

PDGO Meeting October 7, 2017 @ Lions Camp, Rosholt

The Meeting was held immediately after the COG meeting. Several of the PDG's attended the lunch @ noon.

Called to order - President Dierk Van Cleef at 3:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance - President Dierk Van Cleef

Prayer - PCC Sam Kochel

Attendance - Total 25, 3 PID's, 15 PDG's, 1 CC, 6 guests

Secretary's Report - Pres. Dierk read the minutes as distributed by IP sec. PDG Ron Edlund. Motion by PDG Joe Tomaszewski, 2nd by PCC Sam Kochel to approve, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - PDG Ken Wallander reported no income or expenses since the end of 16-17 fiscal year and referred to the Audit report. No action taken at this time

Lions Reports:

International - ID Connie LeCleir-Meyer submitted a written report (attached). IPID Karla Harris gave the report for ID Connie and encouraged all PDG's to read ID Connie's report as there are a lot of changes taking place on the International level that effects all Lions Clubs and Districts. She challenged the PDG's to be informed enough to council Lions Clubs, DG's & District Leadership with these changes.

MD-27 Convention 2018 - PID Mark Hintzman gave a report. The 2018 Convention will be held May 3, 4, & 5, 2018. The Theme will be "Lions Into the Future". Saturday Morning there will be a LCIF Breakfast, Saturday Evening there will be a Pig Roast, Friday Evening the Hospitality will be Free. They are looking for Seminar ideas again from the PDGO and to meet with the Host committee to decide the number of seminars, locations & times. The PDGO will have to meet with the host committee on when our annual meeting/DG Roast can be held. Last year we had the Saturday Breakfast, not possible for this year.

CC Chuck Steinmetz Report - He reported that the reason we met today at the Camp, was because the reservation were not made in time in Plover, such they were booked for the August & October COG meeting, The Next one will be January 13 in Plover. The Lunch will be at Shooters. The COG meeting will begin at 8 am instead of 10 am today and should be complete by noon or shortly after. That will allow for the PDGO meeting to begin no later than 1:30 pm @ Shooters.

WLF - President John Dickson - Report attached -

Lions Pride - President PCC Sam Kochel - Report attached -

LEBW - President Karl Schmid - Report attached - All processing is now done in house and all donor support & transportation support is now all done in house.

LCIF - PID Wayne Heiman - Report attached - As of March 2017 LCIF went over 1 Billion Dollars distributed to date in grants.

Lions Missions - PDG Bill Taubman - Report attached - The Missions group did a relief mission to Rockport, Texas.

Birch-Sturm - President Eric Holthaus - is asking that all districts include information or presentation by the Birch-Sturm Committee.

Old Business :

Audit Report - PDG Ken Wallander, PDGO Treasurer - report attached - after some discussion, the audit report could not be accepted because of confusion of the listing of the Life members and should include that report. This will be corrected before the January meeting.

Records from 2017 MD Convention - Several attempts have been made to contact PDG Dwaine, to not avail. A couple mentioned that he emailed at 9:30 am this morning that PID Art Marsden has all that information. President Dierk will contact PID Dierk to get that info. PDG Dave Sievert will share the evaluation forms and reports from 2016 to help assist getting information properly reported.

New Business :

Membership - No 2016/2017 DG's have joined the PDGO. IPDG Eric Holthaus did join at the end of today's meeting. It was suggested that the PDG's from the last couple of years that have not joined be contacted to get them consider joining the PDGO.

Communicate Like a Leader Conference - PCC Sam Kochel made a motion to support each district that has attendance \$100, 2nd by PID Wayne Heiman, motion passed.

Tax Status - PDG Gary Colton reported that as of September 2017 we are not incorporated & a new ID # at a cost of \$35. We are now known as Wisconsin Lions Past District Governors Organization, Inc. The incorporation will cost \$10 per year for renewal. That will also list the officers on the renewal form. We are now a 501-C4 and got a filing form 8976 for a cost of \$50. All reports etc. will be sent to the State office at the Camp.

State Convention Speakers / Moderator / Room Monitors - PDG Dave Sievert reported that we need to submit seminar ideas and possible speakers for the 2018 MD-27 convention. Once the number of seminars are decided, President Dierk & VP Ron will be making a request for volunteer PDG's to be Moderators and Room Monitors.

DG Roast 2018 & Annual meeting - PDG Dierk is in-favor of going back to a Saturday PM session. He will need to check with the convention committee to coordinate how, where & when this can take place so that the current DG's will be able to attend.

