



District Governor Newsletter

District 41-0

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Organizational Meeting Held In Hampton

District Officers Attend Meeting

Well if the enthusiasm of the Lions that

attended the District Meeting in Hampton on August 14th, means anything - it looks like our district is off to a great start. A special thanks goes out to all those who made this a success, especially the Hampton Lions Club for their hospitality and hard work and a great luncheon. Minutes will be published in the "Info Lion."

I hope all of you are enjoying a healthy and safe summer. We are now into our Lionistic year and I look forward to meeting both old and new lions starting in September.

stature as the world's most active and honoured service club organization, our members the world over must exhibit leadership with a passion - a passion for our ideals and a passion to enhance service to our own communities and people in need in the global community."

Passion to Excel is broken down into five key areas. SERVICE, GROWTH, LEADERSHIP, PROMOTION AND PERFORMANCE
I would encourage all that have access to a computer please go to the Lions International website, lionsclubs.org, and read President Mehta's monthly message. In addition every club president receives this message and should be making it available to all club members.

International Contests

This year there are several contests to encourage membership growth and I would encourage every club to make an effort to receive an International award. Last year several district clubs received recognition. One is the Best Practice Contest, which must be entered prior to October 31st, 2005. Other programs include the Passion to Grow Awards designed to recognize Team Effort. Club Diamond Awards, District Star Awards and Plus One District Awards. These will be presented to Lions who meet the criteria for these various awards. The criteria will be published in the Info Lion for all to read.



Passion To Excel

This year's Presidential theme is Passion to Excel. In President Mehta's message he states "If Lions Clubs International is to maintain it's



SightFirst Facts

An estimated 37 million people are blind today
At least 80% of blindness is reversible or could
have been prevented

That is why Lions Clubs International Foundation
(LCIF), and 1.4 million Lion clubs members, are
engaged in a global campaign to eliminate
preventable blindness.

What is the SightFirst Program

The mission of the SightFirst Program is to
significantly reduce preventable and reversible
blindness worldwide but particularly in
developing countries, where 90% of avoidable
blindness exists.

SightFirst grants are considered for projects that
(1) result in a significant and measurable
reduction in blindness in a specified region, (2)
target the leading blinding diseases and/or address
crucial unmet eye care delivery needs at regional
and national levels and (3) use cost effective and
sustainable strategies.

10 things Lions need to know about Campaign SightFirst II

- 1) Lions have saved the sight of 24 million
people worldwide through the SightFirst program.
- 2) The world looks to Lions as leaders in the
international effort to eliminate avoidable
blindness.
- 3) More than US\$175 million in SightFirst
grants have been awarded by LCIF.
- 4) Lions made SightFirst possible by raising
US\$143 million in Campaign SightFirst in 1991-
1994 which increased to US\$200 million through
investments and other donations.
- 5) Within four years, remaining SightFirst
funds will be depleted and there is much work yet
to be done.
- 6) New challenges to sight could raise the
world' s blind population from 37 million to 74
million by 2020. Millions of children are blind

and another child goes blind every minute.

7) After careful study, Lions International
Board of Directors has endorsed CSFII, a
worldwide campaign to raise at least US\$150
million to continue SightFirst' s success and
combat emerging threats to sight.

8) An additional US\$50 million will extend
Lions "vision for all" through rehabilitation,
research and reaching out to vulnerable
populations in developed countries.

9) Because SightFirst is an extraordinary
worldwide effort, CSFII seeks funds in addition to
those provided for other important Lions
activities.

10) Campaign SightFirst II will be launched
at the 2005 International Convention in Hong
Kong and will celebrate success at the 2008
International Convention.

The Years of Campaign SightFirst II

Year 1 - 2005-2006

Education and Preparation

Training and development for CSFII Leaders

Year 2 - 2006-2007

Inspiration and Motivation

Clubs begin intensive fund raising; Fund-raising
results reported at the 2007 International
Convention

Year 3 - 2007-2008

Participation and Celebration

Club fund raising continues; CSFII concludes at
the International Convention

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SightFirst Statistics

SightFirst has...

- Prevented serious vision loss for 24 million
- Provided 65 million treatments for river blindness
- Restored sight to 4.6 million with cataract
- Improved eye care services for hundreds of millions
- Built or expanded 258 eye hospitals and clinics
- Upgraded 300 eye centers with equipment
- Trained 68,000 ophthalmologists, ophthalmic nurses, and other professional eye care workers
- Launched world' s first-ever initiative to combat childhood blindness in partnership with the World Health Organisation.
- Thirty paediatric eye care centers will be established.
- Awarded US\$175 million for 724 projects in 86 countries

Special Thanks

To all those Lions who made the Organizational meeting a success. The Past district Governors for approving the changes to the DuFour Cup which is in the minutes to be published in the Info Lion. CST Peter for all the work on the directory and making sure everything was pre-arranged for the meeting.

Dates To Remember

Sept 7th - DG visit to Harvey Lions
Sept 8th - DG visit to Eastern Charlotte Lions
Sept 10th - 11th - Saturday Leadership Training and Social - Nashwaaksis Lions Club
Sunday Cabinet Meeting - Nashwaaksis Lions
(More Information in Info Lion)
Sept 13th - DG visit Chipman Minto Lions
Sept 19th - Simonds Lions Club

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