

Ok Falls Lions Club

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Another New Member Contest

At the first District Cabinet meeting PZC Ken Gardner brought it to the cabinet to do a raffle to help bring a new member from each club in the district to the conference in Moses Lake. This raffle is to raise money to off set the cost of the dinner for one new member from each club. PZC Ken had gotten most of the prizes from the Spring Convention in Spokane; the main prize will be a limited print picture of an Eagle done by a painter from Sand Point ID. The tickets will be sold by your Zone Chairperson when they make their visit to your club. There will be 4 prizes drawn at each cabinet meeting with the main prize being drawn at the last cabinet meeting in Moses Lake WA.

So please see your Zone Chair for tickets, they are \$1.00 each. All the money will go to help to pay for the dinner for one new member from each club.

We Serve - Nearly 1.4 million Lions members in 193 countries and geographic areas answer the needs that challenge the communities of the world. Lions tackle tough problems like blindness, drug abuse prevention and diabetes awareness.

Global neighbors - Lions members—men and women—provide immediate and sustained relief in time of disaster and offer long-term assistance to those in need. Lions collect and recycle eyeglasses for distribution in developing countries and treat millions of people to prevent river blindness.

Community Leaders - Lions improve the quality of life in their local communities by building parks, supporting hospitals and establishing water treatment programs.

For 85 years, whenever there is a need at home or around the world, Lions members are there to help—**We Serve**.

Lions Website

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.shtml>

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Hurricane Katrina

Lions and LCIF are helping victims of Hurricane Katrina on a grand scale. Lions in the affected areas are staffing shelters and collecting funds, food and supplies. Lions elsewhere are donating money to LCIF and gathering supplies. LCIF awarded a US\$200,000 Major Catastrophe Grant within days of the disaster. LCIF is focusing its short-term relief in three areas: 1.) providing shelters with unmet substantial needs such as food, clothing, personal hygiene items and bedding, 2.) offering health services such as eyeglass distribution, and 3.) meeting needs of Lions camps and facilities housing victims of the disaster. LCIF has set up a designated fund for Lions and others who wish to help the hurricane victims. LCIF's normal policy is that Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) recognition is not allowed for designated donations. To encourage donations for Katrina victims, the LCIF Board of Trustees has amended this policy. Donations sent to LCIF for Hurricane Katrina relief from Aug. 29 to Nov. 30, 2005 (postmarked by Nov. 30), are eligible for MJF recognition. To count toward an MJF, the donation must be a single US\$1,000 payment from a donor. LCIF Chairperson Clement Kusiak has appointed a steering committee of four leading Lions from the four states most affected by the tragedy to serve as liaisons between LCIF, Lions in the disaster areas and Lions who want to help. LCIF also has set up a Web-based Help Link to connect Lions who want to volunteer time or donate goods with Lions in the affected areas who are staffing shelters or otherwise helping victims. More on Lions Website www.lionsclubs.org/index.php3

Is It A Stroke?

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster for the stroke victim. A stroke victim

may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say any bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- * Ask the individual to smile.
- * Ask him or her to raise both arms.
- * Ask the person to speak a simple sentence.

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1 -1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

Events for the year 2005 2006 for Lions of District "D"

- . MD19 Fall Forum Oct 7-8 2005 Abbotsford B.C.
- District "D" Cabinet Meeting Nov 19 2005 Camp Winfield B.C.
- Winter Council of Governors meeting Jan 28 2006 Rosario Resort
- District "D" Conference March 31 April 1,2 2006 Mosses Lake WA.
- MD 19 Annual Convention May 24-28 Pasco WA
- Lions International Convention July 10-14 2006 Boston

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TIME 6:00AM NOVEMBER 3, 2005

Breakfast at the elementary school

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE OKANAGAN FALLS LEGION

TIME 7:00 NOVEMBER 14, 2005

Zone Chairperson first visit to OK Falls at regular club meeting

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE OKANAGAN FALLS LEGION

TIME 7:00 NOVEMBER 28

Regular meeting OK Falls Lions Club

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE OKANAGAN FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TIME 6:00 AM NOVEMBER 17 2005

Breakfast at the Elementary School

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

TIME 10:30 NOVEMBER 11

REMEMBRANCE DAY

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE

TIME

DETAILS

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)

Many individual Lions and many Lions Clubs in District D donated generously to help those in need as a result of the Tsunami catastrophe in Asia. Our immediate Past International President, Clement Kusiak recently toured the ravaged area in Indonesia and the following is but a capsule of what Lions and your Foundation, LCIF, have achieved in Indonesia.

