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The Arizona Lions Vision Center provides screenings at little or no cost, serving close to 15,000 people per year and providing about 13,000 pairs of eyeglasses—many to people who haven't seen well their whole life.

THE VAULT

THE BLIND AND YOU

Check out this column, written in 1968 by a blind Headquarters staff member, in which they make the case for doing proper research before embarking on a project to help the blind to be sure your efforts have the impact you hoped. The writer asks that the blind should "be at last recognized as independent and self-sufficient individuals who are capable of being contributing members of society."

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IT TAKES VISION

→ NAMASTE!



Lions have been Knights of the Blind since Helen Keller's famous 1925 call to arms, working to end preventable blindness

and visual impairment. However, it's important to remember that Keller was not casting the blind as fairytale maidens in need of rescue. She quite clearly wanted Lions to help the blind community integrate into the world. For Lions, service ends when the people served can serve their families and community.

She said, "The time has come to regard the work for the sightless as a whole, in which the kindergarten, the school, the library, the workshop, the home for the aged blind and prevention are seen to be parts of a great movement with one end in view, namely making life more worth living for the blind everywhere."

She could not have imagined how different normal life would be nearly 100 years later, but like any great thinker, her directive remains relevant. How do we help the blind to truly integrate into the world? And how do we help prevent or reverse the varied causes of blindness?

We create assistive technologies that make everyday functions more accessible to the blind. And we help make sure those technologies are available to the very people who need them. If it isn't affordable, it isn't accessible. There are many ways we can help—guide dogs, electronic canes, mobile apps, inclusive social events, etc.

We use our network and collective expertise to identify promising areas of scientific and medical research in which to invest. I urge your club to plan a project in sight—it could be surgeries (cataract, trachoma, diabetic retinopathy) or recycling eyeglasses or screening young kids for refractive errors or any other type of project in this area.

This is what we do. In the last three and a half years, we have served 29 million people in the area of sight, involving over 26,000 clubs worldwide. As I write this, I am in South America where we have served 600,000 people in the area of River Blindness (Onchocerciasis).

We know that great advances don't happen without backing by people who have the vision to believe in the end goal. People who see in the light have sight. People who see in darkness have vision. It takes bravery to back new ideas and to actively seek out people who may need help rather than wait for them to find us. But Lions are brave. It takes vision to create change. And all Lions—sighted or not—have vision.

DR. NARESH AGGARWAL
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

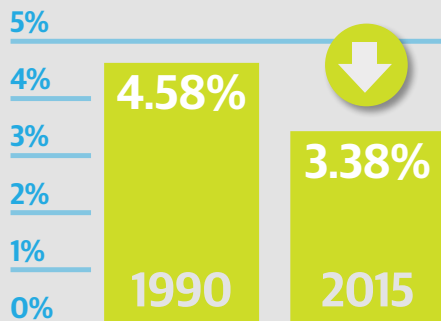
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7.3 BILLION



CHANGE IN PREVALENCE OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT



55% OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE ARE WOMEN

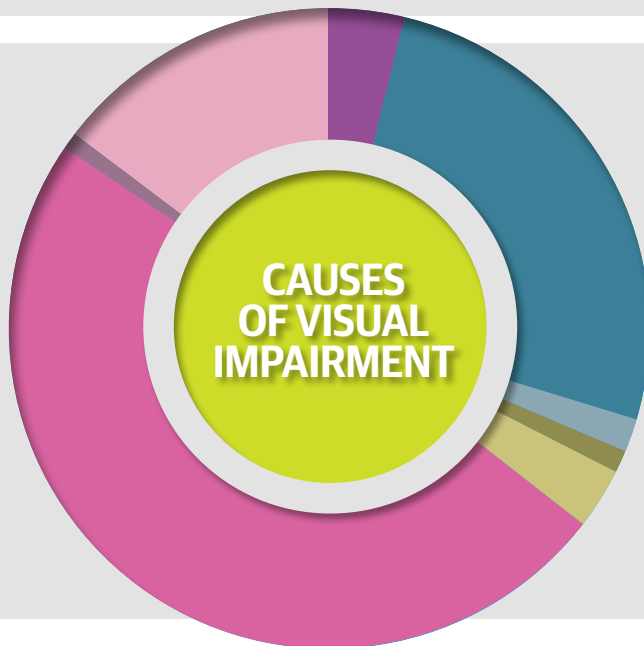
89% OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE LIVE IN LOW & MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES



1.1 BILLION
PEOPLE WITH
NEAR-VISION
IMPAIRMENT



SIMPLY BECAUSE
THEY DO NOT
HAVE A PAIR OF
SPECTACLES



- AMD 4.1%**
- Cataract 25.8%**
- Corneal Opacity 1.7%**
- DR 1.2%**
- Glaucoma 2.8%**
- URE 49.0%**
- Trachoma 0.8%**
- Other 14.7%**

>75% **OF VISUAL**
IMPAIRMENT
IS AVOIDABLE

The number of visually impaired, the percentages for women and for those living in low and middle income countries, and the change in prevalence, all relate to distance-vision impairment. MSVI = the number with severe or moderate visual impairment. In order to enable comparisons over time, the age-standardised prevalence (all ages) is shown. An ultra-conservative definition of avoidable blindness is shown based upon the prevalence of Cataract, Refractive Error and Trachoma only. Other conditions are at least partially avoidable.

The latest estimates for 2015 produced by the Vision Loss Expert Group and published in the Lancet

Making an Impact in Pittsburgh



Getty Images

The New Alexandria Lions Club's Demolition Derby can add national TV to the list of things its crushed. The club's event was featured on an episode of the CNN show "Parts Unknown with Anthony Bourdain." The October 22 "Parts Unknown: Pittsburgh" episode featured chicken paprika at Jozsa Corner in Hazelwood, bocce in Bloomfield, and Westmoreland County's own demolition derby run by the New Alexandria Lions Club.

The Lions were eager to accommodate the show, seeking out a venue where they could control the crowd. The derbies are the largest fundraising event for the New Alexandria Lions and are typically held throughout the summer at the Lions grounds. Proceeds are dispersed among 50 different charities and community resources.

Lion Fred Lydick says funds raised during the filming went to the Lions Club Lunchables Backpack program, which provides weekend meals and snacks for local schoolchildren. "We thought it would be a little free advertising, if you will," Lydick says. "The more money we raise, the more we can give."

The episode itself received mixed reviews, with a lot of Pittsburgh locals less than pleased at the focus on the city's collapsed steel industry, lack of diversity, and concerns over whether the growing tech industry will increase the cost of living and force out long time residents. Lydick, however, is diplomatic. "I think he was trying to show the contrast from the past to where it's headed," he says.

CONTEST WINNER FOCUSES ON CHILDHOOD CANCER

The Medan Stallion Leo Club from Indonesia is the winner of this year's International Leo Day Video Contest, with their short film, "They Need Us," focusing on childhood cancer and the devastating impact it has on families. The Medan Stallion Leos aim to better educate the medical community to get earlier diagnoses, and help dispel the myth that cancer is contagious. They serve their local community by bringing parents and children together through entertainment and play. You can watch the winning video at lionmagazine.org.



Watch "They Need Us"



Milpitas Executive Lions Club

"PEACE" TREE SHOWCASES LION CONTEST PARTICIPANTS

The Milpitas Executive Lions Club was one of nine organizations invited to decorate a Christmas tree to be displayed in Bob McGuire Amphitheater at the Milpitas Civic Center in California.

Their tree was themed "PEACE," and showcased the Peace Poster Contest winners throughout the years, including 2009 Grand Prize winner, Yennie Schu, who was sponsored by the Milpitas Executive Lions Club. It was displayed for the month of December and was seen by more than a thousand people at the December Tree Lighting Ceremony and December Milk and Cookies with Santa event.



EYEGLOSS DRIVE NETS 14,000 PAIRS AND ONE EAGLE SCOUT

A Boy Scout in Tennessee collected 14,180 eyeglasses during a three-month Eagle Scout service project. John Boyle, 15, a sophomore at Creek Wood High School in Charlotte, started with a goal of collecting 250 to 300 eyeglasses to donate to the local Lions club. However, a pair of windfall donations—1,200 from Keith Lawrence and 2,100 from Patsy and Larry Petty—made him reach for a new goal of 10,000.

Word of his drive quickly spread and John was soon receiving donations well beyond Dickson County. Michael Redman, a retired U.S. Army veteran in New Mexico began collecting glasses for John and mailed him more than 400. John was also contacted by several people from various Tennessee towns, including Nashville. One woman from Cookeville reached out with a “tub of glasses” that she drove to Nashville where John met her to receive the donation.

“I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and encouragement,” says John. “It was always so exciting to go and pick up a donation, but what I really enjoyed was all the interesting people I met along the way.”

The local sheriff’s department and Dickson Police Department were also big supporters of John’s campaign. Sgt. David Cole, John’s lead advisor to the Dickson Law Enforcement Explorers, commended John for his dedication. “John is an outstanding young man. I wish all young people would work as hard as he does to do great things and to make our county a greater place,” Cole said.

He had researched several projects, but chose the eyeglass drive after a presentation to the Dickson Tennessee Lions Club in late July. “We were honored that John chose to conduct an eyeglass drive,” says Mark Cook, Past District Governor and member of the Dickson Lions Club. “John has a true passion for people and is making a difference, not only in Dickson County, but in the world.”

John passed his Board of Review on December 7, 2017 and is now an Eagle Scout.

BY THE NUMBERS



4

Number of laundry baskets filled with food each local veteran or working family went home with at Thanksgiving thanks to the Fitchburg Lions Club in Massachusetts.

924

Enchiladas assembled for the 3rd North Enid Lions Club Enchilada Project.



2

Tons of non-perishable food items collected by the Mount Dora Lions Club during their 57th Annual Christmas Parade.

12,000

Pieces of candy given away at the Jackson Lions Club 54th Annual Halloween Parade in California.

259

Shoeboxes filled with small gifts, school supplies, and hygiene items given to needy children by Operation Christmas Child with help from the Chambersburg Lions Club in Pennsylvania.

450

Dollars paid for a painting created live on stage by live art entertainer Amy Burkman at a La Mesa Lions Club fundraiser.

