

From the desk of DG Wes Edmonds

First of all I would like to congratulate the Prescott Noon Lions on the article written about them in the April 2012 Lion's

Magazine. It is a worthwhile article written about how and the way the Prescott Noon Lions run their recycling program. CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!!!

In a few days we will be heading to Busan, Korea for the next International Convention. At that time we will also PID Joe Preston become the second Vice President of the International. He will be the first Arizona resident in this high position in Lion's.

CONGRATULATION'S TO PID JOE AND LION JONI PRESTON !!!!!!!

We will renew connections and make new friends, learn about other club's and District projects and also make new personal connections with our leaders and staff members. The USA / Canada Forum is also coming up in Tampa , Florida. There is a Pre-Forum Lion's Quest Session on September 12. . How do you make the USA /Canada Lion's Leadership Forum in Tampa even better????? By getting there early for the Pre-Forum. **Detail will be coming soon.**

Lions Quest Recognition

We would like to thank the following Lions for promoting Lions Quest and organizing LQ training workshops:

Lion Lisa Jenkins, workshop for Murphy Elementary-Middle School, Detroit (MI).

Toni Shockey and MD 7 Lions, 2 workshops in Little Rock (AR).

Lions of Pennsylvania, for sponsoring workshops for Butler Area High School and Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, and for purchasing student materials for Bald Eagle Area School District.

Lancaster (PA) Lions for providing meals for the Compass Mark workshop.

If your club or district has a Lions Quest story to tell, send it to

christopher.bunch@lionsclubs.org and we'll try to feature it in an upcoming newsletter.

Lions Club International Foundation

A few days ago, we marked the one-year anniversary of the Japan earthquake and tsunami. I am sure that many of you, like me, were deeply struck by this tragedy. I knew that, immediately, Lions throughout the world and our Foundation would quickly respond.

Today, the relief efforts have transitioned into rebuilding efforts and the financial support has grown to more than US\$21 million. With more than 100,000 Lions in Japan, Lions continue to help those in need through long-term relief efforts. Lions' [response to disasters](#) is incredible - from the recent tornadoes in the U.S., to the earthquakes in New Zealand and Haiti, and the floods in Thailand.

Now, we need to respond to a quiet disaster that causes 450 children to die each day.

Through our [One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#), we can help to save the lives of 157 million children this year through measles vaccinations. It is easy for you to help these children - [for less than US\\$1](#), we can vaccinate one child for life. I want to thank you for the generous donations that we have already received.

I continue to be amazed and impressed at the positive difference we are making in the world through all of our great initiatives. Last month in Haiti, the newly constructed National Nursing School was inaugurated. More than 400 students will study there annually. [Lions Quest](#) has expanded to three new countries, teaching more students than ever the value of social and emotional skills; and [SightFirst](#) continues its inspiring work in saving sight around the globe.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lions Quest Expands in Africa

Lions Quest recently expanded to five countries in Africa with a US\$150,000 grant from the U.S. State Department. Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi and Botswana each began Lions Quest training workshops in March, which will train up to 1,000 teachers to provide positive life skills and a safe learning environment for up to 35,000 students. The materials for the students will be translated and adapted to local cultures. Lions are also training two Lions Quest trainers per country, aiding the expansion of Lions Quest in these countries.

Let us not forget **CAMP TATIYEE'S OPEN HOUSE** **Coming In June on the 10th at 11:00 AM**
through 3:00 PM HELP SUPPORT CAMP TATIYEE
"I Believe"
District Governor
Wes Edmonds
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