



Jungle Jottings



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Not above you, not beneath you, but with you.

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Hurricane Katrina

Dear Fellow Lions,

The devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida is deeply troubling. Our hearts go out to those who are suffering and face an uncertain future. We are acutely aware of the struggle for clean water, food and shelter, to say nothing of the need to be able to return to work and school.

LCIF will do all it can to help victims recover their lives. LCIF has awarded a US\$200,000 Major Catastrophe Grant to help victims. I also have approved emergency grants for districts affected by the hurricane. Three US\$10,000 emergency grants have been awarded for Districts 8-O, 8-S and 8-I in Louisiana. I expect many emergency grants to be approved very soon when district governors are able to contact us.

LCIF has set up a designated fund for Lions and others who wish to help the hurricane victims. Checks can be mailed to LCIF at 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523, USA. Make the check payable to LCIF and indicate on the memo line that the donation is for Hurricane Katrina.

All donations for Hurricane Katrina count toward a club's and district's giving totals. (Donations from U.S. residents also are tax deductible.) However, these donations are **not** eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition.

As with other large-scale disasters, I am sure Lions are eager to assist victims in various ways besides donating funds. To help facilitate the expected volunteer efforts of Lions, with the approval of the executive officers, I have appointed a steering committee of four leading Lions from the four states most affected by the tragedy to serve as liaisons between LCIF, Lions in the disaster areas and Lions who want to help.

These four Lions are:

- International Director Robert Eichhorn, 4301 St. Francis Street, Metairie, LA 70001, 337-237-7169 (temporary phone number), 504-525-7235 (bus), 504-455-6951 (h), 504-525-7238, (fax), <execdirector@llef.gs.net>.
- International Director Howard Jenkins, 850 Mt. Vernon Road, Columbus, MS 39702, 662-328-2756 (home & fax).
- Past International Director Lowell Bonds, 1808 Hummingbird Lane, Hoover, AL 35226, 205-322-6575 (bus), 205-823-4941 (h), 205-328-3612 (fax), <ljbonds@aol.com>.
- Past International Director E. Robert Lastinger, 29743 Morwen Place, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543, 813-994-9604 (h), 813-994-0844 (fax), <edobl@earthlink.net>.

I have asked Past International Director Bonds to oversee the steering committee for the purpose of coordinating short-term and long-term assistance for the hurricane victims.

Please keep in mind that they may be difficult to reach, at least initially, because of disruption in services in the disaster areas as well as their heavy workload. Please keep trying to reach them.

We are aware that in past disasters of this magnitude goods often are collected and shipped to a disaster area that are not needed and ultimately are not used. So please refrain from collecting items until more about immediate needs is known.

You should also know that International President Ashok Mehta has issued a statement on the hurricane on the Lions' web site. Please take a minute to read his words of consolation and encouragement.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those in the affected areas. Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide.

Yours in Service,

Clement F. Kusiak
2005-2006 LCIF Chairperson

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Dear Fellow Lions,

"Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund"

The devastation and turmoil that the gulf coast and New Orleans is going through is unimaginable for most of us. As we go about our business here in Danbury, CT we can only read the papers and watch the news in horror. As Lions we are used to helping others less fortunate than ourselves. Now is the time to come together for the people of the gulf coast. Over the next few weeks our club will be collecting funds to send to LCIF for the Katrina Relief Fund. If you wish to participate, please make out a check to Lions Charities and bring it to lunch on Thursday. Indicate on the memo "Katrina". (As always, cash is fine too!) If you are unable to make the meeting, please mail your donation to Danbury Lions Club at PO Box 461, Danbury, CT 06813. We will then make a donation to the LCIF Katrina Relief Fund on behalf of the club.

Thanks again for generously digging into your pockets for others. We Serve!

Yours in Lionism,

Kate Shea IPP

Back to School Backpacks” an Overwhelming Success!

Rulers, paper, pencils, scissors and more came pouring in for our annual Back to School Backpack Project!

