

Northeast Eyeopener News

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LIONS HOPE FOR HAITI

Lions Hope for Haiti has mobilized more than US\$350,000 to date. Lions Hope for Haiti is Lions and LCIF working together to provide relief and hope for the people of Haiti. Following the devastating earthquake, Lions around the world responded 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 neighbouring countries to assess the immediate needs and also develop a long-term reconstruction plan. LCIF Chairperson Al Brandel and his wife Dr. Maureen Murphy will be traveling to the Dominican Republic in the next few days to lead a team delivering urgently needed supplies into Haiti.

Lions around the world are also assisting:

- Lions in neighbouring Caribbean countries are sending cargo containers of targeted supplies through connections with transportation companies.
- Lions in Sweden are sending large tents through the Swedish government to provide housing for those who are now homeless as well as relief workers, as they did for the China earthquake.
- Lions from District A-9, Ontario, Canada were in the area when the earthquake hit, helping to establish a clean water system for an orphanage, and established a make-shift medical clinic, treating 600 people.
- Lions are contributing generously, some examples include: US\$86,000 pledged from Lions in Norway; US\$20,000 from Lions in China; US\$14,000 from District 105-I.

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 December 2005 tsunami, Gulf States recover from Hurricane Katrina in August 2006 and China to rebuild following the May 2008 earthquake. After other relief organizations have moved on to the next disaster, 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.

As we continue to work with the Lions and determine needs, we will update the information online with our plans and any news. We also hope to have photos to share soon, that we will post online. Lions can promote their efforts locally by sharing this information along with any local efforts with local media, as well as reposting videos and other postings on individual and club Web pages. LCIF is also working to promote our actions within the media. Our Foundation has been added to several lists of reputable organizations assisting the area.

For more information on offering assistance and donations, please visit www.lionsclubs.org.

Article Source: News Release from Lions Clubs International

NOTABLE QUOTE *"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."*

~ Albert Einstein

Club Projects, Events and Activities

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Christmas Adopt-A-Family



The year 2009 saw another successful charity drive for the Northeast Eyeopener Lions Club Adopt-A-Family campaign. Thanks to the generosity of the Lions, our family of six had a very happy Christmas and likely a Happy New Year as well.

The campaign itself included generous donations from individual Lions, the Winer's Club, Tracey Devine's bake sale, an auction of Steve Cox's premier ballet tickets and a significant donation from the club itself.

The donations to the family were delivered the weekend before Christmas. Santa (Lion John Watson) and his elves (Lions Ron Lundgren and Christy and Matt Dalidowicz) delivered two car loads of Christmas cheer which included gifts, food and gift certificates to Superstore and Walmart. The family's Christmas tree in their living room nearly disappeared under the overwhelming quantity of wrapped gifts.

The family shared their thanks with homemade gingerbread cookies, tea and Christmas carols. They also gave the club a Christmas center piece that they made at a Hull Family activity group. It was a heart warming experience and a great moment for all involved. Thank you everyone for making this project a resounding success once again!



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

No Child Without

No Child Without (NCW) is a community-based charitable program that offers all Canadian elementary school aged children with medical conditions or allergies, free MedicAlert protection.

In 2006 the Canadian Medic Alert Foundation joined with the Lions Clubs in Canada to form a partnership for this program. In Canada it is active in 4,500 schools (211 school boards/districts) with 35,000 children covered.

One hundred fifty Lions Clubs across Canada have sponsored 200 schools covering 2,280 students. As of the figures provided for the end of September 2009, in Alberta 12 Lions Clubs are involved sponsoring 24 schools covering 319 students. *In our District (37-O) Lions Clubs have sponsored 7 schools covering 107 students.*

The program is only offered with the permission of School Boards/Divisions. As the District 37-O Chairman for NCW, I hope we can expand this program as it is very important for all children to have Medic Alert bracelets whenever necessary.

The sponsor club fee is 5% of the school population to a maximum of \$1500.00 for each school. In other words if the school's population is 300 students the sponsoring club's fee is $\$100.00 \times 15 = \$1,500.00$. This is a one time sponsorships fee for that school. The students are covered until they reach the age of 14. If anyone is interested in further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ollie Borgedahl - District 37-O No Child Without Chairman

Member Spotlight

VERN BORGEDAHL

When and where were you born?

August 25, 1936 Grande Prairie AB

Do you have any children? Names? Ages?

Robert (Bob), Brian and grandson, Johnny

Do you have any pets?

None at this time. Once had a German Shepherd but he died.

What is your favourite food?

Spareribs and hamburgers ... can't make a choice between the two.

What was the last book you read?

My Life by U. S. President Bill Clinton

If you were an animal, what would you want to be? Why?

A Tiger, because he is majestic and respected.

Which historical figure do you most admire?

Winston Churchill

What was your first job?

Junior clerk with the Royal Bank of Canada

If time, talent, and money were no obstacle, what would be your dream job?

CEO of my own foundation. A foundation designed to provide financial aid for the betterment of disadvantaged or ill children.

What accomplishments are you most proud of?

Chairing the selection committee related to the Lions 'Make a Dream Come True Project' (in Edmonton). A project for the benefit of terminally ill adults and children.

What brought you to Lions? What keeps you here?

Pressure by upper management, who were Rotarians, brought me to Lions.
The desire to help people in need is what keeps me here.



DID YOU KNOW?

Northeast Eyeopener Website

This month we launched the Northeast Eyeopener Lion Club website. We are still in the process of adding content and information, and we will be calling on Chairpersons to write informational blurbs about club projects, activities and fundraiser. Please check it out and gave us your feedback. The website address is www.eyepenerlions.org.

Important Dates and Information

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

<i>January 4th</i>	Carmelita Monroy	<i>February 4th</i>	Rose Desjardins
<i>January 6th</i>	Eva Willett	<i>February 11th</i>	Lorraine Sinclair
<i>January 8th</i>	Patricia Stevenson	<i>February 18th</i>	Bob Hawkesworth
<i>January 13th</i>	Hazel Hiebert	<i>February 22nd</i>	Allan Fay
<i>January 16th</i>	Bill Hanchuck	<i>February 22nd</i>	Om Sam
<i>January 28th</i>	Jack Isaman	<i>February 26th</i>	Bill Baux

ANNIVERSARIES

<i>January 11th</i>	Brian and Judi Glenn	<i>February 7th</i>	Doreen and Ed Knopp
<i>January 24th</i>	Jack and Denise Isaman		

FANNING CENTRE SCHEDULES

BINGOS

<i>January 2nd</i>	Team Two
<i>January 9th</i>	Team Three
<i>January 16th</i>	No Bingo
<i>January 23rd</i>	Team Four
<i>January 30th</i>	Team One
<i>February 6th</i>	Team Two
<i>February 13th</i>	Team Three
<i>February 20th</i>	Team Four
<i>February 27th</i>	Team One

BAR

<i>January 1st</i>	No Bar
<i>January 9th</i>	John Watson and Gary Mohl
<i>January 23rd</i>	Tracey Devine
<i>February 13th</i>	Tracey Devine
<i>February 27th</i>	Om Sam and Kieran Kettlys

DISTRICT 37-O CABINET

District Governor	Fred Walters
1st Vice DG	John Goodrich
2nd Vice DG	Sonny Warrack
Secretary	Bruce Bishop
Treasurer	Dexter Bragas
PDG	Christina Pond

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