

THE INSIDER

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How did we get to Oak Brook, Illinois?



According to Past International President Robert J. Uplinger, when Melvin Jones organized Lions Clubs International in 1917, Jones's own Chicago office on Michigan Avenue became Lions Headquarters. When the association outgrew that location, a building was purchased on North Michigan Avenue. It was an old building, dating back to

the Great Chicago Fire.

As time passed, the old building needed repairs and again the Lions needed space. During 1967-68, the board and officers discussed the matter. At the board meeting in Dallas, Texas (1968), action was taken to sell the old building. In the board meeting following the convention, and for several months following, efforts were made to halt the sale, but to no avail.

In the spring of 1969, the association tried to find a new location within the city limits of Chicago, but these efforts proved fruitless. There was a study made by Stanford University to find a completely new location for the headquarters. San Diego, San Francisco, Miami and New York were all recommended. After careful consideration, the decision was made to stay in the Chicago area.

Real estate agents recommended building west of Chicago. The Executive Committee commissioned then International President W. Richard "Dick" Bryan and Second Vice President Robert J. Uplinger to search for a site. Bryan and Uplinger flew over the area and located a tract of land near Highway 66. The next day they found that this land had been purchased by a hotel firm. Another search was started and this time the tract at 300 W. 22nd Street was located. The purchase price for the 9.1 acres was one million dollars. The Executive Committee secured the services of an architect to develop a suitable building. A contractor was hired and an application was made to the city of Oak Brook for a permit to build.

Vice President Uplinger was asked to work on the project because of his engineering background. Construction took place during 1970-71 and the International Board Meeting was held in Oak Brook that spring, as the building neared completion.

1971-72 International President Robert J. Uplinger was the first president to serve in our current building.

Thank you to Past International President Robert J. Uplinger for his valuable assistance and cooperation in compiling this information.

WELCOME

Dennis Healey, Westchester, Club Supplies Shipping, ext. 277
Patricia Luce, Westmont, Membership Operations, ext. 355
Patti Repenn, Chicago, Extension & Membership, ext. 339
Chitra Singa, Darien, Public Relations & Production, ext. 360

ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following staff members who are celebrating employment anniversaries this month:
Rosanna Knudsen, Export Traffic, 10 years on December 10
Michelle Kopec, Club Supplies Sales, 15 years on December 30
Mary Ann Kusinski, New Clubs & Marketing, 10 years on December 3
Ann Lipscomb, Accounts Receivable, 15 years on December 9

SHARING THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

For more than 20 years, staff members have made donations to various organizations in lieu of exchanging holiday cards. If you are interested in participating, please see Pat Katrivesis or Peggy Malenchik in Human Resources. Please suggest an organization for your contribution; the top choices will receive the money. Donations will be accepted December 1-15.

Previous years' donations were made to the Salvation Army, Neediest Kids Christmas Fund, LCIF and the American Cancer Society. If you choose to select LCIF as a recipient and your donation is \$20 or more, you will receive an LCIF Contributing Member pin.

Thanks in advance for continuing this wonderful tradition.

Submitted by Peggy Malenchik, Human Resources.

MOST UNIQUE HOLIDAY TRADITION

When I was a young girl in Poland, my mother would buy a large fish a couple days before Christmas and put it in the bathtub. I used to care for the fish as if it were a pet, until Christmas morning when my mother would come in and club it over the head with a mallet and then cook it for dinner. I was always crushed by that. Year after year, I never ate the fish at Christmas dinner . . . and still don't.

—Monika Kural, LCIF Donor Services

NAMES IN THE NEWS

🎄 Congratulations to **Lucy Mettwie**, Ibero-American, who won the movie tickets from the Employee's Fund Committee for the month of November.

🎄 Congratulations to **Teri Strojny**, Export Traffic, who won the reserved Employee Parking Spot for the month of November.

🎄 Congratulations to **Lea Anne Guettler**, Lion Magazine, who became engaged on October 21st (Sweetest Day) to Michael Stouton in Borders Bookstore (Site of their first getting-to-know-you date). The wedding is being planned for October 20, 2001 (Sweetest Day).

