



THE INSIDER

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CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II KICKS-OFF



Our office has picked up some new energy, new faces and a new purpose in recent weeks. The board approved Campaign SightFirst II in October, and LCIF is gearing up for a \$150 million campaign to prevent blindness and restore vision for millions.

The campaign officially kicks-off at the international convention in Hong Kong and will culminate in 2007-08. Immediate Past International President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee has been appointed as International Chairperson of the International Committee for Campaign SightFirst II and Past International President J. Frank Moore III is serving as the International Vice Chairperson and Coordinator. An International Committee has also been appointed with representatives from each constitutional area, with an additional member for the OSEAL and United States areas.

The campaign's goal is to reduce blindness in both developing and developed countries. Age-old scourges to sight such as cataracts, trachoma and river blindness will be eliminated as public health concerns. Relatively new threats to sight such as diabetic eye disease, macular degeneration and childhood blindness will be stopped in their tracks.

SightFirst has been an extraordinary success. In just a decade and a half, Lions have restored sight to 4.6 million people through cataract surgeries and prevented serious vision loss in another 20 million. Moreover, Lions have improved eye care services for hundreds of millions.

However, the rapid increase in life expectancy and growing threats to sight, such as diabetes, threaten millions with loss of vision. Unless action is taken now, the number of blind people could double to a staggering 75 million by 2020.

Coordinating the campaign will be Community Counselling Service (CCS), the fundraising-consulting firm

that ran the first Campaign SightFirst. About eight CCS staff members will eventually be located in our office in the northeast corner of the second floor. Two CCS staff members, Lily Ayala Berlyn and Kevin Cherep, are already here and **Cindy Meyer** has joined the campaign team.

LCIF will communicate more details of the campaign to staff as they are approved. Questions on the campaign can be directed to Lily at ext. 610, Kevin at ext. 525, or **Jay Copp**, LCIF Communications, at ext. 386.



WELCOME

Lori Skuta, Arlington Heights, Convention & Board Meeting Activities, ext. 614

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Barbara Flanagan, LCIF Humanitarian Programs, 15 years on January 29

Michael Davis, Print Shop, 10 years on January 23

Art Lang, Information Systems, 10 years on January 23

Donna Rebeck, Treasurer, 5 years on January 24

David Bussa, Inventory Control, 5 years on January 31

OFFICE DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please make the following changes in your Office Directory:

Troy Jewell, Club Records & Billing, ext. 312

Angie Miller, Membership Operations, ext. 322

Pat Millett, Club Records & Billing

Marge Sierawski, Club Records & Billing

Cynthia Meyer, Campaign SightFirst II, ext. 526

Patricia Augustine-Tkac (was Augustine), LCIF Donor and Financial Services

All staff currently listed in the Office Directory in sections "Staff by Department" and "Staff by Last Name" under **Stat. & Membership** should be under the new department name: **Club Records & Billing**

EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (EAC) SCHEDULE

January 5: EAC meeting at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D

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.
- Due to the availability of tax forms on-line and the cost involved in supplying the actual forms, the Finance Division will no longer supply these forms.

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 February issue is Thursday, January 6.**



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/2	Mary Vrchota	Club Supplies Sales
1/4	Joanne Kukielski	Club Supplies Shipping
1/7	Kathy Ryan	Institute & Seminars
1/8	Margaret Sweeney	Club Supplies Sales
1/9	Denise Whistler	Youth Programs
1/12	Abdul Barde	Club Supplies Shipping
1/15	Shirley Wodynski	Travel & Administrative Services
1/16	Peggy Malenchik	Human Resources
1/17	Vanaja Krishnan	Club Records & Billing
1/18	Tom Pietrasek	Program Design & Development
1/22	Judi Webster	Extension & Membership
1/23	Cheryl O'Malley	Information Systems
1/27	Shmir Corzine	LCIF Lions Quest
1/28	Cyndi Bucher	Information Systems
1/28	Lou Jean Simmons	LCIF Donor & Financial Services
1/28	Eva Sitek	Convention Services & Meetings Logistics



With the \$230 the EAC raised through the Bake Sale, America's Second Harvest will assist more than 3,000 people in need this season.

INSIDER POLL



The following is in response to the last *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?

