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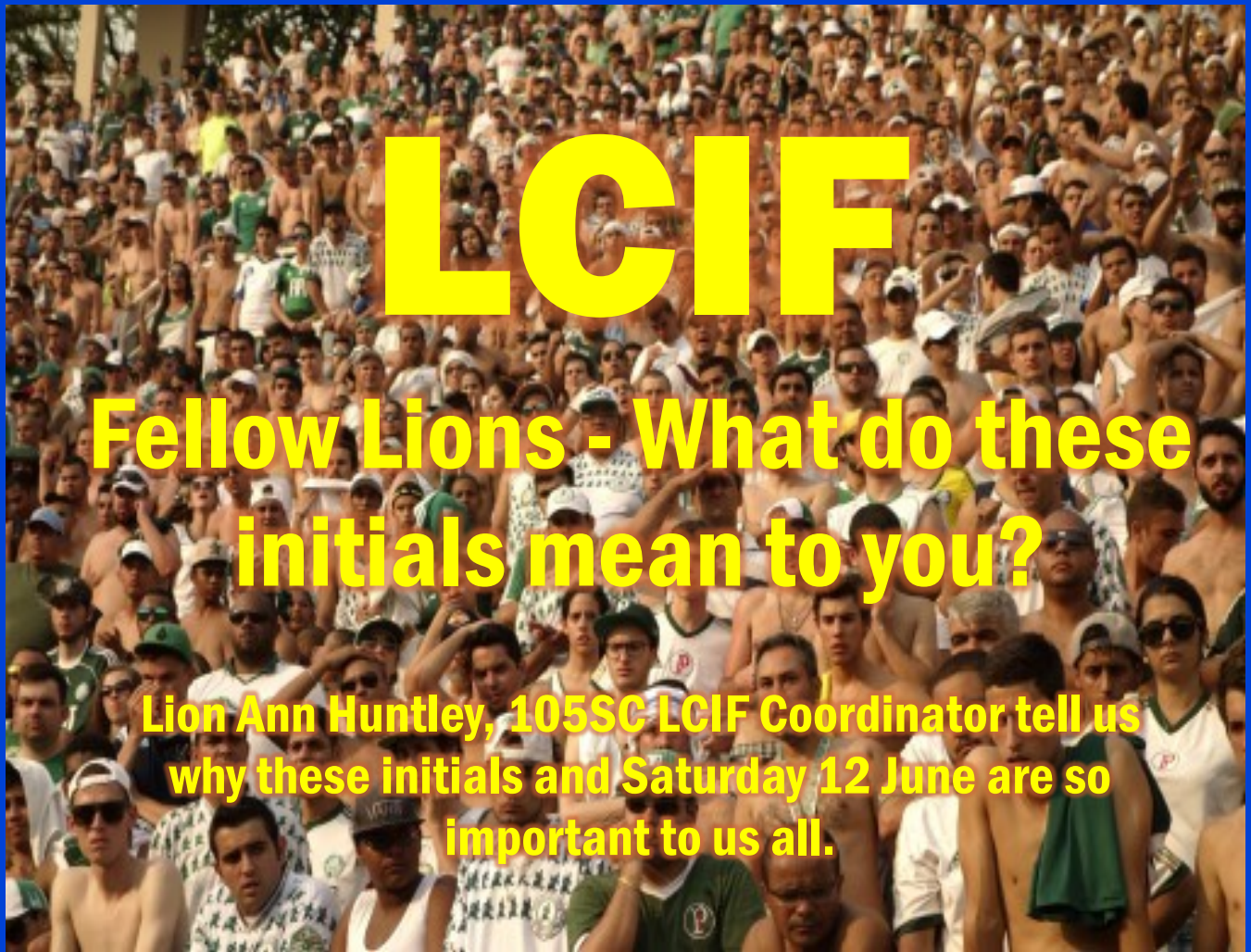


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Fellow Lions - What do these initials mean to you?

Lion Ann Huntley, 105SC LCIF Coordinator tell us why these initials and Saturday 12 June are so important to us all.



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“Kindness Matters”



LCIF - What do these initials mean to you as a Lion?

They stand for
**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDATION - *our* Foundation.**

Lion Ann Huntley is District 105SC's LCIF Coordinator and she explains why LCIF and what it does is so important, not only to the Lions but to all those the Foundation helps all over the world.

"From reading my articles in the regular editions of the 105SC Sentinel, you will have some idea of what the Foundation is and what it sets out to do. If you attended the District 105SC Convention, you will have seen a video presentation of the Foundation at work.

"The Foundation is the charitable arm of our association. By making donations either as Clubs or as individuals, we Lions enable our Foundation to be there when it is needed most to help rebuild communities torn apart by natural disasters or for projects set up by Lions who need the extra financial help with a programme: this is all achieved with grants awarded by LCIF."

Lion Ann Huntley MGF

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The first that many Lions hear about the Foundation is when appeals go out whenever a major disaster strikes somewhere in the world and emergency grants are issued to help with recovery. However, many Lions around the world have also applied to the Foundation for a grant to help with community projects closer to home. The community centre mentioned at the foot of the next page is a case in point since it is in this District.

A financial undertaking such as that was not possible by a Club alone, so they applied for a grant which the Club was able to match. Over the years the grants process has changed and developed and a 'grant tool-kit' can be found on the website and full details of how to go about the process are available from the District LCIF Officer.

The Foundation was established in 1968 to:

“Support the efforts of Lions Clubs and partner organisations in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.”

