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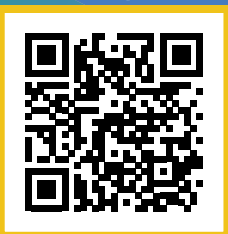
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Change Hearts, Change Minds, Change Actions

Dear Lions,

It's no secret that the world is in need. One of the reasons I became a Lion was because I saw the way Lions were working in their communities to make changes. They were working to make things better for people. And that spoke to me. I wanted to be a part of that.

Today, I couldn't be more proud to be a Lion, working with all of you, every day, to meet the needs of others.

However, sometimes the problems seem so big it's hard to know where to start. How do we make the big changes needed to see a difference in our world?

We do it by changing ourselves. We do it by first changing our hearts, then our minds. And new actions will follow. We will lead by example. That is how we change the world.

In this issue you'll see stories that shine a light on a lot of the challenges we face, but in those stories you'll also see how we are changing, each and every one of us, in order to address those challenges. We're saying no to single-use plastics. We're cleaning up beaches in order to build connections in our communities that will forge a deeper relationship between our environment and our cultures. We're building lighthouses to be a symbol of hope and guidance.

Change is never easy. However, once we recognize the need to change our hearts, we can change our minds. And then it happens. We change. And we create change.

This is how we make a difference in our world.

Yours in service,

Douglas K. Alexander

Douglas X. Alexander
International President, Lions Clubs International



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Rise to the challenge.

Lions unite in Montréal.

No matter the size of the challenge, Lions and Leos step up—as one—to meet it.

At LCIcon 2022, we'll celebrate what we've achieved, and what we'll do in the future.





Sittin' On Top of the World

It was 1963 when the Beach Boys reminded us that all we needed was the ocean and a surf board and we'd be riding high. Now, nearly 60 years later, California's Encinitas Lions help those with vision impairment feel the thrill of catching a wave.

Every year for more than 25 years (with the exception of 2020) Lions act as chauffeurs, pay for state lifeguards, rent the beach, and partner with San Diego's nonprofit Urban Surf 4 Kids to provide instructions and water safety to visually impaired and blind surfers ranging in age from 7 to 70.

The Lions all look forward to this once-a-year day at the beach. "It's California," says Event Chair Bob Mangini. And who has ever known a bad day surfing in California.

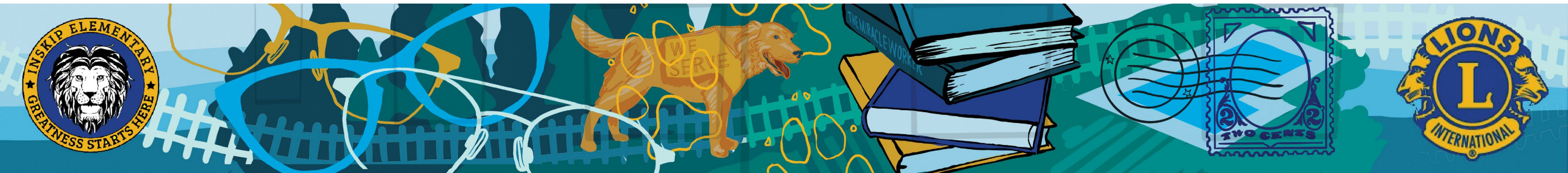




Feeling Good in the Caymans

As part of the "Feel Good" project, members of the Lions Club of Cayman Brac help their community brave difficult times with signs of hope and positivity. This past summer 14 Lions stood at strategic locations on the island holding signs of encouragement during the morning commute.

"Our hope is that this project highlights the importance of kindness, not just to one another but also kindness to ourselves," Club President Nickeah Esteban told the Cayman Compass.



No Wall Left Blank

The Inskip Lions Club in Knoxville, Tenn., turned a blank wall into an opportunity to tell the story of Lions and the history of their Inskip community.

The mural was designed and created by artist Megan Lingerfelt to show the interconnectedness of the school and the Lions through their shared history and continued partnership.

The club building happens to be right next door to the local elementary school, which the Lions have a long history of supporting, and they wanted to remind parents and students that Lions were there for them, every day. The design incorporates elements from the town's beginnings as a small stop on a rail line with objects that showcase what Lions are about, like eyeglasses and a service dog. Favorite community spots like the local pool are included as well, along with books, to commemorate the building's former use as a library.

Mostly, they wanted to create a beautiful spot for students, teachers, and parents.



International Board of Directors Visits Catalina Island for Day of Service

On November 2, 2021, the International Board of Directors took a day off from their annual meeting in Long Beach for a day of community service on Catalina Island.



The board is comprised of members from all constitutional areas, including Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, USA, Canada and India. They partnered with the Avalon Lions Club and the Catalina Conservancy to plant twelve young Catalina Ironwood and Catalina Cherry trees at Haypress Park.

The Avalon Lions have worked closely with the conservancy to plant trees and replace playground equipment following devastating fires on the island several years ago.

Lions Day with the United Nations is Back

On March 11, 2022, global leaders will convene with Lions at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City to discuss the important work being done by Lions and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

This year's theme is "NGO's Impact on Global Health" and will feature a panel discussion along with the announcement of the International Peace Poster and Essay Contest winners. If you're interested in attending, learn more at Lionsclubs.org/ldun.

Did you know?

LION Magazine publishes brand new stories all the time on lionmagazine.org. If you're waiting for the print magazine to read about the great work Lions, you may be missing out.

We publish new stories weekly so that you can see how clubs are serving their communities, get inspired, and feel great about the work Lions do.

Do you have a Lion story to tell?

Let us know! Contact us at magazine@lionsclubs.org and tell us what you and your club have been up to. You just might become our latest inspiring tale.



Listen to the Greatest Stories On Earth

A team of dedicated Lions in Georgia record themselves reading the full print issues and make the recordings available to anyone who needs (or wants) them. Lion Stacie Court, a member of the Athens Lions Club, has been overseeing the project for 15 years.



However, now that a majority of the articles are only available online, the crew is taking their talents to lionmagazine.org. In addition to recording the full print issues, the team of volunteers will

begin recording the digital-only articles as well. The goal is for Lions who are visually impaired or blind—and anyone who is interested—to be able to enjoy the stories without having to rely on the artificial voices available through technology.

"We want it to be like we're having a conversation about the subject of the article," says Court.

To receive a links to the recordings, email Stacie Court at Stacie.court@gmail.com or call directly at 706-424-9516.

Tema Supreme Leos Reign Supreme

Every December, we celebrate Leos and invite Leo clubs from around the world to submit an entry in the Annual Leo Video Contest.

This year, to celebrate their club's unique story, we asked Leos to create a video that shows what they're most proud of in their club's #LeoLegacy. We received

44 videos from 20 countries, all showing the amazing breadth of work that Leos do.

The winning club this year was the Tema Supreme Leo Club from Ghana with their video titled "Care for the Blind."

The Tema Supreme Leos focus on vision projects, and their passion for service attracted three visually impaired young people to join their club. Serving with their visually impaired

members motivated them to create a signature project called, "Being the Eyes of the Blind." The project raises funds to provide financial support, food supplies, and domestic needs to visually impaired people registered under the Ghana Blind Union. This unique project will leave a legacy they can be proud of.

See the winning video and others at lionmagazine.org.

IN THE NEWS

OVERHEARD

“We can only collect a limited amount of garbage. But our hope is that we can inspire other nonprofits to do the same thing. We hope they can use our model to make a difference.”

— Director Wen Shulian of China Taiwan Lions District 300G2. See story page 30.

“What’s up with this grandfather clock?”

— Lion Mike Seiber of the little Beaver Lions in Darlington, Pa. before the veteran clock-builder took on the task of fixing a Lions donation from years ago. See story page 15.

“What was most enjoyable, was getting to do something ‘sciency’ and accomplish something with my best friends.”

— Ella Tretheway, 12, member of the award-winning ECH robotics team led by Asotin Lion Rob Setlow. See story page 39.

“No one’s done what he’s done. He’s been there with me every step of the way, and that random act of kindness completely changed my life around.”

— Latisha Robinson who was dealing with drug addiction before being helped by Lion Gregg Parr. See story page 14.

BY THE NUMBERS

50

Hectares of land in Ontario, Canada, donated by Lion Paul De Cloet so that the area would be protected into perpetuity.

16

Tons of Christmas lights saved from landfills and recycled by Lions in Hanover, Minnesota.

5.4

Pounds in weight of the modified ROV, named “Iris,” built by teens for the SeaPerch Challenge.

4,100

Grants awarded by LCIF since the launch of Campaign 100 through October 15, 2021.



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Ready to get inspired?

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Lions Clubs International

USA

Getting Clean and Giving Back



This Lion knows what it's like to be in a bad place

Lion Greg Parr sees the faces of the homeless on the streets of his town every day, but what separates him from the many who drive by, is that he stops.

The executive director of the nonprofit organization Neighbor2Neighbor (N2N) in Raytown, Mo., was homeless for 3.5 years. He lived in abandoned buildings, struggled with addiction, and never knew what the next day would bring until a church reached out to help him.

Now 63, sober for 26 years, and president of the Raytown Lions e-club on the south side of Kansas City, Mo., he sees addiction as the largest cause of homelessness. How do you get people off the streets?

“You help them into recovery,” he says.

Weekly, Parr takes people to AA meetings, helps others get into treatment, and checks in on those in the recovery process. “He’s a Godsend. He reached out and helped me get into detox three years ago,” says recovering addict Latisha Robinson. “No one’s done what he’s done. He’s been there with me every step of the way, and that random act of kindness completely changed my life around,” she says. “He is somebody who does the right thing for the right reason.”

At N2N, those in need can find clothes at their clothing pantry, hot meals, and sack lunches to take home. Most of all, they’ve found a friend in Parr.

He credits the Lions clubs in the Kansas City area as well as the Philippine Nurses Association of Greater Kansas City for their help in collecting clothes for the pantry, peanut butter and jelly for sandwiches, and more. Knob Noster Lion Tim Storms became friends with Parr at district Lions meetings. When Storms’ club east of Kansas City planned to help Parr’s weekly feed for the less fortunate and homeless, it turned out that club members were all working or otherwise committed. Storms was available. By himself, he cooked and delivered 30 pounds of ribs, 40 pounds of mashed potatoes, plus corn and baked beans, and then helped serve about

125 people. “I’m not the hero here,” he says. “These people are the true saints in the Neighbor2Neighbor program where Greg sets up and feeds the homeless. I’m not. I just volunteered to help because I was taught to help anyone when you can. The real heroes are the people like Greg who are here every week.”

With the help of Kansas City World Outreach Lions and the nurses, N2N provides an annual Christmas Eve breakfast and health fair for the community. Along with a hot breakfast, they offer vision screening for kids, diabetes tests, chiropractor services, and drug treatment referrals onsite. Warm clothing, care kits, and sack lunches are there to take home, as well as toys for the children.

World Outreach Lion PDG Patricia Alcy Malkmus, widely known as Lion Alcy, is a big proponent of what Parr’s doing. She felt it important that he get to know the service of Lions, and for the Lions to know him, so she asked him to speak at one of their club meetings, then recruited him to join. “Lion Alcy? Oh, she’s good at recruiting,” says Parr. “She got me.”

Recovering alcoholic and addict Willie Vaughn credits Parr for helping him look at his life and change it, but also to look outside himself and help others. “I feel in my heart that he’s preparing me to do things that need doing. I’m so grateful for him,” says 58-year-old Vaughn, who rides with Parr to weekly AA meetings. “He is a blessing to whoever allows him into their life.”

USA

It’s About Time

Lion lends a hand to fix broken clock

The Little Beaver Lions from Darlington, Pa., had just wrapped up a productive four-day work weekend at Beacon Lodge Camp in Mt. Union, when Lion Mike Seiber had a question. They were in the main lodge of the 550-acre campus and preparing to leave for home, some 200 miles away.