"I have several friends that have that week off each year. They shop, see movies, have lunch, etc. I always have to hear about what a good time they had. This year I get to go along. To President Kusiak I say, 'Thank you for your generosity. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! God Bless you and yours.'"
-Barbara Henderson, Club Supplies Sales

"Thanks to the additional days, I will be able to go to Brazil. It has been many years since I have spent the holidays with my family. It will be great! Happy Holidays for everybody! Obrigada!"
-Isadora Manion, Ibero-American

"I am going to sleep in every day and, since my husband is not off that week, I am going to see all the movies he doesn't want to see."
-Michelle Bell, English Language

POETRY PATCH

Seasons Change

The sunset lights the sky
with colors of orange and red
Days are getting shorter
Brisker evenings are ahead

Most trees are empty
The leaves and birds are gone
Missing the chirps and beauty
Others will come along

As this year comes to a close
For the holidays we gather
Sharing our year's memories
With tears and laughter

Written and submitted by
Karin Antonacci, Export Traffic

NAMES IN THE NEWS

- Congratulations to **Pat Augustine-Tkac**, LCIF Donor and Financial Services, this month's winner of movie tickets from the Employee Activities Committee.
- Congratulations to **Lou Jean Simmons**, LCIF Donor and Financial Services, this month's winner of the reserved employee parking spot.
- Congratulations to the winners of the Holiday Baking Contest: **Phil Loiewski**, Accounting, for his Key Lime Pie (third place); **Pat Katrivesis**, Human Resources, for her Baklava (second place); and **Judy Wheeler**, Accounts Receivable, for her Candy Cane Cookies (first place). See the Recipe of the Month for the first place Candy Cane Cookie recipe.
- Congratulations to **Kate Rogal**, Leadership Division, on her recent engagement to Roman Vyskocil. Roman proposed to Kate on November 22nd while the pair was vacationing in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.
- **Fran Jensen**, Travel & Admin Services, participated in this year's SightNight program, collecting 80 pairs of eyeglasses and nine pairs of sunglasses to be recycled.
- Congratulations to Pedro Rovai, brother of **Evangelina Kerr**, Ibero-American, on winning first prize in the live-action feature film category of the Chicago International Children's Festival for his film "Tainá, A New Amazon Adventure." On October 31, 2004, Evangelina had the honor of receiving the award on behalf of her brother during an award ceremony at the Vittum Theater in Chicago.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

CANDY CANE COOKIES

3/4 cup butter (softened)
1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp baking powder
1 egg
1/2 tsp peppermint extract
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
6 oz white chocolate baking squares
1 tbsp shortening
1/3 cup finely crushed striped round peppermint candies

- Preheat oven to 375.
- In a large mixing bowl, mix butter until soft. Mix in sugar and baking powder. Mix in egg and peppermint extract. Lastly, mix in flour.
- Force dough through cookie press with 1/2 inch plate into candy cane shapes on an ungreased cookie sheet.
- Bake cookies for 8 minutes or until edges are firm. Remove cookies from pan and let cool.
- In a small saucepan over low heat, melt white chocolate with shortening. Stir frequently. Dip one end of each cookie into the chocolate and let excess drip off. Place cookies on wax paper and sprinkle with crushed peppermint candies.

-The Candy Cane Cookies won first place in the LCI Baking Contest and were submitted by Judy Wheeler, Accounts Receivable.



H A P P Y N E W Y E A R !



We wish all employees and their families a
Happy and Healthy 2005.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**Camille
Joyce
Pilny**

**DEPARTMENT
ASSISTANT**

**CONVENTION
AND BOARD
MEETING
ACTIVITIES**



Year started at LCI

1989

Job duties

Provide department assistance for board meeting and board convention activities planning

Education

Bachelor's Degree in English

Hometown

Westchester, Illinois

Family

Husband Ed, two children and four grandchildren

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

Audrey Sims

My most memorable moment on the job is

Former President Jimmy Carter's visit to International Headquarters was a very exciting one.

Something people would be surprised to know about me is

I'm an avid fan of science fiction. My favorites are anything by Isaac Asimov.

Most unusual item in my cubicle

A box of red, white and blue pompoms

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

Barbara Bush

My very first car was a

Ford Galaxy

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

Volunteering in a literary program

In my free time I

Read, write, listen to music and go for walks

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

Pasta with chicken and artichokes

Last good show I went to was

"Lord of the Rings"

My dream vacation is

To spend an entire summer in a villa in Tuscany with my husband and family

Favorite book

"Collected Poems of T. S. Eliot"

Favorite television show

"Everybody Loves Raymond"

Favorite cartoon

"For Better or Worse"

Favorite song

"Through the Years"

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

Charlotte Bronte, Geoffrey Chaucer, Socrates and Steven Spielberg

My "Claim to Fame" is

A published interview I did with actor Tony Mockus in my Roosevelt University days

The title of my autobiography would be

"Attitude and Gratitude"