



THE INSIDER

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PEACE POSTER WINNERS - WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Now in its 17th year, the Lions International Peace Poster Contest is more popular than ever. As past winners grow up (the grand prize winner of the first contest is now 30 years old), Lions asked the question, what are these "kids" up to now?

Yuki Nakajima was 12 years old when she won the 1992 Peace Poster Contest. Still residing in Japan, Yuki is now 24 years old and is teaching the children in her kindergarten class to paint and draw.

"Drawing a peace poster gives children the opportunity to think about peace," Yuki said. "After I participated in the contest, I thought about peace much more. I felt distress concerning the [September 11, 2001] terrorist attack."

"The benefit of winning the contest is that my poster continues to convey a message of peace to children," Yuki said. "In the future, I hope that my children will be involved with art in some way."



Yuki Nakajima, 24, was 12 years old when she won the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in 1992

Now 23 years old, **Niken Ayumurti Hartomo** was only 11 years old when her poster won the 1993 contest. A recent college graduate, she is now a creative designer with an advertising and communications agency in Jakarta, Indonesia, and she hopes to attend the School of Visual Art in New York City for her master's work.

Niken also illustrates children's books. Some of her work has already been published in Indonesia.

"Winning the contest persuaded and motivated me to keep focusing on the art world. I really want to develop the world of illustration and animation in my country, Indonesia," said Niken. "By participating in the contest, I realized that I have to communicate and share my ideas for peace."

Niken made friends with several other Peace Poster Contest winners during the 1998 reunion at the international convention in Birmingham, England. She has stayed in contact with several of them, as well as with the Jakarta Dian Mas Purnama Lions Club, which sponsored the contest that she won.

Don Nemesio H. Miranda III is in his second of year of college, where he is majoring in art. Winning the contest in 1997 when he was only 12 years old boosted his self-confidence and encouraged him to pursue art as a career. He enrolled in an art school for high school and after graduating with honors, he moved to Japan to spend a year as an exchange student.

Once back in the Philippines, Don developed some of his own art exhibits and decided to major in fine arts at college. He hopes to be a full-time artist some day.

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WELCOME

Jaydip Bhatt, Addison, Information Systems, ext. 550

Kathryn Rogal, Brookfield, Program Design & Development, ext. 662

Norma Stephenson, Plainfield, Travel & Administrative Services, ext. 374

Cynthia Zielezinski, Tinley Park, District & Club Administration, ext. 334

ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following staff members who are celebrating employment anniversaries:

Linda Brzoska, Accounting, 20 years on May 14

Marilyn Merz, Convention & Board Meeting Activities, 15 years on May 31

OFFICE DIRECTORY

UPDATE

Please make the following change in your Office Directory:

Tina Christensen, Travel & Administrative Services, ext. 290

Anthony Garst, Ibero-American, ext. 542

Sharon Rodriguez (was Aleksiuinas), Human Resources, ext. 218

Kathy Ryan, Institute & Seminars, ext. 613

Tess Zimecki, LCIF Humanitarian Programs, Ext. 506

NAMES IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to **Cheryl Barsema**, Membership Operations, this month's winner of movie tickets from the Employee Activities Committee.
- Congratulations to **Tess Zemecki**, LCIF Development, this month's winner of the reserved employee parking spot.
- Congratulations to **Denise Whistler**, Youth Programs, on winning the Easter basket and movie tickets for the Employee Activities Committee (EAC) Easter Trivia Contest.
- Congratulations to **Judy Kukula**, Extension & Membership; **Jerry Mecklenburg**, Print Shop; and **Cindy Meyer**, International Activities, on winning chocolate eggs and movie tickets for the EAC Easter Trivia Contest.
- Congratulations to **Sally Zabel**, Club Supplies Sales, on the birth of her daughter, Gabrielle Love. Gabrielle was born on March 10, weighing in at 6 lbs 8 oz and measuring 20 inches long.
- Congratulations to **Louise Ventrella**, Institute & Seminars, on the birth of her fifth grandchild, Branden Michael. Branden was born on March 16, weighing in at 6 lbs 13 oz.

