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# The Lions Den

## District 2-S3



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## From the Desk of the District Governor



Gee, where has the time gone? It is already October and the holidays will soon be upon us. Things have really been hopping in District 2-S3. We have some busy Lions out there. Our zone and region chairs are out visiting their clubs and promoting the Campaign SightFirst II program and signing clubs up for their pledges. If you have not been visited by your zone chair regarding SightFirst II, call them and invite them to your club for a presentation. Think about what you would like to pledge to this important drive for Lions Clubs International Foundation.

We have Lions working on new clubs. We will soon have a new club chartering in November. This is the Elgin Noon Lions Club. Look for more news on their charter night and plan to attend, if you can. We are having an informational meeting in the Gruene community this month, to see the interest that is there for a new club. I've been talking with some ladies in the north end of the district about the possibility of a club in their community. We are still looking into the possibility of a Campus Club at Texas State. There are some other possible areas where there could be interest, which may take us into next year for extension. Do you know some people who are interested in a Lions club and for some reason can't join an existing club? Let me know and we will start working in that area to form a club with a different time, age group, or a different focus than present clubs

have. Give others the joy that we get from serving.

Other programs for your club are just waiting for your call. Use your directory and call the Camp Directors, Eye Bank Directors, LWSB chair, Leader Dog chair, etc. for a great programs to teach your new Lions what our charities are all about. Speaking of new Lions, we are really seeing a lot of new Lions in many of the clubs. You are sharing your experience of Lionism. What a JOY!

I hear about a lot of fundraisers and service projects that are very remarkable. Have you been to a zone meeting where these projects are discussed? Isn't it great how Lions share their ideas and help each other? We are certainly a caring, sharing, wonderful bunch of people. I have really enjoyed meeting all of you in my visits. Let's share those ideas in the newsletter, too. Everyone benefits.

"Have you ever thought about what would not be done were it not for Lions?"

- A student continues to struggle in school because of poor vision.
- The diabetic child does not know what he CAN DO.
- A grandfather in Honduras can no longer read his Bible.
- The deaf have no hope of ever hearing.
- The blind would not have mobility training with a cane or a Leader Dog.
- Aid for the physically handicapped child is beyond the means of the family...

- and on and on and on."
- From the pen of Dr. Bonita Lowrie, District Governor 2-S1.

Yours in Lionism, DG Angie

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- *Campaign SightFirst II*
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## Campaign SightFirst II Reporting

FROM: DR. TAE-SUP LEE—PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT & CHAIRPERSON, CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II - SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

Today marks another important step toward success in CSFII. Group coordinators the world over will submit GC-2 Forms to district coordinators indicating the fund-raising goals of 2006-2007 clubs in their areas. This reporting deadline is critical to another successful report, and is only possible through the timely return of GC-2 Forms from group coordinators.

Group coordinators have been meeting with clubs in order to:

- Raise their sights
- Assist them in setting ambitious goals
- Prepare them to begin fund raising.

Their work, as well as the assistance of all CSFII leaders in the goal-setting process is our crucial next step. By setting these goals now, we will unite our 20,430 '06-'07 clubs in action toward our common goal.

Campaign SightFirst II will allow us to continue our work as

"Knights of the Blind." As we strive to reach campaign goals, we are working to prevent a catastrophic increase in the world's blind population. All of your efforts have a direct human impact on those we hope to serve.

Your participation in Goal-setting Worldwide Report Day will help ensure our success by motivating clubs to challenge themselves to have a great impact on the world. As Lions, we have that power. Thank you for your continued support and work on behalf of Campaign SightFirst II.

### IN MEMORY OF JIM JONES

We are saddened to report that PDG Jim Jones, 2nd Vice President of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank died on September 29, 2006. Jim was serving his second term as an elected Eye Bank Director from District 2X-3. Services were Tuesday, October 3, 2006 in Corsicana. Please join us in expressing sympathy to Jim's family.

J. P. Kirksey, President  
Lone Star Lions Eye Bank

## Three Different Lions Quest Programs

### *Because All Young People Need Skills for Life.....*

Since 1984, Lions Clubs have sponsored Lions Quest programs for local schools. The three life-skills programs are titled:

- Skills for Growing, Grades K-5
- Skills for Adolescence, Grades 6-8
- Skills for Action, Grades 9-12

All three of the Lions Quest programs teach young people the skills they need for everyday living. These skills include:

1. Learning to accept responsibility
2. Communicating effectively
3. Setting goals
4. Making healthy decisions
5. Resisting pressure to use alcohol or drugs

All three Lions Quest life-skills curricula emphasize community service. Lions Clubs can become involved with a Lions Quest classroom by helping young people implement a community service project.