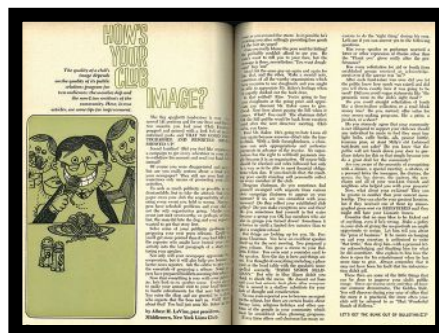
950

Dash plaques awarded in the Morris Lions Club annual car show in Illinois.

60



Coats purchased for kids from Cal Farley’s Boys Ranch by members of the Texas Panhandle Lions Club.



54 YEARS AGO IN THE LION

↔ FEBRUARY 1964

Past President Albert H. LaVine felt local clubs could use a little help with their

PR. He encourages them to play nice with local papers—even if reporters ditch the event they were supposed to cover—pay their vendors, and know the customs of people in their community, among other things. The common denominator, he says, is the Golden Rule.



Read PIP LaVine’s article

Building a Place to Come Together

In the northwest corner of Kansas, the towns are small but the need for a community center was large. Thankfully, the Lions are mighty.

For many years Lions in the town of Brewster, population 214, managed to operate from Hunter Hall, an old shop converted to a clubhouse in the 1950s. But other community groups from their town and the two larger towns that border them needed meeting space as well, and the old building needed updates and repairs. It was also way too small.

The Lions were considering erecting a new building when the opportunity to refurbish a larger one came about. The 27 Brewster Lions made plans to move, committing money, time, and labor.

“The rest is history, and lots of time and hard work,” recalls President Fred Juenemann.

They tore out flooring and walls. Plans were drawn. Votes were taken. Donations from the club members totaled US\$54,288 to start the project. A grant from the Pete Henry Foundation and donations from area businesses and individuals added another US\$96,000 to complete the project, Juenemann says.

Considering that many of the Lions are also farmers, there was little spare time to work during the growing season. But when the crops were out of the fields, the Lions moved quickly ahead.

Henry Hall was completed and ready for use two months ahead of schedule.

Juenemann says the new place is named for Pete Henry, a Brewster farmer who generously left his money in a foundation to support scholarships and improve the community. And the community is grateful for the new space. Weddings, anniversary parties, class reunions, fundraisers, 4-H, and Boy Scout meetings all fill the calendar.

“This project is one of pride for our members and the community,” says Juenemann. “We’ve replaced our old

building with a more spacious one that is totally handicap accessible and much more energy efficient.

“The guys are proud of this. I think it’s helped our club as far as bringing everybody together.”



The Brewster Lions in Kansas provided a new gathering spot for a thankful community with money, time, and lots of labor.

Blanketing the Community With Love

Gaines Area and Linden Lions in Michigan know how cold and windy their winters can be, but they’ve found a way to provide instant warmth and comfort for community members in emergency situations.

The club’s sewing group is making blankets to keep in the trucks of police and fire departments in four rural townships, so when there’s an accident—a fire, any emergency that forces people to be out unexpectedly—there are blankets to warm them.

Gaines Lion Mary DeMott says the project started with their club forming a sewing group to make blankets for a senior center. One good thought turned to another, and soon the Lions’ “Covered In Love” Blanket Project began.

Blanket makers from the Gaines Area and Linden Lions get together twice a week to make hand-sewn blankets in different sizes for babies, youth, and adults. It wasn’t long after the group began that they had completed 57 blankets for the

first responders, plus one for a 100-year-old who expressed the need for one.

The group hopes to get some financial backing to keep the program going, says DeMott. “It’s rather expensive, but there’s so much need out there. We wanted to do something to help the community and to bring the community closer together.”

Linden Fire Chief Brian Will and Linden Police Chief Scott Sutter expressed their gratitude for the work of Lions.

“We can’t purchase this amount of blankets and covers because you never know how many you’re going to have; whether it’s a whole family or just one or two,” says Will. “It will be nice to have them available if we need them.”

The Lions are also making weighted blankets to give to schools for special needs and autistic children.

“It just shows the heart,” says Sutter, “the warm hearts the Lions have for the community.”

PHILIPPINES

Medicine and Gifts Help Isolated Villagers Celebrate *Media Noche*

In the early morning hours of November 30, 2017 members of the Legazpi City “Host” Lions Club trekked for 30 minutes through a downpour, over the single unpaved road, into the village of Mancao. They’d been traveling since before dawn, having gathered at the home of club president Noel Estillomo before setting out on pump boats across the Sula channel. Stacking boxes of medical supplies, slippers, sacks of rice, soap, and gifts between themselves and the doctor, dentist, and two nurses they’d recruited to accompany them, the Legazpi Lions hunkered down for the 90-minute boat ride.

Situated on the northwest coast of Rapu-Rapu, Albay, in the Philippines, Mancao is a small, isolated village protected somewhat from the strong Pacific storms by a thick mangrove forest that grows along the shallow shoreline. However, it’s this remoteness that makes accessing basic necessities like food, soap, and medical care so difficult for the people of Mancao.

“There’s not even a small public market where they can buy things they need for their daily lives,” says Lion Jose Briones, who participated in the mission. Instead, locals get what they need from “Sari-sari” stores—general stores that sell things like cookies, biscuits, oil, kerosene gas, soft drinks, and other small items, but no medicine. There are also no doctors in Mancao, and the long and costly sea travel to the mainland means many people don’t get the healthcare they need. When ill, people use herbal remedies and see “parahilot”—masseuses who practice the Filipino healing massage, Hilot.



A Legazpi City “Host” Lion gives food to a needy child in Mancao.

The Lions wanted to make sure their gifts could help the people of Mancao celebrate the traditionally long Filipino Christmas season. In addition to the medical supplies and other necessities, they brought gifts for *media noche*—the midnight feast on New Year’s Eve that symbolizes their hopes for prosperity in the coming year.

In all, they gave gifts of slippers, soap, spaghetti noodles, tomato sauce, bread, 11 pounds of white rice, oil, and sausages in cans. At separate stations they (along with the accompanying medical professionals) performed dental and wellness exams, including a diabetes screening, and dispensed medicine for nearly seven hours before embarking on the long trek home. Despite the difficult conditions, Estillomo says the one-day project was, “An awesome and wonderful experience.”

ENGLAND

Wetherby Lions Throw Senior Party

In January the Wetherby Lions hosted their annual “New Year” meal. A tradition for 40 years, Lions, their families, friends of Lions and other members of the community come together to serve a traditional hot Christmas dinner—complete with Yorkshire specialty dessert, Christmas cake and Wensleydale cheese—to the senior citizens and other isolated members of their community.

Donations from local businesses are raffled off and given as Bingo prizes. Club President John Boulton is careful to use only local vendors, as supporting local companies has been a focus during his presidency.

VIP guests include The Lord Mayor of Leeds, The Mayor of Wetherby, the local Member of Parliament Alec Shelbrooke and typically a well-known celebrity, such as ex-England and Yorkshire cricketer Ryan Sidebottom or Yorkshire T.V. presenter Christine Talbot. Local artists provide entertainment, dancing, and singing.

“It really, really is a fantastic event which we feel encompasses everything to do with Lionism in its community,”

says Boulton. “Another ripple effect has been that some of our guests have contacted us throughout the year asking for other forms of help, and we’ve also recruited new members from the event. So, a ‘win-win’ situation for everyone.”



Wetherby Lions and seniors socialize during their annual New Year meal.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Lifted the election moratorium in District 321-A3 (India) in order to permit the district to hold elections for District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor beginning with the 2018-2019 fiscal year.
2. Rejected the complaints filed by Lions Club Ghaziabad Senior and Lions Club Shamli Doab in Multiple District 321 (India) under the Multiple District Dispute Resolution Procedure as untimely.
3. Authorized the general counsel to issue a license to use the name "Lions" and the Lions Clubs International Emblem to the Lions Co-ordination Committee of India Association (LCCIA).
4. Permitted former member, Past District Governor Gil-Moo Park to join a Lions Club, provided that he not be permitted to serve in any district, multiple district or international leadership position in the future and if Past District Governor Gil-Moo Park engages in or supports the filing of litigation with respect to Lions related matters he will automatically be removed from Lionism and would not be eligible for future membership.
5. Revised the Standard Form Club By-Laws in Chapter VII of the Board Policy Manual for consistency with previously adopted changes related to the approval of Life Members.
6. Revised the Standard Form Multiple District By-Laws in Chapter VII of the Board Policy Manual to clarify the provision.
7. Deleted Chapter XV, Paragraph C.13. of the Board Policy Manual for consistency with previously adopted changes related to the emergency reserve funds.
8. Revised Chapter XV, Paragraph C.14. of the Board Policy Manual for consistency with previously adopted changes related to the eligibility to be elected for international office.
9. Revised the Neutral Observer Policy in Chapter XV of the Board Policy Manual as it relates to who can request a neutral observer.
10. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2018 International Convention to amend the International By-Laws to clarify the provision related to the duties of the district governor.
11. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2018 International Convention to amend the International By-Laws to amend the number of members of the Long Range Planning Committee be consistent with recent amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Established per diem allowances for appointed Credentials Committee members serving without other reimbursement, District Governors-elect and District Governors-elect Faculty and Headquarters Staff attending the Las Vegas Convention.
2. Revised the 2018 Las Vegas Convention Schedule.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Granted the clubs impacted by Hurricane Maria from Multiple District 51 (Puerto Rico) protective status through April 9, 2018.
2. Approved redistricting proposals from Multiple District 20 (New York), Multiple District 105 (Great Britain and the British Isles), Multiple District 410 (South Africa), District 322 B (India) and District 403 A2 (Western Africa). Approved redistricting proposals from District 316 A (India), District 316 H (India), and 3232 B (India) contingent upon a minimum of 35 clubs and 1,250 members in each proposed new district attaining good standing prior to December 31, 2017.
3. Approved additional funding in the amount of \$147,000 for the development and expansion of the women's initiative, which will be launched next fiscal year.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the FY 2017-2018 1st Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
2. Approved amendments to the Board Policy Manual related to the General Travel and Reimbursement Policy.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the curriculum plan, schedule, and group leader team for the 2018 District Governors-Elect Seminar.

MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Approved three applications for PR grants, one for Multiple District LB (Brazil) in the amount of \$6,000, one for Single District 50 (Hawaii) in the amount of \$2,500, and one for Single District 415 (Algeria) in the amount of \$2,500.
2. Received approval by the Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee for funding to support two new advocacy days in India and the Republic of Korea, in the amount of \$295,400 to cover the one-year total cost of the India program and the three-year total cost of the Korea program.
3. Revised Chapter XIX, Official Protocol of the Board Policy Manual to reflect the new Global Action Team (GAT) structure and a modification to the order of placement for the Past Council Chair role.
4. Revised Chapter XIX, Paragraph D of the Board Policy Manual to support new contest procedures. Furthermore, deleted in its entirety Chapter XIX, International Contest Rules to support new contest procedures.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Extended the "Welcome Home" pilot program to June 30, 2019.
2. Adopted a rule that prohibits a New Club Consultant from also serving on the Global Action team, effective July 1, 2018.
3. Revised Chapter X, Paragraph A.5.a. of the Board Policy Manual to permit more flexibility in allowing a new club to request alternative naming convention beyond starting with its local municipality.
4. Updated the Board Policy Manual to reflect the previously approved increase of entrance fees from \$25 to \$35 for entrance fees for both new and charter members.
5. Revised Chapter XVII, Paragraph C.4 of the Board Policy Manual to permit Leo to Lion Members and Student Members to report data and information via MyLCI in addition to paper submissions.
6. Revised Chapter X, Paragraph A.3 of the Board Policy Manual related to the timing of charter fees to allow clubs adequate time to pay for additional charter members approved and added in the first 90 days.
7. Amended Chapter X, Paragraph C.3 of the Board Policy Manual in order to allow the Membership Development Committee to approve club protests via poll in order to resolve protests in a timelier manner.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Awarded an additional 2016-2017 Leos of the Year Award.
2. Changed the service framework platform area of "Pediatric Cancer" to "Childhood Cancer".
3. Updated Leo Multiple District and District Officer qualification and election process.
4. Adjusted Chapter XXIV, Paragraph B.2. of the Board Policy Manual to amend the Global Action Team international structure to add a third vice chairperson.
5. Revised Chapter XXII, Paragraph A.17 of the Board Policy Manual to update the Leo Club Program Advisory Panel qualification and nomination process.

For information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI website at lionsclubs.org or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.



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Transforming Night Into Noonday

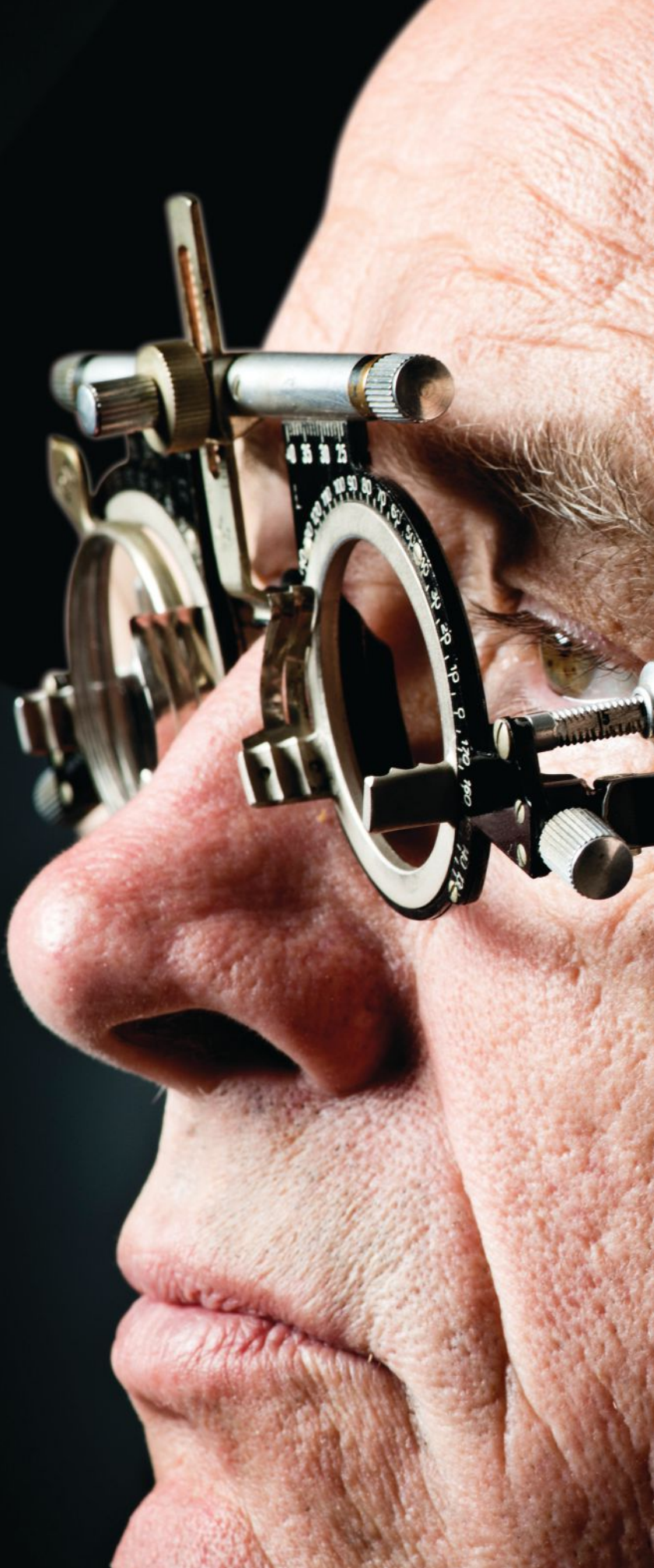
“Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night; your work, your independence, gone. In that dark world wouldn’t you be glad if a friend took you by the hand and said, ‘Come with me and I will teach you how to do some of the things you used to do when you could see?’”

—Helen Keller

What does the next century of Lionism look like as Knights of the Blind? The first 100 years brought eyeglasses to those in need; vision screenings to those who had never had an exam in their life; and surgeries that restored sight. These are real, tangible changes Lions brought to people’s lives.

The second century of Lionism not only combats blindness, but also helps to create space for those with vision impairment to learn, work, and become well-integrated, independent members of society.

Through investing in medical research and assistive technology, Lions can help those with vision impairment move through the world, shedding a corner of light on the darkness.





Where We've Been

Lions Clubs Around the World Partner with LCIF to Fight Vision Loss

SightFirst is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)'s program which aims to sustainably and systematically combat preventable blindness and visual impairment around the world. These projects particularly focus on eye care, training eye care personnel, developing infrastructure and equipment, and providing rehabilitation and education. SightFirst has invested US\$342.7 million in 1,288 projects in 116 countries, resulting in:

- More than 9.1 million cataract surgeries
- The construction or upgrading of 1,520 eye hospitals/clinics/wards and related facilities
- Management training for 276 institutions
- Training support for more than 1.57 million ophthalmologists, optometrists, ophthalmic nurses, community health workers, and related personnel
- 270 million treatments for river blindness
- 24 million vision screenings for children through Sight for Kids
- The world's first-ever initiative launched to combat childhood blindness in partnership with the World Health Organization, establishing or strengthening 100 pediatric eye care centers in 54 countries
- More than US\$200 million raised for Campaign SightFirst II, making it the greatest fundraising effort in LCIF's history

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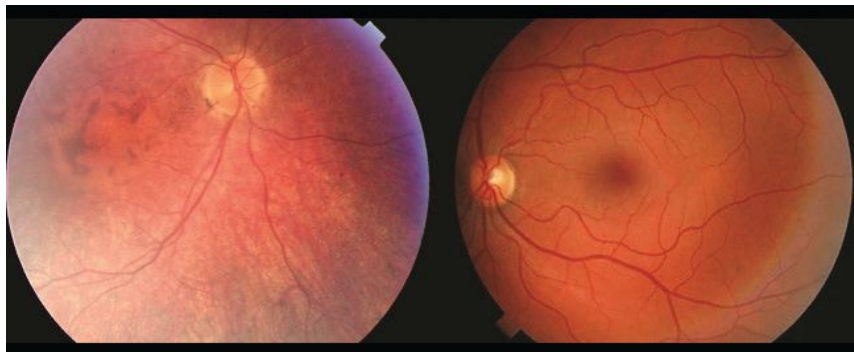
Lions' efforts in 2007 result in new therapy in 2018

// By Cindy Reed

Physician clinicians and researchers in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University of Iowa have been working to make important research breakthroughs in the fight to combat Leber congenital amaurosis (LCA), a genetically inherited eye disease that causes babies to be born blind or children to go blind before reaching school age. Many individuals with LCA have been told, "Nothing can be done," to restore their sight. But today, that has changed.

In the study, 29 patients between the ages of 4 and 44 were given the same gene therapy, called SPK-RPE65 and developed by Spark Therapeutics, Inc. Prior to the therapy, none of the patients could see well enough to walk unassisted in a regularly lit room. They were tested on their ability to navigate a room set up as a kind of obstacle course.

The treatment is injected directly into the eye. In the final stage of the trial, patients were directed by arrows through a mobility course in



And Iowa Lions clubs have played an important role in making this happen.

In 2007, researchers at the University joined with the Lions Clubs of Iowa to create Project 3000, the goal of which was to find people born blind or adults who became blind as children, test them, and find the roughly 3,000 people in the U.S. with LCA. The researchers worked with other researchers across the country, who also enlisted their local Lions clubs in the efforts. The Iowa Lions canvassed their own club communities to locate individuals throughout Iowa who might have LCA and offer them genetic testing.

The Iowa Lions responded with great enthusiasm and identified more people in Iowa with LCA than would have been expected given its population.

Since that time, researchers have been working toward a gene therapy to help treat patients with LCA, and in 2017 their efforts resulted in helping to restore sight to affected individuals and gaining FDA approval for the treatment.

seven different light levels. The course changed with each change of light level. The lowest level of light was that of a moonless summer night, and the brightest was that of a well-lit office.

After a year, patients treated in both eyes improved by 1.9 light levels, and their visual acuity improved by eight letters—roughly one and a half lines on an eye chart.

In December 2017, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved this treatment. It is the first gene therapy in the U.S. for a genetically inherited disease, and the first in which the patient directly receives a corrective gene.

It was an 11-year journey from locating patients who might have the disease to a clinical trial and FDA approval for a treatment to restore sight, and the results could not have been achieved in such a timely manner without the efforts of the Lions clubs of Iowa in 2007. And while this breakthrough has obvious immediate benefits from those who suffer from LCA, this treatment may also open the door for future gene therapy treatments for other disorders.



