



THE INSIDER

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LANDMARK CONVENTION IN DETROIT AND WINDSOR

This year marks the 87th Lions Clubs Convention. Even after nearly a century of annual conferences, the conventions are still definitely unique.

This year is the first time that a Lions Clubs Convention has been held in Detroit or Windsor. It is also the first Lions Clubs Convention to be held in two cities - let alone two countries - at the same time. These cities

will benefit from hosting such a large group. The Detroit Metro Convention Visitors Bureau estimates that Lions will contribute approximately \$12.8 million in direct spending to the metro Detroit and Windsor, Ontario region.

Lions Clubs began in 1917, with the first convention taking place that same year in Dallas, Texas. While most of the conventions have been held in June or July, the first convention was actually held in October.

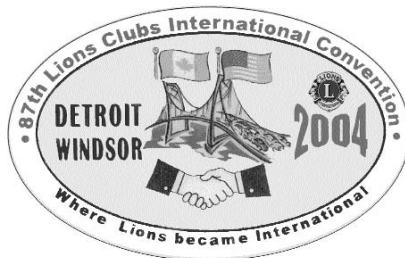
It wasn't until 1920 that Lions Clubs went international. In March 1920, the Detroit Lions Club chartered the Windsor Lions Club in Ontario, Canada, taking the Lions "We Serve" philosophy across international borders. Interestingly, the Detroit club was chartered earlier that same year.

The Lions Clubs convention was first held outside of the United States in 1931 in Toronto, Canada. The last time a convention was held in Canada was in 1996 when Montreal, Quebec played host.

Participate in convention from the comfort of your own PC by visiting the Online Convention site at www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/convention/index.shtml. Refer members to the site, now posted in all languages. During convention week, Online Convention will be updated to include photos from daily events, messages from International President Lee and more.

NEWS BRIEFS

- The office will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.
- The International Convention will be held July 5 - July 9.
- All fulltime staff members may purchase accidental death and dismemberment insurance for themselves and their spouses. The premium for the \$10,000 coverage is \$6.00 per person. If you are interested in purchasing this insurance, please obtain the application form from Rita Bianco in the Legal Division.



WELCOME

Jennifer Wizarde, Chicago, LCIF
Humanitarian Programs, ext. 515

ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following staff member who is celebrating an employment anniversary:

Arlene Wojdyla, Stat. & Membership,
15 years on July 24

OFFICE DIRECTORY

UPDATE

Please make the following change in your Office Directory:

Angie Miller (was Adams),
Membership Operations

RETIRING THIS MONTH

Virginia Lescewicz, Graphics

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 Kempski, Public Relations Department, at ext. 371 or by e-mail. **The deadline for submitting information for the August issue is Monday, July 12.**

VOLUNTEER TO GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT

LensCrafters is organizing the 2004 Chicago Children's Clinic from Monday, September 13, through Friday, September 24. The goal is to screen 2,000 children from Chicago's public schools during the 10-day clinic.



**GIVE
THE GIFT
OF SIGHT**

In addition to Lions volunteers, Lions staff members are invited to participate. Two volunteers per day will be taken on a first-come basis. This is an opportunity to serve our community and bring the Lions mission to life by helping provide the gift of sight. Volunteers will be asked to assist with visual testing, patient flow and assisting children.

The clinic will be held at a school on the South Side of Chicago. Clinic days run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information and specifics will be provided to those who are interested.

E-mail eac@lionsclubs.org for a form to sign up as a volunteer. Your division manager must approve your participation, and it is requested that only one person per department sign up for a given day. To learn more about Lions support of the Give the Gift of Sight program, visit www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/vision_sight_crafters.shtml.

EAC SURVEY RESULTS

The Employee Activities Committee (EAC) would like to thank those employees who participated in the recent EAC survey. It is essential that the committee members know the opinions of the employees so that we can best plan and organize activities for all staff members. An overwhelming majority of survey respondents:

- enjoy having outside vendors sell lunch. Most respondents would like this opportunity once or twice a month. For now, lunch will be offered once a month. Depending on success, this could change.
- want small prizes for all employees, rather than big prizes for a few employees at the holiday luncheon.
- would like the summer picnic to be less formal and consist of "true" picnic food, such as hotdogs and hamburgers. The EAC will change the menu for this year's picnic to match the desires of the employees. More information will be forthcoming next month about the picnic. There were also some great ideas for games.

JULY EAC SCHEDULE

Friday, July 2 – Red, White and Blue Day; First, second and third place prizes will be given to the most patriotically dressed employees.

Friday, July 9 – Kane County Cougar Tickets Deadline for Monday, August 23 game

Thursday, July 22 – Robinson's Ribs will sell lunch in the lunchroom.

For more information about the EAC, contact **Nicole Brown**, THE LION Magazine & Public Relations.

INSIDER POLL

The warm summer weather makes it tempting to go out for lunch. Do you have a suggestion on local places to eat?