NEWS BRIEFS

- The office will be closed on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day and on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

ABOUT THE INSIDER

The *Insider* is a newsletter for Lions Clubs International Headquarters' employees. It is published and posted on the intranet once a month. Employees are encouraged to submit news items such as story ideas, department happenings, births, weddings, anniversaries, awards received or any other information regarding International Headquarters' employees or their families to Kristopher Kempfski, Public Relations Department, at ext. 371 or by e-mail. **The deadline for submitting information for the June issue is Friday, May 7.**

INSIDER POLL

How will you spend your tax refund?

Please e-mail your answers to Kristopher Kempfski, Public Relations.

The following is in response to last month's *Insider* poll.

Which came first, the chicken or the egg?

"I don't understand why this question has hung around all these years! Of course the chicken came first, because an egg has to be laid by a chicken."

– **Joyce Truby**, Public Relations

"We all know it is Mr. Purdue. The chicken never got across the road to eat its Egg McMuffin. So there is no geology trail of who is on first."

– **Alma Baer**, Program Design & Development

"Dinosaurs hatched from eggs well before the chicken existed. So in a general sense the egg came first. Regarding the chicken egg specifically, that too came before the chicken, as the chicken was a descendent of other birds – one of whom would have had to lay the first egg containing a chicken."

– **Kristopher Kempfski**, Public Relations

LIONS EMPLOYEES LOSE 240 POUNDS

There is good news from the Weight Watchers front. Since the Weight Watchers "At Work" Program started here at Lions Clubs International headquarters in December of 2003, the group has lost a combined total of 240 pounds. Way to go!!! Our congratulations go out to all of you.

The latest open enrollment for Weight Watchers was on April 26th. The cost is \$109.50 for a 10-week session, but Weight Watchers is offering a special - 11 weeks for the price of 10 weeks.

For more information on this program, contact Maggie Jaskiewicz, Human Resources.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

BLT Bites

- 16-20 cherry tomatoes
- 1 lb bacon, cooked, drained & crumbled
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 1/3 cup chopped green onions
- 3 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tbsp fresh minced parsley

- Cut a slice off the top of each tomato.
- Scoop pulp out of tomatoes and discard pulp.
- Place hollowed tomatoes upside down on paper towel to drain.
- Combine the bacon, mayonnaise, green onion, Parmesan cheese and parsley in a small bowl.
- Mix ingredients in bowl well.
- Spoon mixture from bowl into each tomato and refrigerate for several hours.

Tips:

- To save time and effort, use Oscar Mayer's "Recipe Pieces" bacon. It is sold in a pouch in the salad dressing aisle.
- To scoop out tomatoes, use a round measuring spoon (1/2 or 1 tsp size).
- BLT bites can be made the night before eating, but any longer than that may cause the tomatoes to become mushy.

– Submitted by Michelle Burba, Public Relations



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1	Patti Hayes	Data Control
5/1	Sally Zabel	Club Supplies Sales
5/1	Anders Medin	Eurafrican
5/2	Marilyn Merz	Convention & Board Meeting Activities
5/3	Jenny Rasch	Stat. & Membership
5/4	John DalPino	Building Services
5/5	Denise O'Brien	Executive Administrator's Office
5/5	Dane La Joye	P.R. & Production
5/9	Bob Heider	Export Traffic
5/9	Antonia Acosta	Registration & Housing
5/10	Vivian Ragis	Accounts Receivable
5/11	Sonia Pelletreau	LCIF Sight Programs
5/15	Evangelina Kerr	Ibero-American
5/15	Judy Wheeler	Accounts Receivable
5/15	Melinda Plott	Finance
5/17	Johanna Link	Eurafrican
5/18	Rita Bianco	Legal
5/21	Kimm Guido	Accounts Receivable
5/23	Yoko Hadac	Pacific Asian
5/24	Ann Lipscomb	Accounts Receivable
5/24	Lisa Bird	Club Supplies Sales
5/25	Barbara Henderson	Club Supplies Sales
5/26	Renee Aubin	Convention
5/27	Colleen DiMarco	Travel & Administrative Services
5/28	Barbara Slabenak	Club Supplies Sales
5/30	Tangie Speer	Stat. & Membership
5/30	Sue Haney	Membership Programs
5/31	Al Czapski	Print Shop

Republic of Gambia Becomes Most Recent Lions Country

In March 2004, the Republic of Gambia became the 193rd country to join Lions Clubs International. Situated on the western coast of Africa, Gambia (as the country is also known) is bordered by Senegal on the north, east and south. Gambia is the smallest country within Africa and is home to approximately 1.5 million people.