Physician-scientists at the Shiley Eye Institute use biological samples housed in the Downtown San Diego Lions Club BioBank for Vision to advance treatments for eye diseases. From left: Linda Zangwill, Ph.D.; Matthew Holman; Robert N. Weinreb, M.D.; and Radha Ayyagari, Ph.D.

Lions Make Historic Donation to Fund Genetic Research

The Downtown San Diego Lions were looking for a project that would pack a punch.

With the goal of accelerating research to prevent blindness, the Downtown San Diego Lions Club Welfare Foundation made a US\$400,000 gift to support the UC San Diego Shiley Eye Institute's BioBank—the largest gift the organization has made to a single project.

In recognition of their support, the BioBank research lab at the Shiley Eye Institute has been named the Downtown San Diego Lions Club BioBank for Vision.

The BioBank was launched in 2012 with the goal of leveraging the latest in bioinformatics technology and genetic-sequencing tools to advance understanding of diseases such as macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy—all of which are leading causes of blindness in the United States.

The BioBank provides a library of biological samples with complete medical and family history and other demographic information that researchers can use to learn about predictors for diseases (biomarkers) and effectiveness of therapies.

“The BioBank allows our ophthalmology team to make remarkable advances in understanding the biology of diseases and the promise of personalized medicine,” says Robert N. Weinreb, M.D., chair and Distinguished Professor of Ophthalmology and director of the Shiley Eye Institute. “The support from the San Diego Lions Club Welfare Foundation aids our research and helps us to better diagnose, prevent and treat eye diseases.”

The Lions went to UC San Diego with the goal of supporting a major project that leverages the latest technology and research to help patients with blinding eye diseases.

“The BioBank has the potential to make a significant difference for the thousands of patients in San Diego with blinding eye diseases, as well as patients around the world,” says Steve Zapotoczny, president of the Downtown San Diego Lions Club. “We are thrilled to join the Shiley Eye Institute—the nation's leading institute for efforts to prevent and cure blindness—in this partnership.”

Terry Loftus, past president for the Downtown San Diego Lions Club, led the partnership proposal along with fellow Lion and Past President George Saadeh. “We were looking into stem cell and genetic research that is making strides toward curing these diseases,” says Loftus. “When we came across an article about what UC San Diego is doing in this area, the pieces started to fall into place.”

At the Shiley Eye Institute, doctors and researchers have made measurable progress in addressing retinal degeneration, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and other primary diseases of vision. And the hope is that the discoveries made here will have an impact globally. One of the aspects of the ongoing studies on samples from the Biobank includes identifying biomarkers for eye diseases based on biogeographic ancestry to understand how the markers are applicable to individuals with various ancestries.

“Our physician-scientists are involved in diverse and collaborative research projects that aim to improve treatments for eye diseases and hasten the day when blindness is entirely preventable,” Weinreb says. “The BioBank provides a critical resource that they can draw upon to accelerate the translation of research into treatments.”

New Technology Helps the Blind to “See” Through Touch

// By Joan Cary

Three years ago, Larry Skutchan’s daughter sent him a sonogram of her unborn son.

The director of technology and product research at the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) in Louisville, Kentucky, is blind, but he had a new product in the works that could help him “see” his grandson.

Skutchan took a screenshot of the sonogram from his daughter’s ultrasound, and with the use of Graphiti and his sense of touch, he was able to “see” his tiny grandson’s fingers.

As he recalls, it was “most amazing.”

In August, students from the Kentucky School for the Blind, next door to APH, came across the lawn to see the highly anticipated solar eclipse. Skutchan had a prototype of the machine outside, this time connected to a camera that took a picture of the sun every few seconds. It enabled the students to “watch” the eclipse by touching the image created on the textile pad.

“It’s been the holy grail for forever,” says Skutchan of the new product expected to hit the market this year. “We have put a lot of time and money and energy into making this possible, to get this grid, this array of pins, and to reduce the mechanics to the right size.”

“A picture is worth a thousand words and it’s true of a tactile image as well.”

With the increased dependency on technology in schools, the lack of access to on-screen graphics can be an impediment to learning for students with visual impairments, he says.

Graphiti is a breakthrough, allowing non-visual access to graphical information.

Developed by Orbit Research and Skutchan’s team at the APH, the electronic touch display contains 2,400 (60 by 40) equidistant pins that can be raised and lowered to differing heights. The variable-height pins may depict geometric forms, pie charts,

bar graphs, floor plans, line drawings, typography, photos, and more. To change to the next graphic, the pins on the refreshable display move up and down.

The full unit is letter size with a pin display that’s roughly 10 by 6 inches, and it can be used in portrait or landscape orientation. It also features a touch interface, enabling the user to draw on the display. Tracing a shape with a fingertip raises the pins along the path. Users can scroll, zoom, and erase their graphics, and it can save an image drawn by touch to a personal computer.

“One of the things we’re trying to do this year is start producing electronic textbooks with braille and graphics,” says Skutchan. “I don’t think we’ve been able to imagine the potential this has. You can plug it into your computer and it can be the monitor. It’s awesome.”





OUR VISION MISSION

Navigating the digital world

Joseph Lee listens as a mechanical voice races through an indecipherable series of words and phrases.

Lee is blind and works as a volunteer at Second Sense, a Chicago-based nonprofit that helps people with vision loss navigate the world. He specializes in helping people learn to use assistive technology like screen readers.

“I can slow it down,” he says. “I just have it on fast so it doesn’t take as long.” He says you get accustomed to the fast speech output. As soon as he slows it down the names of buttons become apparent. It’s reading the navigation. Lee browses the website, pausing as the screen reader struggles to recognize a pop-up window.

“The software isn’t the greatest,” he says. “I actually use my iPhone most of the time instead.” Lee is talking about a popular screen reader used with Windows software. Screen readers are how most blind and visually impaired access the internet. This particular one provides braille and speech output, but, according to Lee, has a lot of bugs. Apple has built voice over technology into its operating systems, which means it works better with the applications. Most people in the visually impaired community do a lot of their internet surfing and emailing on their iPhones. “It’s just faster,” Lee says.

It’s also cheaper. Screen reading software for Windows averages US\$1,000, which can be out of reach for many. It turns out, much of the assistive technology available to help the visually impaired integrate into society is too expensive for those who need it. They have to rely on aid from government services or money from charitable organizations. “I wish a

lot more things in the world were readily accessible, and we didn’t have to rely on software to get them,” says Lee.

There are plenty of assistive technology devices available, all with different degrees of usefulness. But most people need training to learn how to use the devices, and it costs money to get the training. Even if the services are free, people need to pay for transportation to get the services. And that can add up.

Lee wasn’t a great student in high school, he says, but there was a tool that could have made it a lot easier for him to follow along in class. A BrailleNote device, enables those with vision impairment to take searchable notes, convert textbooks to braille, and translate text to speech. The ability to convert to braille is especially helpful for those who have been blind since birth. “I learn better when I read something in braille versus just hearing it read aloud,” says Lee, who has been blind since he was 2 years old. He’s also faster typing on a braille keyboard versus the standard QWERTY.


Unfortunately, Lee couldn’t afford the BrailleNote, but a teacher told him about Lions and he wrote to them for help. He didn’t get the money, but it was the first time he learned of what they offer. He now wishes more people knew what Lions do.

Assistive technology only makes the world more accessible if those who need it can actually access it. And this is how Lions can truly help. This is how Lions can, as Helen Keller said, “help make life more worth living for the blind everywhere.”

LAS VEGAS:

A City Like No Other

// BY REANNON MUTH



Las Vegas is a city that celebrates its stereotypes. Mobile billboards advertising yard-long cocktails and topless pool parties roam up and down the streets. Casinos shaped like castles, pyramids and Roman palaces—each more unapologetically gaudy than the next—stretch as far as the eye can see. Then there are the slot machines, which perpetually ping from hotel lobbies, gas stations and grocery stores to remind you that no matter where you are in Vegas, a sinfully good time is only a whisper away. Even the city's former mayor, Oscar Goodman, has embraced Vegas's glitzy image, appearing at events flanked by clusters of feathered, sequined showgirls.

But look closer and you'll find that there's much more to this desert resort town than one might first expect. While Vegas may be best known as the Entertainment Capital of the World, 100 years ago, Las Vegas—which means “The Meadows” in Spanish—was not much more than a dusty, railroad pit stop. Remnants of the city's wild west roots can be found today in the wild burros and horses that roam the hillsides of Summerlin, and in the Bighorn sheep that can often be found grazing in the neighborhood parks near Lake Mead. Several ghost towns exist within driving distance from Vegas, including Clark County's oldest bar, the 105-year-old Pioneer Saloon.

Las Vegas turned 112 this year—which is young by most city standards—and it shows. Las Vegas's population has increased from 260,561 people in 1990 to 632,912 in 2016, making it the third fastest growing city in America. This has caused a boom in neighborhood redevelopment, which has led to the creation of a flashy yet authentic Chinatown, a promising arts district, and a hip downtown bar scene. People now travel to Las Vegas not just to play cards and swill cocktails, but to attend music festivals, dine in celebrity chef-owned restaurants and explore Nevada's state and national parks. With several national parks a half-day's drive away, such as Zion and the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas has become a launching point for nature-loving tourists looking to explore the American Southwest.

As for the locals (yes, people really do live in Las Vegas), they hail from every corner of the planet. In fact, it's so rare to hear someone say “I was born in Vegas” that it frequently elicits a double take. People may relocate to the Silver State for different reasons—some for the low cost of living, others for a chance at fame and fortune (a casino valet is rumored to pull in six figures), but the common thread that binds Las Vegans together is their thirst for adventure. Las Vegas attracts a greater-than-average number of open-minded and creative risk-takers, who are also, perhaps surprisingly, relatively unpretentious and easygoing. Las Vegans won't judge you for that tequila-fueled night you danced on the bar or for singing bad Jimmy Buffet karaoke because they've seen it all before—and chances are good they've done it all before, too. Just don't make the mistake of mispronouncing their state's name—it's pronounced Nev-AD-a, not Nev-AH-da.

The best time to admire the view of the Las Vegas city skyline is at sunset, when the sky flames orange and the brown desert mountains are blanketed in a velvety coal blue. At dusk, the casinos light up like giant, neon Christmas trees, making it easy to understand why Las Vegas was featured on US Today's list of the world's “best city skylines.” Watch the sun dip behind the mountains from atop the 1,149-foot Stratosphere (the tallest freestanding observation tower in the country) or enjoy it through the floor-to-ceiling glass windows of the ultra-chick Mandarin Oriental bar.

