



The Lions' Roar

February 2010 -- news for the Lions of MD5M

Lions Hope for Haiti

Donate to this Disaster

Lions Hope for Haiti has mobilized more than US\$2 million to date. Lions Hope for Haiti is Lions and LCIF working together to provide relief and hope for the people of Haiti. Lions around the world are responding generously and quickly to the LCIF designated fund for this disaster. Donations are continuing to pour in from individuals, clubs and districts.

LCIF is working directly with Lions of Haiti as well as Lions in neighboring countries to respond to immediate and long-term needs. LCIF Chairperson Al Brandel and his wife Dr. Maureen Murphy led a team Lions to deliver water, food and medical supplies January 22. Supplies were distributed by Haitian Lions and Leos to a hospital and orphanage. A second container of relief supplies was provided to the Lions tent cities.

The Foundation is partnering with the Lions of Sweden to provide 200 large tents to house those who are now homeless as well as relief workers. Haitian Lions have established three tent cities in Delmas, Blanchard and Carrefour-Feuille. Each tent city can accommodate 300 families or 1,200 people. Lions are focusing their immediate relief efforts to these tent cities.

Chairperson Al also met with local Lions to develop a long-term plan for reconstruction, and a committee of Lions leaders from the area was established to oversee relief efforts. A return trip is planned for February 24 to continue planning and deliver additional supplies. Lions around the world are also assisting through generous contributions and other aid. The needs remain great, however. View a video message from Haitian Lion William Eliacin on the needs and Lions' response.

Like other previous disasters, LCIF is not only committed to meeting the immediate needs of the people, but will be working through the Lions in the region to provide relief for years to come. As an example, LCIF is still helping those in South Asia recover from the tsunami, Gulf States recover from Hurricane Katrina and China to rebuild following the earthquake. After other relief organizations have moved out of the area, Lions will still be on the ground, overseeing long-term reconstruction projects.

Similar to other disasters, Lions hope to rebuild homes and hospitals, redevelop the eye care delivery system, human resource support and provide help for disabled, including those disabled as a result of this disaster.

Those wishing to offer additional assistance in other forms than monetary donations, may post their offers of assistance or other available resources on the Lions 2 Lions Web page. Donations can be made in confidence to LCIF, as 100 percent of every donation will directly to Haiti relief, as administrative costs are paid by interest earned on investments. LCIF just recently received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the highest rating possible from the independent charity evaluator. In 2007 LCIF was named the #1 non-governmental organization to partner with, a title our Foundation still holds today. Our Foundation has been added to several lists of reputable organizations assisting the area. Once more information is known on this disaster and Lions' and LCIF's response, it will be posted on this Web page. Please continue to check back regularly for updates. View photos of Lions relief efforts on Flickr.

Donors can:

- Donate online at www.lcif.org/donate. Select Disaster and include "LCIF Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the comments section.
- Make a credit card donation with a MasterCard, Visa or American Express. Fax the following information to LCIF: name, address, phone number, credit card type, credit card number, expiration date, and amount of the donation. If you are a Lions member, please provide your clubs information. LCIF's fax number is (630) 571-5735.
- Mail LCIF a U.S. dollar check drawn on a U.S. financial institution. Make the check payable to Lions Clubs International Foundation, noting "LCIF Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the memo. Please send the check to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523, USA, Attn.: Donor Services.
- Make a direct deposit of local currency into an existing LCI account. Send a copy to LCIF via fax to (630) 571-5735.
- Do a direct wire transfer. For assistance with this option please contact LCIF Donor Assistance at donorassistance@lcif.org.
- Complete the single or multiple donor disaster donation form.

For questions, please contact LCIF at donorassistance@lcif.org or (630) 203-3836. Board policy states that designated funds are not eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship credit. Donations from U.S. residents are tax deductible. Donations from residents of other countries are tax deductible as permitted by individual country's tax laws. Donations may be eligible for 2009 U.S. tax credits.

