



# THE INSIDER

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## SIGHT NIGHT NOT JUST FOR KIDS

Looking for something to hand out for trick-or-treat this year? How about your used eyeglasses? Sight Night, an eyeglasses collection project organized around Halloween or trick-or-treat, is an annual event sponsored by Lions Clubs International and LensCrafters in communities throughout North America. However, anyone can join in the fun. It's easy to do.

Each year, volunteers from Lions, LensCrafters and other organizations canvass neighborhoods just like yours to collect used eyeglasses during trick-or-treat. Often, Lions clubs partner with Leo clubs, local LensCrafters stores, Scout groups and other community youth organizations to participate in this project.

All colors, shapes and sizes of children's and adult's prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses are needed, as well as nonprescription sunglasses. The collected eyeglasses are cleaned, repaired and hand-delivered during Lions and LensCrafters-sponsored optical missions to developing countries.

Sight Night is part of Give the Gift of Sight, a series of charitable vision care programs sponsored by LensCrafters Inc. and LensCrafters Foundation in conjunction with Lions Clubs International and other local charities.

To participate in this year's collection, visit [www.sightnight.org](http://www.sightnight.org) or call (877) 605-4242. Also, please encourage others to do the same.



## EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (EAC) SCHEDULE

- **September 1 - Employee Picnic** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Employees will be allowed a 1-hour lunch period. Food will be provided, as well as games and prizes. Casual dress allowed.
- **September 8 - EAC meeting** at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D
- **September 12 - American Heart Association Walk** at 9 a.m. at College of DuPage
- **September 15 - Rosati's** will sell lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **September 20 - Evolution Oil Change** in parking lot
- **September 21 - Sam's Club** offers new and renewal memberships in lunchroom

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

## WELCOME

**Joslyn Osten**, DesPlaines, Program Development, ext. 500  
**Mike Szabo**, Addison, Print Shop, ext. 376

## ANNIVERSARIES

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

- **Denise Whistler**, Youth Programs, 20 years on September 21
- **Sue Crosson-Knutson**, International Activities, 15 years on September 11
- **Deborah O'Malley**, Program Development, 10 years on September 6
- **Renee Hutul**, Travel & Administrative Services, 10 years on September 19
- **Lynn Oliva**, Travel & Administrative Services, 10 years on September 20
- **Chris Hetzel**, Extension & Membership, 5 years on September 9

## 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 October issue is Wednesday, September 8.**

## PRESIDENT KUSIAK THANKS YOU

As we begin our year of "Share Success Through Service," I would like to thank everyone for the successful kick-off picnic, which brought us together in fun and food on a beautiful July day.

Thank you to those who volunteered their culinary bakery delights and the judges who so selflessly picked the winner; the athletes that ran the 3-legged race without injury; the musical aficionados who guessed all the songs in the "Name That Tune Contest," and kudos to the trivia buffs who certainly know their history of Lions Clubs International. Those who pinned the nose on the lion might still be spinning around, and to guess all six cubicles was quite amazing.

Again, thank you all for joining in the fun and hope you enjoyed the day.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/1	<b>Patricia Mango</b>	Data Control
9/3	<b>Mark Koerlin</b>	Accounting
9/3	<b>Jim Sinclair</b>	P.R. & Production
9/6	<b>Jack Harold</b>	Human Resources
9/7	<b>Carolyn Jensby</b>	Club Supplies Shipping
9/8	<b>Michael Davis</b>	Print Shop
9/9	<b>Monika Kural</b>	LCIF Donor & Financial Services
9/12	<b>Renee Hutul</b>	Travel & Administrative Services
9/14	<b>Sue Cukla</b>	Information Systems
9/15	<b>Karen Curran</b>	Budget & Auditing
9/16	<b>Melissa Koester</b>	Information Technology
9/16	<b>Philip Loiewski</b>	Accounting
9/16	<b>Editha DeLeon</b>	Accounts Receivable
9/17	<b>Jan Umbenhower</b>	Youth Programs
9/19	<b>Rosemary Revelis</b>	Export Traffic
9/19	<b>Benjamin Futransky</b>	LCIF Humanitarian Programs
9/20	<b>Zita Cicenas</b>	Youth Programs
9/23	<b>Margaret Newell</b>	Program Development
9/24	<b>Sana Musallam</b>	Ibero-American
9/24	<b>Barbara Chmelik</b>	LCIF Donor & Financial Services
9/29	<b>Amy Pena</b>	Legal
9/30	<b>Ralph Mosner</b>	Club Supplies & Distribution

MAKE A WISH!

## HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Have you or a member of your family been covered under Lions Clubs International's Blue Cross health care plan *and* also covered by Medicare within the last three years? If so, please make sure that you have completed the Medicare Secondary Payer information form on file in Human Resources. This data is necessary to assure that Lions Clubs International is complying with federal legislation and also to assist Blue Cross in properly processing your claims. You may obtain this form from Pat Katrivesis, Human Resources. If you have any questions, please call Pat at extension 219.