- ◆ Its first grant of \$5,000 was issued in 1972 to help after floods in South Dakota;
- ◆ In 1973 the Melvin Jones Fellowship was created. In this country Clubs use their ‘credits’ earned from donating to the Foundation to honour a member who in their opinion has given outstanding service. These can be applied for either by a Club or through the District LCIF Officer;
- ◆ In 1985 the first major catastrophe grant of \$50,000 was awarded for earthquake relief in Mexico;
- ◆ Since then, two Campaign SightFirst campaigns have raised more than £345 million to help Lions fulfil their pledge to Helen Keller to be ‘Knights of the Blind’;
- ◆ 2001 saw LCIF partner with the Special Olympics to provide eye screening and LCIF linked with The World Health Organisation (WHO) to launch the world’s first ever initiative to combat river blindness. It was also the year that \$3 million was raised to help the victims of the 11 September terrorist attacks on New York;
- ◆ In 2004 more than \$15 million was raised to help the relief efforts after the south Asian tsunami. This was the largest reconstruction grant awarded in its history;
- ◆ In 2007 LCIF was named the #1 non-government organisation in the world with which to partner by an Independent Financial Study;
- ◆ In 2012 \$10 million was raised for vaccinations through One Shot, One Life, a Lions measles initiative as part of a challenge from Bill and Melinda Gates;
- ◆ In 2018 LCIF celebrated 50 years of empowering Lions to make a difference. Funded entirely by charitable donations from Lions and partners, the Foundation had awarded **more than \$1 billion via nearly 14,000 grants focused on vision, youth disaster relief and humanitarian programmes**. Campaign 100 is launched with the goal to raise \$300 million over three years.
- ◆ In 2020 Covid-19 affects every corner of the globe and still the Foundation is there to support the efforts of Lions serving their communities. MD 105 received a grant of £160,000 to help air ambulance services throughout the country respond to the pandemic.

It is hoped that these pages will give an insight into the work that has been done by LCIF since its formation in 1968. There is much more to learn on the LCIF website. Many believe that LCIF focuses only on events abroad. In this Multiple District, 121 grants worth £11,392,122 have been received over the years. Grants have been given to six projects in or inspired in 105SC - providing clean water for a project in the Gambia, construction of an orphanage in Kenya, flood relief, equipment for a sensory garden, Lions’ respite rooms in a children’s hospice and construction of a community centre.

Lion Clubs around the world apply to LCIF for grants to help them with projects in their local communities



Lions around the world apply to LCIF for a grant to help them with projects in their own communities. For instance, in Ventura County, California, Lions working in partnership with another local group used a grant to purchase seven retinal cameras.

These cameras are used for screening for diabetic retinopathy which, if undetected, can lead to blindness. In the county more than 26 per cent of adults have diabetes, way above the national rate of 13 per cent. The cameras have allowed 145 more patients to be screened during the year and 39 cases were detected. The funding came from a \$100,000 grant from LCIF.



Campaign 100 is an ambitious campaign that seeks to ensure that funds are always available when the call comes, whether it be a major national disaster or supporting Lions in their own communities.

The Lions Clubs International Foundation is grateful for all the support it receives, whether it comes from donations from individual Lions or those from Clubs.

Could YOUR Club pledge to become a Model Club and earn recognition from LCIF?

In 2018 LCIF launched its largest capital campaign to date, Campaign 100 Empowering Service. The concept was to raise \$300 million over a three year period. However sometimes even the best laid plans do not work out and in this case something called Covid-19 happened. Thus the decision has been taken to extend Campaign 100 for at least another year, maybe longer.

Why 100? Lions recently celebrated 100 years of service and as well as looking back to our proud past, Lions also look forward to what they still have to do in the next 100 years. Thus Campaign 100 is trying to raise \$100 million a year for three years and the following shows what a **\$100** donation can provide in each of the Global Causes.



Childhood Cancer - Help buy equipment to diagnose/treat eight children

Diabetes - Screening for 18 at-risk people



Environment - Access to clean water for 14 people

Hunger - Regular access to food for 14 in-need people



Disaster Relief - Immediate relief for four victims of a natural disaster

Humanitarian Efforts - Measles vaccination for 200 children



Vision - Two cataract surgeries

The above show just what \$100 can achieve to help make a life better



Worldwide - Grants issued to Lions and how used overseen by Lions

LCIF DAY - A Europe-wide Event

From Lion Ann Huntley, District 105Sc LCIF Coordinator.

I am asking **ALL** Clubs in our District to come together and support our Foundation on or about Saturday 12 June for a first-time and unique event working with our fellow Lions throughout Europe.

Objectives: Promote Lions' global and local impact, raise funds for LCIF, engage with non-Lions.

Why? Everyone (Lions and our communities) will be looking for new ideas, events and causes after being restricted for so long - give everyone a reason to smile!

Together with all the support and service undertaken by Clubs during the pandemic, we do have a wider story to tell - an international one!

LCIF provides everyone with an ideal way to support international causes in the knowledge that everyone's donations will be administered by Lions in the receiving country.

How? Organise a fundraiser; Attend community events; Online presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and websites; Environment: Diabetes - promote screening; Youth—link up with a local group; Place some collecting tins in local shops for the month around the date; hold a Club social—a cream tea, a barbecue or even the Presidential Handover; and work with adjacent Club(s) or as a Zone.

Please start thinking about how you can take part in this unique initiative and promote your own Club.

I acknowledge that most Clubs in our District have given priority for both donations and service support to their own communities in these difficult times and I support that wholeheartedly. I am also aware that some Clubs have continued to support LCIF, for which I offer my thanks. However, we need to start looking forward and LCIF Day gives us the opportunity to tell our communities about the work that LCIF does globally.

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