



THE INSIDER

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SIGHT NIGHT AN ALL-AGES EVENT



On Monday, November 1, Girl Scout Troop 1319 from Naperville visited Lions Clubs International Headquarters to drop off 157 pairs of used glasses. The 11 girls had collected these glasses as part of the Sight Night program – an annual eyeglass collection organized around Halloween and trick-or-treat. For their collection, the Scouts asked for used prescription eyeglasses and both prescription and nonprescription sunglasses at their school and door-to-door in their neighborhood under the supervision of their leader, Teresa Prazma. During their visit to LCI Headquarters, **Michelle Burba**, Public Relations, presented the troop with a Sight Night certificate of participation.

Girl Scouts weren't the only ones to get in on the fun. Lions Clubs International's very own **Joanne Janson**, Travel & Administrative Services, also volunteered in the unique program. By enlisting the help of her family, Joanne was able to collect 91 pairs of eyeglasses.

"I asked my entire family to help me collect," said Joanne. "Believe me this was a team effort."

Each of Joanne's family members helped out in different ways. Her oldest granddaughter, Becca, made a

collection box and took it to her school; her grandchildren and grandnieces collected eyeglasses while trick-or-treating; her oldest son and his girlfriend had a Bears football party and asked all invitees for two pairs of eyeglasses or a donation; and her youngest daughter took literature to her "Mothers of Twins Club" and collected eyeglasses at their meeting.

Joanne also used her new sewing machine, a gift for her birthday, to create tissue pockets, which she sold to raise money for LCIF vision and youth programs. Collecting an initial \$56 from the sales, she attended a local craft fair to increase her donation by \$54. This was also a family project, with her sister donating materials and tissues and her grandchildren helping to sew and sell.

"I believe this will become an annual event for the Janson family," Joanne said. "Thanks for providing this opportunity to help and to use my talents."

Sight Night is part of Give the Gift of Sight and is sponsored by Lions Clubs International, LensCrafters Inc. and LensCrafters Foundation. For more information about Sight Night, visit www.sightnight.org.

WELCOME

Karen Buell, Joliet,
New Clubs & Marketing,
ext. 602

Debra Loan, Downers Grove,
Club Supplies Sales, ext. 302

Mark Ross, Elgin,
Information Systems,
ext. 550



ANNIVERSARIES

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

Denise O'Brien, Executive Administrator's Office,
15 years on December 4

OFFICE DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please make the following change in your Office Directory:

Melissa Zell (was Hill), English Language

EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (EAC) SCHEDULE

December 1: EAC meeting at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D

December 9: Carm's sells lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in lunchroom

December 13: Giving Tree gifts due (Place wrapped gifts, tagged securely with original tags, beneath the giving tree in the lobby)

December 21: Tree Ornament Decorating Contest (Hang entries, with your name and department, on the ornament tree in the lunchroom by 9:30 a.m.)

December 23: Holiday Breakfast

Note: The EAC is collecting the tops of used holiday cards for next year's Giving Tree program. Holiday card tops can be dropped off to **Kristopher Kempski**, Public Relations.

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

NEWS BRIEFS

In observance of Christmas and the New Year, the office will be closed Friday, December 24, through Friday, December 31, and will reopen on Monday, January 3.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/2	Maryellen Skerik	Finance
12/2	Pamela Lamparski	LCIF Donor & Financial Services
12/2	Joslyn Osten	Program Development
12/2	Maria Kubik	Export Traffic
12/4	Lisa Smith	Graphics
12/5	Mary Kay Rietz	Advertising & Production
12/6	Mary Tyson	Export Traffic
12/7	Esther Ancira	Travel & Administrative Services
12/7	Nicole Brown	THE LION Magazine
12/8	Jim Paparelli	Purchasing
12/9	Patricia Katrivesis	Human Resources
12/14	Elaine Liscarz	Inventory Control
12/16	Chuck Levitt	Information Systems
12/16	Ellen Pilarczyk	Accounts Receivable
12/19	Martha Richter	Accounts Receivable
12/20	Kayoko Mercado	Pacific Asian
12/21	Sarah Beatty	Club Supplies Sales
12/22	Andy Cervantes	Information Systems
12/25	Sharon Rodriguez	Human Resources
12/26	Jennifer Sydney	LCIF Humanitarian Programs
12/28	Christina Jacobs	Graphics
12/30	Elaine Kurek	Leadership

INSIDER POLL

Thanks to International President Kusiak, LCI employees will have an entire week during the holidays to spend with family and friends. How will you spend your week?

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

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

Happy Holidays to all the men and women serving our country and their families, including the following individuals:

Lance Corporal Andrew J. Curran, United States Marine Corps, is serving in Iraq. He is the son of **Karen Curran**, Budget & Auditing.

