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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ITINERARY

17/01/05	Fellowship with Lions from India at Melia Hotel	05/03/05	4 th Cabinet Conference in Kemaman, Trengganu
18/01/05	Project with Lions from India – Visit to the KL Lions Renal Centre	05/03/05	Cabinet Fellowship Dinner
18/01/05	Club Visit – Lions Club of KL Seri Petaling	06/03/05	4 th Cabinet Meeting
20/01/05)	3 rd Council Meeting in Johore Bahru	10/03/05	Club Visit – Lions Club of KL OUG
21/01/05	Lions Club of Johor Jaya Fund Raising Dinner	11/03/05	YES Trainers Program – PD Yacht Club
27/01/05	Zone 8 Seminar	12/03/05	Lions Club of KL Pantai Hills – Major Project
29/01/05	Lions Club of Subang Jaya's Anniversary Dinner	12/03/05	Lions Club of KL Pantai Hills – Fund Raising Project
03/02/05	Club Visit – Lions Club of KL Central	13/03/05	Lions Club of JB Host's Anniversary
19/02/05	HQ meeting	17/03/05	Lions Club of KL North – Honouring of DG
19/02/05	Lions Club of KL City Fund Raising Dinner	18/03/05	Lions Club of Tun Aminah – Twinning Ceremony
20/02/05	Region 2 & 3 Chinese New Year Project	19/03/05	Charter Night – Lions Club of KL Mega City
26/02/05	Lions Club of Simpang Rengam's Fund Raising	22/03/05	Commencement - Wood Ball Competition.
27/02/05	Lions Club of KL Bukit Kiara's Lucky Draw	26/03/05	Charter Night – Lions Club of KL Bukit Jalil
		27/03/05	Farewell Dinner – Wood Ball Competition.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY / CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS

01/02	DC Ln Jimmy Ng Thian Hoe
02/02	PDG Jason Kon
03/02	DC Ln Navin Kandar
04/02	R6 Chairman Penny Lau
05/02	DC Margaret Chong
15/02	PCC Mario Yoong
18/02	DC Ho Thong Mee
18/02	Z5 Chairman Freddy Tan
18/02	Z9 Chairman Tan Gaik Im
21/02	Z15 Chairman Hymns Kua
25/02	DC Ln Foo See Yow
28/02	DC Wong Sai Kee

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Please update your records accordingly.

TSUNAMI DISASTER RELIEF FUND

On 26th December 2004, about 42 people including many elderly and children were killed in Malaysia by High tsunami waves caused by a powerful earthquake in Indonesia. Many more people, mainly picnickers and fishermen, were missing from the worst-hit area on the holiday resort island of Penang. Immediately, our District Governor, Lillian Fan appointed VDG Alex Nah to be the Chairman and to form a committee to look into how we Lions in District 308-B1 would be able to help the Tsunami victims in Penang.

Organizing Committee of the Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund:-

Chairman: VDG Alex Nah

Secretary: Wong Chooi Chen

Comm. Members: Freddy Tan, Lim Fook Choon, Lim Chun Nge, Danny Cheong, Peter Lai, Edmund Foo, Ng Tuck Heng, James Andreas, Lim Hoe Guan, Ron Lim, Gina Kuek and PDG Jason Kon.



Total contributions received from Clubs and Donors has exceeded the RM250,000.00 mark and funds are still coming in. The list of donors and the distribution of funds will be published in the next issue of the District Bulletin.

On 6th to 7th January 2005, PDG Jason Kon and Lim Fook Choon surveyed the worst hit area, Kuala Muda Kedah. Appended below is their survey report:-

1. 1,048 houses in 7 kampongs were damaged with 114 houses completely destroyed.
2. 4,278 victims are staying at 8 Shelter Stations which includes:
 - 668 students from 4 Primary Schools
 - 412 students from 2 Secondary Schools
 - 39 rice farmers with 52.3 hectares affected.
 - The rest are mostly fishermen.
 - Fatality: 9 died on the spot and 2 died in hospital.

The Government has built 120 houses for the homeless and will be ready for them to shift in before Hari Raya Haji. For the time being, most of their daily needs were met with the help from the Local Council, The Government, Local Lions and other NGOs.

Actions to be taken:-

1. The committee has decided to donate 668 bicycles to the Primary School students who were affected. Most houses that they live in were damaged and their families were relocated to different locations around Kuala Muda District. The bicycles will certainly ease the student's transport problem to School. This is also a request by the Local Authority (Penghulu)
2. Our District will be joining with 2 other Districts i.e. District 308-B2 and District 308-A2, to meet the request of VDG Jonnor Naphupulu and PDG Dr. Bachtiar Apta of Medan (Sister District) to purchase Rp146,686,800.00 (approximately RM73,343.00) worth of medicine supplies for the victims in Banda Aceh, Indonesia.
3. PDG Jason Kon and Ln Lim Fook Choon will be going to Kuala Muda Kedah again to visit the Schools and Local Authority to offer further assistance to the Tsunami victims. They will continue to visit the victims at Kuala Kedah and Penang. Ln Danny Cheong and Ln Lim Chun Nge will fly to Langkawi for the same purpose.