A sincere thanks to everyone who participated in this heart-warming project. Three students from Roberts Avenue School in Danbury received backpacks complete with every school supply imaginable and a \$100 gift certificate to Sears. A very special “*thank you*” goes to Ken Saloom and Noel Roy for underwriting the cost of the three gift certificates – a very thoughtful gift.

Lions were so enthusiastic about the project that with the additional donations received from Lions Club members, we were able to purchase two additional backpacks and school supplies. Thank you, Joan Bielizna, for being the point person for collection at a recent meeting.

Thank you Lions – you made some youngsters very, very happy. Until next year...

Beth Ann Fetzer

News from the District

The Orange Lions would like us to know that they are hosting a trip to the Army/UConn game on October 1, 2005 at Westpoint. The cost is \$75.00 per person which includes roundtrip bus ride from Orange to game, ticket and bag lunch. Anyone interested, please contact Lion James White at 203-795-3040.

Here is a note from Terri B. Canas, Region IV Chair and Red Cross Blood Drive Liaison

Dear Lions,

Would your Club be willing to hold a Blood Drive to help the Red Cross in their efforts to help the victims of the disaster down South. I am referring to those clubs in District 23-A only. Please notify me as soon as possible so that I can arrange the date with the Red Cross administration /coordinators. Thank you! Please e-mail me at terribousquet@cox.net (My tel. # is 203-272-3669)

New Words for 2005

Essential additions for the workplace vocabulary:

BLAMESTORMING: Sitting around in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.

SEAGULL MANAGER: A manager who flies in, makes a lot of noise, craps all over everything, and then leaves.

ASSMOSIS: The process by which some people seem to absorb success and advancement by kissing the boss' butt rather than working hard.

SALMON DAY: The experience of spending an entire day swimming upstream only to get screwed and die in the end.

CUBE FARM: An office filled with cubicles.

PRAIRIE DOGGING: When someone yells or drops something loudly in a cube farm, and people's heads pop up over the walls to see what's going on.

MOUSE POTATO: The on-line, wired generation's answer to the couch potato.

SITCOMs: Single Income, Two Children, Oppressive Mortgage. What yuppies turn into when they have children and one of them stops working to stay home with the kids.

STRESS PUPPY: A person who seems to thrive on being stressed out and whiny.

SWIPEOUT: An ATM or credit card that has been rendered useless because the magnetic strip is worn away from extensive use.

IRRITAINMENT: Entertainment and media spectacles that are annoying but you find yourself unable to stop watching them. The Anna Nichol show or the Bachelor is a prime example.

PERCUSSIVE MAINTENANCE: The fine art of whacking the heck out of an electronic device to get it to work again.

ADMINISPHERE: The rarefied organizational layers beginning just above the rank and file. Decisions that fall from the adminisphere are often profoundly inappropriate or irrelevant to the problems they were designed to solve.

404: Someone who's clueless. From the World Wide Web error message "404 Not Found" (meaning that the requested document, like the person's brain, could not be located).

GENERICA: Features of the North American landscape that is exactly the same no matter where one is, such as fast food joints, strip malls, subdivisions

WOOFYS: Well Off Older Folks.

ANAL GLAUCOMA: Used as an excuse for not showing up for work. Translation "I just couldn't see my a** coming in to work today."

And don't forget **OPTORECTOSIS:** A condition where the optic nerve is connected to the rectum and you have a shitty outlook on life.

IPID Jules and Lione Jackie Cote' sent the following Note on September 7th.

Dear Danbury Members,

We want to thank you so much for sending us "The Jungle Jottings" during Jules 2 years as International Director. In a way it seems "like yesterday" we were In Conn. at your Convention and sat at your table to eat. On the other hand we have done so much and traveled so many thousands of miles meeting great Lions all over the World & U.S.A., that it seems like years & years since that day! Life has been busy!!

After reading of your efforts, & from rebuilding in Banda Aceh with LCIF funds, your clubs' efforts with L V devices purchase along with the District, and your funny jokes (we all need a good laugh every day!), we've enjoyed it all. Thank you for your 2 yrs of "Jottings". Best of luck in the year ahead.