Las Vegas may lack the overt charm of San Francisco or the fabled history of New York, but that is part of what makes the city unique. Like a skilled poker player, Vegas doesn't show you all its cards at once; it holds its most prized gems close to its heart. In order to see beyond the strip joints and the strip malls to the “Real Vegas,” you've got to approach the city like a curious explorer. If you do, you may just discover a city rich in beauty, culture, and its own brand of cheeky, quirky, sophistication.



UNIQUE THINGS TO DO IN LAS VEGAS:

There is much to see and do in this 24-hour town, but the best, most unique sights and activities are the ones many Vegas visitors often overlook. Here are eight Vegas hidden gems and best-kept secrets worth considering.

1 Hike Red Rock Canyon

Those who think the scenery in Vegas is ugly will rethink that sentiment after visiting Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. The white sandstone cliffs and red rock formations are breathtaking, especially at sunset when the iron-rich hillside appears to glow like a red-hot ember. As you snap a selfie next to one of the car-sized boulders or jog alongside a stampede of wild horses, you'll find it difficult to believe that this quiet, tranquil canyon is only a 30-minute drive from The Strip. Those who left their hiking boots at home can enjoy a visit too, thanks to the Conservation Area's paved 13-mile Scenic Drive.



Red Rock canyon is just a 30-minute drive from The Strip. Photo by Brian Jones/Las Vegas News Bureau

2 Take an afternoon boat ride on Lake Mead

Las Vegas may not be the place you would expect to find the largest reservoir in the United States, but cratered in the middle of the Mojave Desert is a 120-mile long stretch of royal blue water so large it can be seen from outer space. Dotted with shell-covered islands and surrounded by a haze of jagged mountains, the lake is certainly picturesque, but what makes Lake Mead most impressive is the sheer size of it. It is the 16th largest manmade lake in the world.

For a personal introduction and a unique view of the Hoover Dam, climb aboard the Desert Princess—a Mississippi-style paddlewheeler. The 90-minute cruise departs from nearby Boulder City seven days a week, and is a satisfying way to spend a sunny afternoon on the water.

Swiss artist Ugo Rondinone used the desert landscape for his Seven Magic Mountains art installation.

Photo by Mark Damon/Las Vegas News Bureau



3 Tour the Neon Museum

When most people think “art museums”, they probably don't think Vegas, but the city has a surprising number of free public art installations and a few high-end art museums and galleries as well. By far the most original, however, is the Neon Museum (also called the Neon Boneyard), which is where “Las Vegas signs go to die.”

Located in a dusty vacant lot in the shadows of a freeway overpass, the Neon Museum may not seem impressive at first. The small outdoor space is crammed with hundreds of vintage casino signs that jut out of the sand like tombstones and loom over visitors like the ghosts of Vegas Past. It's eerie. The oldest neon sign in the exhibit is a chicken shack ad from the 1930s, and the largest is the 188-foot-tall sign that once welcomed visitors to the Stardust Casino.

What makes this museum worth the visit, however, is the guided tour, which details the history behind where each neon sign originated and how it came to be laid to rest in this backyard desert warehouse. You don't have to be partic-

ularly interested in neon signs to enjoy the tour, as the stories the guides tell are less about the signs and more about the insights into Vegas's overlooked past. In a city that has embraced an “out with the old, in with the new” mentality—most of the city's historic casinos have been torn down and replaced with more modern versions—it's a gift that nonprofits like the Neon Museum exist to preserve a piece of Vegas history.

4 Bar-Hop along East Fremont Street

Located just south of the Neon Museum is East Fremont Street—an area of Downtown Las Vegas that has seen a major revitalization effort in the past few years. The bail bonds, pawn shops and pay-by-the-hour motels have largely been replaced by a string of hipster bars, vegan restaurants and “Container Park”—a shopping and restaurant plaza built entirely out of up-cycled shipping containers.

East Fremont Street is where the locals go when they want to enjoy a night out on the town and it’s a great option for those looking for a low-key alternative to the decadent night clubs of The Strip.

A great place to start an evening in Downtown Las Vegas (DTLV, for short) is happy hour at The Griffin. With its brick walls, fire pits, and shadowed interior, this cozy hipster hangout feels more like the inside of a British medieval castle than anything you would find in Las Vegas, which is part of its appeal. Next, wander over to the dive Atomic Liquors, the city’s oldest freestanding bar and another longtime neighborhood favorite. When Atomic first opened in 1945, it became known as a popular place for “atomic bomb viewings.” No joke. Patrons would clamber onto the roof to swig “Atomic Cocktails” and ooh and ah at the giant mushroom clouds forming over the horizon—just 65 miles away at the government’s atomic testing site. More recently, Atomic Liquors has become a popular filming location for iconic Vegas films like “Casino” and “Hangover.”

Other Fremont faves include the newly-opened rock bar Corduroy (a great place to go for people watching) and the restaurant Pizza Rock, which serves arguably the tastiest margherita pizza in town (Seriously—It’s won awards in Naples, Italy).

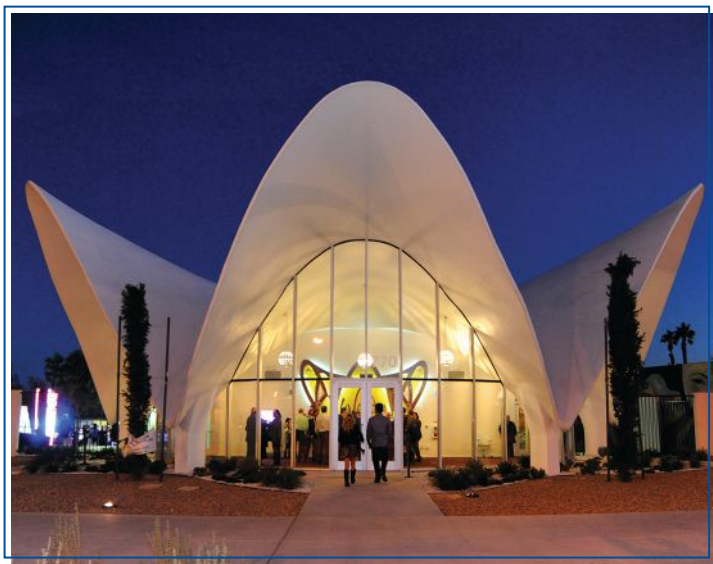
5 Photograph Seven Magic Mountains

Located 10 miles outside of Las Vegas, alongside a lonely stretch of I-15, is probably one of the oddest attractions you’ll see in Las Vegas: An art installation known as Seven Magic Mountains. The *Flintstone*-esque art display consists of seven 30-foot towers of colorful, fluorescent-painted boulders, stacked atop one another in a seemingly haphazard fashion. The project was pioneered by Swiss artist Ugo Rondinone as a symbolic critique of the artificial aesthetic of cities like Las Vegas. Love it or hate it, you can’t argue that Seven Magic Mountains is certainly unique.

6 Embrace Your Inner Cowboy at the Pioneer Saloon

Just past Seven Magic Mountains in the town of Goodsprings, Nevada, is the valley’s oldest bar, the 105-year-old Pioneer Saloon. Though many have visited the tin-walled watering hole over the years, one of the most well known was actor Clark Gable, who once wallowed away several sorrowful days at the Pioneer while grieving the death of his wife, actress Carole Lombard, after her plane crashed in nearby Mt. Potosi.

You can learn more about Clark Gable’s tragic tale as well as other local lore (like why one of the saloon’s walls is riddled with bullet holes) in the bar’s museum/dining room.



The Neon Museum boasts exceptional insider history tours and a 188-foot-tall sign that once welcomed visitors to the Stardust Casino. Photo by Brian Jones/Las Vegas News Bureau

7 Drink in a Speakeasy

Hidden undetected behind a wall in the popular downtown bar Commonwealth is one of the city’s hippest places to take a date, work colleague or anyone else you’re hoping to impress: The Laundry Room. Part speakeasy and part old-timey whisky bar, the place gets its name from its former incarnation—it was once an actual functioning laundry room, a fact evident by the bar’s industrial brick walls and narrow shape. Ask for a business card and the bartender will hand you a clothespin with the bar’s name and number etched on the side. It’s clever touches like this one that make the speakeasy worth the hassle—reservations are required and must be made via text. There is no need for menus in this bar, as the Laundry Room’s resident mixologist—fittingly outfitted in a bow tie and handlebar mustache—will whip up a custom cocktail for you based on your personal taste profile.

8 Take a free backstage tour of a Cirque du Soleil show

It’s no secret that a Cirque du Soleil show is cool. The mesmerizing set pieces and spellbinding acrobatics have made these Vegas mainstays with the odd-sounding names (Think: “Ka” and “O”) a spectacular hit with visitors from around the world. But it would be a stretch to claim that watching one is necessarily “unique.” After all, a reported 9,000 people attend a Cirque du Soleil show in Las Vegas *each and every night*.

Taking a backstage tour of a Cirque Show, however, is a different story. While it used to be that you had to “know someone” to get a behind-the-curtain look at the inner workings of a Cirque Show, now you can do so every Saturday for free on the set of Cirque du Soleil’s Beatles-themed show “Love” at the Mirage. Cleverly named the “Magical Technical Tour,” the 30-minute tour features a look at the technology used to help the cast fly and catapult across the stage as well as a special performance of the show’s opening number “Get Out.”



The **5** Most Unique Restaurants in Las Vegas

Long gone are the days when “dining out in Vegas” was synonymous with \$1.99 all-you-can-eat buffets. Today, Las Vegas has become well known as one of the world’s top foodie destinations, thanks in part to celebrity chefs Wolfgang Puck, Emeril Lagasse, Guy Savoy and others who have elevated the food scene in Vegas with the launch of a slew of lavish eating options. Las Vegas now has more master sommeliers than Los Angeles and New York and more 3-Michelin star chefs than any other city in the US.

From classically vintage restaurants like the Golden Steer—the famed steak house where Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin regularly dined—to the deliciously decadent Joël Robuchon—where an 18-course tasting menu clocks in at \$425—when it comes to fine dining, few cities do it better. The following are several one-of-a-kind and under-the-radar diners and eateries for Vegas visitors looking to enjoy their meals with a heaping side of kitsch and quirk.