Cheques for the Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund should be make payable to:-

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 308 B1

POEM

TSUNAMI – WAVES OF DEATH

This is a touching poem written by a talented Lion from the Lions Club of Kuantan and he is Lion Wong Seng Chong. The poem is as follows:-

It was in year end mood,
People from all walks of life,
Poured into beaches and resorts,
To unwind their tired load.

Swaying palm trees, sparkling white sand,
Tsunami suddenly landed,
It looked beautiful with first wave rolling in,
So inviting, so harmless.

Suddenly it turned devastating,
With its ten meter tidal waves,
Palm trees toppling, jetty smashed,
Buses and cars tossed into the air.

Everyone ran helter-skelter for their lives,
Many of them did not make it,
Drowned perished without trace
Such experience left us in a daze.

Cries were heard everywhere,
Gigantic waves lashed,
Swallowed everything in the way,
Much like the Titanic scene replayed.

A mattress with a baby on it,
Swiftly flowed away,
Into the arms of her parents,
What a tearful reunion.

A young woman of twenty
Was taking bath
When tidal waves struck
Totally naked, she ran for her life without
luck.

Two old ladies of 73 and 66
Ran 4 Kilometer
Fell, got up, fell and ran again
Demonstrated the will power to survive

In utter chaos
One man buried in mud, up to the neck
Holding a baby in one hand
Frantically seeking for help.

Hotels, shops and houses were all submerged
Banda Aceh was totally wiped out
Sri Lanka was no better
Works of the deadly Tsunami bout.

Thousand and thousands were drowned
Corpses were lying everywhere
Workers were racing against time to bury the
dead
With no time to waste.

Human vultures swiftly descended
Finger and ears were chopped
To steal jewellery from the corpses
Distracted relatives could only watch

Pounding rain drenched the wrecked
City of Banda Aceh
Fears of waterborne diseases rise
Tsunami victims pay a price

Warehouses were looted
Mental problems loom
Survivors left destitute
Nothing could subdue.

Aids from all over the world
Were rushed to the affected areas
Distributions were fraught with difficulties
Owing to poor logistics, what a pity!

My heart sank for the victims
A miserable sight and frightening too
There's nothing much we could do
It's the work of nature

How can I bear to watch the disaster?
With ten thousand frozen tears
To greet the next kins
And mourn the loss in despair?

We should pour in our resources
And marshal all our strength
To relieve the next kins
With all our means.



CONGRATULATION

Congratulation to IPDG Wong Chang Wai for receiving 2 (two) awards from Lions Clubs International..

1. 100% DG Award.
2. United in Service Award for Women Membership Growth.

Extract from LCI on Tsunami Earthquake Disaster

The Tsunami disaster in South Asia has prompted a tremendous outpouring of support from Lions around the world, and Lions in the affected countries are working day and night to bring life-saving supplies to victims.

1. LCIF has awarded USD470,000 in grants to Lions in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Malaysia. This includes USD220,000 in emergency grants for Lions to secure and deliver food, water and blankets and a USD250,000 major catastrophe grants for longer-term relief.
2. LCIF is initially committing USD5 million to assist in the recovery. The funds will enable Lions in South Asia to provide for
3. long-term reconstruction by building homes, school and child welfare centers for orphans. The USD5 million commitments is a matching donation from LCIF. Half of the USD5 million will come from LCIF reserves, and the other half from the expected USD2.5 million in donations to LCIF for tsunami relief from individuals, clubs and districts worldwide.
3. The second piece of important news is that until March 31 donations to LCIF for tsunami relief are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition. This covers donations for tsunami relief from December 26, 2004 to March 31, 2005.

PRESIDENT KUSIAK'S LEO CLUB EXTENSION AWARD PROGRAM

President Kusiak is challenging Lions Clubs Worldwide to achieve at least 3% net growth in new Leo Clubs by June 30, 2005.

Leo Club Extension Certificates:

- Council Chairpersons, Multiple District Leo Club Chairpersons and Leo Multiple District Presidents will each receive a special Leo Club Extension Certificate for achieving a net gain of at least five new Leo Clubs in their Multiple District by June 30.
- District Governors, District Leo Club Chairpersons and Leo District Presidents will each receive a special Leo Club Extension Certificate for achieving a net

gain of at least three new Leo Clubs in their District by June 30.

Top Ten Leo Club Extension Award:

- District Leo Club Chairpersons and Leo District Presidents of the ten districts with the highest net growth of new Leo Clubs during 2004-2005 will each receive a gold Top Ten Leo Club Extension lapel pin.
- Multiple District Leo Club Chairpersons and Leo Multiple District Presidents who supported the Leo Club Extension efforts of a top ten District also will each receive a lapel pin.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.lions308b1.org

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