“What’s up with this grandfather clock?” he asked. “That thing hasn’t worked in the 30 years I’ve been coming here,” answered another Lion. Mike looked at them incredulously. “Why?” he said. And then, “Get me some tools – I’m taking the insides home.”

Three months later, in mid-July, the third-generation clockmaker spent the better part of two days reinstalling and timing the complicated mechanism back. Now Beacon Lodge once again has a working timepiece. But it wasn’t easy.

Battling 91 degrees and high humidity on Saturday, Seiber re-installed the delicate clockworks and worked on timing the piano-like hammers that would strike different tunes on the quarter-hour, half-hour, three-quarter hour, and top of the hour. There were also four separate hammers that would chime the number of the hour.

Sweat and high humidity don’t go well with precise movements. Two of the four ‘Westminster’ hammers would fall flat no matter how many times he adjusted them. The hour mechanism would ‘jump time’ inside its transmission, either sounding at the wrong time or not at all. After much tinkering and a little under-the-breath grumbling, Seiber prudently walked away for a break and went to his motel for a cool shower and early bed. The next morning was 20 degrees cooler and things lined up much easier. He buttoned up the face, the case, and the top, and hung the heavy, specially weighted pendulum. All that was left was some wood polishing.

No one knows for sure how old the clock is. It was donated to Beacon Lodge in 1965 by the Tarentum Area Lions Club, but a Google search on its model and serial number came up with no matches. The brand, Revere, made clocks from the 1930s until the late 1960s. Its motor is consistent with those from the ‘30s but may have been used for decades after.

“I had it running perfect in a stand in my shop [in Darlington],” says Seiber. “I knew it would work eventually. Jobs like these just require a little time and patience.” Seiber had the patience. But the ‘little time’ it took to repair was at least 30 years.



LITHUANIA

Tied to the Land



Protecting a unique cultural landscape that has both shaped and been shaped by humans

The Curonian Spit, an elongated sand dune peninsula separating the Baltic Sea from the Curonian Lagoon in Lithuania was formed more than 5,000 years ago. Situated in the Curonian Spit National Park in Lithuania and the Kurshskaya National Park of the Russian Federation, the sandy and wooded landscape is now a UNESCO World Heritage site, but was once nearly destroyed through a combination of human activity and natural forces.

Formed on moraine islands from sand transported by currents, and later covered by forest, humans made their homes in the area in small Curonian Lagoon settlements. However, intensive logging in the 17th and 18th centuries led to depletion of the area’s natural protections against the wind and water, causing the migration of the dunes. The settlements were buried under sand, forcing people out of their homes and threatening the existence of the small fishing villages and the land itself.

Since the 19th century, the spit has been preserved through the tireless efforts of conservation groups.

Dune stabilization work included building a protective ridge along the seashore to prevent inland sand migration, using trees and brushwood hedges to reinforce the remaining dunes. And Lions have been actively participating in those restoration efforts.



On the hottest day of the summer of 2021, approximately 150 Lions and Leos helped the local workers of the National Park Administration to uproot invasive plants. “The help we had from Lions clubs was significant,” says Aušra Feser, head of the National Park Administration. “It would have taken us about one month to do the work that we did in one day with their help.” Moreover, the timing was crucial. The invasive Scotch broom plants were just starting to bloom and spread their seeds. “The biological diversity is very sensitive in Curonian Spit,” says Feser. “That is what makes it so unique. We have to take care of it if we want to preserve it for future generations.” Lions pulled weeds in the field but didn’t let the day go by without sharing moments of togetherness and joy. After the hard work they had a picnic in the Bay of Amber—traditional fish soup, served with a deer horn ladle.

Because the event was also part of their New Voices Symposium, Lions in District 131 decided to inspire others—and potentially gain new members—by inviting the public to participate. Rangers from the park service talked about peculiarities of their work, Lions exchanged their experiences with Leos, and in the afternoon they all were invited on a tour to an ancient forest. “Environmental sustainability is one of the priorities of Lions clubs,” says District Governor Daiva Griksiene. “In Lithuania, many clubs have chosen to participate in the restoration and protection of the environment. We have seen how our efforts to conserve natural resources and to care for our environment can improve the well-being of the local community as well as increase the involvement and engagement of Lions.” Many Lions brought

their children to the event to share with them the beauty of the spot and instill in them a longing to preserve it. “It’s important to raise conscious, social children and set a good example for them,” says DG Griksiene.

The Curonian Spit showcases the impact of human intervention, both good and bad. We have the capability to destroy nature, but also to bring it back. Ultimately, the goal is to preserve it, so that there will be less need to recover what is lost.

The day ended with the team of volunteers and rangers watching the sun go down over the waves of the Baltic seas. It will rise again in the Curonian Lagoon, as it does every day, in a cycle that Lithuanian Lions hope to keep intact for generations to come.



UNITED KINGDOM

Smiling Bright



Animals on campus give students a boost

For children at Pirbright Village Primary School in Surrey, going to school just got a lot brighter. Nestled in the grounds on campus is Pirbright Nurture Farm, a therapy farm of small animals whose only job is to make children feel good.

Teachers Dan Smith and his wife, Helen, recognized the impact of animals on positive mental health and were looking for land to create a therapy farm. When Smith spoke to Gavin Dutton, his headteacher at Pirbright, they concluded that having a nurture farm on the school grounds could have a positive impact on the most vulnerable children.

“It seemed like an excellent idea,” says Dutton. “We had some areas which we could free up for the project and we saw the opportunities for our pupils and the wider community.”

The concept was that children would attend a series of sessions to support their specific needs, where they would look after the animals, improve the environment, and grow crops. The personalized and nurturing sessions would be available to children of all ages and could also support vulnerable families around Guildford, Woking, and beyond.

However, to get the project off the ground, they would need help. So Dutton and Smith asked the Guildford Lions for their support. They were the first to pledge financial support of £3,000 (US\$4016).



“The commitment from the Guildford Lions inspired us to push on,” says Smith. “By September 2019, we had secured the rest of the money needed to make the project a reality.” The construction of the farm area began.

The project was in full flow by March 2020, and despite lockdown the project continued and the first animals arrived. “In some ways, the period of lockdown gave us the chance to complete everything to a high standard without deadlines and extra pressures. It also gave us



time to help the animals settle in,” says Smith.

The farm sits at the front of the school, so it became a regular stopping off point for members of the local community as they took their daily walks.

In September of 2020, the farm started to provide much needed support for children returning to school after a long period away. It also provided vital transition sessions for new military pupils, giving them a chance to spend time with their new classmates.

Helen is now running sessions weekly for individuals or pairs of children from a variety of schools, family sessions, and ‘wake-up’ sessions first thing in the morning. There are four Duke of Edinburgh volunteers fulfilling their responsibilities for their awards and a regular group of adult volunteers.

Thanks to funding and community support, especially from the Guildford Lions who provided the initial funding, Pirbright Nurture Farm is flourishing, with more than 30 animals including goats, pigs, hens, ducks, rabbits, guinea-pigs, tortoises, and lizards, as well as allotments and a greenhouse.

Guildford Lions have now committed a further £500 (US\$670) towards the farm so that Kunekunes (a breed of small pig), Clementine and Martha, can have their own field shelter, wallow-pool, and feeding troughs.

The aim is to eventually be able to run sessions in the summer holidays to provide respite for families during the long period away from school. For now, the children—and the community—will enjoy the company of the farm’s animals and take those good feelings into the work they do in the classroom and in the world.





A WORLD IN NEED



Dear Fellow Humanitarian,

As we approach June 30, the end of historic Campaign 100, I invite you to read and reflect on ways in which Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation, has magnified your service, my service, and the service of Lions and Leos worldwide.

As a community leader, you know the service of every member of our association, current and future, depends on ongoing financial support of LCIF. Thank you for embracing the notion that service means both doing and giving. Serving with our hands, embracing diversity, and giving to LCIF are what being Lions and Leos is about.

I hope stories of service impact on these pages, made possible by generous support of, and by, LCIF and our campaign, inspire you to participate more fully and to encourage others to join you in supporting Campaign 100. As you know, abundant limited-edition recognition awaits! Even more, I hope you will realize the importance of ongoing support of the foundation to ensure LCIF can continue empowering each of us to do more than would be possible without grant funding.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Chairperson

Lions Clubs International Foundation



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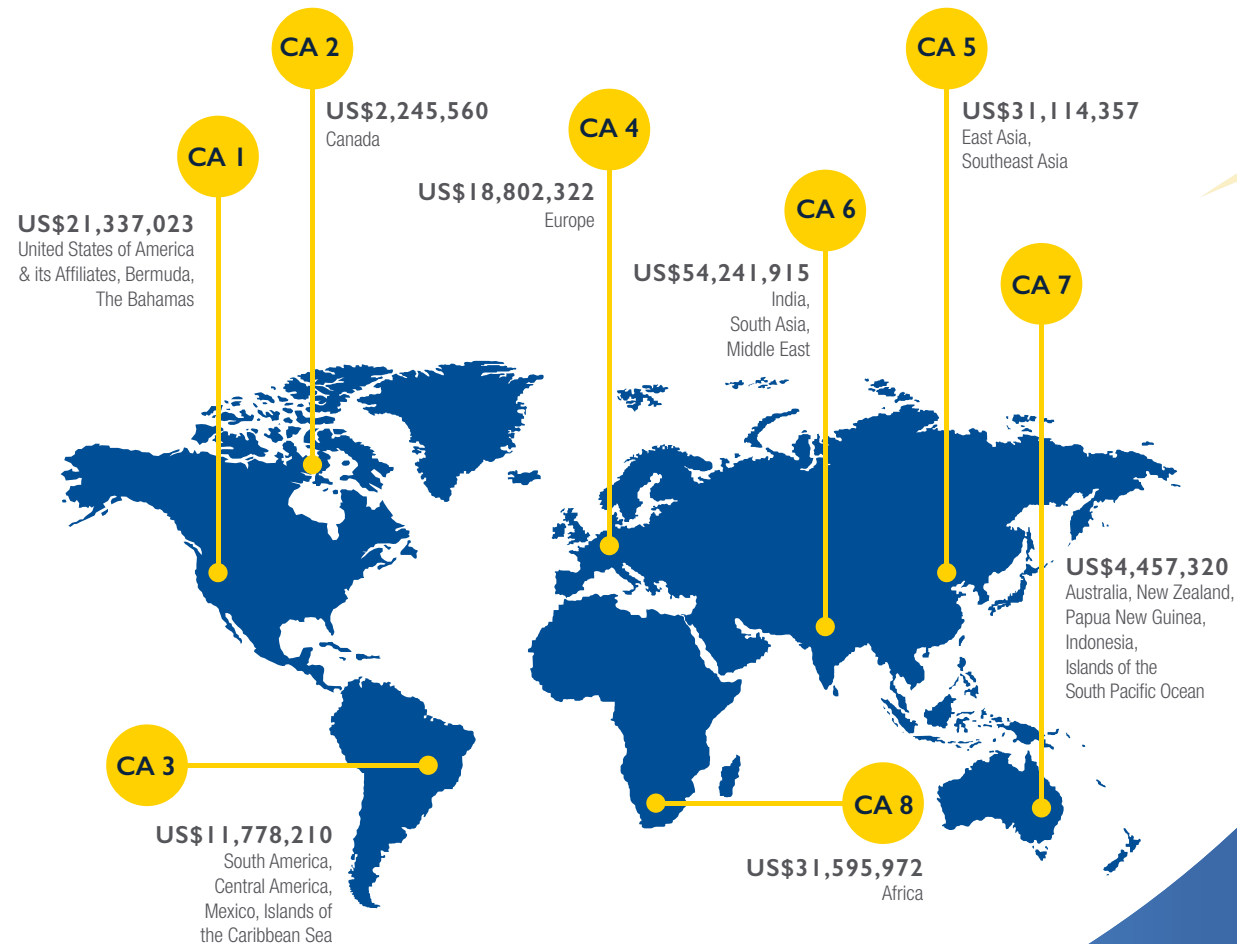
- 2.2 billion people have *vision impairment* or *blindness*
- Nearly one-third of *young teens* worldwide have recently *experienced bullying*
- *Weather-related disasters* have grown more than 50% over the last 40 years
- Each day, 300 people die from *measles*
- 1 in 11 people has *diabetes*
- 300,000 *children aged 0-19* are diagnosed with *cancer* each year
- ~1 in 9 people *lacks enough food* to be healthy and active
- By 2025, half the world's population will live in *water-stressed* areas

The world needs Lions.

