



# THE INSIDER

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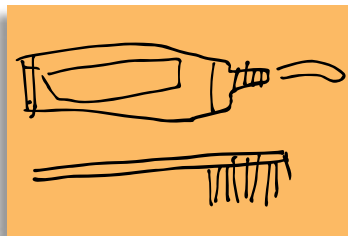
*Happy Halloween*



## BIG SMILES FOR CHILDREN NEAR AND FAR

Thanks to the generosity of Lions Clubs International employees, children in a distant land and in nearby areas are smiling wide. A combination school supplies and toothbrushes drive proved to be successful and provided some needy children with tools for a better future.

During the drive that took place in August, 130 toothbrushes were donated. The toothbrushes came in every color, shape and theme imaginable – from Barbie to Spiderman. **Susie Zempich** (formerly Austra), Club Supplies Sales, delivered the toothbrushes to St. Thomas Moore Church in Elgin for a mission to Medjugorie, Bosnia & Herzegovina. The toothbrushes were distributed to orphaned children in Mother's Village and two other orphanages in nearby towns.



Also collected were school supplies, which were delivered by **Kristopher Kempski**, Public Relations, to teachers from schools in the suburb of Bellwood and Chicago's west side. Due to the poverty of families in these areas, the supplies went to children who would otherwise be without them.

"I have children in my class who have nothing but three or four broken crayons. These supplies are needed and very much appreciated," said Melissa Arostegui, a kindergarten teacher in Bellwood. "When I showed my class the supplies, they were so excited. It also gave me an opportunity to teach them about sharing, donating and helping others."

Thank you cards have been posted on the employee bulletin board downstairs. For more information on the school supplies/toothbrushes drive, contact Kristopher Kempski, Public Relations.

### WELCOME

**Marjorie Samec**, La Grange Park, Stat. & Membership, ext. 249

### ANNIVERSARIES

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

**Marilyn O'Leary**, Data Control, 15 years on October 2

**Gerard Bara**, LCIF Donor & Financial Services, 10 years on October 24

### RETIRED LAST MONTH

**Elizabeth Campbell**, Club Supplies Sales

### NEWS BRIEFS

- In accordance with established policy, the office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, in observance of Thanksgiving.
- On October 26th, the association will again provide free flu shots to all staff wishing to receive them. A notice will be sent out soon with the place and time.

### 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 November issue is Friday, October 8.**

## OFFICE DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please make the following changes in your Office

### Directory:

Department Section:

#### INSTITUTE & SEMINARS

Sandra Galindo	387
Kathy Ryan	613
Louise Ventrella	597

#### LEADERSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Elaine Kurek	385
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Also change the Alphabetical Section:

**Sandra Galindo** 387

Institute & Seminars

**Elaine Kurek** 385

Leadership Administration

**Kathy Ryan** 613

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**Louise Ventrella** 597

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**Judi Webster**

(was Kukula), Extension & Membership

## EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (EAC) SCHEDULE

**October 6 - EAC meeting**  
at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D

**October 25 - Evolution Oil Change** in parking lot

**October 27 - Altavilla's** will sell lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in lunchroom

**October 29 - Halloween Costume Contest**

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

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/2	Irene Wisniowicz	Club Supplies & Distribution
10/4	Yvonne Novak	LCIF Donor & Financial Services
10/4	Linda Tonetti	Data Control
10/5	Dale Smith	Inventory Control
10/5	Erin O'Brien	Travel & Administrative Services
10/7	Michael Fagin	Export Traffic
10/7	Joanne Janson	Travel & Administrative Services
10/7	Pramod Lal	Export Traffic
10/8	Michael Szabo	Print Shop
10/10	Chris Cygan	Public Relations
10/10	Mindy Marks	New Clubs & Marketing
10/11	Laura Delgado	Budget & Auditing
10/11	Helen Kowalczyk	Treasurer's Office
10/13	Michelle Kopec	Club Supplies Sales
10/15	Jerry Mecklenburg	Print Shop
10/16	Mary Ann Kusinski	New Clubs & Marketing
10/16	Robin Martinec	Club Supplies Sales
10/18	Lucy Martellotta	Youth Programs
10/18	Wayne McPherson	Information Systems
10/21	Dennis Kline	Export Traffic
10/21	Nicolette Donofrio	Club Supplies Sales
10/22	Rose Garcia	Club Supplies Shipping
10/23	Aurelia Young	Travel & Administrative Services
10/23	Angela Sass	Club Supplies Sales
10/24	Becky Maiman	Information Systems
10/26	Karen Antonacci	Export Traffic
10/29	Karen Williams	Accounting
10/29	Diane Suchy	LCIF Donor & Financial Services
10/31	Louise Ventrella	Institute & Seminars



MAKE A WISH

## INSIDER POLL

### Mini Snickers bars? Pumpkin seeds? What is your favorite Halloween Treat?

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

The following is in response to the last *Insider* poll.