1 BEST HIDDEN GEM: THE Steak House at Circus Circus Hotel and Casino

Don’t let the Barbie-pink slushie drinks, two-story shot machine merry-go-round and the giant neon clown in the entrance way deter you: Hidden inside the campy casino hotel Circus Circus is one of Vegas’s best steak houses, simply named THE Steak House. The large portions, reasonable prices and old-school Vegas atmosphere may be what set this steakhouse apart from the rest, but the reason this Sin City gem has been on the “Best of Las Vegas” list for over 30 years is, quite simply, THE steak—Soft, tender, and not overly seasoned, the filets and ribeyes at THE Steakhouse are melt-in-your-mouth delicious.

2 MOST UNIQUE BREAKFAST RESTAURANT: The Peppermill

With neon pink lighting, mirrored ceilings and a forest of fake purple trees (yes, you read that right), it is safe to say that The Peppermill has embraced the wackier, tackier side of Las Vegas—but that’s A-OK with its fans and regulars. This 24-hour diner has been serving sleepy casino shift workers and hungover partygoers 10-egg omelets and plate-sized chicken fried steak (the portions at The Peppermill are enormous) since 1972. It was even once a favorite hangout for the mafia, who would crowd around the fire pits for late-night cocktails in the restaurant’s fireside lounge. Fun fact: The fireside lounge was in the Martin Scorsese film “Casino” and the film “Showgirls.”

3 MOST UNIQUE LOCATION: Chicago Joes

You wouldn’t be blamed for not noticing Chicago Joes if you walked past it. That’s because this 43-year-old Italian restaurant is located in a converted, two-roomed brick house. Step onto the porch and through the front door (no need to knock, just walk right in) and you’ll immediately feel at home. The white-lace curtained windows and old family photos give the place a warm, intimate vibe.

Though the food is more ‘grandma’ than glam fine dining—all the restaurant’s dishes are traditional Italian and made with simple ingredients—it would appear that the owners’ decision to forgo fusion and remain true to its ‘classic Italian’ roots has paid off. The restaurant has been popular since it opened in 1975. Though the restaurant’s original owner, a man from Chicago known as “Little Joe,” has passed away, the restaurant has remained a family-run operation and is now managed by Little Joe’s son, who is also named Joe. Eighty percent of the items on the menu are made using grandma’s secret recipes.

4 MOST UNIQUE VIEW: Dinner at the Top of the World Restaurant

Las Vegas has no shortage of upscale restaurants, but for a 360-degree view of the entire Las Vegas Valley, there’s only one choice: The Top of the World Restaurant. This New American restaurant, which is located 800 feet above the Las Vegas Strip in the Stratosphere Hotel and Casino, slowly rotates in a circle, providing diners with spectacular city views through its floor-to-ceiling glass windows. A word of advice, however: Be mindful of the bungee jumpers! Though posted signs warn guests about the SkyJump (a ride that sends people catapulting off the Stratosphere’s roof at 40 miles per hour), there never ceases to be at least one person who is startled mid-way through their meal by the sight of a person free-falling Superman-style toward the ground below.

While the Top of the World Restaurant can be pricey for budget-minded visitors—dinner will set you back US\$100 per person and that’s before drinks—if you go to the restaurant’s 107 Lounge for happy hour, you’ll be treated to little-known bargain deal: two-for-one appetizers and half-off cocktails.

5 LOCAL FAVORITE: Firefly Tapas Kitchen & Bar

When Vegas locals dine out, they often do so in restaurants far from the congested tourist corridor of Las Vegas Boulevard (many locals take great delight in saying that they can’t remember the last time they visited The Strip). As a result, thousands of restaurants have cropped up across the Valley over the last few decades. From The Italian American Club—which many have said has the best Italian food in Las Vegas—to Honey Salt, with farm-to-table inspired cuisine, it’s a great pick for organic-food fans—to the famed Firefly Tapas Kitchen and Bar; the best restaurant for Sangria and Spanish-inspired small plates and one of the top-10 ‘local favorites’ in Vegas. The menu features both hot and cold tapas, the most popular being the tuna tartare and the bacon-wrapped stuffed dates, but everything on this menu is exquisitely prepared and “too good to share” yummy.

Voting at 2018 International Convention

Voting for Executive Officers and International Directors

Every Lions club in good standing can participate in the election of executive officers and international directors and can vote on amendments to the association's bylaws by assigning delegates to represent the club at the international convention.

At the International Convention certification and voting will occur at the same time in the convention Voting Area. As soon as you are certified, you will receive a ballot and will be able to vote immediately. Certification and Voting days and times are:

- Sunday, July 1, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (13:00 – 17:00)
- Monday, July 2, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (9:00 – 17:00)
- Tuesday, July 3, 7:00 AM – 10:30 AM (7:00 – 10:30)

Assigning Club Delegates

Club Delegates for the 2018 International Convention of Lions Clubs can be assigned by the club president or secretary, using one of the options below:

- Log on to MyLCI >>> My Lions Club >>> International Delegates
- Submitting the [Club Delegate Form](#) to LCI headquarters, at the address below.

Clubs using MyLCI can assign their club delegates at any time between January 1 and June 27, 2017.

Clubs using the Club Delegate Form to assign their delegates will need to mail the form to International Headquarters by May 1, 2018. If you are not able to mail the form by May 1, 2018, bring the signed form to the convention site. The form will also be available online.

For more information on voting at the International Convention go to <http://lclion.lionsclubs.org/EN/seminars-events/certification-voting.php>

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International Convention Club Delegate Entitlement Table

Membership	Delegates Entitled
1-37	1
38-62	2
63-87	3
88-112	4
113-137	5
138-162	6
163-187	7
188-212	8
213-237	9
238-262	10

Membership	Delegates Entitled
263-287	11
288-312	12
313-337	13
338-362	14
363-387	15
388-412	16
413-437	17
438-462	18
463-487	19
488-512	20

Membership	Delegates Entitled
513-537	21
538-562	22
563-587	23
588-612	24
613-637	25
638-662	26
663-687	27
688-712	28
713-737	29
738+	See below*

Delegate count is based on the club's membership as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. See Article VI, Section 2 of the International Constitution and Chapter XVII – Membership, Board Policy Manual.

*Delegate entitlement is one delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof.



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Club Number: _____

Club Name: _____

Club City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

Delegate Member Number: _____

Delegate Name: (first middle last) _____

Delegate Email Address: _____

Delegate Preferred Ballot Language: _____

Authorizing Club Officer: (*select one*) Club President Club Secretary

Officer Member Number: _____

Officer Name: (first middle last) _____

Officer Signature: _____

Mail form by May 1, 2018 to:
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Clubs using MyLCI must assign their club delegates by June 27, 2018.

Diabetic Retinopathy “Dictator”

Uses New Technology
to Screen more
than 6,500

// BY JOAN CARY

Past District Governor Norma Callahan remembers telling people, “I don’t do eyeballs,” meaning she didn’t do vision screenings. She did diabetes screenings.

“Now what am I doing? Eyeballs,” says the executive director of the Florida Lions Retinopathy Foundation.

She laughs, but she knows how serious diabetic retinopathy—a complication of diabetes—is, and how the number of cases are rising throughout the world as diabetes numbers escalate.

Callahan, with the assistance of ophthalmologist and retinal specialist Dr. Shalesh Kaushal—both Volusia County Lions—has led the march for three years now, guiding Florida Lions in conducting more than 6,500 retinopathy screenings across their state. Kaushal, the medical director for the foundation, says Florida has some of the highest retinopathy rates in the country.

With the support of a LCIF SightFirst grant in 2015, Callahan has been able to stage cameras across the state, making screenings available throughout Florida and into the Bahamas. And she has personally trained 24 Lions to serve as certified screeners.

Diabetic retinopathy is caused by damage to the blood vessels of the retina, the light-sensitive tissue at the back of

the eye. There might not be any symptoms at first, or the retinopathy may cause only mild vision problems. But in some cases the blood vessels swell and leak, causing an eye bleed, while in others there is abnormal growth of new vessels.

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It can be prevented with good control of diabetes, but without treatment, retinopathy can cause blindness. And once vision is lost from diabetic retinopathy, it cannot be restored.

In the past, screening for retinopathy required dilating the eyes, but dilating is no longer required with the high-tech cameras that were purchased with grant funds. Callahan says both screeners and participants are thrilled with that news.

“We’ve had people—diabetics included—say they haven’t done a screening before because they don’t like having their eyes dilated,” says Callahan. “They don’t like that they can’t see afterwards. But new technology solves that problem. The other big thing we find is that 50 percent of the people we’re screening have never had an eye exam.”

Retinopathy screeners set up their camera under a dark tent or in a dark room so the eyes dilate naturally. “We have screened anywhere and everywhere; at health fairs, car shows, veterans’ events, you name it,” says Callahan.

Along with no dilation, there’s no uncomfortable puff of air like in the glaucoma test, and with two volunteers the screening takes less than five minutes, she says.

With the latest internet-based software integrated into the cameras, the process is simple. The patient sits down and the camera does the work, focusing on the right eye to take a picture

of the retina, then moving to the left to do the same. The images are instantly transmitted to Kaushal who can read 30 or 35 in 30 minutes, he says. Often he reads them in real time, but always within 12-36 hours, and the results are sent to Callahan who hand addresses a “report card” to the patient, giving them the results—to either follow up with an eye doctor in a specific time or to have yearly eye exams.

Callahan says of Kaushal, “He’s a blessing. A real blessing. I’ve never seen anybody work so hard.”

