

Information

In Memoriam...

- Past International Director Dr. Hector Ricardo Caballero, who served as an international director during 1968-70, has passed away. A resident of Ascunson, Paraguay, he is survived by his two children.
- Past International Director William P. Leibensperger, of Sedona, Arizona, has passed away. He served on the International Board of Directors during 1977-79, and is survived by his wife, Diane.
- Past International Director Bertram McDuffy "B. M." Stone Jr., of Picayune, Mississippi, has passed away. He served on the International Board of Directors during 1964-66, and is survived by his wife, Ruth.

Recycle Eyeglasses

Is your Lions club looking for a way to have your old eyeglasses shipped for free to Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers? Used eyeglasses can be dropped off at all LensCrafters stores in the United States and Canada. The LensCrafters stores will then ship the glasses, free of charge, to Lions recycling centers.

The Lions Clubs/LensCrafters partnership also includes programs that offer free or reduced price new eyeglasses to the needy. For a free brochure about service opportunities with LensCrafters for Lions clubs, please contact the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters, ext. 372, or e-mail lionpr@worldnet.att.net.

Service Photographs Wanted!

Do you have any outstanding photographs of your club in action? If so, the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters would like to see them. Please send glossy prints to Robert Arrol, Public Relations Department, Lions Clubs International, 300 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842.

Please Note:

As a reminder, Lions Clubs International does not provide medical insurance coverage to its members for travel to and from or during the international convention. Please carefully examine your own situation, and that of family members, to be sure you have sufficient medical insurance coverage.

New Clubs on the Rise

During the month of August 1998, 42 new Lions clubs were organized throughout the world. A total of 14 past district governors assisted with the organization of these new clubs.

Be Kind

Since 1995, Random Acts of Kindness Week has been celebrated around the world. The spirit continues with the next Random Acts of Kindness Week, taking place February 8-14, 1999.

If you would like to learn more about this event, you may obtain more information from the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation at 800-660-2811; FAX 510-845-2142 or e-mail, RAKDAY@aol.com. The foundation will provide free community coordinator kits to those volunteers who commit to a simple set of guidelines.

Peace Poster News

Now in its second year, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest District Award Program offers an extra incentive to participate in the contest. District governors who have more than 35 percent of their clubs participate will be honored with a certificate and a signed reproduction of the 1998-99 grand prize poster.

The Peace Poster Contest district chairman will receive a certificate and clubs will be awarded banner patches or chevrons for multiple year participation. For more information, contact the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters, (630) 571-5466, ext. 358 or 372 or e-mail lionpr@worldnet.att.net.

Don't Lose Sight of Glaucoma

Millions of Americans are at risk of losing their eyesight to glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness in the United States. Highest at risk are African-Americans over the age of 40 and everyone over 60.

During Glaucoma Awareness Month in January, community leaders and health professionals are encouraged to provide sight-saving information to individuals who are at high risk for glaucoma. The National Eye Institute, one of the Federal government's National Institutes of Health, has a free Glaucoma Awareness Month Kit that contains a variety of educational materials to use during Glaucoma Awareness Month. To request a kit, call toll-free 1-800-869-2020 or write: National Eye Health Education Program, 200 Vision Place, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-3655.

Correction

In an article appearing in the Service section of the September 1998 issue, the Hermann Lions Club was misidentified. It is located in Missouri. THE LION regrets the error.

For the Record

As of August 31, 1998, Lions Clubs International had 1,410,523 members in 44,144 clubs in 740 districts and 185 countries and geographical areas.

Convention Countdown

- 1999 San Diego, CA
June 28-July 2
- 2000 Honolulu, HI
June 19-23
- 2001 Indianapolis, IN
July 2-6
- 2002 Osaka, Japan
July 8-12
- 2003 Denver, CO
June 30-July 4
- 2004 Detroit, MI/Windsor,
Ontario, Canada
July 5-9
- 2005 Hong Kong, China
June 27- July 1

Higher Keys Issued During August 1998

25 Member Key

- Lion James D. Carithers, Moultrie, Georgia
- Lion Joel D. Goings, Moultrie, Georgia
- Lion Norbert H. Neumeyer, De Pere, Wisconsin
- Lion Wilbur A. Pike, Pikeville, North Carolina
- Lion Eduardo Ordinola Q., Piura (Miraflores), Peru
- Lion Anthony Yeo Yew Khoon, Singapore (Mandarin), Singapore
- Lion Meer Ashique Hussain, Guwahati (Metropolitan), India
- Lion K. Parthasarathy, Madras (Coastal Town), India
- Lion Yoshikichi Ezumi, Hikawa, Japan
- Lion Bum Rae Jo, Pusan (Hangdo), Republic of Korea

30 Member Key

- Lion Glenn Steven Combs, Marseilles, Illinois
- Lion Dallas Ott, Oakdale, California
- Lion Joel D. Goings, Moultrie, Georgia
- Lion Yasuhide Watanabe, Utsunomiya (Nishi), Japan
- Lion Josue Diaz Diaz, Juncos, Puerto Rico
- Lion Frederic D. Wells, Shreveport (Breakfast), Louisiana
- Lion Clarence O. Boger, Fort Shawnee, Ohio

35 Member Key

- Lion T. Loren Maples, Graham, Texas
- Lion Om Prakash Dani, New Delhi, India
- Lion Yuzuru Tsuchida, Aomori (Asunaro), Japan
- Lion Toshifumi Hashisako, Usuki (Sekibutsu), Japan
- Lion Eugene Van Der Merwe, Durban (South Durban), Rep. of South Africa
- Lion Frederic D. Wells, Shreveport (Breakfast), Louisiana

40 Member Key

- Lion Ernest R. Lauber, Middletown, Indiana
- Lion Frederic D. Wells, Shreveport (Breakfast), Louisiana
- Lion James R. Leach Sr., Chesterfield Bay, Michigan

45 Member Key

- Lion Frederic D. Wells, Shreveport (Breakfast), Louisiana

50 Member Key

- Lion Charles D. Shannon, Ropesville, Texas
- Lion Nageshwar Prasad Singh, Rajbiraj, Nepal

100 Member Key

- Lion Gunther Scharpf, Lambare (J.F. Kennedy), Paraguay

200 Member Key

- Lion Syed Shoeb Hyder, Karachi (Fellows), Pakistan