- In the North Aceh province, local Lions have built 205 homes for Tsunami victims. The wooden homes contain 2 bedrooms and electricity. The homes were paid for by your Foundation and funds mobilized by local Lions. LCIF is believed to be the first non-governmental organization to follow through with its commitment to rebuild in this region.
- The mayor of Banda Aceh, previously hesitant to work with foreign non-governmental organizations was so impressed by the rebuilding in North Aceh that he has invited LCIF to help rebuild his tattered city. Indonesian Lions and LCIF will collaborate on 150 homes.
- A Lions village with 150 homes will be constructed in Tanah Pasir, Indonesia.
- Lions in Sri Lanka plan to build 3,000 homes. More than 500 are currently under construction. Most of the 550 square-foot homes will be for fishermen and their families.
- LCIF's most recent disbursement for tsunami relief was US\$900,000 for Lions in Thailand to build a Lions village on the devastated Lanta islands. Lions are building 80 single-family homes for the fishermen and rubber farmers on the island.

Walter Murby, District Chair LCIF

. District Governor Greg Littlefield would like to welcome two new members to his cabinet. Lion Richard Bennett will take over the position of Information and Technology and Lion Dorothy Nilles will complete the term of Extension -S chairperson.

Lion Brian Chadsey for Vice District Governor

Lion Brian Chadsey PZC would like to announce his candidacy for the position of Vice-District Governor for the Lions year of 2006/2007. Lion Brian has given this careful thought for some time, realizing that he could not do the job while working. However he has retired and now feels that he can devote the required time to the job. Lion Brian in his announcement says "Now the decision has been made I am really looking forward to the job, actually I am getting rather excited." Lion Brian Chadsey

SPONCER A NEW LION

The generosity of the editor of the Columbia Basin Herald, Lion Harlan Beagley allows District D to award some lucky Lion a two night stay at the fabulous Coeur d'Alene Resort in north Idaho. This mini vacation also includes a cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene. All you have to do to be eligible is sponsor a new Lion. Each sponsor's name will be entered in a drawing at the end of year and one lucky Lion will be selected. Although you are always seeking new Lions among your friends, relatives, and associates, this is an added incentive to invite someone to join in the fun, fellowship and service of Lions

The Lions Diabetes Awareness Program Mission Statement is:

To conduct and support local and large-scale effort leading to the control and treatment of diabetes and its complications through education, prevention and research.

American Diabetes Association (ADA) - administers the Lions SightFirst Diabetes Research Program. Since 1982, US\$4.6 million in LCIF grants have been awarded to diabetic retinopathy researchers.

<http://www.diabetes.org/>

Children with Diabetes - includes camp locations in Australia, Canada, and the US.

www.childrenwithdiabetes.com/camps/

Camperships to the Canadian Diabetes camp on the Sunshine Coast in British Columbia are \$680.00. Total cost for a week camp is \$1120.00, however part of that is covered by volunteers donating time to the camp. Camperships from Lions in District "D" North can reduce that to \$320.00. Each applicant to the Camp Kakhamela may be evaluated on an individual basis as to affordability. Camp Kakhamela helps children learn to live with diabetes in a fun filled environment under qualified supervision of camp counsilors familiar with diabetes. Lion Rondeau Brown request that all clubs in District "D" in British Columbia look at their commitments for diabetes and ensure that this valuable help to children with diabetes continues. Lion Rondeau Brown.