Lions Clubs can serve as effective partners to schools in implementing Lions Quest programs by providing financial support for training or materials. Lions Clubs can partner with a local school to implement Lions Quest.

LCIF Core 4 grants are available to support broad based implementation efforts. Lions Quest has been determined eligible, which may provide matching funds.

In the next issue, I will focus on the Grades K-5 program: SKILLS FOR GROWING.

Thanks, J. L. Akridge



Lions cooking at the  
Dam Red Barn "Shrimpfest"

## Shrimpfest

ANNUAL CANYON LAKE NOON  
LIONS CLUB SHRIMPFEEST,  
CRAFTS FAIR, SILENT AUCTION -  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2006

On Saturday, October 14th, the Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club will hold its 11th annual Shrimpfest, one of the largest annual charitable events in the area. The big one day "rain or shine" event will be held in the beautiful Canyon Lake community at the Dam Red Barn & RV Park below the Canyon Lake Dam on South Access Road. Last year over 1,000 people attended. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. with an Arts and Crafts booth fair and a Silent Auction. Plates of **cold boiled gulf shrimp** with red cocktail sauce, boiled potatoes, corn on the cob, and iced tea will be served between noon and 4 p.m. Other beverages are available at the Dam Red Barn bar. Also available for a small extra charge will be delicious desserts prepared by Lions and their spouses. **This year there will be live entertainment by Pure Heart from noon to 3:00 p.m.** Parking and admission are free. Tickets for the meals are available in advance from any Noon Lions member or from the Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce for \$9.00, or at the door for \$10.00. **All net proceeds are used for charitable causes**, most of which are in the local community. Last year the Club raised over \$8,000. For more general information, call Jim Feibelman (830) 899-2173 or for crafts booth information, call Maurice Simmons (830) 899-4406. The web site for information about the Club and Lions International is: <http://www.clnoonlions.com>

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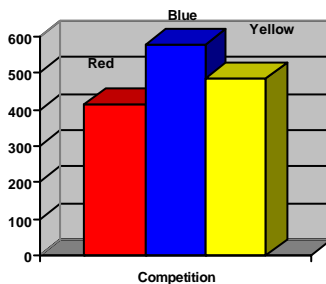
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**Reminders from  
DG Angela Nicholson**

### TEAM COMPETITION

Wow!! Competition is really tough. Even though the Blue Team is still ahead, it is not that far ahead. The red and yellow teams have gone back and forth for second and third place this



month. I am not always getting reports on your visits to other clubs, so please let me know. Zones and regions need to let me know about their meetings and attendance by clubs. Remember: three club members must attend.

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES—VERY IMPORTANT

On your October report, you must fill out the Family Membership Certification Form for each family unit, in order for the unit to get the Family

Membership Dues Rate. You can do this online with your MMR for October, or if you submit your MMRs on paper, you will need to fill out the form for each family unit. You must have birth dates as well as gender of family members. All information requested must be provided or the full dues will be billed. It will be best if you download the form and give to family units to fill out and use when you submit online. Those submitting on paper still need to have family units fill out the form. Be sure to make a copy for your records and in case something happens with your paper submission. LCI must have these reports in their hands by November 30, 2006.

If you cannot get the form online, or you were not at the cabinet meeting, contact DG Angie and she will send you a copy. Instructions come with the form, but if you have any questions, contact DG Angie or Cabinet Secretary Shirley Moczygemba.

### DUES

International President Jimmy Ross says that there are two things a club must do—pay their dues and make their Monthly Membership Reports. Most of our clubs are doing that very well. Many of you make your reports every month faithfully and paid the first half of your dues very quickly. However, there are a few clubs that still owe the first half of dues, both International and district. LCI bills for the International dues in July and January. So does the district treasurer. If you wait until December to pay the first half, you will be getting your second half in January. Then you are behind for the second half. Let's see if we can get those first

half paid right away, so that you have some time to recoup the amount you need to pay the second half. Your 100% Contributions are billed only once and can be paid at any time. However, we must remember that our charities need the money. They have to file reports, too. If you wait until after the year is past, it goes on next year's contributions. Our Lions' year is from July 1st to June 30th.

### MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly Membership Reports are due every month, not just when you have a change in membership. It shows that you are an active club and are concerned with your membership. Some clubs this year are finding members who haven't been around for a while, but they have also found that they have folks who have been paying dues for a while and have never been added as members to their rosters. Let's get those rosters cleaned up, revise the addresses that are wrong, add phone numbers and email addresses, and get them where you don't have to create your own roster of members, but can just go into the LCI website and print it. It only takes a couple of minutes to submit a No Activity report, if you haven't changed anything. Just remember to SUBMIT your report when you have it finished. Another important report is the Monthly Activity Report, which tells what type of activities and projects your club is doing. Hours served and monies spent are reported and this accumulates for the Year End Report.

Let's keep up the good work and let everyone know that WE SERVE.

*DG Angela Nicholson*

## News from the Clubs .....

### Marble Falls Noon Lions Club

The Marble Falls Noon Lions Club's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Scout-a-Rama was held in Marble Falls Johnson Park on 22-23 September, 2006. 595 registered Girl Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and their leaders took part in this two day event. The Scouts learned skills training, team building, crafts, and even took part in crossing a rope bridge.

Every Scout received a 2006

Scout-a-Rama Badge and each unit received a ribbon for their Guide-On. "Best of Awards" were presented to units whose exhibits were judged outstanding. This is the Marble Falls Noon Lions Club's Special Service Project. Our Lions, many of our wives and husbands, and friends of Lions over a two-month planning and production of this event, provided over 300 hours of service to Scouts of our area and as far away as Austin, Smithville, Lockhart, and New Braunfels.

Our Club provided the facilities, a free evening meal on Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday at minimal charge. Police, EMS and Fire were on-site courtesy of the City, County and other agencies.

Three of our lions attended the District Governor's official Club visit to the Lago Vista and Point Venture Lions Clubs September 19<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup> respectively. 26 Lions attended the Zone Meeting in Marble Falls.

Sight Services: 241 pairs of

## News from the Clubs (Continued)

used eyeglasses were collected; new eyeglasses were provided; 10 hours were volunteered and \$566.00 donated. Youth Services: Between the Leo Club and Scouting, \$2,860.00 was donated and 288 volunteer hours were provided.

### Milano Evening Lions Club

Ongoing Projects: Raffle tickets continue to be sold and one Milano student has received eyeglasses. New Projects: The Rockdale Fair & Rodeo fundraiser is in planning and preparation. Volunteer Hours: 60 hours. Funds Donated: \$200.00 was donated to the Milano Community-wide Disaster Relief Fund to benefit the Volunteer Fire Department, the first line of defense in this community.

### Blanco Lions Club

The October meetings will be at the Rocking R on **October 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm.

**2006 - 2007 Dues:** If you haven't made your first dues payment yet, please do so as soon as possible. The startup expenses for the Leos chapter have reduced our administrative fund.

**Aluminum Can Collection:** Frank ran another load of cans to San Antonio and the price was still higher than normal. Keep collecting those cans! Encourage your friends and neighbors to save the cans and deposit them in the bins.

**Cell Phones and Printer Cartridges:** As a secondary fund raiser we are collecting old cell phones and printer ink cartridges. Lion Louann has prepared the containers and they are at all three banks and at the Blanco Ice House

**Game Ball Program:** The game ball program is not doing as well this year as it did last. We need to be ready at both gates by 6:30. There's more competition with other groups this year, so we need everybody to get out and twist some arms. The next game, 10/13, will be led by Ralph, 10/27 with Nan and the last game is 11/10 with June as leader.

**Newsletter Sponsors:** Two more members have signed on to sponsor

a newsletter. If you wish to sponsor an issue (\$20 donation), call me at 833-0995.

**Leos Activities:** The Leos are up to 40 members which is fantastic. Their first fund raiser involves cans with teachers pictures on them. At the end of the fund raiser, the teacher whose can contains the most money will receive a cream pie in the face at the Homecoming Pep Rally! They have also planned their first service activity. Details next month.

### Garden Ridge-Bracken Lions Club

Our Lions Club just completed another successful Annual Fish Fry & Auction fundraiser, October 7th. The Club donated \$2,069.00 to the Bracken Volunteer Fire Dept for Manikins; \$1,000.00 to Casa of Central Texas for victimized children; and \$100.00 to the Peterson Hospice. Last month, I reported that our "Board pledged \$5,000 for this fiscal year and \$5,000 for the next fiscal year towards achieving our Club's Campaign SightFirst II goal of \$25,000." This was reported in error; our Club has delayed the final approval on reporting our CSF II pledge until after the completion of our major fundraiser and acceptance by our General Membership.

### Wimberley Lions Club

Wimberley will have four Lions to attend the Cabinet meeting on October 14th. PDG Bob & Maybelle Lorenc, PDG Dave Slider and PP Dan Williams.