### Each summer brings blockbuster movies. What was your favorite movie of the summer of 2004?

"My husband and I love going to movies, especially during the summer to see the big blockbusters! This summer, 'Spiderman 2' was probably our favorite. 'Bourne Supremacy' was also great."

-**Nicole Brown**, Public Relations

"Mine was 'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban.' I was able to see it twice. It was a good one and I wouldn't be surprised if at least one or more persons chose the same movie."

-**Lynn Oliva**, Travel & Administrative Services

"My favorite movie of the summer was 'Super Size Me,' a documentary about the growing problem of obesity in America. Revealing some very interesting facts and theories, the director/commentator makes the movie even more interesting by eating three square meals a day from McDonald's for 30 days, while three doctors and his vegan chef girlfriend witness his declining health. This movie is also good to see for those looking to cut back on fast food."

-**Kristopher Kempfski**, Public Relations

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to **Sue Crosson-Knutson**, International Activities, this month's winner of movie tickets from the Employee Activities Committee.
- Congratulations to **Lisa Bird**, Club Supplies Sales, this month's winner of the reserved employee parking spot.
- Congratulations to the following contest winners from the annual employee picnic.

**Bean Bag Toss:** **Phil Albano**, LCIF; **Gerry Bara**, LCIF Donor and Financial Services; **Andy Cervantes**, IS; **Jay Copp**, LCIF Communications; **Bob Heider**, Export Traffic; **Rosanna Knudsen**, Export Traffic; **Robin Martinec**, Club Supplies Sales; **Maanasi Mullapudi**, LCIF Donor and Financial Services; **Joyce Truby**, Public Relations; and **Mary Tyson**, Export Traffic

**Bingo:** **Paulette Brock**, LCIF Sight Programs; **Melitta Cutright**, Public Relations; **Sue Haney**, Membership Programs; **Chuck Levitt**, IS; **Mary Tyson**, Export Traffic; **Mary Vrchota**, Clubs Supplies Sales; and **Jennifer Wizarde**, LCIF Humanitarian Programs

**Bozo Buckets:** **Phil Albano**, LCIF; **Deade Apgar-Herman**, Convention Division; **Elena Cepeda**, Finance Division; **Jay Copp**, LCIF Communications; **Laura Delgado**, Budget & Auditing; **Josh Friedman**, LCIF Sight Programs; **Patt Guzman**, Club Supplies Sales; **Debbie O'Malley**, Program Development; **Amy Pena**, Legal; **Tom Pietrasek**, Program Design & Development; **Melinda Plott**, Finance Division; **Vivian Ragis**, Accounts Receivable; **Mary Kay Reitz**, Advertising & Production; and **Tess Zimecki**, LCIF Humanitarian Programs

**Golf:** **Jay Copp**, LCIF Communications; and **Erin O'Brien**, Travel & Admin Services

**Rubber Ducks:** **Pat Augustine**, LCIF Donor and Financial Services; **Bob Barder**, International Activities Division; **Carole Bodenstab**, New Clubs; **Jeff Godar**, Building Services; **Bob Heider**, Export Traffic; **Ann Lipscomb**, Accounts Receivable; **Robin Martinec**, Club Supplies Sales; **Marilyn O'Leary**, Data Control; **Melinda Plott**, Finance Division; **Lou Jean Simmons**, LCIF Donor and Financial Services; **Karen Williams**, Accounting; and **Cathy Worth**, Accounts Receivable

- Congratulations to **Kristopher Kempfski**, Public Relations, on raising \$900 for the American Cancer Society through his participation in this year's Relay For Life. Kristopher's contribution helped his 12-person team, the Shamrock Angels, raise more than \$5,000, ranking them at the gold level for the year. His team joined 29 others at Norridge Park, raising more than \$100,000.
- Congratulations to **Kayoko Mercado**, Pacific Asian, on the birth of her first grandchild, John Paul Talafuse. John was born to Kayoko's daughter Charlene on August 14, 2004, weighing in at 5 lb. 4 oz. and measuring 18 1/2 inches long. Congratulations also to Kevin, Kayoko's son, on his marriage to Jennifer on September 4, one day before Kayoko and her husband's 28th wedding anniversary and her husband's parents' 51st wedding anniversary.