🎄 **Jill Kovach**, Public Relations, would like to extend a special thank you to **Jenny Rasch**, Stat and Membership, for her recent help in obtaining club information in an immediate situation.

EMPLOYEE'S FUND COMMITTEE UPDATE

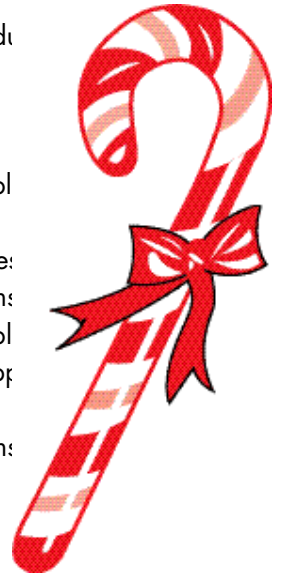
The Employee's Fund Committee has begun work on the annual holiday celebration to be held on December 22. Lunch will be served and employees will have a chance to win valuable gift baskets. Watch for an invitation!

The next Employee's Fund Committee Meeting is Wednesday, December 6 at 9 a.m. in the lunchroom. All are welcome to attend.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/4	Lisa Smith
12/5	Mary Kay Rietz
12/6	Mary Tyson
12/8	Jim Paparelli
12/9	Patricia Katrivesis
12/11	Stephanie Wenzel
12/14	Elaine Liscarz
12/15	Renee Heiden
12/16	Chuck Levitt
12/16	Ellen Pilarczyk
12/20	Carol Campbell
12/20	Kayoko Mercado
12/22	Andy Cervantes
12/22	Pat Sharik
12/28	Christina Jacobs
12/30	Elaine Kurek
12/30	Nikole Kvapil

Graphics
Advertising & Prod
Export Traffic
Purchasing
Human Resources
Accounts Receivabl
Inventory Control
LCIF Donor Service:
Information System:
Accounts Receivabl
Administrative Supp
Pacific Asian
Information System:
English Language
Graphics
Leadership
Protocol & Itineraries



HEADQUARTERS' ANNUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST



First Place went to **Adrienne Brockman**, Program Development, showing Lions' pride as an eyeglasses recycling box.



Second Place went to **Jill Kovach**, Public Relations, as a convincing grandmother.



Third Place went to **Cheryl O'Malley**, Info Systems, as a rough and tough horse wrangler.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS!



LIONSMAIL.COM

The following is information on this month's highlighted Lions program.

Give and you shall receive. This is especially the case with LionsMall.com. By ordering gifts for your loved ones and yourself, you could receive discounts from well-known retailers such as Amazon.com, PETSMART, LL Bean, 1-800-flowers and Lands' End while supporting (at no cost to you) Lions Clubs International. Every purchase goes to support LCI and right now, if you register online for LionsMall.com, a \$2 contribution will be made to LCI. In addition to discounts from favorites such as Omaha Steaks, Avon and Borders.com, you will also be eligible to receive discounts on airline tickets, hotel booking, car rentals and financial services. The easy to use Web site lists shopping categories and, with a click of the mouse, lists many well-known shopping sites.

In cases where employees do not have online access at home, a personal computer has been set up in Human Resources. Usage is restricted to lunch and coffee breaks and is open to all employees. Employees with Internet access at their desks are requested to limit shopping at LionsMall.com to lunch and coffee breaks.

To get to LionsMall.com you can log on to www.lionsmall.com or www.lionsclubs.org and click on the shopping cart icon. And, to make it even easier during the holiday season, Export Traffic has generously offered to accept and sort packages received from LionsMall.com. Employees will be informed when they have received a package and will be able to pick them up between 1 and 2 p.m. each workday.




For more information on LionsMall.com, contact John Lord at ext. 653.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Santa's Chocolate Pizza

- 1 (12 oz.) pkg. semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 lb. white almond bark, divided
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup crisp rice cereal
- 1 cup peanuts
- 1 (6 oz.) jar red maraschino cherries, drained, cut in half
- 3 tablespoons green maraschino cherries, drained, quartered
- 1/2 cup coconut flakes
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil





-  Melt chocolate chips with 14 ounces almond bark in large saucepan over low heat, stirring until smooth; remove from heat
-  Stir in marshmallows, cereal and peanuts. Pour onto greased 12-inch pizza pan. Top with cherries; sprinkle with coconut.
-  Melt remaining 2 ounces almond bark with oil over low heat, stirring until smooth; drizzle over coconut. Chill until firm; store at room temperature.