MAGNIFYING YOUR IMPACT

Since the launch of Campaign 100*, LCIF awarded more than 4,100 grants totaling more than US\$175.6 million. Grant funding empowered you, and fellow Lions and Leos worldwide, to better your communities and deeply impact those in need.

GRANTS AWARDED BY CONSTITUTIONAL AREA (CA)



*Grants awarded between 1 July 2017 and 15 October 2021

Preserving the Precious Gift of Sight

Delivering a Brighter Future to Paraguay

Not long ago, eye care was inaccessible, and often unaffordable, to many in Paraguay's rural Itapúa community. In 2018, Lions began changing that, helping fund and bring to fruition Lions Club of Coronel Bogado Ophthalmology Clinic (LCCBOC). With US\$62,700+ in LCIF grant funding, **Lions equipped LCCBOC, making more extensive, permanent care accessible close to home.** Today, the clinic has modern equipment for diagnosing refractive errors, cataract, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, macular degeneration, and pediatric eye diseases. The new machines and technology are helping LCCBOC increase patient capacity 30 percent annually over 60 months, to more than 3,400 consultations a year. Patients needing treatment beyond LCCBOC's capability are referred to a clinic in Asunción, several hours away by car, with Lions funding transportation and care for those unable to pay.

Clear Vision for Years to Come

When a friend mentioned a clinic offering free vision screenings and affordable eyeglasses, 65-year-old François – who couldn't see clearly beyond 10 inches (25 cm) – hopped aboard his motorbike, traveling 29 miles (45 km) to the clinic. For obvious reasons, the trip was treacherous, but François was desperate and knew the risks would be worth the reward. Bringing that life-changing clinic to fruition were LCIF and Lions in Burkina Faso, who used nearly US\$111,000 in LCIF SightFirst grant funds to work with local partners to build optical clinics in areas of the country where eye care was unavailable or unaffordable. The project, which began in 2018, will screen vision for 124,000 people and distribute 26,400 pairs of eyeglasses. François' outcome? His first pair of eyeglasses, purchased for 5,000 CFA (just US\$10). **"I can see everything perfectly,"** exclaimed François, whose trip home on his motorbike was a far safer journey.



RESPONDING TO COVID-19

Since March 2020, LCIF has awarded **US\$6.8 million through 385 grants for COVID-19 relief.**

Our decade began like no other, with healthcare systems stressed, economies halted, and more than a billion people worldwide staying home, staying safe. Answering the urgent call was LCIF, funding your efforts to serve your neighbors while also staying safe. Through special COVID-19 grants, as well as District and Club Community Impact grants, LCIF empowered our kindness, compassion, and service as we delivered protection and relief during some of the world's darkest hours.

COVID-19 Frontline Relief Grants by Constitutional Area (CA)

CA 1	\$861,802
CA 2	\$80,000
CA 3	\$735,000
CA 4	\$1,682,259
CA 5	\$718,092
CA 6	\$2,325,939
CA 7	\$70,000
CA 8	\$373,825

*As of 15 October 2021

SAVE THE DATE: Foundation Fridays Webinars

Join Lions leaders, fellow humanitarians around the world, and LCIF to hear stories of service and learn how the Foundation empowers your important work through life-changing grants.



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FEBRUARY 4

Stories at the Heart of Service

MARCH 4

From the Heart:
Why I Give What I Can to LCIF

APRIL 1

How and Why to Promote Lions Quest in
Your Community

MAY 6

LCIF Partnerships:
How They Benefit You

JUNE 2

Campaign 100 and Beyond:
What's Next

LCIF's Foundation Fridays webinars now offer translation to all official Lions languages.

Ensuring a Safe and Healthy Future for Youth

Building Better School Environments and Communities

In Merrick, New York, USA, students and teachers feel the positive effects of Lions Quest, LCIF's social and emotional learning curriculum. Launched district-wide, **Lions Quest is helping students develop confidence, self-esteem, and teamwork skills**, while fostering a sense of community, through ongoing fun, team-oriented lessons and discussions. Second-graders at Chatterton School enjoyed a lesson that required them to work together toward a common goal and then discussed what worked and what did not. In addition to benefitting students, Lions Quest is also positively affecting the community. Students at Birch School raised close to US\$3,200 for childhood cancer research after participating in the program's service-learning lessons.

Helping Struggling Families Cope with Childhood Cancer

Lions recognize that families affected by childhood cancer bear the weight of long hours spent enduring treatment, and feelings of helplessness and uncertainty about the future. **With support from LCIF, compassionate and caring Lions worldwide are helping ease the burden.**

In Utrecht, Netherlands, a US\$150,000 Childhood Cancer grant from the Foundation is helping Lions upgrade 87 patient rooms at Princess Máxima Center for Pediatric Oncology. An anticipated 4,350 families will benefit annually from the rooms, which enable parents, siblings, and caregivers to stay with children undergoing treatment.

A US\$32,000+ LCIF Childhood Cancer grant awarded to Lions in Kerala, India, is delivering joy to children stricken with a disease no youngster should have to bear. Grant funds are helping Lions establish a children's library, a conference hall for youngsters, and a small theater to enhance quality of life for more than 60 children each year at Malabar Cancer Centre.

There When Disaster Strikes

Rebuilding the Future in Southeast Africa

Pummeling Southeast Africa's coast, Cyclone Idai delivered a devastating blow in 2019. Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi all suffered the storm's wrath and sustained unprecedented damage and devastation. Nearly 1,100 people perished; hundreds of thousands more were left homeless.

With more than three million people in desperate need, LCIF responded swiftly, sending 200 tents providing much needed shelter and 700 water purifiers, vital to stemming the cholera outbreak that had begun. But there was more to be done. With a focus on restoring children's education and everyday lives, Lions used US\$70,000 in LCIF Disaster grants to help rebuild three schools and repair damaged classrooms in so many more. Steadily, once-obliterated schools rose from the ground. **Steadily, classrooms rendered uninhabitable became safe once again.**

Providing Rapid Relief to Haiti

Last August, a massive earthquake struck the island of Haiti. Two thousand one hundred people lost their lives, more than 12,000 were injured, and 53,000 homes were destroyed. Days later the country was hit hard again, this time by a strong tropical storm affecting relief efforts, which were already difficult due to COVID-19.

Responding quickly, LCIF awarded a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant. **With the funds, Lions provided immediate support for victims**, including more than 1,900 food kits and 11,000 water bottles delivered to families across 33 underserved rural areas in South Haiti, Grand 'Anse, and Nippes.



A Message from Your Campaign 100 Leadership:

Be Recognized as a Leader Among Leaders

Lions and Leos:

We hope you're enjoying reading more about the many ways LCIF – our global foundation – empowers our service through grants. To award these grants, LCIF must have funding. That's why Campaign 100 continues through June. We're grateful generous humanitarians like you continue supporting LCIF. Because of you, we're moving closer to Campaign 100's goal of raising US\$300 million. But we need participation from all Lions, Leos – and clubs – worldwide. We also remind you that with just six months left in our historic campaign, time is running out to earn limited-edition Campaign 100 recognition! Read on to learn more about how you can continue helping LCIF magnify your service impact.

With gratitude,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
Past International President
Chairperson, Campaign 100

J. Frank Moore III
Past International President
Vice Chairperson, Campaign 100



Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada



J. Frank Moore III

Your Club Can Empower Humanitarian Service

There are many ways you and your club can empower life-changing service through support of LCIF and Campaign 100.

Individual Giving

“For those who have already invested in Campaign 100 and your future service, thank you for giving – and for your ongoing financial support. If you have not yet donated, there's no time like the present! No gift is too small.” These words from a recent address by Campaign Vice Chairperson Past International President Frank Moore hold true today, through the end of our campaign, and beyond.

LCIF is grateful for every gift and also pleased to offer the Lions of Commitment and Empowerment program, which celebrates humanitarians whose donations to LCIF and Campaign 100 are between US\$3,000 – \$24,999. Lions of Commitment (US\$3,000 – \$14,999) and Lions of Empowerment (US\$15,000 – \$24,999) receive a special recognition plaque and pin.

Club Giving

Fortunately, there are many ways your club can show their support.

- **MODEL CLUB** - A Campaign 100 Model Club champions LCIF's cause areas and broadly promotes Lions, LCIF, and Campaign 100. *Deadline extended!* Clubs committing to the Model Club effort between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022, now have three years from the date of commitment to reach Model Club goals and **earn limited-edition recognition**. Model Club resources: lionsclubs.org/modelclubs
- **100% MEMBER PARTICIPATION** - Invite fellow members to make personal donations. It's one of the easiest ways you can help raise funds for LCIF and Campaign 100.
- **100 I 100 CLUBS** - Earn special recognition by becoming a 100 I 100 Club, a club in which 100% of members give at least US\$100 per Lion year.

Celebrating Partnerships, Magnifying Impact

Just as the Foundation enhances Lions' service, valued partners and affiliates increase the Foundation's ability to give, so Lions can serve even more people across the globe. LCIF proudly marks two decades of partnership with two of these world-renowned organizations.

LCIF and Special Olympics

In July 2021, LCIF and Special Olympics launched a 12-month celebration of their 20-year partnership. Alongside the service of more than 22,000 Lions and Leos volunteering their time to Special Olympics, LCIF and Special Olympics have helped hundreds of thousands of people with intellectual disabilities, and their families, benefit from activities delivered through the Opening Eyes program, Family Health Forums, Healthy Hearing, Special Smiles, and inclusive sports.

Learn more about their stories at:
lcifpride.org



LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision

In 2022, LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision celebrate 20 years of partnership that has resulted in the largest school-based eye health program known as Sight For Kids. The program prepares Lions and eye care professionals to provide comprehensive eye health services in low-income schools in four Asian, African, and European countries – most recently expanding the program to the United States in South Florida. Sight For Kids also provides teachers with training to deliver eye health education, perform visual acuity testing, and screen for common eye conditions. To date, more than 42 million children have been screened. Students identified with potential vision impairment or eye ailments are referred to healthcare providers for evaluation.

Learn more at:
lionsclubs.org/SFK



LCIF: Stewarding Donations Responsibly

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LCIF stewards donor funds with a focus on **transparency, governance, leadership, and results.**

GIVE CONFIDENTLY

If you are in the US you can donate directly at lionsclubs.org/donate.

Or visit lionsclubs.org/waystogive for other ways to give.

“My support of Campaign 100 and LCIF directly impacts Lions’ ability to serve. I give so children, families, and communities can be stronger, healthier, and safer.”

- Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada / *Past International President, Campaign 100 Chairperson*

OUR 100% COMMITMENT TO DONORS

You deserve to invest with confidence in a charitable organization committed to operational excellence, and LCIF is proud to share how financial contributions are allocated. Our belief is that in building trust, we build relationships yielding long-term benefit for both donors and millions of beneficiaries of your service.

Our *100% Commitment* to donors is this:

LCIF allocates 100% of your financial gift to grants and program expenses.

Like all charitable organizations, LCIF incurs three categories of expenses: programs, administrative, and fundraising expenses. Unlike most charities, LCIF covers 100% of administrative and fundraising expenses over the long term through investment income.



Learn More

Before choosing to help magnify the impact of 1.4 million Lions serving to address our world in need, LCIF encourages you to learn more about its commitment to donors to operate ethically, responsibly, and prudently. Access resources below, and then invest with confidence.