Comments: PID Wayne Heiman gave the attached report on the Manawa Lions are sponsoring a 1917 Oakland antique car that will tour parts of Wisconsin October 9 - 14 in celebration of it's and Lions 100 year anniversary traveling the Yellowstone Trail. A form for pledges is included in the attached report.

Adjournment; 5:05 pm

Minutes by Secretary Pro-temp; PDG Dave Sievert

Past District Governor's Organization Report

Connie LeCleur-Meyer, International Director 2017 - 2019

October 7, 2017

We were elected to serve on the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors on July 4, 2017 at the 100th Centennial Celebration in Chicago, Illinois! It has been a wonderful journey over the last few months, and the Wisconsin Lions have had an important role to play that led to our success! For that, Lion Michael and I offer our sincerest appreciation and gratitude. Below find updates on several key items.

1. LCI Forward Project

The LCI Forward Project Team (consisting of three PIDs from India, Norway and Alaska, and two IDs from the US – ID Joyce Middleton and ID Connie LeCleur-Meyer), held the first meeting of the year on September 18 – 19, 2017 in Oak Brook, Illinois. The next meeting of the LCI Forward Project Team is on November 1, 2017. At the September meeting, we received an overview of the progress made in the LCI Forward strategic plan:

- o 10 years of net growth (largest year-end net growth was in 2016 – 2017)
- o New Service Framework launched (Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment, Pediatric Cancer)
- o Diabetes selected as the next Global Program for five years; developed and launched with marketing campaign coming in January 2018
- o Digital marketing and customized communication technology launched
- o Increase in clubs reporting service – was 34% and is now nearing 70%
- o MyLion mobile app launched July 2017 in New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Brazil, United States and India; goal is to have it available for all countries by May 2018
- o Kindness Matters ad campaign unveiled
- o Recently launched: Finance Forward, Club Quality Initiative, Welcome Home pilot for former members
- o Boston Consulting Project Team conducted survey of 2500 millennials in the US to identify opportunities for target marketing for LCI membership
- o New GAT initiative (including GLT, GMT and GST) launched

Work-in-progress plans include:

- o Create more awareness of LCI Forward for club/district levels
- o Increase focus on Club Quality Initiative; club officers promotion planned for September/October 2017
- o Launch process improvement projects for Finance Forward
- o Develop and pilot new ways for people to volunteer and serve as a Lion
- o Develop a new version of myLCI to enhance member services
- o Roll out a new Specialty Clubs initiative
- o Enhance the member experience by increasing communication for new members/sponsors for 3 years
- o Develop LCI Service Activities dashboard with selectable time frame comparisons An overview of the four strategic LCI Forward initiatives is below:

1) **Enhance service impact and focus** (Vision, Environment, Hunger, pediatric cancer *new* and diabetes *new* for 5 – 10 years). Note that youth will no longer be a separate service impact; rather, it will be integrated throughout all areas of focus.

2) **Reshape public opinion and improve visibility** through traditional and digital global ad campaigns that are culturally relevant and audience focused. This includes digitalization of The Lion magazine, introduction of the myLion app, and other social media enhancements. A Marketing Center of Excellence will leverage data and market research.

3) **Pursue club, district and organizational excellence** through launching the Global Action Team (GAT) effective 7/1/2017. GLT + GMT + GST = GAT. There will be Club, District, MD and International Chairpersons. GAT will assess what has been done in the past, and explore what has worked with a focus on forward action. This includes: Quality Club initiative, Finance Forward, Grant improvements and LCI dashboard.

4) **Improve membership value and reach new markets** by enhancing new member experiences, providing learning for everyone (youth, women, emerging countries, and specialty clubs) and attracting episodic volunteers.

2. Update on the Marketing Communication Committee

The first meeting of the Marketing Communication Committee will be held on October 17, 2017, the results of which will be included in the November Board minutes.

3. 3VP Endorsement

PID Brian Sheehan and Lion Lori Sheehan from Bird Island, Minnesota received correspondence from CC Chuck Steinmetz indicating full support from MD27 in their bid for Third Vice President at the International Convention in Las Vegas. These long-time friends of Wisconsin Lions will represent our Association well, and your unanimous vote is much appreciated.

4. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Wisconsin was very visible again this year in Portland, Oregon! There were close to 40 Lions from Wisconsin that registered, ten Wisconsin Lions were in attendance to receive Lions University degrees, and several Lions facilitated or moderated seminars. With more Wisconsin Lions involved in the 2018 Forum planning for Columbus, Ohio, we should make an effort to attend for fun, learning and fellowship!