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

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

The Fourth of July is quickly approaching. How will you celebrate our nation's independence?

"I'll be celebrating our nation's independence by seeing the new Michael Moore movie, 'Fahrenheit 9/11.'"

– **Joshua Friedman**, LCIF Sight Programs

"I've never much gotten into the 4th of July. The best and funniest one I probably had was in college. I came to Chicago with a friend and her mom. It was one series of mishaps after another, starting with arriving on the 4th to find out the fireworks are the 3rd. When I was growing up, we always went to the Camp Point Lions Club picnic - no joke."

– **Rebecca Daou**, LCIF Humanitarian Programs

"I will be celebrating this 4th of July with family and friends. My brother is having a catered party and is expecting about 100+ people. It will be huge...I can't wait!"

– **Angie Miller**, Membership Operations

"I plan to experience Taste of Chicago and attend the downtown fireworks. My local park district has a ribs festival and concert that sounds fun, too. Basically, my long weekend will be planned around fireworks and food!"

– **Nicole Brown**, Public Relations & Magazine

"I will be marching in the Downers Grove parade with the Boy Scouts (my son is the Boy Scout, not I - ha ha), and then we will go to a friend's house for a cookout and, of course, watch fireworks."

– **Sharon Rodriguez**, Human Resources

"I have no set plans as of yet but I imagine I will spend time with friends and family, see some fireworks, set off some fireworks – you know, the usual."

– **Erin O'Brien**, Travel & Administrative Services

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Great Granola

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| • 3 cups old fashioned oats | 1/2 cup flaked coconut |
| • 1/2 cup pine nuts | 1/2 cup crushed pecans |
| • 1/4 cup sunflower seeds | 1/2 tsp cinnamon |
| • (could also add 1/2 cup of hulled green pumpkin seeds) | 1/2 tsp salt |
| • 4 Tbsp unsalted butter | 1/3 cup honey |
| • 1/2 tsp vanilla extract | 1/2 cup raisins (or more) |

• 3/4 cup dried cranberries or cherries or blueberries or combination

• Preheat oven to 325°. • In large bowl combine oats, pine nuts, coconut, sunflower seeds, pecans, cinnamon and salt. • In small saucepan melt butter with honey over low heat, stirring. Add vanilla. • Pour butter mixture over oat mixture and stir to combine well. • Spread granola on large baking sheet and place in preheated oven. • Bake stirring every five minutes until golden brown and crisp for about 20 minutes. (Don't overcook since the granola will crisp more as it cools.) • Cool in pan on top of the stove. Add dried fruit once cool. • Keep in airtight container at room temperature up to one week.

– *Recipe submitted by Melitta Cutright, Public Relations*

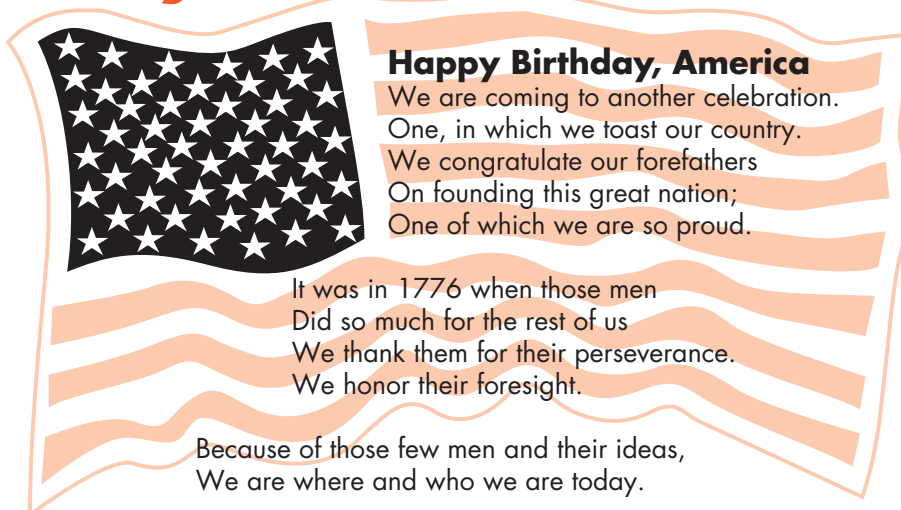
JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1	Loretta Taylor	Purchasing
7/1	Anita Madler	LCIF Humanitarian Programs
7/2	Nancy Gearhart	English Language
7/7	Ginger Basile	Registration & Housing
7/10	Reyna Galvan	Accounting
7/11	Virginia Lescewicz	Graphics
7/11	Alma Baer	Program Design & Development
7/12	Marilee Seef	New Clubs & Marketing
7/13	Kaoru Anderson	District & Club Administration
7/13	Pamela Kizlaitis	LCIF Donor & Financial Services
7/14	Cathy Worth	Accounts Receivable
7/14	Kathleen Ahlstrom	Data Control
7/17	Bob Banas	Print Shop
7/17	Michelle Burba	Public Relations
7/18	Donna Rebeck	Treasurer
7/18	Jay Copp	LCIF Communications
7/19	Jeff Godar	Building Services
7/20	Rochelle Jordan	English Language
7/20	Isadora Manion	Ibero-American
7/20	Chandra Ramaswamy	Accounts Receivable
7/21	Charles Anderson	Club Supplies Shipping
7/22	Barbara Seyfarth	Convention
7/22	Sandra Bedgood	LCIF Development
7/23	Joyce Pilny	Convention & Board Meeting Activities
7/23	Phillip Albano	LCIF Sight Programs
7/24	Sandra Galindo	Institute & Seminars
7/26	Kim Hugo	Finance
7/29	Rosanna Knudsen	Export Traffic
7/30	Peter Lynch	Lions Clubs International Foundation
7/30	Maanasi Mullanpudi	LCIF Donor & Financial Services
7/30	Robert Barder	International Activities

