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Monthly News

Lions, LCIF Respond to California Wildfires

LCIF began working with local Lions immediately to respond to the devastating wildfires that spread across southern California, USA. LCIF awarded US\$55,000 in emergency grants for immediate needs last week, and today approved a US\$100,000 major catastrophe grant.

Sixteen fires across the southern part of the state destroyed more than 1,300 homes and more than 500,000 residents were evacuated. Lions in Districts 4-L6 (San Diego area) and 4-L5 have mobilized their emergency response team. Lions in District 4-L6 have also set up an online message board for those able to offer assistance or ideas.

LCIF continues to work with Lions in southern California to assess the situation and determine a course of action. International Director Dana Biggs of California is spearheading the response team and notifying LCIF of ongoing needs. As clean up from this disaster is still ongoing, information is continuing to be sent to LCIF. As we receive more information and additional needs, we will continue to update this Web page to keep you informed.

LCIF has established a designated California Wildfires Disaster Relief Fund for Lions who wish to donate funds for relief and reconstruction projects in the area. The funds continue to support immediate needs as well as assist in long-term rebuilding efforts. Donations from U.S. residents are tax deductible. Per board policy, donations to designated accounts are not eligible toward Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Making Your Members Lions

The following are some thoughts taken from the Club Retention Manual that is available at the LCI web site.

There's more to being a Lion than simply being inducted

into a club. That puts your name on the membership roster, which is an important first step, but that doesn't automatically make someone a Lion. Becoming a Lion involves developing a vested interest in the club and, in turn, feeling like an important part of the club.

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Developing that vested interest in the club takes time and the active involvement of the members' sponsor, the club leadership and the entire membership. It is essentially a three-step process of **INDUCT, ORIENT and INVOLVE.**

INDUCT: The first step is a meaningful induction ceremony. Holding a meaningful induction ceremony helps the new member feel that membership in the club is important and valued. Induct new members promptly and be sure your ceremony is special.

ORIENT: Next, new members need to thoroughly understand what it means to be a Lion. Brief them on the responsibilities and benefits of membership, club projects and goals, the association as a whole, etc. Give new members ample opportunities to ask questions and provide them with printed resource materials they can keep on hand as a reference. (It is always a good idea to refer them to the Lions Clubs International official Web site for helpful background information.)

INVOLVE: The last step is to involve them in the club. There are several ways to involve your members. Members need to be involved is on a social level with the other members of your club. Make sure that your current members are friendly and welcoming to new members and ask that the sponsor help facilitate members' entry into the club. Identify the new members' skills and interests and assign responsibilities to him/her that make the best use of his/her specific talents.

Effectively guiding new members through these steps will help them make the transition from new recruit to active Lion. However, your job

doesn't end there. Lions – both new and long-standing – need nurture and care throughout their tenure. Keep kindling their vested interest and involvement in your club by continually showing them that you care about their welfare and satisfaction with being a Lion. The result? A club filled with active, satisfied members dedicated to serving your community and interested in sharing their positive experience with potential new members.

We Welcome Lion Megan Herbert to the Port City Lions Club.

Birthdays and Anniversaries	
Anniversary	
None in November	
Birthdays	
Scott Eisenhart	November 2
Jerome B. Ney	November 26

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Activities

- November 3-4 Camp for the Blind Fall Meeting, LaQuinta Inn, Warner Robins, GA
- November 6 7:00 P.M. Business Meeting.
- November 20 7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting.
- November 27 7:30 P.M. Board of Directors Meeting.