Roughly 90 Lions clubs in four Florida districts are involved in retinop-

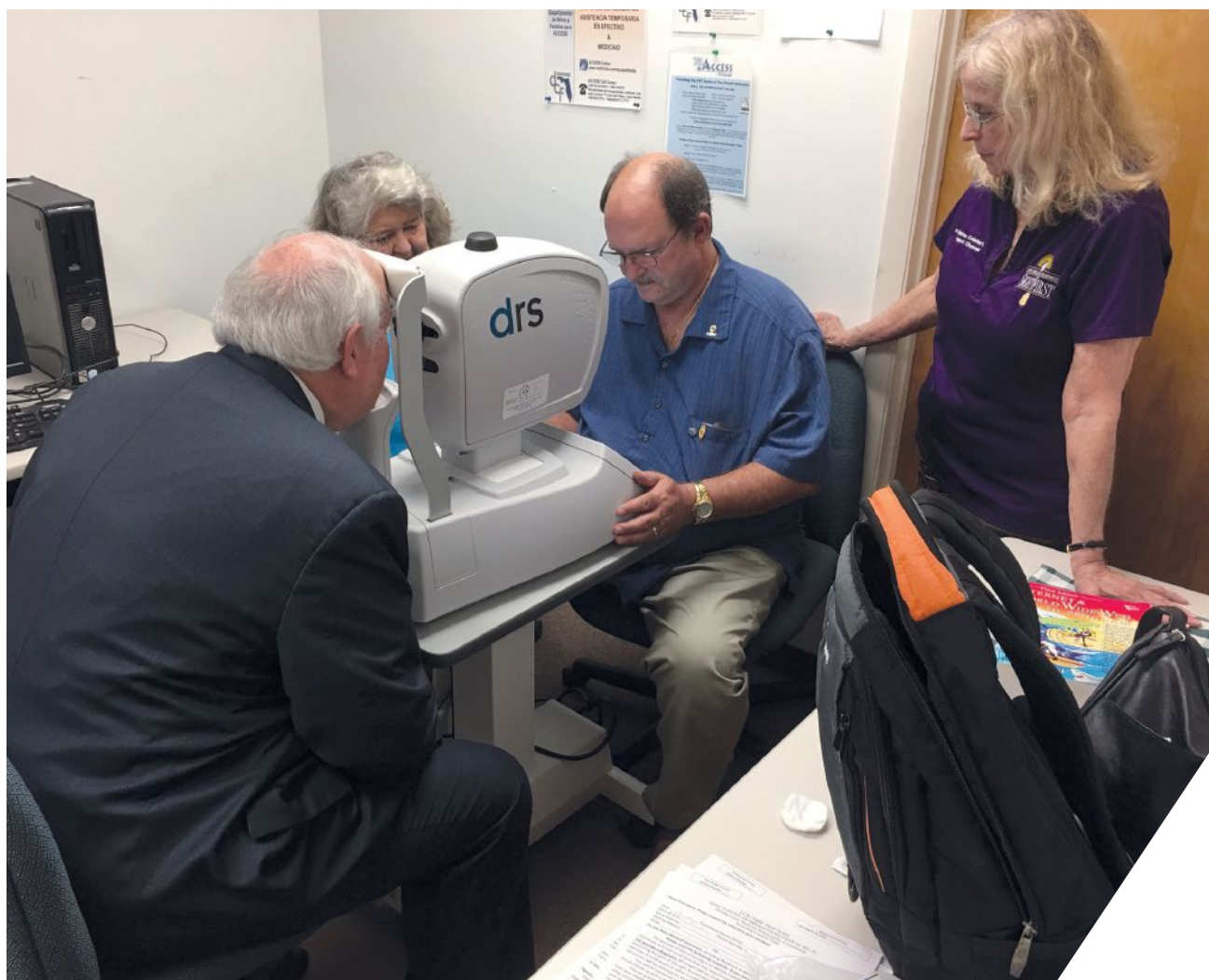
athy screenings now, says Callahan. Although most screens are for both diabetes and diabetic retinopathy—and she prefers they also include hypertension—many Lions screen just for diabetes. Between July 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018 Florida Lions screened more than 9,000 people for diabetes, she says. While screeners can refer people to medical care, they cannot force them to follow up on the findings. “We’re not the blood sugar police and I’m not the retina police, although sometimes I feel like the dictator,” says Callahan. “But that’s true of all screenings.”

“This [retinopathy screening] project has been great. I’ve been a Lion for

almost 25 years, and of all the things I’ve done, this is the most exciting. Some people say they’re happy to be Lions, but I’m really happy to be a Lion.”

Kaushal says the time he spends reading images for Lions is his way of giving back.

“I believe there needs to be more awareness of diabetic retinopathy,” he says. “I explain it to patients all of the time. Anything that is happening in the body is reflected in the retina. Diabetes, high blood pressure ... these problems can be addressed if they are picked up early.”



Immediate Past International President Bob Corlew takes part in a retinopathy screening with Florida Lions.

Saving Sight with Lions KidSight USA

// BY JAMIE KONIGSFELD

“They saved our little girl’s life. Had it not been for the Lions Club, she may not be here today,” says Dorie Leitten, about the eye screening set up by Lions KidSight USA, a nationwide vision screening program run by Lions with support from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The program provides children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years with critical eye screenings that can detect relatively common conditions such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, and amblyopia—which is sometimes called “lazy eye”—as well as rare and dangerous conditions like retinoblastoma.

The findings of a recent study, published in the June 2017 issue of JAMA Ophthalmology, found that in 2015 more than 174,000 children aged 3 to 5 years in the United States were visually impaired.

Research shows that most kids are visual learners, but many do not have their vision screened until they have difficulties learning in school. Unfortunately, by the time kids are of school age, it may be too late to reverse vision problems. The Lions involved with KidSight USA want to reach young kids before it’s too late. In addition to the concentration on younger children, Lions are also encouraged to screen kids through high school to reach those who may need glasses.

KidSight USA began in order to address this need with organized vision care for children. In 2014, top Lions leadership asked if Past International Director Dr. Edward Cordes would like to head an organization that would unify and expand Lions eye screenings,

helping to provide standardized care to children nationwide. Dr. Cordes, a retired optometrist who volunteers his time with Corning New York Lions Club, was glad to take on the task. Soon after, KidSight USA was founded.

Today, Lions set up their free KidSight USA screenings at schools and daycares. A trained Lion uses a high-tech screening device to check the children for visual disturbances. Children who are found to have a vision issue are then referred to an eye doctor for further evaluation.

In 2014, Brianna was in kindergarten when she attended a KidSight USA eye screening at her school. “Something was just not right; we couldn’t get a reading,” says Dr. Cordes. As a result, the Bloomfield Lions Club referred Brianna to an eye doctor for further evaluation. Brianna was diagnosed with retinoblastoma, an eye cancer that can be fatal if not caught before it has spread outside the eye. Brianna was taken into emergency surgery to remove the affected eye. Thankfully, the cancer hadn’t spread and Brianna was able to graduate kindergarten with her friends. When she received her prosthetic eye, which the Bloomfield Lions Club helped pay for, Brianna started dancing in joy. “She was very happy, we were very happy, and life was good again,” said Leitten. This year, Brianna will be celebrating her 10th birthday.

LCIF is able to support Lions clubs that are involved with KidSight USA by awarding grants that can help pay for the required vision screening devices. US\$2.4 million in grants have been awarded to fund KidSight initiatives,



Children receive free screenings at their local schools through KidSight USA.

including support from Plusoptix and Welch Allyn, two leading companies producing world-class vision screening devices. These funds have enabled Lions to purchase 732 vision screening devices. Last year, 1.6 million children across the nation had vision-saving and potentially life-saving eye screenings through KidSight USA.

According to Dr. Cordes, Lions KidSight USA will continue to grow and develop new initiatives, including eye care education for families and the creation of a national database that will deliver significant insight.

“Lions KidSight USA has been extremely successful because it enables Lions in their local communities to have an immediate impact on the lives of the children in their communities,” he says. “They get relatively instant feedback from their efforts.” Lions KidSight USA is yet another way Lions continue in the tradition of being “Knights of the Blind.”

LCIF and Partners to Provide Gender Equity Intervention in Delhi, India

// BY ARIEL DICKSON

Gender-based violence and inequality are a sad reality in many countries around the world. According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 35 percent of women worldwide have experienced some form of physical or sexual violence. These acts can leave women with painful repercussions, both physically and psychologically. In many areas of the world, these women are shunned from their families and communities. Unable to find work, women are left with limited abilities to provide for themselves and their children. Furthermore, children who grow up in families with violence often perpetuate or experience violence later in life. To end the cycle, educating and empowering youth from an early age is a vital step in overcoming these obstacles.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), in collaboration with [Breakthrough Communications PL](#) and the [Independent Television Service, Inc.](#) (ITVS), has launched a new initiative on gender-based violence prevention in Delhi, India. The initial training took place October 10 and 11, 2017, in conjunction with International Day of the Girl Child. The project promotes a positive school climate and safe learning environment for all students. LCIF allocated US\$100,000 in seed funding for this multi-organizational collaborative project.

The initial pilot intervention, titled “Dosti Ka Safar” (The Journey of Friendship), was built using Lions Quest lessons and programming, and will help foster and cultivate greater gender equity among 2,000 youth in New



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Delhi and surrounding regions. This customized intervention utilizes teacher-led discussions, serialized films, and the Lions Quest model of “skills practice” to extend constructive behaviors from the lessons into the everyday classroom and community.

“Lions Clubs International Foundation is honored to collaborate with transformative pioneers,” says Chancellor Bob Corlew, Chairman of LCIF. “This Lions Quest project will bring positive social change and make a difference for thousands of women and girls in the Delhi area. It is a shining example of the positive youth development skills Lions Quest has fostered in millions of young people.”

“[This curriculum] will enable [adolescents] to identify and access support systems and resources that exist in their surroundings, address and prevent discrimination and violence and create safer spaces for themselves and their peers,” says Pauline Gomes, Senior Manager at Breakthrough.

India Engagement Coordinator Abhishek Srivastava adds that they are excited and honored to have partnered with other organizations in launching this one-of-a-kind curriculum-based intervention.

To reach these ambitious goals, Lions Quest and partners trained teachers

from nine local schools in social and emotional learning, as well as overcoming patriarchal norms, gender biases and stereotypes in the initial pilot. All classrooms received printed teacher books, student journals, videos, and copies of “Priya’s Shakti,” a celebrated graphic novel about a female rape victim turned super hero in an Indian village.

Earlier in 2017, Lions Clubs International signed a [Memorandum of Understanding with UN Women](#), the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, to further LCI’s commitment to the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#).

For more than 30 years, Lions Quest has developed and implemented a comprehensive, evidence-based social and emotional learning program in schools all over the world. Through curriculum dissemination, professional development, and community engagement, more than 16 million youth have benefited from the program. The project in India marks a new milestone in Lions’ service to youth worldwide. It inspires a hopeful future where men and women have the same opportunities, and all people are free to live a safe and happy life.

// CLUB NEWS

The **Spring Hill Tennessee Lions** in their 50th year sponsored a softball league for the 48th time. The league is the club's largest service project. This year it included more than 500 players ages 3 through 15.

