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Lions Chairperson Newsletter

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WELCOME to the Lions Chairperson Online Newsletter brought to you by the Lions Clubs International Program Development Department. This online newsletter is being sent to; *Sight Conservation & Work with the Blind*, *Diabetes Awareness*, and *Hearing and Speech Action and Work with the Deaf* District Chairpersons, as a helpful guide for planning club activities. This newsletter is also being sent to District Governors.

Important Note to District Governors – Please forward this newsletter to Chairpersons in your district that may not have e-mail.

CHAIRPERSON INFORMATION ON LIONS WEB SITE

Chairperson information is on the Lions web site as follows:

- Sight Conservation & Work with the Blind Chairpersons,
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/vision_services_chairman.shtml
- Diabetes Awareness Chairpersons,
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_diab_chair.shtml
- Hearing and Speech Action and Work with the Deaf Chairpersons,
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_hear_chair.shtml

AWARDS

Visit the chairperson web sites for guidelines on how to qualify for these recognition awards from Lions Clubs International:

- *Excellence in Effort Certificate Club Award (for outstanding work in sight conservation and work with the blind)*
- *District Diabetes Awareness Chairman Award*
- *District Hearing Chairman Award*

These awards are distributed by the District Governor. The actual certificates were given to the 2004-2005 District Governors at the Detroit convention.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

These publications, as well as others, may assist you in planning your activities. Most are available to download for free on the web:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources_broch_act.shtml

- Sight Conservation and Work with the Blind: A Club Activity Guide – IAD 218
- Blindness: Are you at Risk? - IAD 182
- Lions Eye Banks - IAD 225 (available soon)
- Diabetes Bookmark – IAD 161
- Diabetes Brochure – IAD 162
- Diabetes Education: An Activity Guide for Lions Clubs – IAD 163
- Understanding Hearing Impairments – IAD 8
- Technological Devices for People Who Are Hearing Impaired – IAD 9

LARGE QUANTITIES ARE AVAILABLE

The IAD0002 order form contains a complete listing of services activities publications:
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/iad0002.pdf>

The form lists the prices for ordering quantities of publications. For free sample copies of publications, contact programs@lionsclubs.org

LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), an estimated 44% of men, women, and children in developing countries – need but do not have – eyeglasses. Through the collecting, recycling and distributing of used eyeglasses, Lions have helped to improve the lives of many in need. Clubs can support the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program by:

- Collecting glasses;
- Publicizing collection to the community;
- Providing financial and volunteer support;
- Organizing or participating in a distribution mission;

Lions can send collected glasses directly to a Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/vision_eyeglass_centers.shtml

If your districts recycling program is not listed, please consider participating in the program. Contact: programs@lionsclubs.org

LIONS EYE BANK PROGRAM

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that corneal transplants could restore the vision of 11 million people worldwide. Lions eye banks play a significant role in providing quality corneal and eye tissue for sight restoring surgeries worldwide. If there is a Lions Eye Bank in your district, you can contact them to arrange for an eye bank speaker at your meeting and organize a tour of the facility.

For information and a listing of Lions eye banks:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/vision_services_cornea.shtml.

DIABETES AWARENESS

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) the number of people with diabetes will more than double to 300 million in the next 25 years. A recent e-mail survey to Diabetes chairpersons indicated that:

- The most common district diabetes activity was providing the community with presentations and speakers about diabetes
- The most common diabetes issue facing communities was the need for more public information about diabetes, especially to groups that are underserved

There is information on the web site and publications available (indicated above) that can help chairpersons organize successful diabetes awareness activities.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_diab.shtml

Lions may also access information on the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) a community-based education program that covers diabetic retinopathy:

<http://www.lehp.org/>

HEARING AID RECYCLING PROGRAM

Lions are encouraged to recycle hearing aids. These recycled aids can be refurbished and provided to those in need. For more information on the program visit:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_hear_recyclepolicy.shtml

LIONS AFFORDABLE HEARING AID PROJECT

LCIF is in the beginning phase of the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (LAHAP). The first model, The LionsEar1, is a digitally programmable analog hearing aid worn behind-the-ear. For more information on the program, visit: <http://www.lionsear.org>

SHARE YOUR PROJECT WITH US

Share successful club projects with other Lions. We are looking for projects to profile in future newsletters. Send your stories and photographs to:

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Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA
programs@lionsclubs.org

KEEP US INFORMED

E-mail us at programs@lionsclubs.org and let us know if your e-mail changes.

ADDITIONAL WEBSITE INFORMATION

Visit the “news and events” and “Lions in Action” sections of the web site for program ideas and information on what other Lions are doing in the area of service activities.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_news.shtml

NEED INFORMATION?

Contact us! programs@lionsclubs.org