Wimberley had an increase of one new member last month, making 187 members total (lost 2, gained 3). One new member is an assistant superintendent for WISD.

The monthly activity report showed donations to our LEO's, a road clean up along RR 12, a zone meeting with PDG Shirley Dillman, Region Chair Laura Nell, Dripping Spring Les Kubena and Sharon Goss, Greg Jordan and Wimberley's Dan Williams, Lee Gibson, and Bill Noles. VP Carson Carey has started a donation drive for the TLC with collection bins placed in

gas stations and restaurants all over Wimberley.

Sadly, we lost a long time Lion last month; Lion Bob Gwynn died from cancer. Lion Bob was our oldest active member starting back in 1972. Lion Bob brought the Youth Exchange program to Wimberley, a Past President, along with a long and rich community involvement in Wimberley.

I will be looking for my replacement on the District Youth Exchange Committee. I will be taking over from Lion Betty Williams as chair of the District MHSU. I will continue to send reports, but believe that my time is needed more in the MHSU.

Lion John Lyon, Wimberley Lions

### Round Rock Noon Lions Club

The Round Rock Noon Lions Club has been busy this past month by participating with the Round Rock Downtown Business Organization in its monthly Artisan's Stroll, an Arts, Craft, and Musical event held on the first Thursday of each month in downtown Round Rock from 5:30-8:30 PM.

In addition, club members also serve as volunteers, on a monthly basis, at the Round Rock Serving Center. Club members volunteer in the clothing, food, and furniture departments of the RR Serving Center.

Club members have had several outstanding programs in recent weeks including: State Chair Sandy Griffin on the Leader Dog program; Dist. 2-S3 Director-North Texas Lions Camp, Adrien Drouilhet; and Membership Chair, Mary Hadden from the RR Noon Lions Club among others.

We are proud that the Round Rock High School LEO Club has been restarted. Club officers have been elected, t-shirt designed, a food drive completed, a float is being planned for their High School Homecoming Parade plus several other projects through December.

Our annual tamale sales have started with delivery date set for November 18<sup>th</sup>. Five Lions have enjoyed visitations to Austin Capital City and Hutto Lions meetings as well as four attending the Zone II-B meeting.

## News from the Clubs (Continued)

### Elgin Noon Lions Club (Newly Chartered)

The Elgin Noon Lions met on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at the 3H Cattle Company Restaurant on Highway 290. Past District Governor Gil Burrell and Lion Katy from the Manor Lions were in attendance from the sponsoring club. Governor Gil Burrell conducted the election of the following officers: President Dock Jackson; 1st Vice President Jeff Coffee; 2nd Vice President Bill Graves; 3rd Vice President Amy Dittrich; Secretary Shirley Moczygamba; Treasurer Elaine Martin; Membership Chair F. E. "Flash" Moczygamba; Directors (2 year) Vicki Dumbek and Beverly Allen; Directors (1 year) Rita Lehtola and Bill Brinkley; Wallace Lundgren was elected as Lion Tail Twister and the Lion Tamer will be Beverly Hollingsworth. The 3H Cattle Company was accepted as the official meeting site and the attendees voted to hold the meetings at Noon on each 1st and 3rd Tuesday. Elgin Noon Lions Club was adopted as the official name. The service projects and fund raisers will be discussed at the next meeting - several projects have been mentioned.

The new Lions are planning their Lions Charter Night for Wednesday evening, November 15th, 2006 at the 3H Cattle Company. District Governor Angela Nicholson will officiate at the formal Induction of the new Lions and will present the Lions Club Charter after Past District Governor Gil Burrell performs the official Installation of Officers. Lions Past Council Chairman Dick Robinson has accepted Governor Nicholson's invitation to be the featured Speaker for the evening.

The Elgin Noon Lions will continue to accept Charter Membership applications until the Charter is presented on November 15th, 2006. For further information, contact Membership Chair "Flash" Moczygamba at 281-2431 or any member of the new Noon Lions Club. Come to the next meeting on October 17th and be a part of the largest humanitarian service organization in the World whose motto is: "We Serve". Lions Club International is a

world wide organization now in 200 countries.

### New Braunfels Evening Lions Club

Membership: Lost one member in September; 57 total members.

Activities: September 6: Program Meeting (Labor Day Theme Night); Speaker: Lion Jack Hicks on Sight First II. September 26 - October 1: Comal County Fair Food Booth Fund Raiser; \$14,176.70 income before expenses. September 5;11;12;18;19;25 & 26: Comal Lions Vision Screening, 36 hours volunteered by 4 NBE Lions.