NAMES IN THE NEWS

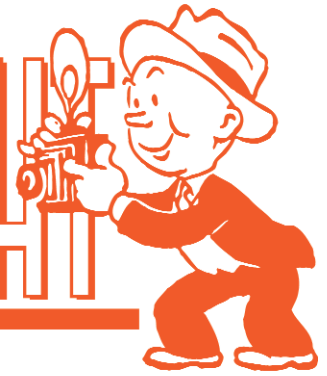
- Congratulations to **Renee Hutul**, Travel & Administrative Services, this month's winner of movie tickets from the Employee Activities Committee.
- Congratulations to **Elena Cepeda**, Finance, this month's winner of the reserved employee parking spot.
- Congratulations to **Hanna Link**, Eurafrikan, on the birth of her daughter, Molly Darcy. Molly was born on June 2nd weighing in at 7 lb., 10 oz. and measuring 22" long.
- Congratulations to **Angie Miller**, Membership Operations, and her husband Mike on their recent wedding. Angie and Mike were married on May 8 at Our Lady of the Woods Church in Orland Park. The two honeymooned at Sandals Dunn's River in Jamaica.
- Congratulations to **Rebecca Maiman**, Information Systems, on becoming a Melvin Jones Fellow. Becky was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellow Award by Past District Governor Bill Kren Sr., at the June meeting of the Burr Ridge-Hinsdale-Oak Brook Lions Club. She was recognized for her service to her club, as well as the community at large, through her participation in numerous club projects.
- Private First Class (PFC) Andrew Curran, United States Marine Corp, son of **Karen Curran**, Budget & Auditing, was involved in the internment ceremony of Ronald Reagan at the Reagan Library. PFC Curran was located at cannon one and fired five rounds in memory of the former president. Mrs. Reagan presented him with a program from the ceremony. PFC Curran is based out of Camp Pendleton, California, with a specialty in forward operations.
- Deborah Pettey, sister of **Lisa Bird**, Clubs Supplies Sales, walked in The Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, June 5th - 6th, in Lisa's name. Deborah walked 33.2 miles and raised \$4,662.20 for the fight against breast cancer.
- Congratulations to Brittney Morrison, granddaughter of **Georgia Harper**, Data Control, on being accepted into the Who's Who of American High School Students. Brittney is 15 years old and attends Glenbard North High School, where she will start her junior year in August.

Poetry Patch



– Written and submitted by **Lynn Oliva**, Travel & Administrative Services
 – Edited by Rudy Oliva

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



CINDY MEYER

**Division Assistant
International Activities &
Program Planning
Division**

Year started at LCI

2003

Job duties

Administrative support

Education

More than two years of college

Hometown

Chicago

Family

My husband John, daughter Laura, son John and four dogs: Lady, Brandy, Odie and Toby

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

My most memorable moment on the job is

My birthday last spring - I was surprised by so many nice greetings and even flowers (tulips) from my husband who was out of the country on business.

Something people would be surprised to know about me is:

I once owned a horse.

Most unusual item in my cubicle

My smiling lion paperclip holder

My very first car was a

1967 Cutlass convertible

If I weren't working at LCI, I would be

Traveling with my hubby

In my free time I

Garden (flowers) and paint

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

Pizza

Last good play I went to was

"Phantom of the Opera"

My dream vacation is

An African safari or to tour Europe

Favorite book

"Gone With the Wind"

Favorite television show

Anything on HGTV

Favorite cartoon

"A Charlie Brown Christmas"

Favorite song

The oldies from the 70s

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

Meg Ryan

The four guests at my fantasy dinner party (alive or dead) would be:

My parents (they died when my children were very young) and my two grandfathers that I never knew

My "Claim to Fame" is:

Finding the humor in things

The title of my autobiography would be

"You Only Go Around Once"