock said they are becoming more common in schools.

Pictured from left: Centralia-Huron Park Lions Club treasurer Bill Reynolds, Rock, secretary Harvey Hillman, membership chairperson Matt Collings and Denotter. The school is fundraising to eventually buy more FM systems. (photo/Scott Nixon)

## 100 Members



January 18, 2006 was a special night for the Elmira Lions Club. PID Lion Art Woods, ZC Ted Rypma, Lion Chief Dennis Martin, Lion Todd Wilson and Lion Bill Clemens held an induction ceremony for four new Lions and their sponsors, bringing our club membership to the milestone of 100, making it the largest Lions club in Ontario. Pictured from left to right are: inductee Chris Blott, sponsor Lion John Woods, inductee Jamie Rozema, sponsor Lion Clare Brubacher, inductee Paul Hoekstra, sponsor Lion Bill Dudgeon, inductee Rob Cousineau and sponsor Lion Lee Clemens.

Submitted by Lion Norm Bader

## Tree of Lights



New Hamburg Lioness celebrated their 25th anniversary last September with four charter members in attendance. During the evening a Melvin Jones Fellowship was presented to the family of the late Lion Doug Williams. Family members are pictured with the Award.

The Lioness also celebrated their 22nd Tree of Light ceremony collecting donations to light the tree up. To date over \$180,000 has been collected by the New Hamburg Lioness.

Submitted by Lioness Pat Rowbottom

## Club Twinning

After the devastation caused by Katrina and Rita in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, Lion Bea Dechert of the Woolwich Lions Club contacted DG Cesar Fonseca to see if the Club could assist a southern club. The T-Caillou Lions Club was suggested and the members of the Woolwich Lions Club gathered together school supplies and eye glasses totaling 104 pounds and shipped them off to the needy club early in December.

On March 4 the Woolwich Lions Club also held a Mardi Gras Sock Hop Dance and profits from the sale of masks, beads and specialty foods and drinks are being matched by our club for the T-Caillou Lions Club.

Submitted by Lion Nancy Booth

# Lions Give \$50,000

The Galt Cambridge Lions were proud to present the Cambridge Memorial Hospital with \$50,000 for urgently needed hospital equipment - "Our club has a long history of supporting health care locally" said club President Gary Warren. This has been an extra special year in the hospital's long due expansion plans in this fast growing community. Who knows, but we would like to think the Lions sizeable donation may have inspired authorities, as within 10 days the Government approved a \$60,000,000 expansion?

The Cambridge Hospital has been waging an aggressive campaign to replace all 220 badly outdated patient beds and this \$50,000 will go toward replacing a number of them. The beds take into account the ergonomic needs of the patient, physician, nursing and other health-care professionals featuring the highest quality design.

Chief executive officer Julia Dumanian of the hospital accepted the Cheque from club President Gary Warren, and said "The gift from the club will have an immediate impact on thousands of patients treated annually at Cambridge Memorial Hospital".

Submitted by PDG Lion Don Gamble

# Plus 8



*PID Art Woods, right, inducted eight new members into the St. Agatha Lions club at their dinner meeting on February 7th. Now that is some club building!*

# AI6



# Sportsman Lottery

*Left to right: Lion President Frank Nester, Bill McNabb, Paul Brand, Cathy Millen, Dave Adams, Ken Grainger, Rose Kitney, Lion Don Ditchburn.*

In February the Fowlers Corners & District Lions Club held a very special meeting. The proceeds from the Annual Sportsman Lottery were to be publicly distributed to the named charities. The Club was able to donate over \$9000 in total and wishes to thank all those individuals who helped support these worthwhile causes by purchasing lottery tickets in the fall. The main recipients were: Lions Camp Kirk Foundation, a summer camp for children with learning disabilities \$1750; CNIB Peterborough \$1750; Five Counties Children Center \$1750; Canadian Diabetes Association Peterborough \$1350; Brock Mission and Cameron House \$1350; Local children's sports and community needs \$1100. A highlight of the evening was Dave Adam's announcement that the club's cumulative donations to Five Counties has surpassed \$51,000.

The Lions Hall in Orange Corners has undergone some much needed renovations which could not have been accomplished without two very special groups of people. The Lions came together and did most of the work and special thanks go to Bob vanDompsele who co-ordinated the effort. Many trades people and businesses donated of their time, expertise, labour and materials to this project and several were in attendance to receive the Clubs heartfelt appreciation for their generosity.

# For the Dogs



*The Lindsay Lions Club recently presented its annual donation of \$500 to the Victoria County Humane Society. Left to right are Lions Club members Bob Wilson, Alec Luke and Jim Young, Humane Society Board members Ralph Lindsey, Bob Gutteridge and Rick Avery and Operations Manager, Michelle Murphy Ward.*

Submitted by Lion Jim Young

# Markham Lions Deliver



*It was a cold and blustery March 1st, but ten Markham Lions delivered 2500 bunches of tulips to 80 Markham businesses to support the work of the Lung Association. Every year, the Lung Association in York Region sells tulips to Markham businesses, which they deliver on March 1 as a sign that spring is just around the corner. On delivery are, left to right: Lion Don Rattle, Avril Belmar, Lung Association Area Manager, Lion Larry Tod.*

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## MD“A” PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS’ ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held the evening of June 1, 2006 at the Chippawa Lions Community Centre, 3970 Welland Street, Niagara Falls, Ontario, immediately following the Past District Governors’ dinner. All Members of the Past District Governors’ Association & guests are invited to attend.

All Members of the Association are voting delegates at the Annual General Meeting & have the opportunity to vote on amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, election of Officers for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007 and any other business of the Association. As stated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, the District Directors of the Association for the fiscal year 2006-2007 are those eligible to be Candidates as Officers of the Association for the fiscal year 2006/2007.

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