



EDITOR'S NOTE

My fellow Lions,

My fourth newsletter to write... and I am at a loss for words...

It all started from a phone call from PDG of Pennsylvania Lion Jack Claherty congratulating my husband, Lion George Letakis. He asked "for what?" in which Lion Jack said "for winning the Lions International Bulletin Competition." George said, "No. you must be mistaken. We won the District but not the International or State". Lion Jack said, "Let me call you back". He then called back and said that it is actually posted on the website. I checked the website and true enough, we really did win First Place with Australia, North Carolina, Italy and Arizona as Honorable mentions. Being the editor, I was in total shock and disbelief, so I read the last three bulletins I have written and I still cannot believe they chose our newsletter over others. All I can say is "Thank You" for recognizing our efforts to write a truthful, entertaining and as accurate as possible, bulletin. South Florida Asian American Lions Club and our District 35A are honored to accept this award.

Now back to business.

SFAALC recently concluded our 2nd Annual Medical Mission to the Philippines. Serving over 5,300 poor people of the Philippines in villages never been reached by other non profit service organizations, Lions have once again done miracles. On pages 4 and 5, the mission was once again summarized in pictures. It touches our lives to be of help to the poorest of the poor regain their sight and regain their hope in human kindness. This is what "WE" Lions do and will continue to do. Let us not forget why we became Lions. "WE SERVE" and Serve we must!

Have a great lionistic year and I hope to hear every Lion Roar!

Dorothy Soller Letakis
Bulletin Editor and Secretary
LY 2008-2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME
NEW LIONS
2008
CONGRATULATIONS!**

**LION NENETTE VILCHES
LION ARTURO KE
LION STELIAN CODARCEA
LION ANA MARIA GIACHOS**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Aug. 8 - Lion Ana Maria Sept. 27 - Lion Adelfa

**YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO
SFAALC 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

WHERE: HARD ROCK HOTEL AND CASINO

WHEN: NOVEMBER 23, 2008

**2008 NISSAN ALTIMA WILL BE RAFFLED OF WITH LOTS
OF PRIZES, SURPRISES AND GIVE-AWAYS!!!**

**Please contact any SFAALC Lion member
for ticket sales and information.**

To benefit LCIF.

WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY.



District 35-A

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Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive



Lion George Letakis and Davie Leos empty the van full of food



SFAALC & Davie Leos - the hardworking volunteers as they pose for a picture



A very important day for the Cooperative Feeding Program of Broward is the Postal Workers' Food Drive.

On this day, volunteers stationed at 11 different area post office branches sort out food donated by Broward residents and collected by the letter carriers. The donations are then organized, sorted, boxed, labeled and stacked in pallets. The ultimate destination is the Cooperative Feeding Program where they are again sorted and distributed into the food boxes of CFP families and the homeless. The food drive is important because it yields CFP families over three months worth of non-perishable food.

This is a great activity for individuals, families, and groups, as well as an excellent way to contribute to the community.

South Florida Asian American Lions and the Davie Leos are once again there to help. This was a back breaking work for everyone as they carried, sorted, labeled, stacked and shrink-wrapped pallets and pallets of dry goods.



WE ARE ON THE WEB

www.miamiasianamericanlions.org



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Lions Clubs International Purposes

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship.

TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community.

TO UNITE the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

TO PROVIDE a forum for the

open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and pri-

LIONS DEN

WE ARE LIONS

We meet the needs of our local communities and the world.

Our 1.3 million men and women in 200 countries and geographic areas conduct vision and health screenings, build parks, support eye hospitals, award scholarships, assist youth, provide help in time of disaster and much more.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL ETHICS

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and to true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship de-

mands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor, and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not to destroy.

MISSION STATEMENT

TO CREATE AND FOSTER a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.



2008-2009 SFAALC OFFICERS



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President



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MINUTES OF MEETINGS

April 20, 2008 Dynasty Restaurant

Call to Order by Lion Adel. Final reading of officers was read. The reading of Incoming officers was voted all in favor and approved by general membership present. Old Business: Magnet project was approved but due to lack of funds, will be tabled again in the future. 10th Anniversary event was voted and approved and will be held on Nov. 23rd at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Tickets for dinner was set at \$50.00. 2008 Nissan Altima will be raffled of and will be chaired by Lion George Letakis.

Medical mission in the Philippines was discussed. LCIF will match the money spent for airline tickets as part of grant. Cataract surgery is set on June 13th as part of the mission. Expected recipients of medical care is approximately 5,000 poor people in the province of Palawan. Sponsors of the mission are Colgate—Phil., Pharmahex, Pepsi and other local businesses. New Business: Installation of officers and induction of new members was discussed. Venue will be announced later. Sponsorship of two new lions clubs were announced to be discussed in the future. Meeting was adjourned at 2:20PM.

May 18, 2008-Dynasty Restaurant Lion George called the meeting

to order. Meeting was very informal due to members currently preparing for the medical mission in the Philippines. Car raffle was discussed, 900 tickets should be sold and set at \$30.00/ticket. Car will be displayed at Kalayaan—Phil. Independence Day celebration at Miramar Corporate Park. Davie Leos will be performing and there will be a membership drive. Meeting was adjourned early.

June 29, 2008 Lion George presided due to Lion Adel and other members currently still in the Philippines for the medical mission and Int'l. convention in Thailand. New candidates were introduced. Membership forms were submitted, motion to approve and accept were voted all in favor by the membership present. Each candidate introduced and spoke about themselves and are enthusiastic to become Lions. Treasurer's report was read, Kalayaan 2008 event was reported, where the car for raffle was displayed. 67 tickets were sold and more than 100 were distributed. New Business: Installation of officers will be on July 13 at Kamado Japanese Restaurant. New members will also be inducted. DG Lion Colleen Pinkerton will do the honors of installation and induction. Charter President Lion Annie will assist. Tickets were distributed, meeting adjourned at 2:05PM by Lion George.