5. IPID Karla Harris, 2018 – 2019 DGE School Training Chair

IID Karla has been collaborating with 1VP Gudrun Ingvadottir and PID Sangeeta Jatia in planning for the upcoming DGE School. They recently made a trip to the Las Vegas site to discuss final plans. There is a great training plan in place which will truly benefit the upcoming Governors as they plan for their leadership year.

6. Upcoming Meetings

- Board Meeting: 11/8 to 11/13 in Dubai, UAE and in New Delhi, India (this will affect our attendance at the District B1 Convention)
- Board Meeting: 4/5 to 4/9 in Miami (this will affect our attendance at the District E1 Convention)
- Board Meeting: 6/24 to 6/28 in Las Vegas (MGM Grand is headquarters hotel)

NOTE: Our 2017 – 2018 meeting and travel schedule is on file with Kathy Gruna.

7. Presidential and Leadership Awards

We have not yet received President Aggarwal's guidelines for selection of the Presidential Awards and the Leadership Awards. This information will be provided to you as soon as it is received by the Board of Directors. Blank Certificates of Appreciation were distributed to the District Governors at the International Convention in Chicago to use for recognition of deserving Lions within the District.

8. International Guest Speakers

The international guests for the District Conventions have been contacted and confirmed by either myself or IPID Karla for 2017 – 2018 (see list below). **District**


Dates

Speaker/ Location

A1	Jerry Gibbons	Jan 19 –21, 2018	Bruce Beck (2nd)
A2	Glen Moegenburg	Feb 16 – 19, 2018	Joyce Middleton (2nd)
B1	Fred Gebhardt	Nov 10 – 11, 2017	PID Dr. Jeremiah Myers
B2	Jim Noll	Nov 3 – 4, 2017	Joyce Middleton (2nd)
C1	Don Hartvig	Oct 13 – 14, 2017	Pat Vannett (1st)
C2	Ronald Behm	Apr 13 – 14, 2018	Ardie Klemish (1st)
D1	Jodi Burmester	Mar 9 – 10, 2018	Jenny Ware (2nd)
D2	Pat Noll	Jan 26 – 27, 2018	Sam Lindsay (2nd)
E1	Lee Vrieze	Apr 6 – 7, 2018	PID Robert Littlefield
E2	Brad Barth	Mar 16 – 17, 2018	Bruce Beck (2nd)
State		Requested 3VP Haynes Townsend (declined due to schedule conflict) Request in for PIP Frank Moore (awaiting confirmation)	

It is an honor and privilege to serve as International Director on the Board of Directors. The caliber of leader with which I come into contact is quite remarkable, and I am learning so much about being the best I can be. Starting each morning with “How can I grow today?” and “How can I serve today?” has set the course for what I believe is my calling. Thank you for your support, your kindness and your dedication to serving in the world’s largest (and best) service organization.

Respectfully Submitted

 Lion Connie LeCleir-Meyer
Internationnal Director 2017 – 2019

WISCONSIN LIONS MISSIONS REPORT

During this calendar year two very successful eyeglass missions were completed in the countries of Nicaragua and El Salvador. In total about 7,500 people were fitted with glasses in those campaigns. A third much smaller campaign was done in Haiti where only about 1,000 people were given glasses. Another small campaign was planned for Haiti in November but has since been canceled because of high airfare costs.

We continue to consider doing eyeglass missions in other countries. In 2016 I visited Belize at the request of the Lions there to explore the idea of a campaign in that country. While I thought it would happen this year the Belize Lions didn't follow through as needed. I have began some dialogue with them again and do have a club that is anxious to move forward. Early this year I received an email from a Cuban agency asking if we would consider coming there. In April I traveled to Cuba and met with several different people to explore the idea. We continue to work on that possibility but I am only modestly optimistic. Working within that bureaucracy will be a challenge.

In May WLM sponsored a trip to South Dakota and Nebraska to pick up glasses for the recycling center. We have done this for several years and this year was a real bonus. I pulled the Lions Missions trailer and it was filled from front to back about 4 feet deep with glasses. Also, because of relationships we have in Mississippi from working there in the past we receive their glasses each year. We feel that helping the recycling center get a large supply of glasses is in our best interests as well as theirs.