LCIF FAQ:
lionsclubs.org/LCIF-FAQ

LCIF Responsibility and Privacy:
lionsclubs.org/Responsibility

WHY I GIVE

"We know firsthand the great work of LCIF, which provided a grant in 1990 for a low-vision center we helped launch. Our area benefitted from one of LCIF's earliest Disaster Relief grants and recently from a US\$100,000 grant to help establish a hospice house. Over the years, we have personally worked with many dedicated LCIF staff who make wonderful programs and projects possible, successful, and worthy of LCIF financial support. Staff partnership, carried out in such a professional manner, assures us funds are utilized effectively and efficiently. We proudly support LCIF."

- Dr. Edward V. Cordes and Lion Gail Cordes, *Past International Director*

TREASURE ISLAND

Lions in China Taiwan take action to protect their luminous landscape

BY LILLYGOL SEDAGHAT | PHOTOS BY YUN CHIEH HUANG

Thick rain splattered against the Taoyuan shore as the ocean swelled and swirled.

Lions in China Taiwan's District 300 G2 were worried: Who would show up for their 2021 annual beach clean-up in this stormy weather?

"It was nowhere near calm or steady," says Wu Jianyi, one of the lead coordinators of the event. "We didn't know what to expect, but we didn't have our hopes up."

Fifteen-meter (49-foot) sand dunes separated him from the litter-ridden beach and the volunteers there to help. As he began his ascent, feet sinking with every step, he was unsure of what he'd see on the other side.

At the peak of his climb, he stood, brushed the rain from his face, and looked down: a sea of oranges, purples, reds, and yellows dotted the gray landscape with umbrellas, rain parkas, and Lions vests.

Fifteen hundred people showed up that cold September day. Despite the rain, Lions Club members and their families, everyone from children to retirees, came out to make a difference—to protect the environment.

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A LANDSCAPE OF TREASURES

China Taiwan has a rich ecological, geological, and anthropological history. It is home to more than 50,000 native species—the equivalent to 2.6% of the world's biodiversity—on an island that represents just 0.03% of the earth's land mass. Formed by the collision of the Euroasian and Philippine Plates, it rests on the Tropic of Cancer and the Ring of Fire, which results in diverse climate ranges, from tropical in the south to subtropical in the north, and frequent earthquakes and typhoons. The island's aboriginal Austronesian peoples, who represent 2.42% of the 23.8 million population, are considered to be the origin of ethnic communities who expanded across Southeast Asia and the wider Pacific.

Taiwan's varied landscape also boasts unique environmental wonders, including what is known as the "Sahara Desert of Taiwan," or the Caota Sand Dunes, where Lions planned their beach cleanup. Situated on Taiwan's northwestern coast, the dunes offer a buffer between the land and sea to protect against erosion, rising sea levels, and storms and are a hotspot for biodiversity.

As part of Taoyuan City's coastal protection mandate, the dunes were integrated into a recently designated geopark, a place where people can "touch, explore, and connect with part of the Earth's story," according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The third of its kind on the island, the geopark is a demonstration of what happens when local community involvement combines with ecological conservation and restoration.

To protect the island's unique environment, Lions are taking action against a growing plastic pollution problem.

GARBAGE ISLAND

According to National Geographic, 8 million tons of plastic waste enter the oceans each year, the equivalent of five full grocery bags of plastic trash for every foot of coastline in the world. That's one truckload of trash entering the ocean every minute.

Of the 8 billion tons of plastic trash humans have created in the last six decades, 90% has not been recycled. However, China Taiwan is setting an example with a cutting-edge waste management system that is well funded and widely supported by people of all ages and walks of life across the island.

The Wall Street Journal recognizes China Taiwan as one of the "world's geniuses of recycling," but it once had little to no formal waste management system and was known as "Garbage Island." Rapid industrialization in the late 20th century led by heavy investments in electronics and petrochemicals gave rise to economic progress. However, with growing incomes and gross domestic product came an increase in garbage production. According to the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), "[a]rchive news reports say that in 1979, local governments were gathering up 8,800 metric tonnes of municipal solid waste a day. By 1990, that number had hit 18,800 tonnes. In 1992, it was still climbing, at 21,900 tonnes." The nickname "Garbage Island" stuck.

TAKING ACTION

To manage waste, the 1984 Municipal Waste Disposal Plan was created with a focus on landfills. But as land space is limited in China Taiwan, the landfills soon filled, and people began protesting the harmful health effects of living near makeshift trash dumps. The government turned to incineration to try to solve the waste issue, but was stopped in its plan of building 36 incinerators (one for each county) by local protests due to concerns over the burning of

garbage and its impact on health for local communities. To fix this issue, China Taiwan embraced a recycling and zero waste policy.

One group instrumental in the design and implementation of China Taiwan's modern waste management system was the Homemakers United Foundation (HUF). Founded by a group of mothers at the turn of Taiwan's transition to a democratic republic after almost four decades of martial law, HUF members were sick and tired of watching their children wade through trash to get to school each day. They often complained that no matter how much time they spent cleaning, pollution almost always found a way back into their homes. Energized by new political freedoms of association and speech, HUF quickly became China Taiwan's first environmental advocacy group and played an active role in successfully lobbying to ban styrofoam from the food and beverage industry and making public spaces (including government offices and public schools) plastic-free.

HUF also helped design the island's compost system, where food waste is sent to pig farms to serve as feed and fertilizer and created a ranking system to grade city governments on the effectiveness of their waste and pollution management.

Today, China Taiwan has a 55% recycling rate, and sends less than 1% of its garbage to landfills. Its waste management system is supported by strong laws, and an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policy, where companies are required to pay into a recycling fund for each product they've created.

"By having to pay for the garbage they generate, they create financial solutions to support recycling industries," environmental consultant and Waste Not Why Not podcast host Nate Maynard explains. "Because Taiwan put a price on garbage, companies and people reduced their waste."





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REDUCING WASTE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Waste segregation in peoples' homes also plays a critical part in China Taiwan's waste management system.

People must separate their waste into three categories: burnables, recyclables (which have 33 sub-categories), and compost (which is further separated into wet waste and dry waste). Burnable garbage must be placed in a government-mandated trash bag, meaning that people have to pay for their waste by weight. Recycling and composting are free.

Every evening in Taipei, garbage trucks play Beethoven's Fur Elise or Badarzewska-Baranowska's A Maiden's Prayer over loudspeakers to indicate to residents that it is time for trash collection. People spill into the streets to dispose of their

garbage, and the trucks continue their journey through the city.

Key to this system is an organized group of people trying to make a difference with the younger generation in mind; something Lions know well.

"Our goal is to set an example for the next generation and educate them to protect the environment," Lion Wu says. "It's about helping them develop an environmental consciousness and an awareness that environmental protection matters."

BEACH CLEANUPS BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

While beach cleanups can make visible differences to the landscape, they don't often get to the root of the problem. On his podcast, Maynard says that beach clean-ups generally "pick up land-based plastic, which

means we're already too late." Most plastic pollution in the ocean comes from discarded fishing nets, meaning by the time they land on the shore, they've already done significant damage to marine animals, either through ingestion or entrapment, and ecosystems through the degradation of microplastics.

But Lions never back down from a challenge. For Lion Wu, beach cleanups are a tool to engage and educate people.

"Our baseline is for all people to understand the importance of environmental protection," he says. "First, we need to reduce the amount of trash we produce by minimizing the number of single-use plastic bags, utensils, and cups we use.

"Then we need to raise environmental awareness and encourage people to come prepared

with their own bag or utensils when they go out and buy things, so they don't generate trash in the first place. We have to make environmental protection a part of our daily lives."

In an article for CTNews, Director Wen Shulian of China Taiwan Lions District 300G2 acknowledged the limitations of beach clean-ups: "We know that doing this will not end pollution, but it is a starting point for people to join in, connect to the ocean, and to realize the impact they can have when they take small actions together," she said.

MAKING THE CONNECTION

"We can only collect a limited amount of garbage," said Director Wen, "But our hope is that we can inspire other nonprofits to do the same thing. We hope they can use our model to make a difference."

The more people who participate in beach clean-ups, the more people will see plastic pollution as an issue. And the more people deeply affected and connected to the issue, the more people willing to make a change in their own lives, resulting in greater impact both locally and abroad.

Wu believes that through education comes slow change. Part of the solution for reducing waste is to educate people and raise environmental awareness. Large activities like beach clean-ups help people feel connected to the environment with their actions.

"When people are doing beach cleanups, it activates the volunteers to learn about critical issues that are facing us," says Lion Nancy Messmer of the Clallam Bay Sekiu Lions in Washington State, who partners with other local organizations on

large-scale beach cleanups along the U.S. Pacific coast multiple times a year. "Inviting volunteers to clean beaches builds a commitment to clean, healthy oceans and rivers and prevention of future marine debris."

Maynard echoed those sentiments. "Researchers have found three key benefits of clean-ups: people have more meaningful experiences, they're more confident in environment knowledge, and they're most likely to attend future beach clean-ups. So, the value of a beach clean-up is going there, getting the interpretation, realizing the environmental impact humans have, and then changing your life to reduce that impact."

AS THE CURRENTS FLOW

Trash in the ocean is a global challenge with global implications. In the same way ocean currents flow



through different regions, so too does trash. Plastic waste can be ferried through the water by winds, tides, and currents, moving across the world through the oceanic and atmospheric forces that connect us.

Buoyant plastics move along the surface, where they can be blown across by wind or pushed and pulled by the tides; whereas microplastics sink into the water column, moving through the oceans currents or settling into deep waters causing harm to the foundations of ecological systems.

In places where currents meet, the Earth's Coriolis Effect causes water to slowly rotate, creating a funnel where anything, including plastic waste, can be ferried from one place to another. In other words, the litter found on Taiwanese shores isn't always just waste generated from life on the island.

"All four sides of Taiwan are surrounded by the ocean," says Wu, "So it is very easy for us to be affected by the ocean currents and the flow of trash. If we don't continuously protect our environment, and do it well, then we will live on a garbage island."


PROTECTING OUR HOME


On that rainy day along the Taoyuan shoreline, Lions showed how dedicated they are to protecting their island community. It was the largest activity District 300 G2 had arranged in the last few years, and the one they felt was the most successful.

"I feel like I was giving it my all and doing my best for the earth," says a local Lion who participated. "It was a really meaningful experience for me."

Lions carried away five tons of trash from an eight-kilometer (five-mile) stretch of the Caota Sand Dunes that day.

"Even though it was raining hard, many people willingly came to participate," says Wu. "They wanted to do something for the environment. People were soaked from head to toe, but inside their hearts, they were satisfied. No matter how wet they were on the outside, inside they were content."

The experience reflects why Wu became a Lion. "I wanted, with like-minded and values-driven people, to do good things for society, for the public benefit," he says. "Taiwan is our home. We are a part of Taiwan, and we are a part of the Lions Club, so we want to give priority to this place, to serve this place." 

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GENERAL ATTENDEE

104TH LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC, CANADA • FRIDAY, JUNE 24 - TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022



CONVENTION REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE - SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

Deadline for advance registration and hotel reservation and to request a refund for registration, housing and/or ticketed event.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ATTENDEE (Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.)

First/Given Name		Last/Family Name		Badge/Call Name	
Address					
City		State/Province		Postal Code	Country
Daytime Phone			E-Mail (Unique email address is required for every attendee)		
Lion	Leo-Lion*	Omega Leo			

*Leo-Lion is a Lions membership type available exclusively to Leos who served in the Leo Program for over a year.

Club #	Membership # *	District	Title
*Required for club delegates who will certify and vote in the election			

COMPANION

First/Given Name		Last/Family Name		Badge/Call Name	
Lion	Leo-Lion	Omega Leo	Alpha Leo	Adult Guest	
Club #	Membership # *	District	Title		
*Required for club delegates who will certify and vote in the election					

E-Mail (Unique email address is required for every attendee)

CHILD

First/Given Name	Last/Family Name	Age	Alpha Leo
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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name	Emergency Contact Phone Number
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OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS

MELVIN JONES FELLOW LUNCHEON (Must be registered to attend.)