SFAALC OFFICERS & B.O.D.

S.F.A.A. LIONS CLUB OFFICERS & B.O.D.

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LION NENETTE VILCHES
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LION ANA MARIA GIACHOS
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Thoughts to Ponder

PLEASE REMEMBER FLAG ETIQUETTE THIS 4TH OF JULY

Traditional guidelines calls for displaying the flag only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness. It should not be subject to weather damage unless it is an all-weather flag.

It should be displayed often, but especially on national and state holidays, and special occasions.

It should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

When carried in procession with other flags, the US flag should be either on marching right or to the front and center of flag line and/or should be the center and the highest point.

When displayed on float or parade, the flag should be hung from a staff or suspended so it falls free. It should not be draped over a vehicle.

When other flags are flown from adjacent staff, the US flag should be hoisted first and lowered last.

When displayed against something such as wall, the union should be at the top and to the flag's own right, the observer's left - whether displayed horizontally or vertically.

The flag may cover a casket, but should not cover a statue, monument for unveiling. It should never be draped or drawn back in folds.

The flag may be flown at half-staff to honor a newly deceased federal or state government official by order of the president or the governor respectively.

For more flag etiquette reminders, visit www.usflag.org.

Humor in the Den

A couple was in a fancy restaurant celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary. On top of the table was an ornate tea pot. The couple was admiring it and out of the blue a genie comes out. The genie said to the couple that he will both grant them one wish each because it is their anniversary. The wife said "I have always wanted to go to Hawaii and stay in a luxurious hotel with my loving husband" Poof! The genie said, "Your wish is granted!" Now, it is the husband's turn. He said, "I have always wanted to spend time walking in the beach, relaxing with a wife 30 years younger than me". The wife and the genie looked at the husband and

Calendar of Events

July 7, 2008
Hearing Bank Meeting (1st Monday)
Larkin Hospital - Contact: Mark Glicksman

July 14, 2008
Diabetes Awareness Meeting (2nd Monday)
Contact: Luis Olarte

July 19, 2008
District Organization - Piccadilly (Red Rd. and 103rd St.)

July 21, 2008
Lions of the Blind Meeting (3rd Monday)
Contact: Arcely Pozo

July 31-Aug. 3
Summer Conference - District D Host

August 9, 2008
Back to School
Hallandale Walmart

August 10, 2008 (12:00 Noon)
Zone meeting
Kamado's Japanese Rest. (cor. Sheridan and University Drive) - Ticket \$12.00/person

August 17, 2008
SFAALC Club Meeting - TBA

August 24, 2008
1st Cabinet Meeting - Key Largo

November 15, 2008
2nd Cabinet Meeting - Dania Beach

November 23, 2008
SFAALC 10th Anniversary - Hard Rock Casino and Hotel

The wife started to cry. The genie said, "Well, a wish is a wish so, I guess I have to grant your wish since I have promised."

Poof! The husband turned into a 90 year old man!

The moral of the story, Be careful of what you wish for!

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Philippine Medical Mission

“Photos that make you want to be Lions. These are miracles in action.”



“The best and highest use of a human being is to live and serve for others”



Philippine Medical Mission Gift of Health Care Services

“Help fight blindness across the globe”

The Philippine Medical Mission under the Chairmanship of SFAALC Past President Lion Adelfa Muskovac was once again a gigantic success.

The project which was called “Gift of Health Care Services” was done in three poor villages in the Philippines.

Health Services rendered were as follows:

- June 9-12 Screening of Eye Surgery recipients, EKG, Blood sugar test and chest X-ray for 100 recipients.
- June 13 Medical, dental, optical mission at the village of Narra, Palawan. Medical check up for 870 people, Dental treatments for 234 people, Optical services for 387 recipients and 94 simple surgeries.
- June 14 Cataract surgeries were done for 22 patients. Since this project was such a success, a program that will provide 5 cataract surgeries per month for free was undertaken by the lions in the Philippines. SFAALC will provide the medicines.
- June 16 Medical, dental, optical mission moved on to the next town, San Vicente where 927 recipients benefited.

- June 21 The mission continued to the impoverished city of Basilan, Mindanao in which 2740 poor people were served.
- A total of 5,374 have been grateful to the medical mission of South Florida Asian American Lions Club with the help of our twin clubs, Makati Golden Lions and Palawan Executive Club.

In projects of this magnitude, LCIF was asked by our club for a grant. LCIF was very generous and matched the money that SFAALC had raised for the project., which was then spent on buying medicines needed for the mission.

Our very own Council Chair 2007-2008 PDG Lion Stacy Jones was so touched by the poverty that he saw and how heartfelt and sincere the gratitude of these poor people have expressed.

The volunteers from Florida were Sabine Rigaud, Todd Foger, Kevin Pickman, Lisette Sacon, Claire Ho, Stacy Jones and Adelfa Muskovac. Seven doctors from University of the East, Philippines performed the cataract surgeries , and because of this experience, they became aware of what Lions do and now will join Lionism in Manila, Philippines.

The Western Command Armed Forces of the Philippines joined the mission to provide peace and protection in the province of Basilan, a well known Muslim village and in the history of their town, this is the very first time, a non-profit non government organization and medical mission was rendered.



Medical Mission in full swing

PDG Lion Stacy Jones with Filipino Lion during the mission