Sincerely,
I.P.I.D. Jules and Lion Jackie Cote"

News From the Board Meeting

From 1st VP Helene Thompson

The 2005 Lions Raffle is about to get underway. Between worldwide Lion's initiatives and local community service, our projects budget for the upcoming year exceeds \$40,000. As one of our three major fundraisers for the year, every ticket sale helps. Hopefully the prizes offered will be appealing to many. And as always, the raffle is a great opportunity to share your enthusiasm for Lionism with your friends, family and coworkers. So good luck with sales and thank you for your contribution to the club.

From Membership Chairman Fran Evans

A new member application was voted on and approved. The new member is Thomas C. Bushey of 1092 Roxbury Road, Southbury. Please give him a huge welcome.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Ellen Holzman who recently moved to Southbury.

PP Beth Ann Fetzer also has extended an invitation to join to Donna B. Williams of 3A Heritage Circle, Southbury.

From CRIS Chairman Kate Shea

The CRIS Breakfast has been scheduled for Wed. December 7th at the Amber Room so mark your Calendars.

50/50 Raffle

Since attendance at luncheon meetings has dropped considerably over the last few months, our Official Greeter Joe Hornak has recommended that we increase the cost of the raffle tickets to \$3.00 for a set of 3 tickets, and \$5.00 for two sets. This change will take place effective October 1st.

From Frank Molinaro

The Newtown Lions Club has asked for our support of their 1966 Ford Mustang Raffle. The drawing will be on October 15th at 1:00 pm at the Newtown Middle School. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be obtained at the bar prior to our luncheon meetings.

From Keith Beaver, 2nd VP

Several Members are behind in their dues. He will contact them by phone to bring them up to date before the next quarterly billing is sent.

From Webmaster Ernie Harrington

The website is being updated continually and contains a lot of information on our Club and it's goings on. If you have not viewed the site recently, please check it out at <http://www.danburylions.org/>. Any photos that appear in the Jottings can be seen in color on the web site.

From President Lyn Meyers

We are still in need of a replacement for Bob Rifenburg. His term as a Director will expire in June of 2007.

We are still in need of a public relations chairman. If you are interested, please contact any officer of the Club.

The City is hosting a Social Services Fair. We will be participating in it.

Bitta This Bitta That

Fran Evans and her husband lost their storage space for Bob's Ranger Bass boat and trailer due to a property building project at it's previous storage site. Can anyone store the trailer and boat now through the end of April 2006? Call, 775-5951, or email evansf@danbury.k12.ct.us, if you have a space for an orphaned boat and trailer! Thank you.

DHS Football Ticket Takers

Ticket takers are needed for the remaining home games with the next game scheduled for this Friday at 7 pm. If you are interested, please contact Hugh Morgan.

Street Cleanup

Keith Beaver is in charge of street cleaning. Please let Keith know if you can participate in a future street cleanup.

The Danbury Lions Club
Cordially invites you to a night of
“Crime and Merriment”

Join us for a night filled with good food and an
interactive murder mystery.

“The Malt Shop Mystery”

will be presented on
Friday, October 28, 2005
at 7:00 p.m.

The Sheraton Hotel Grand Ballroom

Price \$40.00

Prizes awarded for
the best 50’s attire.

Call Tina Prescott for additional information
203-743-6549.



Members of the Danbury Lions Club, from left, Lyn Meyers, Jim Leheny, Keith Beaver, Fran Evans, Robert Lovell, Robert Yamin and Ernie Harrington, prepare to pick up trash. Members clean Hayestown Road on the third Saturday of every month as part of the Adopt-a-Street program.

Please see 3rd VP Tina Prescott to purchase tickets to “The Malt Shop Mystery”.

Since no one came forward and volunteered to pay the mailing costs for this issue of the Jottings, the \$48.10 mailing cost was borne by the Club Treasury. If you or your company has an interest in picking up the tab for one issue of the Jottings, please notify the Editor.

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