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Lions Clubs International Foundation is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International. Established in 1968, LCIF is committed to providing humanitarian services to those in need, including providing disaster relief, saving sight, supporting youth and combating disability. Each year, LCIF typically awards US\$2 million in emergency grant relief funding. Learn more at www.lcif.org.

Project New Hope

Giving Veterans and Their Families a Chance to Heal

For many veterans returning home from combat, reconnecting with their families is a challenge. It takes time and understanding to readjust after living apart – often for more than a year – and for many veterans’ families, there is no help.



The Lions Step In

Lions in Minnesota saw a need to help veterans and their families so they worked with Minnesota’s Veteran’s Affairs Department to establish Project New Hope. Through this Lions-funded project, veterans and their families attend retreats free-of-charge and receive time and counseling to reconnect and grow together.

Lions at the camp work hands-on; organizing the retreats, cooking and cleaning, and providing daycare and counseling around the clock. Open to all combat veterans, the Lions are currently working to take the program nationwide.

Receiving Help Leads to Helping Others

After being hit by three roadside bombs during his tour in Iraq, SSG (ret) Mike Mills had burns on 35 percent of his body. Mike and his wife came to one of Project New Hope’s first retreats and received help.

“When you’re in the military, you’re told to suck up and drive on. If you accept help, you’re weak. And if you go for help, you’re going to be passed over for promotion and that’s not true. ... We need the help,” said Mike.

Mike and his wife are now Lions and members of the project’s advisory panel. After donating their time at these retreats, many counselors from the Veterans Administration also became Lions. All of the counselors are veterans, including one active duty major who is on the project’s board of directors. She recently became a Lion as well.

Fast Facts

To date, 150 veterans and their families have been helped by these retreats. Retreats have been attended by single veterans, couples and families as large as eight. Leisure activities

at the retreats include hiking, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, archery, sledding, fishing, ice fishing, arts and crafts, and more. It takes approximately 10 to 15 Lions to plan and execute each retreat.

Come Soar With the Elizabeth Lions At the 2010 Multiple District 5M Convention.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you at our convention, April 23-25, 2010 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen, Minnesota. We hope you've made your reservations by now, because the discounted price ended March 1. HOWEVER, you still have until April 1, 2010, to get the greatly discounted room rate of \$64.95. After April 1, the price returns to the regular weekend rate. Use the code on the postcard you received from our Registration Committee to reserve a room.

We have some very interesting speakers lined up for you.

Our banquet speaker is Past International President Judge Brian Stevenson. Past President Stevenson of Calgary, Alberta, Canada was elected at the 70th International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan, ROC, in 1987. A Lion since 1966 and a member of the Calgary (North East Eye Openers) Lions Club, he has served terms as District Governor and as a Member of the International Board of Directors and a three-year term as Chair of Campaign Sight First.

Larry Colbert comes to us from Tempe, Arizona. Larry lost his eyesight to Retinitis Pigmentosa a number of years ago, and today he travels extensively with his Leader Dog Banner. Larry is an author/consultant/speaker and truly lives a life of vision.

Amy Ruley was Women's basketball coach from 1979 to 2008, and now is the Associate Athletic Director for Development for North Dakota State University. She is an outstanding teacher, coach, speaker and community leader. Amy is an 8-year cancer survivor.

Beverley Barraberger (Berger) grew up in rural Ontario Canada. She and her husband have two children. Ten years after her marriage she became totally blind and has been the recipient of four dog guides.

Vickie Marthaler, from Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, will give our alternate program presented on a wooden puzzle depicting how people relate to life.

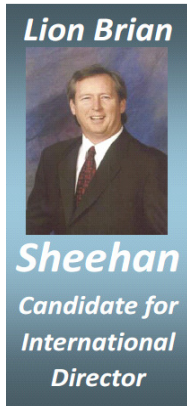
Our Sunday Brunch speakers are Jim, Carol and Thomas Johansen will share the rewards and challenges of a family living a normal life with a child who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of 13 months.

