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NEWSLETTER

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*"Service is the rent we pay
for our time on earth"*

Lion Doc O'Brien

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Jan 3rd – Regular General Membership dinner and meeting – 6:30 PM at the River Crest.

Jan 17th – In lieu of a regular meeting we will be attending a Oakland University Women basketball game. See additional information in this newsletter and contact Lion VP Celia Domalewski.

Bulletin!!

See Page 2 for Lions Club International Foundation update on the South Asia Tsunami Earthquake Disaster

Happy New Year

Lion President Gary's Message

As we watch and listen to those suffering on the other side of the globe in what is likely to be one of the worst natural disasters in history we wonder what we can do to help. You'll be pleased to know Lions around the world are mobilizing resources to help those in need. We are a family. It is important to recall that there are many Lions in the worse hit areas. Inside this newsletter you'll find an email of interest from LCIF Chairperson Tae-Sup Lee.

Well, I do truly wish that you and your family have a happy and prosperous new year.

I thought the winter was our club's time to reflect on our achievements of the past year and regroup for the coming spring and summer events. But you sure wouldn't know it! December was truly a busy month for the club.

First, with wrapping up the float construction and our participation in the Dec 5th Christmas parade. A special thanks for Lion Sherry for organizing this event. Lion Sherry learned quickly how the Lion family and team comes together to achieve a goal. Another special thanks to Lion Chief Designer Don Westphal, an

Extraordinary design again! And a very special thanks to Lion Logistics and Facilities Manager Mike Gendich who oh so graciously allowed use of a part of his industrial building for construction of the float. And to all the Lions and friends who took time from their Holiday schedule to help construct and participate, I know how a thanks isn't needed because of all the fun you had, but I thank you any way.

If for what ever reason you missed this year's Christmas party at twin Lakes you truly missed one of the best ever. This annual event is usually a big undertaking, but this year it was also our 60th anniversary celebration. Over 120 people were in attendance including district Lion officials and families. A night to remember. A big thank you to Lion 1st V.P. Celia Domalewski and 3rd V.P. Jim Williams for all their hard work in making this night such a huge success

In closing, a thank you to all the Lions and their support in 2004 and may God bless all our Rochester Lion family and team in 2005.

Lion President Gary

*Email from
LCIF Chairperson Lee*

Dear Fellow Lions,

It was with great shock, disbelief and immense sadness that the people of the world have witnessed the horrific earthquake and tsunami disaster that has impacted millions across South Asia. Lions around the world have been contacting me to learn of LCIF's relief aid provided thus far, and also how they can support Lions in the region respond to this great tragedy.

I am pleased to report that nearly US\$200,000 in emergency grant funding has been disbursed and a special designated fund established for Lions and others who want to help out. Attached is a first bulletin with an update of details of LCIF's relief efforts for this catastrophe.

On behalf of Lions of South Asia, I sincerely thank you for your interest, concern and compassion.

Sincerely,



Dr. Tae-Sup Lee
LCIF Chairperson

**LCIF Tsunami Relief Update
Bulletin 1 – December 29,
2004**

In the last 72 hours, \$170,000 in LCIF Emergency Grant funds have been dispatched to Lions districts in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia to help the Lions provide food, blankets, water and other relief items.

There are 73,000 Lions in the hardest hit regions of India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia on the spot, coming to the aid of those in need. They are working in the affected communities, as well as coordinating with the government at national levels. In Sri Lanka, the Lions have formed a joint commission with the government to expand the country's response in dealing with the critical issues of shelter, water supplies and sanitation. In India, the hardest hit districts in and around Chennai have also come together to coordinate the expenditure of US\$50,000 in LCIF funding awarded for districts that cover the coastline from Tamil Nadu north to Orissa.

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

on 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. Already Lions around the world are making pledges of support, including US\$120,000 from the Lions of Sweden and US\$200,000 from the Lions of Korea.

Lions and others interested in supporting this special fund can do so by making a donation to LCIF. In North America, checks can be sent to LCIF. In other countries, funds can be sent directly to the LCI or LCIF accounts. In both cases, a cover note or memo on the check/deposit slip should indicate that the donation is for the "South Asia Tsunami Disaster 2004 Fund." You may also contact your district's LCIF chairperson for more details on making donations to LCIF. If you have any questions, please contact lcif@lionsclubs.org.

LCIF will continue to keep you updated through these bulletins. More funds will be awarded by LCIF in the coming days as needs are assessed. Your support is needed to help Lions of the world respond to what is the world's largest catastrophe in modern history.



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Christmas Card Sales

**From the Desk of
Lion P.P. Carlos Gallusser:**

Fellow Lions:

Please turn in Christmas Card sales monies and unsold Christmas cards as quickly as possible. You can bring them to the meeting or drop them off at Leader Dogs School

Gracias,
Lion Past Prezidente Carlos

Notice to Members:

Affective Jan 2005, Meeting Meals will increase in cost from \$10.50 to \$11.00. Nino Tocco and the Rivercrest continue to try to hold the cost down for us.

**A Reminder from
Lion Lee Musson:**

If you will not be able to attend a general membership meeting contact Lion Lee prior to the Friday before the meeting to be excused. If you follow his advise you will avoid paying for a meal you didn't eat.

Telephone 248-652-4608 or
email "lee@musson.net"

Mark your calendar -

Monday, January 17th

Our regular General Membership meeting night will be a Family Night--- We will be attending an Oakland U Women's Basketball game at 7:00 PM in their great facility on campus. Food and beverages will be on a cash basis. The Grizzlies play their conference rivals UMKC that night (three pointer if you know what college that is). The team is already 8 and 3 for the season including a win over the Wolverines this past Tuesday. Amanda Batcha of Waterford, helped the Golden Grizzlies out rebound the Wolverines, 38-35, bringing down a game-high 12 of her own.

This will be a fun family night!

Cost is \$5 (you will not be billed for the regular Monday meeting cost) so this will be an economical event for us. Bring family and friends. Contact Lion V.P. Celia (248-765-6929) and let her know how many will be attending so she can arrange for tickets and seating.

Project Kidsight is having a new camera training session on Saturday January 8th, 2005 at the Chesterfield Lions Club House 52101 Gratiot Ave, Chesterfield MI. The session will be from 10AM to 1PM. We will be trained on how to use the MTI Photo-screening Camera and how to go into the community and screen the largest numbers of children.

To date, Lions have screened over 1,400 children and have referred 72 children with potential eye problems.

Those interested in attending should let Lisa Tann, Executive Director of Project Kidsight know they would like to attend. E-mail: kidsight@yahoo.com or phone 313-745-4701 or write Childrens Hospital of Michigan, 3902 Beaubien, Detroit, MI 48201 Attn: Project Kidsight.

Lion Secretary Arnie reports for Lion Ted Kamrath of the following:

Eye Glass collection for December was 150 pairs. And Canister money collected was \$660.00.

Lion Arnie also reports that as of January 1, 2005 Lion Kamrath will be back on collection duty for canister collections and eye glass collection. Great to have you back Ted! As good a job a job as Lion Arnie did he kept missing Rewold's canister. Stop by some time.