## POETRY PATCH

Create a Brighter Tomorrow  
From the mouths of babes  
Comes a message for us to hear  
It is a message of worldly peace  
A message to drive away fear

Is it their age or innocence  
That prompts us to ignore their pleas  
Or is it the purity of thought  
That is free from political disease

From the mouths of babes  
Comes a cry to those in control  
To save our beautiful world  
To save each human's soul

Yes from the mouths of babes  
Comes a message of wisdom  
and truth  
I vote we open our hearts  
And listen to the voice of our youth

- Written by Ashley Stander,  
daughter of District 410's Peace  
Poster Contest chairperson.  
Ashley has assisted District 410  
(South Africa) in their efforts with  
the Peace Poster Contest and  
arranged the venue for their  
district contest judging.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Grilled Ginger Teriyaki Fish Steaks

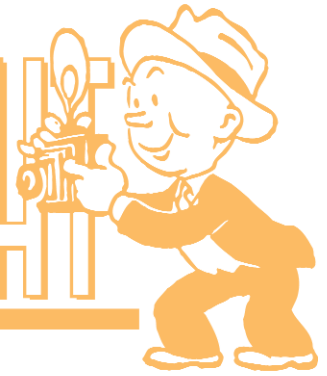
3/4 cup teriyaki marinade (i.e., Kikkoman)  
2 Tbsp brown sugar (packed)  
1 Tsp grated fresh ginger root  
4 Fresh fish steaks (halibut, mahi mahi, striped bass or tuna), about 1 inch thick

- Combine marinade, brown sugar and ginger. Remove 1/4 cup and put aside.
- Pour remainder of marinade over fish in large plastic food storage bag. Press air out of bag and close securely. Turn bag over several times to coat fish and refrigerate for thirty minutes, turning the bag over once.
- Remove fish from marinade and grill 5 inches from hot coals for 5 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily with a fork (brushing occasionally with reserved marinade).

Note: Makes 4 servings.



# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



## **Year started at LCI**

2003

## **Job duties**

Assist the general counsel in advising the association and foundation on all legal matters, including interpretation and application of Association Constitution and By-Laws and board policy, review all association and foundation contracts, administration of association's general liability policy, review and advise the association on general legal issues regarding employment, taxes and trademarks, and respond to legal inquiries from internal departments as well as Lions in general

## **Education**

A Bachelor of Science in Organizational Communication from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ and a Juris Doctor from Northern Illinois University College of Law

## **Hometown**

Kingman, Arizona

## **Family**

Mom and Dad in Arizona; twin sister, Bridget, who lives in Prescott, Arizona with her husband and son; and older brother Paul who lives in Oceanside, California with his wife and son

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

Whitney Claymore

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

Attending the opening flag ceremony at the 2004 convention. It is quite a sight to see as a newcomer to Lions.

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

A college group that I was involved in voted that I was most likely to become a talk show host. For a short period of time I ended up producing a "teen-talk show" on the local radio show that aired Sunday nights.

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

A rock garden

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

Oprah Winfrey

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

Blue 1980 Mustang with sunroof

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

Working in theatre

## **In my free time I**

Read books, cook, shop, travel, spend time outdoors and with friends, and in the winter I like to crochet

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

Mexican food

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

"Collateral" - Afterwards, we took a cab back home and recommended the movie to the cab driver.

## **My dream vacation is**

River rafting in the Rocky Mountains - I love the mountains and have always wanted to experience them through the river.

## **Favorite book**

It changes all the time, but most recently it is "The Da Vinci Code"

## **Favorite television show**

I have two - "Charmed" and "Alias"

## **Favorite cartoon**

Bugs Bunny

## **Favorite song**

"Closer to Fine" by Indigo Girls

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

Isabella Rossellini

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

John F. Kennedy, Tim McGraw, Condoleezza Rice and Lance Armstrong

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

Receiving the most graduation awards at my Law School graduation

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

"Timing is Everything"



**Amy  
Peña**

**STAFF  
ATTORNEY  
LEGAL  
DIVISION**