I/we plan to attend this event.
Date/Time: June 26, 12:30 - 14:30 Fee: US \$75 Quantity: Amount Due \$:

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I/we plan to attend this event.
Date/Time: June 27, 20:00 - 22:00 Fee: US \$125 Quantity: Amount Due \$:

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

No Restrictions	Indian Vegetarian	Vegetarian	Other:
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SERVICE PROJECTS IN MONTRÉAL

I am interested in participating in a hands-on community service project during the Montréal International Convention.

LEOS AND YOUNG LIONS INTEREST

I am interested in receiving information on sessions and activities for and about Young Lions, including: Leo-Lions, Student Members and Campus Lions clubs. Please email membership@lionsclubs.org for questions about Young Lions programs.

I am interested in receiving information on sessions and activities for and about Leos. If you have questions, please email leo@lionsclubs.org.

HOTEL INFORMATION

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

Before January 7, 2022 - room reserved in delegation hotel based on availability

After January 7, 2022 I prefer my delegation hotel Prefer another hotel:

Arrival Day/Date	Departure Day/Date		
# of Guests in room including yourself:	# of beds requested	1	2
Special Requirements:	Wheelchair Accessible	Other:	

• US \$200 Hotel Deposit is per room and credited to your hotel bill at check out.

• Room requests are subject to hotel availability

PACKAGE B

NO ROOM REQUIRED (Registration only for each person listed above)

REGISTRATION FEES AND PAYMENT

Full payment is required with this form. US Currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US Banks. Visa, Mastercard & Discover accepted.

REGISTRATION FEES

EARLY (Before March 31, 2022) Adult/Leo-Lion: US \$175 Omega Leo: US \$100 Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo: US \$20

FINAL (April 1, 2022 - Onsite) Adult/Leo-Lion: US \$250 Omega Leo: US \$100 Child (17 and under)/Alpha Leo: US \$20

PACKAGE A: Registration: US \$ Ticketed Events: US \$ Hotel Deposit: US \$200.00 **Total Due: US \$**

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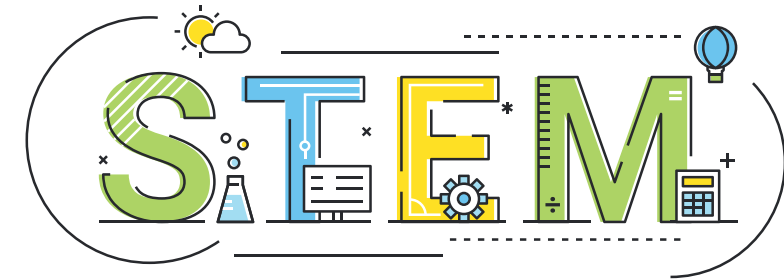
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Name as it appears on credit card. Credit card must be in the name of the registrant.

Card Number - - - - - Expiration Month/Year - / - Security Code (3 digits) - -

Cardholder Signature:

- Please submit all pages of completed form once via mail, fax, or email • Allow 4 weeks for processing.
- Mail: Lions Clubs International, Attn: Convention Division, 300 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook IL 60523-8842, USA
- Fax: (630) 203-3787
- Email: registration@lionsclubs.org
- Credit card information should only be entered into this form and never written into the body of an email.
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project turns into real-life aquatic mission for team of teens



By Joan Cary

As their coach, he taught them the Archimedes' Principal of buoyancy.

As his team, they taught him the importance of breaks for bananas, grapes, and bubblegum when you've been hard at work.

He taught them how to solder and waterproof motors.

They taught him how to relieve stress with laughter—frequent laughter.

He tested them on robotics. They tested his patience.

ASSIGN YOUR LCICON 2022 VOTING DELEGATE

If you are planning to have a voting delegate attend LCICon 2022, they must be registered for the convention and assigned as a voting delegate by their club secretary or other duly authorized officer.

For more information, please visit the voting section of the LCICon webpage.

Engineering

In the end, what the coach and the kids learned from each other was the importance of working together and sharing pride in their accomplishments.

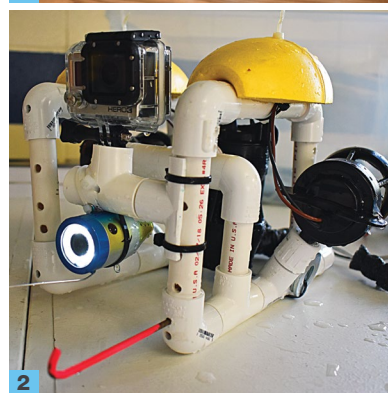
With the financial support of the Asotin Lions in Washington, Lion Rob Setlow, a retired U.S. Air Force electronic warfare officer and retired CIA project manager, spent Saturday mornings for the last year introducing three seventh-grade girls to the world of robotics. Now the award-winning Team ECH is using their newly found skills to do environmental studies at a local marina, building a website, and planning to share the fun of hands-on science with younger students.

Team ECH is the creation of Ella Tretheway, 12, Claire Ledgerwood, 12, and Hannah Aiken, 13, best friends who met as toddlers and stayed together even though they attend different schools in the Asotin area. With Setlow's guidance they built a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) that performs tasks underwater, earning them third place in the virtual 2021 International SeaPerch Challenge pool event. SeaPerch is an underwater robotics program for elementary, middle school, and high school students in the U.S. and more than 35 countries.

The girls who volunteered for the undertaking met with Setlow at a parent's workshop, then at the Asotin Family Aquatic Center where they built the ROV from polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe and connectors.

Competition rules required that it be able to complete four tasks in two minutes, all recorded on video and submitted to the judges for scoring. They included opening the ROV disposal vault, disarming a "mine" and moving it to the vault before closing it, then moving sunken debris to the disposal area, and moving floating debris out of an area on the surface.

For tweens already busy with music, dance, language learning, and babysitting, this was a new challenge that came with both hesitation and frustration. But they would do it again, they say.



- 1 Science Team ECH worked hard to build the Remotely Operated Vehicle for a SeaPerch Challenge.
- 2 Award-winning "Iris" was built from PVC pipe by the team of seventh grade girls with the help of Asotin Lion Rob Setlow.
- 3 Best friends and now Team ECH: Hannah Aiken, Claire Ledgerwood, and Ella Tretheway at the Port of Clarkston.

They are already planning to compete in the SeaPerch regionals in Washington this spring, hoping it leads them to international competition in Maryland next summer. "I think it was exciting to put some of the knowledge we have of science to use in a fun way," says Claire. "But it took some determination. We really did have to work at it to build our ROV to do what it had to do."

"What was most enjoyable, was getting to do something 'sciency' and accomplish something with my best friends," says Ella. "It took patience." She pauses and her voice becomes more serious. "It took a lot of patience for Rob." Her teammates burst into laughter.

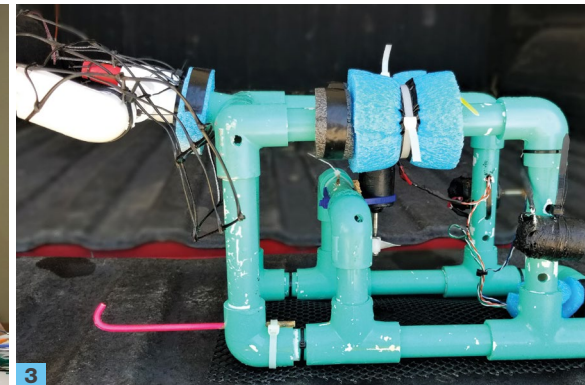
"Really, our coach has done so much," says Hannah. "We couldn't have done this without the support of the Lions. But we definitely could not have done it without Rob."

A STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) advocate, Setlow grew up in a family with a calling to support science education, he says. "We're all geeks."

In 2006, he and his three siblings established the Charles R. and Louise V. Setlow Memorial Science Scholarship for the Advancement of Science Education, promoting science education in memory of their parents.

He never aspired to make engineers out of these girls, but he is pleased, he says, that each girl found her niche, and how the girls put their talents together to form a successful collaborative work environment. "That's a life skill," says Setlow. "I'm thankful they did well with their project, coming together as a team, and I'm very proud of them."

"We [the parents who all have careers in science] get it. We all know how hard it can be for 12- and 13-year-old girls, and how important it is that they get these experiences," says Hannah's mother, Rachel Jameton, who is a chemist.



Mathematics

"Twelve and 13 are key for when students either feel like they are included in science or discluded. It's a pivotal time when girls in particular might feel like science isn't the right place for them. We are thankful that Rob is so invested and [we are] so thankful for his good humor. He has some real ability to give them the freedom to have fun but also make sure they're getting the tasks done."

With the help of another Asotin Lion, Don Alexander, his 14-foot fishing boat, and his sonar technology (or "fish finder"), the SeaPerch award was just the beginning for Team ECH.

They have a new mission at the Port of Clarkston on the Snake River, using an underwater camera they added to the ROV to inspect pilings, measure depth, and map the bottom of the marina, locating shallow spots where dredging is being considered.

This new project meant rebuilding their model with a bigger motor and longer tether because it was originally designed to work in a pool, not a river. In return, the marina paid them US\$300 that they chose to put toward the camera.

Wanda Keefer, executive director of the Port of Clarkston, says it's been fun teaming up with the talented young scientists. She appreciates their completed surveys as the port sets strategies for future improvements.

Technology

- 1 Asotin Lion Don Alexander steered his fishing boat as Lion Rob Setlow explained sonar technology.
- 2 Team ECH studied the principles of buoyancy to take their ROV from the pool to the Snake River.
- 3 The ROV was rebuilt and a camera added to help them inspect pilings and measure depth at the Port of Clarkston.

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"We really want to celebrate these young ladies, their opportunities, the perspective they brought, and their ability to work as a team," says Keefer. "It's exciting that they were able to turn this into a practical application. They've worked very hard." 📌

SMALL TOWN, BIG SPIRIT

Lighthouse embodies the heart
and soul of Lions in Tionesta

BY MELANIE CARDEN

Lighthouses speak louder than words in Tionesta, Pennsylvania. Nestled on an island along the Allegheny River—at the confluence of the Tionesta Creek—you'll find a unique landmark that has come to embody the deepest values of community. The Sherman Memorial Lighthouse is a beacon of kindred community, attracting visitors from near and far.

Jack Sherman, a long-time Tionesta resident and businessman, has been a dedicated Lion for more than 60 years. The Sherman family roots run deep in the small community—a gateway town for the Allegheny National Forest. Jack's father, Joe Sherman, was a pillar of the business landscape, building success in farming, trucking, banking, and a still-operating sand and gravel business. Nearly 20 years ago, Jack wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and find a way to give back to the community in a unique and meaningful way. Jack—a passionate lighthouse aficionado—decided Tionesta could use a beacon of its own.

In 2003, after personally spearheading design efforts, Jack Sherman broke ground on the Sherman Memorial Lighthouse. The 75-foot structure honors his love of lighthouses and his family's heritage, but its foundation is firmly cemented in the community. Though the landmark is privately-owned, Sherman opens the lighthouse for tours throughout the year and the proceeds go directly to the Tionesta Lions Club.

Visitors can learn about the construction of the lighthouse, read up on the history of the Sherman family, and view the collection of nearly 300 replica lighthouses on display. Funds from the lighthouse tours account for roughly one-third of the Lions' annual budget. But why a lighthouse? "Lighthouses are beautiful structures. Architecture is at its best," says Sherman. He wanted to "build something unique to become a landmark in Tionesta, and a place where the heritage of my family may be preserved."

The lighthouse was completed in 2006 and immediately became a draw for visitors from near and far. Towering at one end of the 22-acre island, the lighthouse makes a beautiful backdrop for afternoon walks or picnics. Over the years, Sherman has slowly added features to the park, which now boasts a Peace Park with a veteran's memorial, benches, a Statue of Liberty replica, and paths for walking and biking. Warm weather weekends are busy with kayakers, canoers, and anglers vying for the water's famed musky fish. With a handicap-accessible ramp at the pier and flat paths, the lighthouse green is a place where everyone can spend an afternoon, including seniors and those with mobility restrictions.