This summer our WLM Emergency Response Team finally was able to do what it was organized for. When the tornado went through the Chetek area early this summer an effort was made to provide assistance there but it just didn't work out. Some individuals volunteered there but we didn't respond as a group. Some lessons were learned that will be helpful in the future.

When Hurricane Harvey was headed toward the Texas coast we started planning a response there. First emails went out to our membership alerting them to a possible mission and asking who could go. I was disappointed that only seven volunteers were available but I certainly wasn't disappointed with those seven. We traveled to Rockport, TX and worked for five days in sweltering temperatures. During that time we helped 14 individual families. We cut up trees, dragged brush and debris to the curb, cleaned tons of debris from inside houses, tore out sheetrock, tarped roofs, worked in a food distribution center and more.

Along with the call for workers went a call for donations of money. Several of you District

Governors responded very positively with District donations and/or by sending the message out to your clubs. To date more than \$18,000 has been received. Much of that money came in after our departure for TX so wasn't available while there but some will be sent to the Rockport Lions and the Good Samaritan organization for them to distribute. We did however, distribute about \$6,000 while there. Money will be sent to a committee of four Governors whose Districts were impacted by the storm for them to distribute. Finally, I am reaching out to Lions and Emergency Government agencies to learn what kind of things might be needed that we can either buy or collect and take down in the weeks ahead.

As of this writing I am very pleased with how this has all worked out. Every penny donated will be put directly into the hands of people impacted. My very sincere personal thanks to the seven people who gave nine days of time to work there and to everyone who donated or helped to get donations.

Wisconsin can be proud!

Bill Taubman, PCC

President, WI Lions Missions

Wisconsin Lions Foundation Inc.

Report to the Council of Governors

October 7, 2017

I will start with a listing of the mission of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation as it helps me focus on what our purpose for the Lions of Wisconsin,

The Mission: We serve by reaching, touching and improving lives

Our Vision: To be an organization that supports local community successes that influence and impact the wellbeing of all people.

Our Objective: To Champion Lions organization service to the communities and implementing programs to sustain the funding required to achieve our mission effectively.

Our Statewide programs include, Lions Camp, Eye Glass Recycling, Childrens and Adult Vision Screening, Hearing and Diabetes Awareness.

Each year we provide a camping experience for up to 1500 Campers at our camp and the management of that program and the facilities requires the majority of our staff. The Pride that the Lions of Wisconsin feel toward this program is always shown as we move around the State.

The Eye Glass Recycling Center has received a lot of interest and activity in the past year with the effects of the Eye Glass Challenge involving all Lions in the State. The number of glasses received and processed will be a record and staff and volunteers have done a great job under the leadership of Eye Glass Center Manager Liz Shelley. I hope that all you convention Chairs are planning an eye glass sort as part of you convention. I would be happy to help make this happen.

The childrens and adult vision screening has been challenged to screen and report 100,000 children in the state this year. It is important for screeners be trained and certified so the program is uniform. Results should be reported to the District Vision Chair and them to the WLF contact Megan Postelnik. Make sure that information includes the district so you will get credit.

Diabetes Focus Group has been waiting for the information on the new diabetes initiative developed by LCI. I hope that each of you districts have a Diabetes Chair and that you will encourage them to attend the next Diabetes Focus Group meeting October 28th. Complete representation will make the development of a successful statewide program successful.

The WLF Board meet September 9th. The Board and its Officers were installed by PDG Peter Cerniglia. All committees met and approved the preliminary budgets for the 18-19 year. Two proposals concerning the Friend and

Honors Garden were presented and approved. A special sale effort for the flawed Diamonds and the development of a Weeders Group.

Your Foundation Staff and Board encourage you to have your members include The Foundation and all of its activities in your giving. Without the generous support of the Lions of Wisconsin we can not get it all done. The Fall weather reminds us that now is the time to get the work out about Deer Hides. This is the 30th year of this Camp Fund Raiser and now is the time to get over the \$1,000,000 total. Lets make Burnie proud.

I am looking forward to participating in you conventions and would be happy to attend any events. Thanks for all you do.

Respectfully submitted

Lion John Dickson

President

LEBW Report to Council of Governors - October 7, 2017

FURTHERING OUR MISSION: LEBW 4th QTR FY 2016-2017 (April-June 2017)

- Served nearly 350 Donor Families
- Our transplant rate for this time period was 72% (exceeding the national average)

Our in-house Donor Support Center Is Now Up & Running (since Aug 1st):

We have hired an additional 10 people as our Donor Support staff. They speak with hospital personnel to screen potential donors for eligibility. They also have conversations with donor families and obtain proper authorization for us to legally move forward with donations. This group also manages all of our transports of eyes/corneas to and from LEBW.