Tip: For individual pizzas, shape mixture into four 6-inch rounds or 12 4-inch rounds on wax paper-lined cookie sheets.

Submitted by Jeanne Smith.

Please send your recipes to Kristopher Kempski, Public Relations.

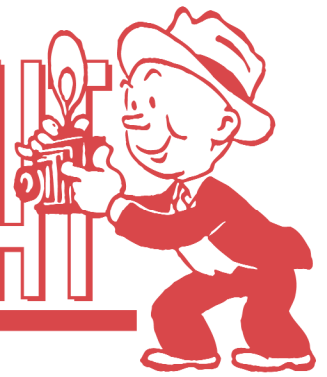
NEWS BRIEFS

-  In accordance with established policy, the office will be closed Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26, in observance of Christmas; and Monday, January 1, in observance of New Year's.
-  In an effort to save the association in printing and postage costs, the Board of Directors agreed at the October 2000 meeting on a plan that will phase out selected association publications. The plan will take place over a multi-stage, 3-year process. At the completion of the project, all phased out publications will be available on the Web site in the Publication Library at www.lionsclubs.org. At a time when people around the world are becoming more and more familiar with the Internet, this program will help bring the association into the new millennium. Phase 1 is scheduled to be complete July 1, 2001. As of that date, the following publications will be available only through the Web site: International Directory; IAD 0002: International Activities Division Publication Order Form; IAD 178: Lions-Quest Fact Sheet; LEO 6: Leo District Constitution; LEO 7: Leo Multiple District Constitution; Leo 72: Leo Officers and Membership Report Form; Leo 204: Leo Awards; MK 9: Lions Community Needs Assessment; MK 97: 25 Marketing Ideas; PR 763: International Contest Rules and PR 9219: Public Relations Program Grants.

ABOUT THE INSIDER

The *Insider* is a newsletter for Lions Clubs International Headquarters' employees. It is published once a month. Employees are encouraged to send news items such as story ideas, department happenings, births, weddings, anniversaries, awards received, thank-yous or any other information regarding International Headquarters' employees or their families to Kristopher Kempski, Public Relations Department, at ext. 371 or by e-mail. The deadline for submitting information for the January issue is Wednesday, December 6.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



SANDRA GALINDO

**Marketing Assistant,
New Clubs and
Marketing**

Year Started at LCI

February 2000

Job Duties

Coordinate all aspects of the Campus Lions clubs; assist Lions members with obtaining marketing materials and updating existing marketing material.

Education

Marketing Degree from Loyola University – Chicago

Hometown

Aurora, IL

Family

Mom, step-dad, three brothers, two sisters and one dog, Sophie.

Most enjoyable part of the job

All the people that I work with!

Most memorable moment on the job

Convention. I'd only been working at Lions for four months when I went. It really made an impression on me to see all the Lions of the world!

Most challenging part of the job

Using a typewriter for four part forms – I never used a typewriter before I started here.

Favorite movie

Anything with the "Brat Pack" (i.e. "The Breakfast Club" and "St. Elmo's Fire")

Favorite vacation spot

Monaco, France

A perfect day for me would be

A day at the spa – a massage and pedicure followed by dinner with friends and a night on the town.

Favorite Book

Don Quixote de la Mancha, by Miguel de Cervantes

Favorite TV show

Frasier

Hobbies

Roller blading, dancing, collecting "Love is..." comics and doing crossword puzzles.

If there was a movie made about me, I would want to be played by

Modern day = Winona Rider, All time = Audrey Hepburn

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be

Amelia Earhart, David Copperfield, Lenny Kravitz and Mother Theresa

If I was stranded on a desert island, I would want these three items with me

Radio, crossword puzzles and a pen (a color other than black or blue)