The **Emmitsburg Lions** in **Maryland** celebrated their 35th anniversary and presented Lion Eugene Rosensteel with the Melvin Jones Award. Rosensteel, a 20-year member, was instrumental in starting the Community Day Celebration and many community projects, including the annual health fare.

The **Oro District Lions** of **Ontario** hosted a group of foster parents and their puppies at the Oro World's Fair.

Barrie South Lions of **Ontario** collected 3,140 pounds of food and US\$1,800 for the Barrie Food Bank on the days before Thanksgiving, providing 6,000 meals for people in need.

The **Rockport Lions** in **Texas** thank all the Lions who donated their time, supplies, money and spirit to help with Hurricane Harvey recovery. The club thanks District 2 A3 Governor Jesse Rodriguez for leadership, efforts, and support. In November, the Rockport Lions provided school clothes to 75 children, blankets, and sleeping bags to Harvey victims and school supplies to Head Start.

The **McKinney Morning Pride Lions** in **Texas** hosted their first Grocery Grab. Raffle tickets were sold and the winners dashed through the McKinney Market Street store with US\$500 and 15 minutes to spend it. Proceeds from the project will support eye screenings and the Texas Lions Camp.

The **Wellsville Lions** in **New York** hosted a free chicken and stuffing dinner for 131 seniors in honor of World Service Day. The weather didn't cooperate, but they had 25 Lions and some Leos from Wellsville High School who helped. Music was provided by honorary Lion Carole Aldrich.

Rocky Point Lions in **New York** hosted their 50th annual pancake breakfast and Halloween costume contest.



Sister Bay Lions in **Wisconsin** offer bratwurst and the traditional fish boil at their successful Fall Festival fundraising event. The club celebrated its 65th anniversary in September and has given more than US\$1 million back to the community.

Texas Lions came together for a corral project benefitting the Texas Lions Camp for disabled children. Forty fence panels were fabricated and taken to the camp for installation along with plus material for posts and gates to be installed on a work day.



The **McKeesport Lions** held a Toys for Tots breakfast buffet. Lions accepted donations, cooked, cleared tables, and filled coffee cups. Lion Shawn Potts, a member of the Marine Reserve, handed out toys. Patrons who made a donation received a bag filled with cookies made by Lions and were eligible to win a holiday themed basket donated by a Lion.

In honor of their 40th anniversary the **Sugar Valley Lions** of **Pennsylvania** purchased and installed two park benches in the Veterans Memorial area in Loganton. Besides offering a place to rest, the benches will be handy for residents at lunch time and provide a viewing area during parades.

Sandia Mountain Lions began formation of the New Mexico Diabetes Awareness Program three years ago, and in November they sponsored their first Diabetes Awareness Expo. More than 40 Lions from six 40 N Lions clubs supported the project. **New Mexico Lions**, Operation KidSight, and the University of New Mexico School of Pharmacy did free screenings. Education and lunch was provided and a "jug and kettle" band provided entertainment.

Magnetawan Lions in **Ontario** support the local school in many ways, including the purchase and delivery of the school T-shirts featuring the Magnetawan Dragons.



Alexandria Evening Lions in Minnesota hosted their 45th annual Lions Cross Country Invitational “Meet of Champions” with 1,445 runners from 22 schools participating. Boys and girls from Minnesota, South Dakota, and Winnipeg, Canada have competed in the past, and six of the top 10 teams in Minnesota took part this year.

In **Texas**, the **Linden Lions Club** hosted a pumpkin decorating contest, charging a US\$5 entry fee. Decorated pumpkins were on display, and individuals purchased US\$1 tickets to vote for a winner. Lions raised US\$334 to send a child to the Texas Lions Camp.

Stirling and District Lions in Ontario, Canada had a toll booth on Front Street at the only intersection in the village that has traffic lights. Road users were asked to voluntarily donate a toll of their choosing. The one-day total was close to US\$4,000—not bad for a community of less than 5,000 residents. The money will be put toward updating the Lions Hall, the largest venue in Stirling. Lions are making it handicap accessible with a wheelchair lift and a handicap-accessible washroom.

In **California**, **West Covina Lion** Nancy Ruyter donated US\$1,000 toward her club’s vision care programs. Nancy told her club that in her infancy she developed health problems that caused one of her eyes to become crossed. To correct the problem, she underwent surgery at age 6 or 7. Her mother later told her that the Lions club in her community provided financial assistance toward that surgery. Now she is giving back by supporting and participating in her club’s several vision care programs.

Spring Hill Lions in Tennessee screened a record number 490 preschool children during October and November.

Brandon Lions in Minnesota made a donation of US\$3,600 to the Brandon-Evansville school district, enabling each of the 36 teachers to purchase items for use in the classroom.

In **Ohio**, the **Prospect Lions** sponsored their 10th annual NASCAR Dinner and Auction to provide scholarships for graduating high school seniors. They also installed two park benches near the village Christmas tree as their Legacy Project.

Belfast Lions in Maine presented school nurses in their district with a handheld, portable spot vision screener which will be used to detect vision issues among lower grade level students during regularly scheduled eyesight screening programs. This device will allow the district’s trained operators to quickly and efficiently scan these children’s eyes from a distance, using a combination of lights and sounds to engage them, making the process simpler. Large school classes can be screened to a high degree of accuracy within a matter of hours as opposed to the several days traditional screening methods require. The scanner cost more than US\$7,000, which Belfast Lions were able to meet in part thanks to a memorial fund which had been established in the name of Past King Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, Dale Palmer.

The **Forbes Road Lions Club in Pennsylvania** sponsored, installed, and dedicated a Veterans Wall known as the Honor Hustontown Military Honor Roll that now hangs in the Forbes Road High School lobby. It recognizes all Hustontown veterans and honors them for their service.

More than 1,100 people attended the 45th Annual National Philanthropy Day event presented by the Association of Fundraising Professionals San Diego Chapter at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in California. The **Downtown San Diego Lions Club** was awarded Outstanding Grant Making Organization. The club has been dedicated to their community for 95 years. The Downtown San Diego Lions Club sponsors Lions Camp Jack, providing at-risk youth with a summer camping experience. They also support Hannah’s House and the Interfaith Shelter Network’s El Nido program providing a safe place for homeless women and their children. The San Diego Lions Welfare Foundation was created in the 1940s and has distributed more than US\$4 million to worthy individuals and local non-profits in the last two decades.

// INFORMATION

In Memoriam

Past International Director Gordon R. Post (1985-1987) of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has died. The late Past Director Post became a Lion in 1960, and was originally a member of the Maplewood, New Jersey Lions Club before moving to the Albuquerque Northeast Lions Club. He held many offices within the association over the years, including club president and district governor, and also served as the vice-president of the Eye/Ear Foundation of New Jersey and president of the New Mexico Lions Eye Foundation from 1994 to 1998. The late Past Director Post received many awards in recognition of his dedication and service, including the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the association’s highest honor.

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95 Years: Craig, Colo.; Yakima, Wa.; Steamboat Ski Town, Colo.; Neodesha, Kan.; Cody, Wyo.; New Castle, Pa.; Orange County Central, Calif.; Great Falls, Mont.; Asheville, N.C.; Lynn, Mass.

90 Years: Oak Grove, La.; Rye City, N.Y.; Los Angeles Griffith Park, Calif.; Hackensack, N.J.; Springhill, La.; El Cerrito, Calif.; Pensacola, Fla.

85 Years: Portsmouth Host, Va.; Glasgow, Ky.; Stewartstown, Pa.

80 Years: Exeter, Ontario, CAN; Granite Falls, Wa.; Coupeville, Wa.; Beloit, Ks.; East Troy, Wis.; Talladega, Ala.; Frankfort, Ind.; Monterey Park, Calif.; Leavenworth, Kan.; Stouffville, Ontario, CAN; Cuyuna Range, Minn.; Royersford, Pa.

75 Years: Bethel Park, Pa.; Bettendorf, Iowa; Batesville, Ind.; Bel Air, Md.; Barboursville, W.V.; Madison, Fla.; Columbia, Miss.; St. Ansgar, Iowa; Golden, Colo.

50 Years: Whitefish District, Ontario, CAN; Prairie Farm, Wis.; Chetek, Wis.; Shepherd, Mont.; Ashby, Minn.; Barriere, British Columbia, CAN; Upsala, Minn.; Central Upshur, W.V.; Degelis, Quebec, CAN; Black Creek, Wis.; Dennis Harwich, Mass.; Cypress Gardens, Fla.; Wallingford, Conn.; Lind, Wa.

25 Years: Vista Pride of Vista, Calif.; Sacramento Antelope, Calif.

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95 Years: Bellflower Family, Calif.; Gastonia Evening, N.C.; Russellville, Ark.; Collinsville, Ill.

90 Years: Atmore, Ala.; Atlantic, Iowa; Wetumpka, Ala.; Bath, Pa.; Jasper, Ala.; Paradise Township, Pa.; South Portland, Maine.

85 Years: Carlisle, Pa.; Carrollton, Ga.

80 Years: Moundridge, Kan.; Hebron, Md.; Kerman, Calif.; Seaford, Del.; Ellore, S.C.; Little River, Kan.; Hurlock, Md.; Newport, Pa.; Donna, Texas; Rockville, Md.; Leland, Miss.; Moorefield, W.V.; Big Rapids, Mich.; Delmar, Del.; Marquette, Kan.; Coalinga, Calif.; Centre, Ala.; Hueytown, Ala.

75 Years: Brown County, Ind.; Albert City, Iowa; Holladay, Utah; Vass, N.C.; East Longmeadow, Mass.; Dushore, Pa.; Alliance, Ohio; Clinton, Ind.; Rock, Mich.

50 Years: Arnolds Cove, Newfoundland and Labrador, CAN; Longmeadow, Md.; Albany, Wis.; Lake Nebagamon, Wis.; Livermore, Ky.; Hawk Point, Mo.; Shawneetown, Ill.; Vergas, Minn.; Tremont, Ill.; Hazel Green, Wis.; Verndale, Minn.; East Jordan, Mich.; Eminence, Ind.; Gambo, Newfoundland and Labrador, CAN; East Bridgewater, Mass.; Claremont District, Ontario, CAN; West Knox, Tenn.

25 Years: Pride of Laguna, Calif.; Horton, Kan.; Mobile University, Ala.

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