Seventeen-year old Allen Johnston and his girlfriend, Olivia Siegel, were thrilled when they were able to take photographs inside the lighthouse and on its balcony overlooking the river. They loved the drama of the backdrop against their formalwear.

And when COVID-19 upended the wedding plans of Meredith and Mitchell Obenrader, Sherman and the Tionesta Lions welcomed them—and all 375 guests—onto the property for the nuptials. "The lighthouse really created a private and intimate feeling," says Meredith. "The day truly came together perfectly." Though a deviation from their original plan, it ended up feeling fortuitous. Mitchell's older brother was also married at

the lighthouse in 2018, making marriage at the lighthouse a kind of accidental tradition. "It just made our day even more special," says Meredith.

One of four lighthouses in Pennsylvania, the Sherman Lighthouse is distinctive with its river-island location and working, rotating beacon light. These rarities bring lighthouse lovers from all over for a chance to see in person and snap a photo or two. Many of those visitors—from motorcycle enthusiasts to lighthouse aficionados—tag the location on social media and the Sherman Lighthouse has made regular appearances in the Facebook group "Lighthouses of the World."

More than 15 years after it was opened, the Tionesta gem has become an integral part of the surrounding community. "It's as much a part of Tionesta as the Allegheny River or Allegheny Forest," says John Straitiff, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau. The visitors' bureau often includes the lighthouse in its tourism materials and social media posts. Straitiff says it's not uncommon to get emails and calls about the lighthouse, folks eager to add the destination to their travel plans. "We have had inquiries from Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland, Harrisburg, and others. Usually within a three or four-hour drive," he says.

Part of what makes it such a desirable destination is the nearby Tionesta Market Village—a quaint collection of cottage-industry standouts that include a winery, chocolatier, bakery, and more. You wouldn't know to look at it, but the town created the picturesque shopfronts from ingeniously designed storage containers. Lions came together with community leaders when, in 2003, an entire neighborhood block was devastated by fire. Lion Jim McGuire recounts that, "The fire...started in the Knotty Pine Restaurant. That is also where the Tionesta Lions held their meetings. The only thing of the Lions that survived the fire was the bell that is used to start and end the meetings." For years, the community tried to find developers to revive the area. Finally, Sherman and fellow Lion Farley Wright, both on the Redevelopment Board, helped bring the storage shed-shops to life.

The unique shopping village and lighthouse, combined, give road trippers a one-of-a-kind experience. And the locals? They love it, too. Just grab a smiley cookie from Warner's Bakery and a pecan snapper from L & B Chocolate Co. and meander the lighthouse walking trails. Kathy Licht, the owner of the bakery, has made plenty of cakes for lighthouse weddings, which are always teeming with good cheer. "Small town, big spirit," she says.

It's not always easy to capture that spirit in a photograph, even though the lighthouse has been the subject of many professional and amateur photographers. But Tionesta local Cody Magill may have done just that. After "patiently waiting for a night with clear skies, low humidity, no moon, and no fog," he captured a breathtaking, star-speckled image of his favorite spot—and it just happened to be on his birthday. 📸

HOPE

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Haitians help Haitians in the aftermath of successive tragedies

By Lillygol Sedaghat

On Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 8:29am local time, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the southwestern part of Haiti. That day, over 2,200 people were killed and more than 130,000 homes and buildings were damaged or destroyed. It was another crisis on top of what the country was already facing—political instability, COVID-19, food insecurity, and the aftereffects of a previous earthquake and hurricane.

Lions Respond

Local Lions “sprung into action quickly,” says KaSondra Byrd, Division Manager of Global Grants from Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF). Just hours after the earthquake struck, Lions in Haiti gathered and immediately began developing a comprehensive relief plan. The most affected area was in Les Cayes, a three-hour journey south from the capital of Port-au-Prince. Lions had many factors to consider: what supplies were needed, how to transport them to more rural areas of the affected region, how to navigate the challenges of insecurity in the area, and how to best meet the needs of the local people. It was a tall order, but the Lions were ready.



Putting Experience To Use

Lions in Haiti had the connections, know-how, and disaster relief planning experience from a previous earthquake disaster in 2010, when a 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit just 25 miles west of Port-au-Prince and affected 6.5 million people living within 50 miles of its epicenter. Lions “have a better concept of what happened previously and the challenges, and organized around that,” says Byrd, who has worked with Lions in Haiti for the past 10 years.

During the first earthquake disaster, Lions had a lot to figure out, and fast: “Who can we network with on the ground? Who do we partner with?” The country was inundated with foreign non-governmental organizations (NGOs) trying to provide relief, and there was a lot of difficulty in navigating who had and hadn’t been helped and where the Lions could best assist with their relief efforts.

LCIF Quickly Provides Support

This time, with the help of a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant from LCIF, Lions were able to provide immediate relief to three remote local communities, providing food, water, medical supplies, and moral support. From August 21 – 31, 2021, they handed out 2,300 bottles of water, and 1,890 food and hygiene kits prepared by the Leos of Port-au-Prince.

Under the leadership of District Governor (DG) William Eliacin, shelters were established in the first three days. “Support of all kind has been delivered to the South department by all the existing clubs in Haiti,” says DG Eliacin over email. “Those donations, in terms of potable water, food, and shelters have been delivered in all towns affected by the earthquake. It is extremely important to stress the major role of the local clubs, since all of them have contributed to the relief effort.”



Pierre Moise



Support From Other Lions

With the help of the Lions of Sweden, the Lions of Haiti received 200 family-sized tents and 15 large tents, providing shelter to families who were now exposed to the elements and afraid to sleep indoors, children needing a place to go to school, and medical staff providing medical relief. Three Swedish Lions even came to Haiti to support the local Lions for several weeks, assisting with tent set-up and training. “We are not about to forget that,” says DG Eliacin.

Haitian photographer Pierre Moïse spent several days with local Lions as they pursued their relief efforts. He recalls seeing a group of young Lions walking through the city of Les Cayes, where nearly 60% of the buildings were damaged or destroyed. “[They were] doing a good job to distribute tents and aid,” he says over a WhatsApp call. He noticed the faces of the local people and recalled how satisfied they felt. “A lot of people want to become Lions,” he says. “They see the Lions helping the population and doing good things. Hope,” he says, “Lions develop and extend it to people.”

It Wasn't Easy

The distance was a major challenge—a majority of the clubs had to travel many hours to get to the affected areas. The trip from Port-au-Prince, where they received and readied the disaster relief resources, was a three-hour drive. But with narrow bridges, unpaved roads, traffic, and the threat of bandits, getting supplies to the area sometimes took up to 10 or more hours.

Plus, the cargo was large, heavy, and difficult to transport. According to the third report written by the Lions of Haiti to LCIF, the “200 family-sized tents and 15 large tents filled five 40-foot containers and had to

pass through rough country to get there.” There are things that could help. One intermediate solution would be to have a helicopter, says Eliacin. But he would settle for more reliable ground transport as well. “Having one truck and a 4-wheel-drive pick-up would be pluses, since it would spare us having to rent them all the time.”

It Wasn't Always Safe

“Every time we move we put our lives in jeopardy,”

says DG Eliacin. “Channeling help to the needy is extremely difficult and risky. The solution is political. And due to the nature of our organization there is nothing much we can do about it.” There was one incident where an armed group of bandits held up the caravan of supplies, but Lions were able to negotiate and get past the blockade safely and with their supplies intact.

The next challenge was to determine where to leave their supplies for distribution to the more rural areas. But no one wanted to have a supply depot close by. There was—and still is—an “immensity of needs,” says DG Eliacin. And those needs drove desperation—even the local police station had experienced a battle during food distribution. Finally, after speaking with the community, Lions were able to connect with a couple willing to lend a courtyard in the Bourdet area away from the city center to distribute relief goods.



📷 Pierre Moïse

“ They are committed to the people of Haiti and people know they can depend on them. Long after the cameras turn off, the Lions are there, because this is the community where they live and serve. ”

The Difficult Task of Distribution

Lions distributed by zone, deliberately targeting vulnerable populations far away from the city, some days sleeping in the street or in the car to provide on-the-ground relief. More than 6,900 people were injured and over 83,000 homes were damaged or destroyed by the earthquake; there are “thousands and thousands who cannot provide the most basic [needs].” says DG Eliacin. “Literally thousands of houses and hundreds of schools need to be rebuilt, and rebuilt properly.”

Access to the depot, however, was made difficult by a small canal. Lions Marc Cornet and Josue Jean recognized the need for a bridge over the canal to help transport supplies safely and more efficiently from the local distribution depot to the affected communities. They then organized the building of a small bridge, creating a long-term improvement for the area.



Roof Checkups Ease Fear In The Aftermath

The third challenge was managing the effects of the aftershocks and the subsequent emotional trauma felt by the local population. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, 22 aftershocks between 4.0-5.8 magnitude were felt days after the initial earthquake, primarily in the Nippes Department. People were afraid to sleep indoors, and for good reason—after the 2016 landfall of Hurricane Matthew, many locals replaced their tin or wooden roofs with concrete for

greater protection from the stormy weather. However, a majority of these structures were not earthquake-proof, and so when the earthquake struck, roofs collapsed, causing many people to fear being inside concrete buildings. To alleviate some of the fear, local Lions provided structural assessments of homes with volunteer engineers and technicians, evaluating each home with a color code: red for demolition, yellow for repair, and green for use. In their Phase Two plan for long-term development, Lions aim to institute a cash-and-food-for-work program to help those unemployed by the earthquake re-enter the workforce by clearing rubble and rebuilding buildings. To help youth reduce their stress response to trauma, Lions are hoping to promote the use of art, music, and sports in schools.

Haitian Lions Are There For The Road Ahead

Amidst the challenges, Lions are “very resilient, [and] they have the community support,” Byrd says. “They are committed to the people of Haiti and people know they can depend on them. Long after the cameras turn off, the Lions are there, because this is the community where they live and serve.”

Moïse knows the importance of Haitian Lions helping their own communities. “People in the earthquake area...don't want outside people to come to them. They prefer to help themselves, they are determined for that,” he says. The local Lions of Haiti are at the core and center of long-term reconstruction efforts. The first club in Haiti chartered in 1982, and the number of clubs continues to expand across the country.

However, Lions in Haiti recognize they can't tackle these challenges alone. “We do appreciate the help of our Lions brothers and sisters, and in the name of the Haitian people, we thank them from the deepest of our hearts,” says DG Eliacin. “Things have been tough for us recently, yet we have witnessed a spontaneous movement of solidarity toward those who were suffering the most,” he continues. “Such a country cannot die, and our modest efforts to help will contribute to creating a new Haiti where, thanks to all of us, hope will finally glow.”



In **Oklahoma**, the city of Hugo honored Leo Caleb Joe, 17, with the Volunteer of the Year award. Caleb performed more than 50 hours of community service through the active **Hugo Leos Club**.

The **Portage Lions Club** in **Michigan** hosted their Inaugural Student Essay Contest to give third, fourth and fifth- grade students an opportunity to develop creative thinking, writing, self-expression, and public speaking skills. They spoke about “What Memorial Day and Freedom Mean to Me.” The winner, Tatum Richardson, was presented with a US\$50 prize and a patriotic wreath.



The **Snellville Lions** in **Georgia** distributed boxes of food, assisting with the USDA Farm to Families program.

The **Snellville Lions** and **Lions of Georgia** led by Marcia Anderson-Esson, District 18I chairperson for hunger, partnered with the local food bank and others to distribute USDA Farm to Families boxes of produce, meat and dairy products. Between June 2020 and May 2021, 192,424 residents of Georgia were helped.