Private First Class Steven Kleinfelder, United States Marine Corps, is stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, for advanced infantry training. He is the son of **Bob Kleinfelder**, Magazine.

Major WN "Bill" Pigott, United States Marine Corps, is serving for the second time in Iraq (currently in Falluja). He is the brother-in-law of **Margie Latronica**, Stat. & Membership.

First Lieutenants Charlene (personnel officer) and John Talafuse (instructor pilot), United States Air Force, are stationed in Columbus, Mississippi. They are the daughter and son-in-law of **Kayoko Mercado**, Pacific Asian.

Staff Sergeant Christopher Montoya, United States Army, served in Iraq and is now stationed in Louisiana. He is the cousin of **Maureen Stenson**, Membership Programs.

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 January issue is Monday, December 6.**

SHARING THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

In past years, staff members have made donations to various organizations to share in the holiday spirit. If you are interested in participating in this arrangement, please see Maggie or Peggy in Human Resources. Please suggest an organization for your contribution; the top three choices will receive the money. Donations will be accepted from December 1 to 17.

Previous years' donations were made to the Neediest Kids Christmas Fund, LCIF and the American Cancer Society.

Donations may be in cash or by check made payable to Lions Clubs International. For donations to the foundation, checks are made payable to LCIF and if your donation is \$20 or more, you will receive an LCIF Contributing Member pin.

Thanks in advance for continuing this wonderful tradition.



Melvin Jones Fellow Award



Lynn Oliva, Travel & Admin Services, recognizes coworker Joanne Janson for her humanitarian spirit with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Lynn's \$1,000 donation will go to support various LCIF humanitarian programs.



LCI's team raised nearly \$3,000 for the 2004 American Heart Association's Heart Walk

HALLOWEEN HALL O' FAME



Pumpkin decorators produce winning produce



First Place Tramp begs for prize



Miss Conception well conceived



Missing Weapons of Mass Destruction found

NAMES IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to **Elaine Fisher**, Program Design & Development, this month's winner of movie tickets from the Employee Activities Committee.
- Congratulations to **Patrizia Leoni**, Eurafican, this month's winner of the reserved employee parking spot.
- Congratulations to the winners of the Halloween Costume Contest: **Jenny Rasch**, Stat & Membership, as Miss Conception (third place); **Leadership Division** as the Missing Weapons of Mass Destruction (second place); and **Michael Szabo**, Print Shop, as a Tramp (first place).
- Congratulations to the winners of the Halloween Pumpkin Decorating Contest: **Joanne Janson**, Travel & Admin Services (third place); **Jenny Rasch**, Stat & Membership (second place); and **Rebecca Maiman** and **Charles Brooks** (first place), Info Systems.
- Congratulations to **Pat Katrivesis**, Human Resources, and **Chuck Levitt**, Info Systems, on winning the Halloween Trivia Contest.
- Congratulations to **Sue Cukla**, Info Systems; **Michelle Kopec**, Club Supplies Sales; and **Vivian Ragis**, Accounts Receivable, for winning the Halloween Candy Count.
- Congratulations to **Bob Barder**, Lions Services for Children, for finishing first in his age division and fifth overall in the Multiple Myeloma Race for Research on Chicago's lakefront in September. Bob beat out nearly 1,200 other runners.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**Loretta
Taylor**

**BUYER
PURCHASING**

Year started at LCI

1999

Job duties

Responsible for the procurement of goods and services for the association

Education

Associate Degree in Business Management; Purchasing-related courses

Hometown

Plainfield, Illinois

Family

Husband and three cats

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

Brandy

My most memorable moment on the job is

I won a gift certificate at the president's luncheon twice

Something people would be surprised to know about me is

I have a twin sister.

Most unusual item in my cubicle

"The Drip" – a stuffed animal in the shape of a drop of water

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

Oprah Winfrey

My very first car was a

"The Boat" – a 1972 Oldsmobile Ninety Eight

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

Hopefully rich and on a beach somewhere!

In my free time I

Watch too much TV

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

Paul's Chili from Decatur, Illinois

Last good show I went to was

"The Incredibles

My dream vacation is

Go back to the Bahamas with my husband

Favorite book

"The Celestine Prophecy" by James Redfield

Favorite television show

"Seinfeld"

Favorite cartoon

"Bugs Bunny"

Favorite song

"You Are The Sunshine Of My Life" by Stevie Wonder

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

Renee Zellweger

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

My husband, my niece Jessica and my two grandfathers

My "Claim to Fame" is

I'm related to Abraham Lincoln

The title of my autobiography would be

"The Quiet One"