Volunteer Hours: Peace Poster, 5 hours; Sight Screening , 36 hours.

Money Donated: Texas Lions Camp Staff Scholarship, \$500.00; Eye exams and glasses, \$49.00.

Fred Kandler, Secretary

### Canyon Lake Noon Lions Club

33 Lions participated in vision screening. The aluminum can sales project netted \$732.00. The Club volunteered 172 hours and donated \$40.00 to charitable causes. The following on-going projects are in the planning stages: Shripfest, October; Lion Pavilion at CRRRC, and the Christmas party at the Canyon Lake Country Club.

### San Marcos Bluebonnet Lions Club

Community Service: Several days this month we had volunteers working with the vision and hearing screening at the San Marcus Public Schools. The Sights and Sounds Committee has been busy planning for the upcoming event scheduled for the 1st weekend in December. Our club will be in charge of the Children's Craft Tent.

Fundraising: Planning is underway for the Thankful Turkey 5-K Run scheduled for November 18th. The Pecan Sale is scheduled for November. Members are busy getting our January 18th, Harlem Ambassador fundraiser, started.

Club Programs: 9/5/2006—Mrs. Johnnie Armstead, Founder/Director of the Calaboose Black History Museum in San Marcos, was our speaker. She

brought the Traveling Truck with papers, letters, books, and photographs related to local and national aspects of African American History. Special exhibits included San Marcos area history and locally born and raised Jazz great, Eddie Durham. 9/19/2006—Kelly Leineweber presented a fall fashion program. Kelly is the owner of Trends and Traditions in San Marcos. Models showed the clothing lines carried by Kelly's store. We also got to see the beautiful Pandora Jewelry line, which the shop carries.

### North Austin Lions Club

Had a guest speaker on allergies and how it effects our lives and attitudes. We also advertised to 2,500 neighborhood homes via the neighborhood web site, newspaper, and our Club Marquee. We also spent many hours on organizing our pancake breakfast and the health screening unit.

We currently have 28 active members. We contributed 3 hours towards Sight Services, and 1 hour towards Hearing Services. We contributed \$950.00 towards Sight Services, with 19 pair of used eyeglasses contributed to the recycle program.

### New Braunfels Breakfast Lions Club

We currently have 37 members at the close of September. We donated \$6,100.00 and 10 volunteer hours to the Texas Lions Camp. Activities: This month is the Comal County Fair Booth major fundraising activity for the Club. The Club will be applying for a Wal-Mart grant to support the Kids Christmas effort (target; 40 kids). We have sent in our CSF II goals to LCI. \$31,000 is our Club's official goal for this cause. We have also completed the Club Renewal Project as of the first meeting in September.



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## Lions Club Member Visits Lions World Services for the Blind in Little Rock

Because of my position as LWSB chair for District 2-S3, my wife Aline and I were invited to tour the facility of Lions World Services for the Blind in Little Rock, Arkansas, on Saturday, August 26, 2006. It was an incredibly emotional and enlightening event that I believe every Lion should experience.

LWSB is a comprehensive rehabilitation center for people who are blind or visually impaired. Many people from Texas come to LWSB for rehabilitation and vocational training every year. Since the center was founded in 1947 by Lions Clubs, more than 9000 individuals from all 50 states and 57 other countries have been trained at LWSB.

We arrived Friday afternoon and were treated to a great barbecue dinner in the LWSB cafeteria. After dinner, we went back to our hotel for a reception to visit with other Lions from Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

Saturday morning we were welcomed to breakfast by LWSB President Dave DeGraff. After breakfast, LWSB Scott Jones inspired us with the story of his success.



Later Saturday morning, we boarded a bus to LWSB, where our photo was taken by the historic Lion statue on the front lawn. Afterwards, we toured the facilities where we saw eight demonstrations of the training pro-

grams. I was astounded at the sheer number of programs available to the blind and visually impaired—over 30 independent living skills areas, and 13 vocational programs. Now I see why they call it a *comprehensive* center.

The highlight of the day was getting to experience first hand the training that people receive at LWSB. The demonstrators all were assisted by a trainee who told us about the programs they were enrolled in and how they were achieving an independent new life through the center. And, talent abounds in these trainees! Many of them displayed their ability to sing and play instruments during an afternoon break in the courtyard.

The tours were capped off by a catfish dinner with all the trimmings in the LWSB auditorium and a speech by Albert F. Brandel of Melville, New York, Second Vice President of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

There was much more to visit, and I can truly say, I am thankful LWSB exists to train people from Texas. It is a project that we as Lions can be proud to support.