The **Avon Grove High School Leo Club** in **Pennsylvania** collected more than 1,000 pounds of plastic bags as a community service recycling project during the school year. For their efforts, the Trex Corporation awarded a Trex park bench that the Leos donated for the residential gardens at Luther House, a home for seniors in West Grove, Pa.

In **New York**, the **Orchard Park Lions** were busy gearing up for their 26th Annual Car & Motorcycle Show & Cruise to benefit their Blind & Charity Fund.

The **Austin-West Austin Lions Club** in **Texas** helped get a mobile eye clinic for half Helen, a nonprofit to help children see the world clearly. With their support, comprehensive eye exams and prescription glasses will be made possible for underprivileged children across central Texas. Plans are to screen 18,000 kids, provide 3,100 eye exams, and dispense 2,500 pairs of prescription glasses this coming school year through their mobile eye clinic.

The **Brazoria Lions Club** in **Texas** prepared to resume their annual Celebrate America event that was cancelled in 2020. The free evening celebration consists of inflatables for children, vendors, food booths, and the county’s largest fireworks show.

In **Pennsylvania**, Jennifer Scott, advisor to the **Owen J. Roberts Middle School Leos**, hosted an in-person meeting at the school for 21 students who completed the required commitment in the pandemic year for induction into the Leo club.

The **Maple Grove, Minnesota, Lions Club** learned about the NexTrex Challenge through District M-5M5 and collected 500 pounds of plastic film over six months to receive a park bench made of Trex material. Unlike hard plastic like beverage bottles and food containers, plastic film includes case wrappers from paper products and beverages, cereal bags, dry cleaner bags, newspaper sleeves, produce wrappers and bags, bubble wrap, plastic shipping envelopes, pallet wrap and more.



PDG Robert Hemm celebrated his 100th birthday with the **Springfield-Franconia Host Lions Club** in **Virginia**.

Lions from the **Springfield-Franconia Host Lions Club** in **Virginia** honored their 100-year-old member PDG Robert Hemm. Over the years Hemm was active in clubs in Ohio, Germany, Utah, Maryland, Alabama, and England, before joining the Springfield-Franconia Lions in 1977. He credits his longevity to always striving to help others and an occasional glass, or two, of German wine.

In **Kentucky**, the **Mt. Washington Lions** paid US\$2,800 for a long-researched “In Memoriam” plaque unveiled Memorial Day on the front lawn of the Bullitt County Courthouse. The names of 132 Bullitt County individuals who died while in military service dating from the War of 1812 to Afghanistan and Iraq are listed on the plaque.

The **New Philadelphia Lions Club** in **Ohio** awarded US\$300 to the Tuscarawas County Public Library for the purchase of large print books. Lions plans to continue aiding the library in serving the visually impaired.

In **California**, the **Arnold Lions Club** began participating in a community recycling challenge put on by Trex, and with local businesses collected plastic film in bins placed around town.

Members of the **Winchester Host Lions Club** in **Virginia** convened in Jim Barnett Park to spruce up the entrance to the group’s 74-year-old picnic shelter. They painted a pair of wooden lions that stand guard at the entrance and refreshed the sign in front of the pavilion.

The **London Ohio Lions Club** held a dedication for “Noah’s Bridge,” a Centennial Project for the Lions

who raised US\$10,000 toward the bridge. Success is credited to the cooperation of a local club, two other nonprofit organizations, and multiple government agencies.

In **Kansas**, the **Emporia Lions** reminded travelers of Flag Day by setting up 30 American flags on loan from the American Legion’s Patriot Guard to wave from the pedestrian bridge over the interstate.



Thanks to the **Ashwaubenon Lions** in **Wisconsin**, a plastic Mobi-Mat makes the local beach wheelchair accessible.

The **Ashwaubenon Lions** in **Wisconsin** donated US\$8,500 for the purchase of a Mobi-Mat to be used at Ashwaubomay Lake. The recycled plastic mat allows wheelchair access directly to the water as well as access to spots on the beach to spend time with family. It stretches about 100 feet into the water and plastic wings jut 15 feet to the side, allowing people to settle off the main route.

Lemon Grove Lions in **California** donated about 600 pairs of glasses to help with the Lions Recycle for Sight program and served up good food for hungry concert goers at the concert in the park and on National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

The **State Center Lions** in **Iowa** had a summer golf outing for members and spouses.



State Center Lions in **Iowa** enjoyed a club golf outing.

In **Minnesota**, the **New Ulm Lions** donated money for an open shelter near the splash pad and playground in the city's North Park. The 24-by-38-foot shelter is expected to cost between US\$35,000 and US\$40,000.

The **Warren Township Lions'** 53rd annual EXPO Carnival in **New Jersey** included rides, games, fireworks, food, and an exposition of local businesses.

The **Lisle Lions Club** in **Illinois** announced the 2021 Educational Foundation winner as Lisle High School graduate Callie Walsh who is enrolled in agricultural and biological engineering at the University of Illinois.

In **Michigan**, the **Crystal Falls Lions Club** hosted the 56th annual Bass Festival at Runkle Lake Park in Crystal Falls. Cash prizes were awarded for largest bass, perch, bluegill, crappie, walleye, and pike, in adult and children's categories.

More than 35 volunteers came for the fourth Susquehanna River Cleanup in **New York**, including members of the **Cooperstown Lions Club** and Rotary clubs. Financial contributions assisted with building three new rafts. The project came about because John Rowley and Maureen Rowley would walk part of the riverside trail in Cooperstown on a regular basis and were dismayed by the amount of debris in that section of the river, including a large cattle-feeding trough. Lion's past president John proposed the clean-up project to the club.

Lions clubs around El Paso, Texas, partnered with the Socorro Independent School District for

a school uniform swap. Parents received a credit slip for clean, used uniforms and donated outgrown uniforms to other students.



Key Peninsula Charter Lion Hugh McMillan is honored by his club and school board at the naming of the town's new Hugh McMillan Community Center in **Washington**.

In **Washington**, a new community center was named for Lion Hugh McMillan, a charter member of the **Key Peninsula Lions Club** who was recognized for more than 30 years of service to the Peninsula School District for his dedication and weekly news column supporting children in local schools. A few years ago Lion Hugh was honored for bringing more than 75 members into his club.

In **Pennsylvania**, the new **Blossburg Area Lions Club** had 23 people join at their July meeting. PDG Cheryl Wilbur, the Lions' global membership chair for Pennsylvania, credited Jill Nickerson, a member of the Blossburg borough council, who called people, encouraged them to come, and even provided the hot meal. Wilbur brought gift baskets so those attending could purchase a chance to win, and she collected US\$57 which she turned over to the new club's treasury.

The **St. Joseph Lions** in **Michigan** partnered with the Berrien Community Foundation and filled nearly 500 pencil cases with erasers, pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, markers, round tip scissors, and pencils for area elementary school children.

In **Pennsylvania**, nearly 300 people attended the annual Lions Appreciation Day at Beacon Lodge Camp. Lions' activities included games, a giant Name That Tune competition, a worship service, blind bowling, and camp tours. There was a basket raffle, an indoor expo for pin traders, a 50/50 raffle, a barbecue lunch, and The Great Duck Race. The race began as a fundraising idea by a member of the **Little Beaver Lions** who bought 1,000 rubber duckies and numbered them by hand.



Guests from three **California** Lions clubs participated in the **Carpenteria Lions'** multi-club horseshoe tournament to benefit cancer research.

The **Carpenteria Lions Club** in **California** held its annual multi-club horseshoe tournament, competing to benefit City of Hope, a national cancer research institute. The competition featured contestants from the Pleasant Valley Lions, the Downtown Ventura Lions, and the Amber Light Lions, and raised US\$1,427.

The **Texas Lions from District**

2-T3, with the leadership of District Governor Dr. Francisco Javier Morales, arranged a virtual meeting with the **Lions of Mexico District B2**. One of the greatest concerns discussed on the Mexican side was that of hunger. The Texas District immediately raised US\$9,100 among its clubs, and the Lions from both districts met at the International Bridge in the border town of Presidio, Texas, and Ojinaga, Mexico, for the celebration of fellowship and delivery of funds.



East Dubuque Lion Don Kussmaul manned the grill, cooking up peach barbecue wings at the club's 16th annual Wing Fest in **Illinois**.

Under blue skies, the **East Dubuque Lions** in **Illinois** served their tasty peach barbecue wings to a hungry crowd at their 16th annual Wing Fest.

In **West Virginia**, the **Alum Creek Lions** had a 50/50 raffle to celebrate the arrival of Taylor Ross, 7-pound daughter of PDG Mandy Ross and Alum Lion Dean Ross Jr. The Lion who correctly picked Sept. 1 as the date of her birth (the same date as his own birthday) claimed the prize. The other half of the 50/50 money went



The **Alum Creek Lions** in **West Virginia** had a 50/50 raffle to guess Taylor Ross's date of birth. Half the money went in the scholarship fund. She is the daughter of PDG Mandy Ross and Alum Creek Lion Dean Ross Jr.

into the club's scholarship fund for students going to college. Taylor's grandfather is also an Alum Creek Lion.

After a year's absence due to no Western Idaho Fair, the **Boise Bench Lions** in **Idaho** got back to staffing the Found Kids Booth, a project started in 2014. Parents or guardians bring their kids to the booth to be registered, and this year 1,042 kids got a numbered arm band and contact information for the parent or guardian was recorded. If the kids are separated from the adults, they can go to any security staff or vendor and will be brought back to the booth where Lions or security will contact the adults.

Hundreds of Aurora-area residents in **Illinois** attended the City of Aurora's eighth annual youth and family resource fair where **Aurora Noon Lions** were among 40 community organizations providing information.

The students and teachers at Southern Door Elementary School had a nice surprise as the new school year started. The **Brussels Lions** in **Wisconsin** painted a to-scale 35-by-55-foot map of the United States on the pavement with dots at the state capitals. In addition, they painted a 20-by-30-foot world map with each of the continents a different color.



Chicago Windy City Lions in **Illinois** took home the Bronze in the Chicago Chinatown Dragon Boat Race for Literacy.

The **Chicago Windy City Lions** in **Illinois** participated in the Chicago Chinatown Dragon Boat Race for Literacy to benefit the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce. Out of 19 teams, the Windy City Lions took Bronze in the Tiger Division. Started in 2000, the Chicago Dragon Boat Race for Literacy has been successfully held by the Chinatown Chamber to promote Asian culture and help the neighborhood literacy programs.

In **Oklahoma**, the **Tulsa Downtown Lions Club**, through their Cycle for Life Program,

awarded two special needs individuals from Owasso, Okla., bicycles tailored to their special needs. The Cycle for Life program provides outdoor therapy bikes for special needs children, wounded warriors, and wounded peace officers in Tulsa and the surrounding community.



City police officers in **Pennsylvania** were among the crowd enjoying the **McKeesport Lions'** RibFest concluding their summer concert series.

The Summer Concert Series concluded for the **McKeesport Lions Club** in **Pennsylvania** on Labor Day with a weekend RibFest at Renziehausen Park in the Lions Band Shell area. The weekend included ribs with all the fixin's from four vendors, the Lions Food Booth, Lions Ice Cream Booth, and Funnel Cake and Lemonade booth. This was all topped off by fireworks on Labor Day evening when the Lions thanked all those who made the free Sunday evening concerts a success.

The **Goliad, Texas Lions Club** delivered suitcases, backpacks, bags, blankets, and toiletries to Luca's Luggage Project to help children in vulnerable situations.

The **Fraser River Valley Lions Club** in **Colorado** is one of the clubs around the world named for this year's Lions International Kindness Matters Service Award. The Lions helped raise funds and pay for the construction of a kitchen at Mountain Family Center which helps the community learn healthy recipes and meals, and provides teacher training for diabetes-focused cooking classes. The US\$42,000 kitchen was funded with a grant from LCI along with fundraising by the Fraser Valley Club and the Jackson County Lions Club.