We knew it would be well worth our while to bring this service in-house. After all, these are OUR partners, and OUR families. Nobody can serve them like we can. And our authorization rates show just what great care we are taking of our donor families. Even in just our first month with newly trained staff, 78% of the families we have approached to discuss donation with have authorized eye/cornea donation to move forward. We are very lucky to have this team. This is an unbelievably high authorization rate. Most recovery programs maintain a rate between 45-60%.

In August, more than 3600 calls were made and/or received through our Donor Support Center. Approx. 1/3 of these calls were to arrange transport or to handle transport issues.

Discussions and progress continues with regards to our new facility

The Board of Directors has appointed an Advisory Committee, designated as the Building Committee, to serve until the task of providing a new facility is completed or possibly terminated. The committee is chaired by PDG Jerry Wille and consists of six other Lions and Executive Director Darice Langham. A great amount of work has gone into making sure that the lot is prepared adequately for our use and that our building plans will have all the necessary permit approvals before we commit. The committee would like to sign contracts for the purchase of the lot (503 Tradewinds Parkway, Madison) and for building construction to begin, but we are opting to be very careful. We are very close.

DMEK Processing will be brought in-house October 1st.

Previously, this type of partial thickness processing (Descemet Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty) was being outsourced and taken care of by the Iowa Lions Eye Bank. Over the past six months, our staff has been trained on DMEK processing and we have worked with Dr. Neal Barney to complete the validation of the process, as required by the FDA and other industry regulators. This stage took many months to complete. The group has worked extremely hard to make this happen and we are proud to announce we are now ready! **With all these new developments and projects being completed and implemented...we no longer outsource any part of the eye banking process.**

Kevin Corcoran, President and CEO of the Eye Bank Association of America recently visited LEBW. He was gracious enough to meet with some members of the LEBW B.O.D. to provide us with a broader range of knowledge with regards to LEBW's performance and the changing climate of eye banking. Some key points that Kevin made were:

· Compared to the national data, LEBW is one of the stronger eye banks in the nation. As a matter of fact, of more than 80 eye banks in U.S., we are the 12th strongest! And we keep getting stronger and stronger.

· Our domestic placements (placements within the U.S.) is much higher than other U.S. based eye banks. LEBW placed 86% of its corneas within the US for transplant last year. Obviously, once Wisconsin needs are met, and we've assisted with our neighboring states' needs, we then place tissue internationally as well.

· EBAA's President and CEO also talked about SightLife, the eye bank out of Seattle Washington, and the changes that are occurring in the eye banking field. He reiterated that SightLife is currently pushing into other areas to gain more of a footprint in the market share. He did say he was surprised that they had come to Wisconsin, given we are such a strong eye bank with such solid partnerships with our surgeons. SightLife's M.O. has been more geared to overtaking

areas that have been underserved by their local eye banks. He also said that he was surprised that SightLife had not made more of an impact here. He had been under the impression they had gained much more of a foothold. But, he said that the fact that LEBW's leadership reacted so aggressively and had the resources to do so, in his opinion, made all the difference. And we are prepared to continue on that path...fighting for Wisconsin...our donors, their families, our surgeons, and our patients in need of corneal transplants.

We should support American Red Cross blood drives

Lions of Wisconsin - Let's not forget the reason SightLife is here in the first place. Our donor recovery partner, BloodCenter of Wisconsin invited them here to partner with them in order to compete with LEBW. I would like to take this time to remind this group that while we need to continue to support blood donations...the Lions should redirect their blood drive support to the American Red Cross as long as the BloodCenter of Wisconsin is attempting to sway hospitals from working with our eye bank.

In Closing:

We are looking forward to the future. We are looking toward this new facility that will enable us to be more efficient with better workflows. We are also excited that our facility will have space dedicated to training corneal transplant surgeons on new procedures. The new space will also give them the necessary avenue to perfect their skills prior to performing these procedures on their patients. Moving forward with these plans right now is exactly the message LEBW should be sending. We are strong, and we are committed to the mission. We appreciate everyone's continued support.