## PRESIDENT'S PICNIC CONTEST WINNERS:

### 3-Legged Race

**Suki Chung** and **Sonia Wang**, Pacific Asian  
**Rebecca Daou** and **KaSondra Byrd**, LCIF Humanitarian Programs  
**Peter Lynch** and **Phil Albano**, LCIF  
**Mike Wierzbicki** and **Kate Haney** (seasonal staff)

### Cubicle Contest

**Ileen D'Agostino**, Budget & Auditing (1st Place)  
**Rebecca Maiman**, Information Systems (2nd Place)  
**Deade Apgar-Herman**, Convention Services & Meeting Logistics (3rd Place)

### Lions Trivia Contest

**Mika Sato-Foley**, Pacific Asian  
**Yvonne Novak**, LCIF Donor and Financial Services  
**Tomoko Castillo**, Pacific Asian

### Name that Tune

**Pat Mango**, Data Control  
**Leadership** (as a group)  
**Kristopher Kempiski**, Public Relations

### Presidential Theme Match Up

**Joyce Truby**, Public Relations  
**Jeanne Kusiak** (International President Kusiak's Wife)  
**Sheila O'Donovan**, Eurafican

### Talent Show

**Mary and the Dew Drops**

## NEWS BRIEFS

- In accordance with established policy the office will be closed, Monday, September 6th, in observance of Labor Day.

# PRESIDENT'S PICNIC



## NAMES IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to **Jeff Godar**, Building Services, this month's winner of movie tickets from the Employee Activities Committee.
- Congratulations to **Marilee Seef**, New Clubs & Marketing, this month's winner of the reserved employee parking spot.
- Congratulations to **Nancy Gearhart**, English Language, and her husband, Dean, on being named Volunteer of the Year 2004 by the Humane Society of Plainfield for their time and effort with a collection box fundraiser and for their assistance with Adoption Days.
- Congratulations to **Pat Augustine**, LCIF Donor and Financial Services, on her engagement to Al Tkac from Glen Ellyn. Al proposed to Pat on the steps of the Bahai' Temple in Wilmette during a recent visit with a group from St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Naperville.
- Congratulations to **Louise Ventrella**, Institutes & Seminars, on the birth of her sixth grandchild. Claire Elyse was born on July 22, weighing 7 lb. 1 oz. and measuring 19-1/4" long.

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



## **Year started at LCI**

1982

## **Job duties**

Translation of publications, interpretation at board meetings and international conventions, liaison between clubs and districts in Brazil and Portugal and the departments and divisions at headquarters, and many other administrative tasks.

## **Education**

A bachelor's degree in education from the University of São Paulo and a master's degree in education from the University of Illinois at Chicago

## **Hometown**

Itapetininga, in the State of São Paulo, Brazil

## **Family**

Two daughters, one stepdaughter, one stepson, and six grandchildren

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

Chiquita Banana

## **My most memorable moment on the job is**

It was in Osaka, when the council chairperson of Multiple District LC presented me with the title of the "Guardian Angel" of the Lions in Brazil. The title was approved at their multiple district convention.

## **Something people would be surprised to know about me is:**

I used to ride with my husband on his motorcycle. Some of our adventures included a trip to Europe, where we went from Lisbon, Portugal to Rome, Italy; a trip from Chicago to Mexico City; and a snowy trip to the Rocky Mountains, which was, of course, my last motorcycle adventure.

## **Most unusual item in my cubicle**

A statue of Saint Expedite, the patron of lost causes

## **If I could be someone else for a day, I would be**

I just want to be myself.

## **My very first car was a**

Light blue VW Beetle

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

Working in educational research

## **In my free time I**

Read books, do needlepoint, work in my garden, and play with my grandchildren

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

It would have to be three things: bread, cheese and chocolate

## **Last good movie I went to was**

"Peter Pan" with my grandchildren. During the movie, my four-year-old grandson, Nicholas, got up and pretended he was Peter Pan fighting Captain Hook.

## **My dream vacation is**

Any tropical island with white sandy beaches and calm ocean water, and no mosquitoes

## **Favorite book**

I have two: "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley, and "The Little Prince" by Antoine De Saint-Exupéry

## **Favorite television show**

"Mystery" on Channel 11

## **Favorite cartoon**

"King of the Hill"

## **Favorite song**

"And I Love You So," by Perry Como (my husband used to sing it to me)

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

Meryl Streep

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

My late husband Emilio, my late mother, and my two daughters, Monica and Juliana

## **My "Claim to Fame" is:**

Having a brother who is a movie producer in Brazil. Two years ago I had the honor of representing him at the Chicago Children's Film Festival, when his movie "Tainá" received the Best Movie Award.

## **The title of my autobiography would be**

A Legal Alien in Chicago



EVANGELINA  
KERR

Portuguese Translator  
Ibero American