



District 19C NEWSLETTER

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Frankly Speaking...

The holiday season has now passed and clubs around the District are making plans for upcoming fundraisers and community projects. As you participate in these events, please don't lose sight of your fellow Lions and the effort they put forth to make these projects happen. Reach out and shake a hand and say, "Thank You". As I have promoted on my rounds to the clubs, we must not forget to thank the Lions who step forward to help.

It is now time to start thinking about election of new club officers. Many clubs have already formed a nominating committee and they are well underway in finding those Lions who wish to serve. If you have never served as an officer in your club or as a member of the Zone or District Cabinet, you are missing a great chance to broaden your horizons.

The District Spring Conference will be here before we know it, so start planning how you are going to participate. This is one of your best opportunities to learn a little more about Lionism, make new acquaintances and to renew old friendships. I hope to see you there.

Until next month, DG Frank

Dear Fellow Lions,

I wish to thank you for all of your well wishes forwarded to me and my family at the loss of my Mother. It has been a wonderful outpouring of love and we are eternally grateful. Mother will be returned to Hawaii where she was the happiest and will be forever adrift on the Pali winds.

Thank you again,

Lion Wanda Paul





EARN A BANNER PATCH FROM THE NWLERC

Clubs working to support the Northwest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center through donations of money, time, and eyeglasses can earn a new NWLERC patch for their club banner. The patches will be awarded based on activity through June 30.

To qualify, clubs with 50 or more members at the beginning of the fiscal year must donate at least \$200, 50 Lion hours at the LERC, AND 500 pairs of used glasses. Clubs under 50 qualify for the patch with donations of \$100, 25 Lion hours at the LERC AND 250 pairs of glasses.

Clubs may donate their service hours at the NWLERC in Lacey or at a satellite location. To sign up for a work party at the LERC in Lacey, please call Lynda Lovely-Wright at (360) 923-2075.

In Memoriam...

PDG Al Lord passed away January 6th after an extended period of illness. He served as Tacoma Southeast Lions Club President twice, Zone Chairman twice, and District Governor in 1991-92. He was referred to as a "Lion's Lion" and mentored many Lions over the years. He leaves behind a legacy of service and a huge void in his family, his Lions Club, his community, and in Lionism.

PDG Al's memorial service will be held at Noon on Saturday, January 15th, at Mountain View Funeral Home, Aspen Chapel, 4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499. Phone is 253-584-0252. A reception will follow at 2:00 pm. Viewing is Friday, January 14th, from 2:00 to 9:00 pm.

The family asks that donations be made in PDG Al Lord's name to the Northwest Lions Eye Bank.

Please keep Louise and their family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Condolences may be sent to: Louise Lord, PO Box 12044, Tacoma, WA 98412.

LCIF & TSUNAMI DISASTER RELIEF

I know all of us have the Tsunami Disaster on our minds. It is almost too immense to grasp the death and devastation which happened so quickly. Lions all over the world and people of all ages are asking "What can we do to help?" This message will bring you up to date on what LCIF has done so far and what we as Lions can do to help. I am paraphrasing from an Email sent on December 29, 2004 by LCIF Chairperson, Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, to District LCIF Chairpersons all over the world.

Within hours of the Tsunami Disaster \$170,000 in LCIF Emergency Grant funds have been dispatched to Lions districts in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia to help the local Lions provide food, blankets, water and other relief items. There are 73,000 Lions in the hardest hit regions who are coming to the aid of those in need. They are working in the affected communities as well as coordinating with the governments at the national level.

Now to answer the question, what can Lions do to help? At this point, what is most needed is money to purchase the needed items.

For Lions wishing to help support these efforts, LCIF has created a special designated fund, the "South Asia Tsunami Disaster 2004 Fund", to receive donations that will be forwarded to the affected areas. This fund will complement funds already awarded. Funds will be used to support both immediate and long-term needs of the victims.

Lions and all others interested in supporting this special fund can do so by making a donation to LCIF. Checks should be made out to "LCIF" and earmarked either on the check or accompanying letter for "South Asia Tsunami Disaster 2004 Fund". Be sure to send these funds through the MD-19 Office so your club can receive credit. If anyone wants to make a credit card donation, they may call LCIF at 630-571-5466 after Jan. 3, 2005.

Thank you for your assistance.

KAREN SCHRODT
District 19C LCIF Chair

NORTHWEST LIONS FOUNDATION FOR SIGHT & HEARING -- IN THE NEWS

**Seattle Eye Bank sends cornea for sight-restoring
transplant for boy injured in Fallujah fighting.
KOMO TV news broadcast, Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2004.**

In what is becoming an international sight-restoration project, the cornea tissue that a Japanese surgeon will use tomorrow to repair the vision of a 10-year-old Fallujah boy injured in fighting has been air freighted to Japan by the Northwest Lions Eye Bank of Seattle.

This is the latest development in a continuing effort to restore the sight of Mohamad Haytham Saleh, whose left eye was pierced by shattering glass during a fight between American soldiers and Iraqi insurgents. His first surgery this summer was arranged by a Japanese photo journalist who was killed in a car ambush south of that city before the surgery happened. The journalist had returned to Iraq to personally escort Mohamad and his father to Japan for the surgery. Now Mohamad needs more surgery to further restore his sight.