I want to thank District Governor Angela Nicholson for giving me the opportunity to serve as your District 2-S3 Chairman of the Lions World Services for the Blind.

Frankly, I volunteered for this position because I really like the idea of helping folks in need, such as the blind and visually impaired, to become self-sufficient, independent, and able to put to good use their gifts, talents and abilities.

I want all the Cubs in our District to know that I am available to make presentations at your meetings to tell your members about the excellent work the Lions are doing helping others help themselves.

Helen Keller said, "*Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy cause.*"

My fellow Lions, your support of the Lions World Services for the Blind is most assuredly a worthy cause.

Don Schoch, Chair LWSB

## Liberty Hill Leo Club

Hawna Mum, President of the Liberty Hill Leo Club, and members of the Liberty Hill Noon Lions manned Rest Stop #1 at the Rip Roarin' Ride for over 600 bicycle riders. We provided water, powerade, snacks, shade and good conversation!

Kim Butler, Advisor  
Liberty Hill Leo Club



"Daddy, what does lion meat taste like?"

## 2-S3 Convention Change

The location for the 2-S3 April 2007 District Convention has moved from Wimberley High School. The Cabinet meeting on Friday, April 27th, will be at Lions Field and the Convention on Saturday, April 28th, will be at the Wimberley Community Center.

# Lion Jimmy Ross, International President

Greetings! I'm writing to you this month about exciting public relations tools available from LCI and about our new disaster preparedness initiative - the Lions Alert Program. These are two vital tools you can use to increase your club's visibility in the community.

First, the best source for generating positive PR in your community is to be sure your club's projects and accomplishments are covered in the local newspaper. But to do this effectively, your club should be using professionally-formatted press releases to make it easier for reporters to cover your story. LCI now has a range of press releases (found on the LCI website) that can help your club properly promote its events, service projects, fundraisers, and most importantly, its accomplishments in serving the community.

In addition to press releases, the LCI web site now also features the Lions News Network (LNN) where you can download a number of Lions Public Service Announcements, including the newest one featuring Former U.S. President -- and Lion -- Jimmy Carter promoting the accomplishments of SightFirst. I know you will be impressed and proud when you see these world-class PR and communication tools now available to your club.

Generating press coverage of your club's accom-

plishments is also important for our own needs as members. When Lions see their accomplishments in the local paper, they are proud about the positive image such stories create. And it also validates a Lion's primary reason for being part of this great organization of ours - to serve and to make a difference in the lives of others.

Now, the gift of service Lions provide to their community, and around the world, is never more visible than when we respond to disasters, whether it's a local fire or something as catastrophic as a large-sale tsunami or hurricane.

This year, to further strengthen our ability to respond to disasters, the Lions Alert Program has been introduced. The program not only provides guidelines for how to develop a disaster response preparedness plan, but its companion web site allows clubs and districts to request assistance from, or offer assistance to, other Lions who are nearby or halfway across the world. This Lion-helping-Lion network is part of our new Lions Serving Humanity online database. I'm extremely excited about this new initiative and encourage you to learn about it.

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/alert\\_program.shtml#](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/alert_program.shtml#)

Sincerely, Lion Jimmy Ross, International President

## Youth Contests

### Outstanding Youth Award Rules

Each contestant must be a full time junior or senior. Competition evaluation shall include high school grade point average, a personal biographical information statement, three letters of recommendation, personal interview, and performance of community service leadership participation. Please notify Lion Shirley Dillman of contestant your Club will sponsor by March 10, 2007. Club, Zone and District run off competition dates will be announced by March 15, 2007. The winner in this district is eligible to enter competition at the MD-2 Convention on June 9, 2007 in Arlington, Texas. Contestants are required to attend an orientation held the evening of June 6, 2007.

### Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest Rules

Topic: "What Are Some of the Positive Changes in Diabetic Care & Research in Recent Years?" The Diabetic Essay shall be a written article and read, by the author, in competition at the Club, Zone and Mid-Winter Con-

ference. Run-off times and locations will be announced to participants by December 20, 2006. The essay shall not exceed one thousand five hundred (1,500) words. All words are counted; including articles, conjunctives and pronouns (a, I, the, and, an).

The following are the criteria used for judging essays and speeches: a) Sixty percent for currentness, authenticity and application to the assigned essay topic. b) Fifteen percent for grammar, sentence structure, pronunciation, enunciation, correct word usage, and relationship to the assigned essay. c) Twenty-five percent for understandability of the essay through personal presentation techniques in the use of posture, eye contact and voice by its modulation, volume, speed, clarity, and enunciation.

