

The Lions' Roar

News for the Lions of

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Flood Relief Donations

If you or your club would like to donate money for flood relief in Southeast Minnesota, you may do so by sending your donation to the 5M1 Lions Emergency Flood Relief Fund. Please specify flood relief in the check's memo line. This is NOT a 501c3 organization. Clubs with charitable gambling should check with their

compliance specialist before donating funds raised from gambling activities.

Donations can be sent to: Mark Marreel
5M1 Cabinet Treasurer
2623 59th Street NW
Rochester, MN 55901

News updates from LCI

Lions Day with the United Nations (UN) will be held on Friday, March 14, 2008. The daylong program features UN speakers and a luncheon with UN ambassadors. This will be the last opportunity to tour the historic building prior to its renovation. www.lionsclubs.org Click into: "Other Programs," then "International Relations."

The 2008 Lions Environmental Photo Contest Calendar is available for purchase (US\$10 each) and is a great idea for club gifts and/or prizes. This multi-lingual, 11" x 17" (27 x 43 cm) wall calendar features 13 multiple district environment photos. To order, contact programs@lionsclubs.org. www.lionsclubs.org Click into "Other Programs," then "Cultural & Environmental."

In July 2007, The International Association of Lions Clubs agreed to help the US Department of Health and Human Services disseminate information about pandemic influenza (flu) preparedness. The Association can work with health agencies in other countries to provide similar life-saving information. www.lionsclubs.org Click into: "Other Programs," then "International Relations."

Lions Emergency/Non-Emergency Assistance (previously known as Lions Serving Humanity) is a Web-based location for the exchange of volunteer services and material for emergency and non-emergency Lions projects. www.lionsclubs.org Click into: "Other Programs," then "International Relations."

For the first time, Lions clubs that enter into an official 2007-08 Lions club twinning relationship will be invited to participate in a Lions International Club Twinning Celebration to be held during the 91st Lions International Convention, June 23-27, 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand. www.lionsclubs.org Click into: "Other Programs," then "International Relations."

Encourage your club secretary to include your club accomplishments in the Online Activity Report. Beginning in June 2008, club secretaries can receive an online certificate of accomplishment. www.lionsclubs.org Click into "Submit Membership and Activity Reports."

Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project

Past International President Jimmy Ross announced a new program of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

LCIF has affordable, high-quality hearing aids available to Lions clubs in the United States for low-income members of the their communities. The two types of digital hearing aids from Rexton, Inc. can be purchased for \$200 per aid from the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP).

Ninety-five percent of individuals with hearing loss can be successfully treated with hearing aids yet 30 percent are unable to afford hearing aids. Seven million people in the U.S. cannot afford to purchase hearing aids. In 2005, the average cost of a hearing aid was \$1,900, and most people need two hearing aids. Hearing is critical to communication, so when there is even a minimal loss, it

affects all aspects of a person's life. For example, people with untreated hearing loss make an estimated 50% to 70% less in wages than their hearing peers.

The two types of aids offer Lions clubs the opportunity to help with almost any type of hearing loss. Reducing communication breakdown for one person creates a ripple effect that touches everyone in the community. And, based on feedback from the program so far, many clubs are revitalized and often recruit new members committed to the new service.

Please consider participating in this program. To learn more about Lions AHAP, please visit http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif_gr_ahap.shtml or contact the office at 630-571-5466, ext. 615. The e-mail address is LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org.



USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Because you're wanted
in Saskatoon in 2008

It's not too early to start thinking about the 32nd Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. September 18-20, 2008, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

The theme is "Miracles Through Service". There will be over 64 different seminars to learn from, but most of all is the opportunity to exchange ideas with Lions, Lioness and Leos from all parts of North American.

The featured speakers are David Okerlund, Yvonne Camus, Corry Collins and 2008-09 International President Al Brandel.

"Saskatoon Shines" and we want it to "Shine" on you when you visit in 2008.

For more information contact your District Governor.

'CC gavel travel's'



Find Council Chairman Bob Jechorek's gavel and email me, Bert Nelson your answer to win a prize. I need to know the where the gavel is. That includes district, city and place in the city. If there is more than one correct answer, I will draw a name. Each month, the gavel will have a new location, unless it is kidnapped from CC Bob. Good Luck.