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LCIF Report

LCIF is helping to build a school in Afghanistan. Girls who have been unable to attend overcrowded schools will now receive an education. Other LCIF grants approved in June fund photoscreening projects, set up Lions-Quest programs and initiate low vision programs. The \$3.3 million in grants will help hundreds of thousands live happier and more productive lives.

One of the best things about LCIF is how it enables Lions to reach out to their local community to respond to an urgent need. As one example among many, Lions in England received an LCIF grant to support the construction of a new hospital ward for leukemia patients. Thanks to Lions and LCIF, sick people are being given the best chance to recover.

The American Medical Association has given a prestigious honor to LCIF's Sight-First program. LCIF was chosen for the award from a pool of 14 impressive nominees.

LCIF needs donations from Lions more than ever before. In 2002-2003, LCIF awarded approximately \$31 million in grants, yet only took in about \$17.5 million in donations. Unless donations increase, LCIF will not be able to fund projects at the same level as in the past. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is a wonderful way for a Lion to demonstrate his or her dedication to community service and for clubs, districts or individual Lions to recognize a Lion (or non-Lion) for such service.

Contributing member pins are available for \$20 each from VDG Rick



Club News

Brooms and Mops will be ordered to refill our inventory. Plans are underway for a broom sale. Details to be announced later.

Date Change

The dates of the Georgia Lions State Convention have changed. The new dates are June 18-20. The change in dates resulted from a conflict with the G-8 Summit Conference.

District Rally

The District Rally is right around the corner on Saturday, October 11 in Richmond Hill. Guest speaker will be PID Jay Patel of North Charleston, SC. Additional information is coming.

Zone Meeting

The first Zone Meeting of the Lions Year will be hosted by the Port City Lions on Tuesday, October 15. Please support your Zone and District by attending these activities.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversary	
Jon Alan Lichner	September 7
Birthday	
Richard S. Mizell	September 16

Did you hear the One About...

The convict who had an allergy? He broke out.

The mime who went shopping? He only bought unmention-

ables.

The knife-sharpener who quit his job? He couldn't stand the daily grind.

The 400-pound cartoonist? He was overdrawn.

The claustrophobic astronaut? He needed some space.