MD5M Convention Agenda
April 23-25, 2010
Shooting Star Casino and Convention Center
Mahnomen, Minnesota

Thurs. 22	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Registration Council of Governors
Fri. 23	7:30 am	Council of Governors' Meeting
	8:00 am - 10:00 pm	Registration
	8:00 am - 7:00 pm	Credentials
	8:00 am - 10:00 pm	Raffle Room open (Closed 7 pm to 8 pm)
	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	VDG Training
	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	General Business Meeting
	5:00 pm - 6:45 pm	PDG Social and Banquet
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Memorial Service
	8:00 pm	Cash bar opens
	8:10 pm - 8:45 pm	"Heaven Bound Trio"
	8:45 pm	Hors D'oeuvres and DJ "Pumpkin Bob"
Sat. 24	6:00 am - 10:00 am	Casino Breakfast Buffet
	8:00 am - 8:45 am	DG, VDG & International Director Meeting
	8:00 am - 12:00 Noon and 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration
	8:00 am - 12:00 Noon and 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Credentials
	8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Raffle Room open
	8:00 am - 8:45 am	First Timers' Meeting with drawing
	9:00 am - 9:50 am	Seminar speaker Amy Ruley
	10:00 am - 10:50 am	Seminar speaker Bev Berger
	11:00 am - 11:45 am	Seminar speaker Larry Colbert
	12:00 Noon - 2:00 pm	Awards Luncheon
	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	General Business Meeting
		Pin Traders Meeting immediately following Business Meeting
Meeting	2:30 pm - 3:15 pm	Alternative Program speaker—Vickie Marthaler
	2:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Pin Trading
	5:00 pm	Social and Cash Bar opens
	5:15 pm	DG, VDG, PIP and Guests' reception
	6:00 pm	Banquet with speaker PIP Judge Brian Stevenson
		Entertainment "Shot Gun Red"
Sun. 25	7:00 am - 8:45 am	Raffle winners pickup prizes
	7:00 am - 7:50 am	PDG Meeting
	7:30 am - 9:00 am	Registration
	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Credentials
	8:00 am - 8:30 am	International Convention Meeting

8:00 am - 8:45 am Church Services - Catholic
Protestant
9:00 am Brunch with speakers Jim, Carol and Thomas
Johansen
Drawings – First Timers and large prizes
Adjourn

Elect PCC Brian Sheehan for MD5M International Director



Seeking your endorsement as Candidate for International Director

Lion Family of MD5M,

First of all I would like to thank everyone for the kind words of support and emails that Lori and I have received from our fellow Lions as I've visited the various Districts. As I observe the role of International Director from the outstanding leaders in our organization, I have new found admiration and respect for our current International Director Debra Wasserman and the directors from MD5M that have come before her. I would first like to say that ID Debra is doing a great job and that has been expressed by the visiting Directors and we know she will continue doing a great job to represent our Multiple for the rest of her term and beyond. Our current ID as well as our past ID's have been extremely helpful with their guidance on what to expect and what will happen as Lori and I pursue this endeavor. Just as our International Presidents theme suggests "Move to Grow" expresses the thought that all things need momentum in order to progress has become very clear to me. Each of us must have momentum for our dreams and aspirations in order to grow and expand our horizons. So far this have been a very enjoyable experience meeting even more Lions and seeing and emphasizing the great things we do. Even though it is just the beginning of my journey and if given the opportunity I hope you know that I will give all

that I can to this Multiple and this organization. We know how important the Lions organization is for our communities and the world. The Multiple Convention the end of April is a place to become rejuvenated and share our Lions experiences. Please come as Lori and I ask for your support and encouragement.
Forever in Lionism,

Lion Brian & Lion Lori Sheehan

Have you asked someone to be a Lion today?



Important Dates to remember

March 17-19, 2010 DGE Training Radisson Hotel Roseville, MN

March 20, 2010 MD5M Council of Governors Meeting

Radisson Hotel Roseville, MN

April 10, 2010 MERLO Training Location to be determined
(Typically Mahnomen)

April 23, 2010 1stVDGE Mini Training - Mahnomen, MN

April 23-25, 2010 MD5M Multiple Convention Mahnomen, MN

June 28-July 2, 2010 Lions International Convention

Sydney, Australia