The first club within Gambia is the Banjul Premier Lions Club. Banjul is the capital of Gambia and is located on an island at the mouth of the Gambia River.

For more information on the Republic of Gambia, visit www.visitthegambia.gm.

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"Winning the contest broadened my perspective on peace and also made me more actively pursue art. This contest helps children realize what is happening to the world and it allows them to help make the world a better place to live," he said. "It's difficult to achieve peace when there are people such as terrorists that don't want it to happen. However, the possibility of world peace is still there, and this contest can help."

Don has stayed in contact with members of the Taytay Pag-Ibig Lions Club, sponsor of the contest that he won. Through the years, he has judged numerous area Peace Poster contests.

Starting college this upcoming fall, 18-year-old **André de Villiers** vividly remembers winning the Peace Poster Contest at age 13 and the day he spent at the United Nations in New York City.

It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me, as well as my family. It also created many more wonderful opportunities for me!"

When he won the contest in 1999, André received a call from fellow South African Nelson Mandela congratulating him on winning the contest. Later that year, André delivered a speech at a local Lions convention. He has served as a judge for several local Peace Poster contests, as well as the 2001 international judging.

André plans to pursue a career in 3D computer animation for the film industry. This fall he will take several courses in Cape Town.

"This contest makes children sit down and think and put down their thoughts on paper. It is a long-term investment for peace," said André. "September 11, 2001 and the war in Iraq make competitions like this even more relevant."

Winner of the contest in 2002, **Hei Man Lau** still resides in Hong Kong and continues to draw and paint. Now 15 years old, she plans to attend college and possibly study art. She said winning the contest improved her self-confidence and inspired her to continue her art.

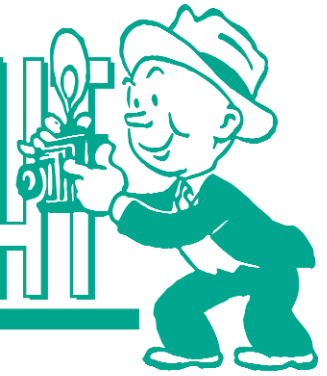
I visited Ground Zero when I was invited to New York and I understand that when people unite together for a positive good it can result in great accomplishments, but if the energy is used negatively, it becomes destructive," said Hei Man, who was in New York City for Lions Day with the United Nations only a few months after the attack on the World Trade Center.

Winning the contest also provided her with several opportunities. Through the recommendation of the Hong Kong Mandarin Lions Club, sponsor of the contest she won, she was invited by local organizations to design a logo and poster for a community charity event.

Winning the contest was a big moment for these five individuals, encouraging each of them to continue to share art with others and to strive for peace. Lions programs, such as the Lions International Peace Poster Contest, change lives every day. Fortunately each year this contest gains popularity and the number of children, school and youth group staff, relatives, friends and community members who have been inspired by this contest continue to grow.

Look for the "Where Are They Now" article in the July/August 2004 *THE LION Magazine*.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



HIROKO RICE

**Language Assistant
Pacific Asian Department**

Year started at LCI
1991

Job duties
Translate correspondence, assist Lions in Japan and data entry

Education
Junior college

Hometown
Tokyo, Japan

Family
My husband, Patrick, and my dog, Frisky

If I were in the witness relocation program, my new name would be
Rachel Kawasaki

My most memorable moment on the job is
When I became a model for the "I am a Lion" brochure. I was supposed to be a sponsor Lion.

Something people would be surprised to know about me is:
I was raised as a Buddhist, but now I am a Christian.

Most unusual item in my cubicle
My nametag in Japanese

If I weren't working at LCI, I would be
Doing Christian volunteer work

In my free time I
Read and play with my dog

If I could only eat one food for the rest of my life, it would be
Curry chicken with rice

Last good show I went to was
Cirque Du Soleil

My dream vacation is
The Canadian Rockies

Favorite book
The Bible

Favorite television show
Any mystery show

Favorite cartoon
"Betty Boop"

If there were a movie about me, I would want to be played by
Yuki Kudo

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party (alive or dead) would be:
My grandmother who passed away several years ago, my parents in Japan and my husband

The title of my autobiography would be
"Japanese Woman Who Came To America"