MD-27 Lions Clubs International Foundation Report

PID Wayne Heiman

October 7, 2017

Rosholt, WI

1. A reminder that just as your District LCIF Coordinators receive reports - - as your Multiple District LCIF Coordinator, I receive a club listing of Melvin Jones Fellows and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows, a status of installments/credits towards MJFs and a year-to-date donation list. Let me know if you need a copy. My email is heiman_wayne@live.com
2. By the numbers: As of September 30, 2017 MD-27 has donated \$43,626 to LCIF. This is \$13,833 above last year, same time. Last year's MD total was \$252,027. This was more than 10% above the previous year. With the recent natural disasters, I would like to promote a 15% increase above last year's total as a goal. Early in the year, 15.8% of clubs donated (84 of 530); we have named 6,072 Melvin Jones Fellows and 153 PMJFs in Wisconsin. As of 4/18/17, world-wide, there have been 405,284 MJFs named and 79,824 PMJFs named.
3. Individual donations: Less than 10% of Lions members donated to LCIF worldwide; and world-wide, only 30% of District Governors donated in 2016-17. We can increase donations to LCIF by increasing club amounts, increasing the number of clubs donating and by increasing individual donations.
4. Lions support is needed to meet and sustain LCIF grants and program expenses through 2018 and beyond. Grants are constantly being used for disaster relief and that donation category needs to be sustained. Please promote making a donation to LCIF's disaster relief fund so that Lions can continue offering this critical aid. Four \$100,000 catastrophic grants were approved for Harvey, Irma, Mexico quake and Puerto Rico. So far, you can direct funds to the first three under disaster relief. In addition another \$145,000 in Emergency Grants were awarded in August 2017 for flood, typhoon & mudslide relief.

5. Club LCIF Coordinators: Clubs are still being asked to name/select a Club LCIF Coordinator. The purpose of this individual is to simply educate the club and give at least one presentation to the club per year and serve as an LCIF ambassador on the local level. This is a Board of Directors role; club officers can double up roles; the immediate past club president might be one option, adding to the ambassadors of humanitarian services. Be creative.
6. District Chairperson's Medal: If a District donates at least \$30,000 this year and has a 10% increase over the previous year, the District LCIF Coordinator and the District Governor will each receive the LCIF District Chairperson's Medal in appreciation of their efforts in promoting LCIF.
7. The Measles Initiative is still ongoing. Last I heard, we still need 4 million of the \$30 million goal. Continue to promote this program. Only 3 months to achieve the final \$4 million to get the full GAVI & Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation full match of \$30 million. How about making a measles personal donation?
8. Best address to send LCIF donations: LCIF, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547
9. Reminder: there are still a lot of Centennial Coins available for purchase. \$10 of each coin purchase goes to LCIF. A keepsake, a nice gift for someone; a nice investment.
10. Contributing Member Pins: are available; sending some home with District Governors to give to their respective District LCIF coordinators. Still \$20, \$50 and \$100 until 7/1/18; then will go to \$50, \$100 and \$150. These amounts have not changed for years (decades?). There may still be a \$20 level, but TBD, may not come with a pin.
11. Changing grant structure: Watch for restructuring of grant categories July 1, 2018. For example, the International Assistance Grant (IAG) will be going away. It will be covered under the Humanitarian Grant category, but no personal expenses or travel expenses to be part of the grant. Standard grants will be known as Humanitarian Matching grants. Diabetes Grants(formerly Core 4 Diabetes) and Lions Quest Grants(formerly Core 4 Lions Quest) are also being placed under the umbrella of Humanitarian Grants. These changes come in response to our ever-changing world. As the needs of the world change, LCIF will evolve so Lions can focus on sustainable serve projects that reach the most people possible.
12. Redesign of the Melvin Jones Plaque packaging: Watch for this new attractive container!
13. LCIF continues to support famine relief efforts in East Africa; Disaster Preparedness Grants are available and can be valuable(a handout to be provided at the Council meeting). Core 4 Diabetes Grants are available.
14. I had the opportunity to be a part of the MD LCIF Coordinator training August 26 in Atlanta at The Carter Center. 47 MD Coordinators from the U.S. and Canada participated. Among other items, the training stressed the relationship of LCIF Coordinator under the Global Action Team and working with the GST- -GST & LCIF supporting each other.

15. The 50 anniversary of LCIF (June 13, 1968) is fast approaching. The Anniversary theme is Taking Everyday Service to Extraordinary.

16. Looking for a MD27 LCIF Coordinator for the 2018-21 term; to be approved by LCIF. District LCIF and Multiple District LCIF Coordinators are still 3 year terms.

17. Questions? Support LCIF when you shop online at www.smile.amazon.com

Lions Clubs International Foundation

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