Please notify Lion Shirley Dillman of contestant your Club will sponsor by December 10, 2006.

### Drug Awareness Speech Contest Rules

Topic: "It Takes More Than

Just Saying No." The speech shall be five to seven minutes in length. A contestant speaking less than five, or longer than seven and one-half minutes, shall be disqualified. The use of notes and cue cards is prohibited. Information, concepts and ideas of the speech may be personal observations of past and current activities, reports, television programs and movies. See 'judging' from essay rules above.

Please notify Lion Shirley Dillman of contestant your Club will sponsor by December 10, 2006.

Scholarship/Grants for each contest: District, 1<sup>st</sup> place \$250; State, 1<sup>st</sup> place \$1,000 and \$1,000 Savings Bond; 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$500. The \$200 Fee for each contest is paid by the District.

### PEACE POSTERS

**PEACE POSTERS must be received  
by DG Angie Nicholson NLT  
November 15, 2006.**

## Dr. Ashok Mehta, 2006-2007 LCIF Chairperson

I would like to update you on several LCIF initiatives, including recent SightFirst activity, new public relations tools designed to promote the work of Lions around the world and LCIF's continuing involvement following Hurricane Katrina.

Our SightFirst program continues to better the lives of millions of individuals by improving and often saving their vision. I am happy to report that at their August meeting, the SightFirst Advisory Committee approved a total [of US\\$2.9 million in grants](#). The number of countries to receive SightFirst funding also increased to 90 with the recent addition of Niger in West Africa.

LCIF recently released a series of [public service announcements \(PSAs\)](#) featuring former U.S. President—and Lion—Jimmy Carter. The PSAs promote Lions' efforts to save 37 million people around the world from preventable blindness through Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII). Since launching the Campaign in July 2005, Lions have raised US\$48 million toward our minimum goal of US\$150 million. President Carter's endorsement of CSFII is part of his ongoing work with Lions Clubs International.

President Carter's PSAs were recently distributed to 400 public-affairs directors and to cable and independent stations in the top 20 markets across the United States. Please share the PSAs with fellow Lions and your local television and radio stations.

The PSAs are available to [download online](#) and can also be viewed in the second edition of [Lions Quarterly \(LQ\)](#), a new online video magazine.

Also within the second edition of LQ are several LCIF grant projects, including an update on tsunami rebuilding in Asia, accomplishments of a Lions Eye Hospital in India and a look at a camp for visually impaired and blind children in **North Carolina, USA (emphasis added)**, through the eyes of the campers. The program can be [viewed online](#) or DVD copies can be requested by [e-mailing the PR Department](#) ([pr@lionsclubs.org](mailto:pr@lionsclubs.org)).

It has been just over a year since Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast region, and Lions are an important part of the recovery. A total of US\$4.5 million in designated funding has been received at LCIF in support of disaster relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina. Immediately following the hurricane, LCIF awarded a US\$200,000 Major Catastrophe Grant and US\$150,000 in emergency grants for immediate relief in affected districts. [Numerous additional grants](#) have recently been awarded to assist with relief and reconstruction projects in the region.

In the second year following the disaster, Lions are now shifting their focus on rebuilding for the future. Lions in the affected areas are further investigating long-term project possibilities and matching funding program opportunities. The Hurricane Katrina Steering Committee plans to meet again at the end of the year to review their funding proposals.

I encourage you to take a look at the [LCIF Web site](#), which has some new information and resources available to assist with local public relations efforts. The [new PR tools](#) section has information to assist you in your efforts to publicize your club and LCIF grant projects in order to increase public awareness and support of Lions and LCIF. The new sample releases can be quickly customized to include specific information on your club and sent to local media. This section also contains news releases, downloadable publications and audiovisual presentations. Please continue to check this section, as more material will be added in the coming months to better assist you in your PR efforts.

I thank you for your continued support of the Foundation. Your support is integral to what we can accomplish together this year and in the future.