The cornea tissue from the Northwest Lions Eye Bank will replace Mohamad's distorted cornea in his left eye. The eye bank learned of Mohamad's need for cornea tissue through the Lions Eye Bank information center it operates in Tokyo, Japan. The non-profit organization will be sending the cornea gratis as its part in the effort to restore Mohamad's sight to pre-war condition.

"We are proud to play a part in helping Mohamad gain his vision," says Monty Montoya, President and CEO of the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing that operates the eye bank. "We join his many friends in Japan in wishing Mohamad a completely successful operation." The surgery will be performed by Dr. Tetsuo Hida of Kyorin University in Tokyo, Japan.

From a news release by Bob Sheffels,
Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing

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Jessica Stone



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hosted by ZC Rena

SEVEN YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS HOSTED BY DISTRICT 19C LIONS

Students from Peru and Australia had a great time visiting the US thanks to Host Lions Patricia Medveckus (Key Peninsula), PDG Jim & Carol LaBelle (Lacey Sunrise), PDG George & Cindy Robison (Key Peninsula), ZC Karl & Pauline Ostheller (Poulsbo), ZC Rena Larson (Graham Sunrise), Don & Lola Zeth, and Ed & Lori Robison.

Plans are now being made for the visit this Summer for youth from Japan and Europe. Anyone interested in hosting a youth can obtain an application and more information by contacting either Dorrie Carr at hdcarr@comcast.net or George Robison at georgerobison@juno.com or (253) 853-2721.

SHELTON LIONS CLUB 50th Charter Anniversary

Friday, January 28
Little Creek Hotel in Shelton
6:00 pm Social 7:00 pm Dinner
Guest Speaker: ID Dur Roberson
Cost: \$25 Per Person
RSVP by January 21
Info: PZC Bonnie Williamson
(360) 427-1964
bonbon4u@worldnet.att.net

GUIDING LIONS TRAINING

Saturday, February 19th
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Greater Lakes Mental Health Bldg
(on 59th Ave in Lakewood)
RSVP is required
PZC Jan McCaffrey, (253) 460-1968
PZC Dave Pratt, (360) 894-4019

TACOMA SE LIONS CLUB 18th Annual Potato Bake

Sunday, March 20
VFW Hall, S 2000 Union Ave, Tacoma
1:00 – 5:00 pm
Baked potatoes served with a variety
of toppings, salad, plus the famous
strawberry shortcake for dessert!
Adults \$7, Kids 5-8 \$4, Under 4 FREE
Raffle every hour & great door prize

NWLERC

"SEE Cruise" to Alaska June 3-10
on Celebrity Cruises' ms Mercury
**FUNdraiser for the NW Lions
Eyeglass Recycling Center**
Reservation/Deposit due Feb. 1st
Info: www.lionsnwlerc.org
(360) 923-2075

Governor's Travels



<u>Date</u>	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Time</u>
JANUARY			
4	C-6	Rochester	6:30 PM
7		Cabinet Meeting	7:00 PM
9		Districts B-C-G Half-time LEM/PR Meeting	
12	C-5	Graham Sunrise <i>Governor's Homecoming</i>	7:15 AM
12	C-6	Zone Meeting	7:00 PM
13	C-5	Mineral Lake	7:00 PM
15	C-1	Zone Meeting	6:30 PM
21 - 23		Mid-Winter Council Meeting	
24 - 31		<i>ARIZONA - VACATION</i>	
FEBRUARY			
1 - 8		<i>ARIZONA - VACATION</i>	
6	C-5	Zone Meeting	8:00 AM
10	C-3	Zone Meeting	
12	C-3	Bonney Lake Lions <i>Charter Night</i>	6:30 PM
16	C-2	Zone Meeting	6:30 PM
17	C-4	Zone Meeting	6:00 PM
19		Certified Guiding Lion Training	9:00 AM
25 - 26		District B Spring Conference	
MARCH			
4 - 6		SPRING CONFERENCE	
4		Cabinet Meeting	5:00 PM
11-12		District H Spring Conference	
18-19		District F Spring Conference	
APRIL			
1 - 3		District D Spring Conference	
2	C-1	Zone Meeting	7:00 PM
8 - 10		District I Spring Conference	
15 - 16		District G Spring Conference	
22 - 23		District A Spring Conference	
23	C-5	Zone Social	7:00 PM
29 - 30		District E Spring Conference	

(Revised 12/1/04)

A Man Of The Ages

I remember still, his booming voice,
Ringing out to the Lions' Pride,
Energized by our motto, "We Serve,"
He made us feel good inside;

A Man of The Ages,
Dedicated to our loving heart,
Al proudly sang the song of service,
And gave us all a start!

He has earned our respect and honor,
And praise when we hear His name,
For he chose to make a difference,
And we will never be the same;

With hope and admiration,
We applaud his life today,
And thank our God Almighty,
That he happened by our way!

Zone Chair C-3 Bob Darrigan

Dedicated to PDG Al Lord

*Tacoma Southeast Lions
January 8, 2005*

