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Ashok Mehta: Motivating Lions with a Passion To Excel

“If Lions Clubs International is to maintain its stature as the world’s most active and honored service club organization, our members the world over must exhibit leadership with a passion—a passion for our ideals and a passion to enhance service to our own communities and people in need in the global community,” says President Ashok Mehta.

President Mehta adopted as his theme **Passion To Excel**. “I shall devote the next 12 months to helping the nearly 1.4 million members of our international family understand the need to put this passion and the exalted principles our emblem has exemplified for nearly 90 years into concrete action,” he declares.

Lions International Website

I would like to thank the Ok Falls lions club voting me in as President for a second year. I really appreciate your vote of confidence in helping to run the club in another successful year. We started off the year with some hamburger and hot dog sales for fundraising and did quite well with them. I thank all of the club members for their help to make these events successful. I am looking forward to having another great year, even better than my first year.

Also I will be looking at you club members for support in the coming year, with being both president and Zone Chair for zone D9, and I know that I can count on all of you for the support that will be needed.

So again I am looking forward to another Great Year with Our Club.

Thank you
ZC and President DJ

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE OK FALLS LEGION
 TIME SEPT 26 2005 7:00 PM
 2nd Monday meeting

SPECIAL EVENT

Thanksgiving no meeting

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE OK FALLS LEGION
 TIME 7:00 PM OCT 24
 Meeting regular.

SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE OK FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
 TIME OCT 6 AND OCT 20 2005 6:00 AM
 Breakfast at elementary school

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

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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

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

Hurricane Katrina one Lions story. 47,000lbs of food, diapers, water blankets, clothes and baby items were shipped from Abbotsford to the Vancleave Mississippi Baptist Association Staging area. These items were donated by the people of Abbotsford for the use of the victims of Katrina. App.13 members of the Baptist Church of Abbotsford also flew down to help distribute the donated goods. Can Am donated the truck, trailer and fuel for the trip. The Driver PZC Lion Ken Gardner donated his time to get the trailer there where the goods were quickly distributed to many of the appreciative victims of Katrina. Lion Ken has found a lot of support on his trip with some of his meals paid for by appreciative truck drivers as a way of saying thanks.

Pro Digital Studios helped organize with the Pentiction YMCA, a load with approx. 35-40,000 lbs of items donated from the Pentiction area. This load was to go to Jackson Mississippi however it was diverted to Waveland Mississippi right on the Gulf coast. Can Am gave a discounted rate for the truck, trailer and fuel. Ken Gardner's son Russ was the driver for this load. Russ stayed to help unload for 2 days. These are two loads of the many that are probably heading for that area.

District Governor Greg Littlefields visits for AUGUST SEPTEMBER 2005

September 15	Quincy Valley	D-5
September 17-21	Travel to USA	Canada Forum
September 21-24	USA	Canada Forum
September 25-30	Return from USA	Canada Forum
October 3	Highway 24 Interlake	
	Lone Butte	D-10
October 4	Clinton	D-10
October 7-9	MD-19 Fall Forum	Abbotsford B.C.
October 11	Waterville	D-2
October 12	Oliver	D-9
October 18	Savona	D-3
October 19	Barriere	D-6
October 20	Sorento	D-8

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