With a Passion to Serve, Dr. Ashok Mehta, 2006-2007 LCIF Chairperson



## Campaign SightFirst II — News



- As with any important endeavor, setting a goal will keep your club's campaign on track for success. Setting a goal for Campaign SightFirst II will also help your club achieve its greatest potential. Your group coordinator will contact you soon, if he/she has not already.
- 2006-2007 Lions clubs: don't forget to set your CSFII goal by Sept. 27!
- \$48.5 million raised toward US\$150 million goal to continue Lions' SightFirst programs
- Nearly 7,000 group coordinators working with clubs around the world
- \$6 is the average cost to save someone's vision through SightFirst
- To read more about what amazing Model Clubs and CSFII news, visit: [http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/pdfs/club\\_news\\_v2\\_i2\\_en.pdf](http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/pdfs/club_news_v2_i2_en.pdf)
- Speak with your group coordinator about becoming a Model Club or use the link to download a MODEL CLUB CANDIDATE form. [http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/pdfs/mc\\_app\\_form\\_08\\_2006.pdf](http://www.lions-csfii.org/live/content/pdfs/mc_app_form_08_2006.pdf)
- Your club's participation as a Model Club will better the lives of thousands of individuals by protecting or even saving their sight through CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II.

Or mail to:  
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*"Service is our motto: joy is the result"*

## Elgin Lions Roar

Helen Keller challenged Lions International members in 1925 to be "Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness" and this has become the primary mission of Lions Clubs International. Some of the things that the present Elgin Evening Lions are doing:

The Lions Thrift Store at 108 N. Main is the primary way the Elgin Evening Lions raise their money. This arose from the need of families that had been victims of fires, floods and disasters. The Thrift Store provides help with clothing and house wares that have been donated by the families of Elgin and surrounding areas. The proceeds from the sale of these donated items return to the community through the many projects, scholarships and services.

Lions also have a medical equipment "loaner" department at the Thrift Store. There are many medical items such as crutches, canes, walkers, commode chairs, shower chairs and a few wheel chairs. These items are loaned to needy persons and asked that they be returned as soon as there is no longer a need for them so that other persons might also be able to borrow. This has been a very popular service to the community.

Each year, members of the Lions and their families, attend the Texas Lions Camp work days. The Lions sponsor many local children and give them the opportunity to attend the camp. This is the 52<sup>nd</sup> year of operation for the Texas Lions Camp. The Camp

accepts sponsored children that are diabetic, blind or crippled. There is no charge to the families of these children for their time spent at the camp.

The Elgin Evening Lions is a charter member of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank of Central Texas in Manor, Texas. The eye bank provides corneas to restore eye sight and has now been in operation for 30 plus years.

The Lions also sponsor the Mobile Health Screening Unit that provides free health screening for diabetes, hearing, blood pressure and glaucoma. Other civic organizations have assisted the Lions with this project.

Approximately 20 years ago, the Elgin Lions began the annual community Easter Egg Hunt - a gift to the children of Elgin. This has been a free hunt for Elgin children ages 1 - 8 that just recently become a project for the Elgin Parks and Recreation Department. Many of the Lions still assist with this fun time for the children.

The Elgin Lions Club participates in the Elgin Western Days with a float in the Western Days Parade. Toys and stuffed animals are handed out along the parade route.

The Lions also have a Spin-the-Wheel Booth for the Hog Eye Festival held in October. This booth is primarily geared toward children, but many an adult has had fun winning a prize.

In December the Annual Lighted Christmas Tree Parade finds the Lions Club Float among the en-

## Lago Vista LEOs

September was an organizational meeting for the LEO Club. There were 78 students there to hear their elected officers tell about what LEOs are and what they do. They are taking applications through the end of September with plans for an October induction ceremony at the High School. The on-site councilor/Lion Julia Ricicar and the officers have plans for monthly service projects through December. As of September 28 it appears more than 45 new LEOs will be inducted.



tries. It is a tradition that for the annual Christmas Party Lions bring toys for the Elgin Blue Santa Program and canned goods for the Food Pantry.

The Lions work closely with Churches, Advocacy Outreach, Schools and City Offices to help identify the people of our community when they need help. Lions provide eye glasses for the needy, school supplies, and sponsor youth activities.

Each year, the Elgin Evening Lions has provided \$7,000.00 toward four scholarships for senior graduates. The categories are: Student of the Month, UIL, Band and Technical. These must be applied for and are rated by a panel of three Lions.

The Thrift Store is run by volunteers. They are Lions club members, church volunteers, persons providing community service, or just plain caring; giving people that want to "give something back" to the community.

Lions are a very active part of Elgin and Bastrop County. The Elgin Evening Lions are sharing their ability to Serve with the newly Chartered Elgin Noon Lions Club. The Evening Club meets at 6:30 on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The new Elgin Noon Lions Club will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at the 3H Cattle Company. Their Lions Charter Night is planned for Wednesday evening, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at the 3H Cattle Company. Plan to attend this celebration.