After powerful storms battered parts of Flushing Township in August, community members rolled up their sleeves to help. The **Flushing Lions Club** in **Michigan** supplied food and water to Consumers Energy workers who were restoring electricity to multiple neighborhoods. Altogether, the Lions fed more than 100 linemen—many of whom were working 16-hour shifts. With a US\$10,000 grant from LCIF, food, water, and medications for residents who were impacted by the storms were provided along with storm damage cleanup for seniors.

The **Lions Clubs of District 12-N** are working together to raise awareness of diabetes and pre-diabetes with a screening quiz for the public using a short questionnaire from the American Diabetes Association to assess whether people are likely to be pre-diabetic. The **Oak Ridge Lions** in **Tennessee** encouraged people in the community to complete the questionnaire.

In **Maine**, an unprecedented amount of "stuff" was for sale during the three-day **Wilton Lions Club** yard sale. Usually held in June, the traditional event had to be canceled last year because of the coronavirus pandemic but the club was able to save all donations since the 2019 sale. Although the furniture tent was full, Lions said they were selling everything from golf clubs to yo-yos.

The **College Station Noon Lions Club** in **Texas** held an "I Love America Fall Festival" on Sept. 11 to support Texas Lions Camp, the special summer camp for children with disabilities.

The **Colts Neck Lions Club** in **New Jersey** hosted its 27th Annual Pancake Breakfast serving hundreds of patrons for \$5 per adult, \$3 per child, and \$3 for seniors. This year's proceeds were donated to Kateri Day Camp, a seven-week summer camp serving children ages 5-13, and funding a service dog for a wounded veteran in Monmouth County. Veteran John Caporaso picked up his new best friend, Zildjian (pronounced "Zil Gin").

As part of its 100th year anniversary celebration, the **Liberal Noon Lions Club** in **Kansas** donated US\$1,600 to Crossroads Center, a therapeutic horse riding center. With Lion support in 2003 the center was able to build its indoor arena.

The **Carson City Host Lions Club** in **Nevada** sponsored a Chalk Art Contest as part of the Nevada Day festivities. The contest was open to individuals, families, and businesses. Contestants created chalk art masterpieces on a city sidewalk based on the theme, "My Favorite Moment in Nevada." The Lions provided chalk supplies and awarded prizes to the top three chalk artists or family teams.

The **Alexandria Evening Lions** in **Minnesota** hosted the 48th Annual Lions Cross Country "Meet of Champions" with 1,218 runners from 28 statewide schools participating.

Elmhurst Lions in **Illinois** had more than 10 tons of fun at their October pumpkin patch with help from the **York High School Leos** who hosted the Fall Family Fest, offering a moon jump and more while collecting winter coats for those in need.

In **Wisconsin**, the **Madison Area Family Lions Club** had a Lions Mop

& Broom Sale, selling O-Cedar brand mops and brooms as well as cotton household mops and corn brooms. The proceeds will help in providing eye exams and glasses for youth and adults.

The **Midland Northside Lions Club** in **Texas** had its fall fundraiser, the 18th annual Roar with Laughter hilarity revue. The proceeds help provide an annual Midland College scholarship, support LCIF global causes, Lions' camps for kids, and a variety of other charities.



Middletown Lion Angela Kennedy helped a child write her name on the braille writer in the Lions' tent focusing on Helen Keller at the Middletown Family Fun Festival in **Kentucky**.

In **Kentucky**, the **Middletown Lions** wanted to highlight Helen Keller this year at the town's Family Fun Festival, and with the help of the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, they encouraged children visiting their tent to wear a blindfold. Children learned to type their name with a braille writer, locate their state on a 3-D map, identify items by touch, and more.



Winchester Host Lion President Sabra Veach cut the ribbon to open the Lion's Sensory Trail in **Virginia**. Lion Caz Zuckerman, a leader in the development of the LCI Legacy Project, joined the walk.

The **Winchester Host Lions** in **Virginia** cut the ribbon opening the Sensory Trail at Jim Barnett Park. Lions began planning for the trail in 2016 as a LCI Legacy Project. The 422-foot-long circular sensory trail includes three roofed picnic tables and a bench in front of an herb garden. Members of the Winchester Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind were among the first to walk the trail. Lions also spruced up the entrance to the group's 74-year-old picnic shelter.

East Kauai Lions in **Hawaii** are enjoying their newsletters, Lions Bone, now in larger and bolder print.

In **Canada**, the **Schumacher Lions Club** made history with their installation of the first Lions International Peace Park in Ontario, a show of celebration for the city's cultural diversity. Coinciding with the International Day of Peace recognized by the United Nations, the park features 20 peace poles,

each celebrating different cultures present in the area and designed by people in the community. Each pole says “may peace prevail on Earth” in a different language.

In **Arkansas**, the **Stuttgart Lions** sold Cajun shrimp dinners - a half-pound of jumbo shrimp, corn on the cob, potatoes, fresh-made cocktail sauce, and a lemon - for US\$15.

In **Mississippi**, neighboring clubs sold the goodies needed for Thanksgiving. The **Wesson Lions Club** offered sweet potatoes from Vardaman, La., the Sweet Potato Capital, and the **Brookhaven Lions** sold fresh pecans from Georgia.

The **Big Rapids Lions Club** in **Michigan** was thanked by a local business owner for being a hardworking organization that has stepped up to the plate and supported local businesses during their struggles over the past year.



The new **North Haven Leo Club** in **Connecticut** began with 16 founding members.

In **Connecticut**, the new **North Haven Leo Club** held its organizational meeting with the founding 16 members of the club. The Leos assisted on Lion projects through the spring and summer including the Lion’s Second Saturday projects cleaning up John Grover Wyman Park, food drives,

eyeglasses collection, and dog and cat food and towel and blanket collection for Fidelco Guide Dogs and The Animal Haven.

The **Kapa’a Lions Club** in **Hawaii** packed more than 50 personal hygiene packages including face masks specially sewn for the residents of the Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital, special treats, soaps and shampoos.

The **Lions of District 13 OH2** in **Ohio** partnered with Pennsylvania-based Wendell August Forge to produce a handcrafted aluminum polished ornament using IP Alexander’s theme, “Service from the Heart.” The ornament was developed for resale with net proceeds dedicated to LCIF. It is available for purchase through June 30, 2022 for US\$19 including tax and shipping. Check it out at www.wendellaugust.com.

In **Illinois**, the **Galena Lions Club’s** 14th annual Galena Oktoberfest was enjoyed by 4,000 people and 70 wiener dogs. The Lions expect to have raised US\$48,000 to give back to their community. The event included wiener dog races, polka dancing, live music and occasional music by two guys playing alphorns, activities for kids, a bean bag tournament, beer stein endurance contest, German-style food, and beer. The Lions have supported the Galena Food Pantry and the Galena Arts & Recreation Center for 14 years. Over the last three years they have given US\$20,000 in scholarships for students who are pursuing careers in sight and sound related careers.

In **California**, the **Encinitas Lions Club** turned 30 and celebrated with a strolling party for all Lions and



Galena, Illinois Lions President Chet Schuler, and his wife, Kathy Schuler, Second Vice President, stop their polka to say Guten Tag.

Leos. Admission was an unwrapped new item for a child.

The **Coatesville Leo Club** in **Pennsylvania** held a Sock Collection for Veterans at the Coatesville VA Medical Center

In **Texas**, the **Antonio Founder Lions Club** purchased two Rifton tricycles for children at TEAMability so those with multiple disabilities can ride their bikes just like others.

In **Wisconsin**, the **Kingston Lions** mourned the passing of Charter Lion Harlan K. Marsh, 83. Harlan will be remembered for his quick wit, skilled card playing, and for being a dedicated member of the Kingston Lions Club for more than 58 years.

Celebrating 85 years, the **Breese Lions Club** in **Illinois** was commended by civic leaders for its hard work and dedication resulting in more than US\$233,000 it donated to Lions programs and charities, along with community programs over the last 15 of 85 years. The Breese Lions have given more than US\$18,000 to

the volunteer fire department, more than US\$43,000 for high school scholarships, and have purchased more than US\$27,000 in eyeglasses and hearing aids for community members.

In **Arkansas**, more than 13,000 people experienced The Joy of Serving with the **Bentonville Breakfast Lions Club**, enabling the Lions of Bentonville to fund many in need in Northwest Arkansas.

The **Goliad Lions** in **Texas** presented a US\$250 donation to Water Well Cafe for their community Thanksgiving meal. In addition, the club donated turkey and cornbread mix to help defray the cost of the event.

In **Virginia**, the **Greater Falls Run Lions Club** (GFRLC) Second VP Jim Purton, District 24-L Chair of the Lions Project for Canine Companions (LPCC), established a team in memory of his wife, Michele. At the Canine Companions DogFest 2021, Purton’s team provided donations exceeding his US\$10,000 goal. GFRLC and residents of the Falls Run Community donated US\$1,500, and **Fairfax Host Lions** donated US\$1,000. Since established in 1975, LPCC has raised more than US\$5M to help those in need of a service dog.

The **District 14-B Lions of Allegheny County** in **Pennsylvania** spent a November day gathering and packing items for the Giving Backpacks project. Lions from the **Bethel Park Lions, Whitehall Community Lions, Cheswick-Springdale Lions, Tarentum Area Lions, Elfinwild Lions, Mon River Fleet Lions, Oakmont Lions, Pittsburgh Host Lions, Pittsburgh Deaf-Blind Lions, Bloomfield Lawrenceville Lions, Clairton Lions, Monroeville Lions, Pleasant Hills Lions, University**

of Pittsburgh Lions, West Mifflin Lions, and the **Springdale Leos**, with volunteers and staff from Pittsburgh’s Operation Safety Net, and the Oakmont Rotarians, helped assemble Giving Backpacks for the homeless of Allegheny County. With donations from the district and a US\$10,000 grant from the McKeesport Hospital Foundation, they were able to make up 75 women’s backpacks and 225 men’s backpacks.

In **Pennsylvania**, the **Avon Grove Lions** held a Kids Sight Eye Screening at the Avon Grove Charter Early Learning Center. The Lions with help from seven Leos from the Avon Grove Charter School screened more than 150 kindergarten students.

The **Tucson Cyber Lions** in **Arizona** drove down to Sasabe, Arizona, population 54, on the border about 35 miles west of Nogales, Arizona to do vision screens on the 22 children and the school employees. Those in need of an eye exam were sent to the optometrist for a free exam and two pair of glasses. The Lions also presented every child with a pair of pajamas and a book, courtesy of the Angel Heart Pajama Project.

In **Indiana**, The **West Goshen Lions** took part in the Coats for the Homeless project. The Lions donated 14 coats for men, women, and children, and raised US \$500. Lions are working with the Chester County Department of Community Development to distribute the coats.



Chicago Uptown Lions Mark Kotz, Sharon Howerton, Suzy Travers-Byster, Julie Lovison, Bob Solomon, and Albert Anderson enjoy a rainy day with other Lions at the new Lincoln Park Zoo exhibit.

Chicago Uptown Lions enjoyed a special tour of Lincoln Park Zoo’s new Lion House in **Illinois**. The state-of-the-art habitat has been renamed the Pepper Family Wildlife Center and is home to a pride of African Lions that includes one male and four females. About 75 percent of the Uptown Lion members are visually impaired, and thanks to a grant by the Hart Prins Fund, accommodations were made for those with special needs, including wireless earpieces. Several tactile displays allow the sighted and unsighted to feel the size of a lion paw, the impression of their print, the feeling of their fur, and the rough texture of their tongues.

PARTING SHOT



Lions Go to the Dogs

Leon the Lion (aka Jim Purton, charter member of the Greater Falls Run Lions Club in Stafford County, Virginia) grabs a pic with Canine Companions puppy Bogey at DogFest in Washington DC 2021. Purton headed the Lions' fundraising team—named in honor of his late wife, Michelle—that came in second place with a total of US\$10,672. The return of the annual event to in-person after a virtual version in 2020 was welcome to canine and human participants alike.

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