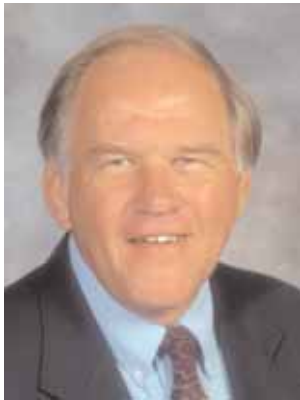




Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month starting at 12:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center, Mercury Blvd. & I-64, Hampton, VA

President's Message



Belated Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. I spent that week at a family reunion in Phoenix, AZ. Consequently, I will not be attending our next meeting on December 2 but do plan to attend our Christmas Party on Monday, December 15, at the Hampton Yacht Club, 6 to 8 pm. If you have not paid \$20 each for your party guests, please give it to Lion Patsy at the December 2 meeting or mail it to her before December 5.

Don't forget to get your Peeler Card monies to Lion Patsy by our next meeting. Lion Don Smith still has 20 books of LOVF raffle tickets left to distribute. Lion Doug will be collecting the LOVF ticket monies between now and next spring.

I strongly encourage everyone to actively find new members for the Hampton Mercury Lions Club. We need additional support if we plan to continue our many activities.

Merry Christmas to all,

Lion Tom

Remember Pearl Harbor on December 7th



Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukkah

Happy New Year





Calendar

December

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| 2 | 12:15 PM | Membership Meeting
Board of Directors Meeting after |
| 7 | | PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY |
| 15 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Christmas Party |
| 21 | | FIRST DAY OF WINTER
HANUKKAH BEGINS AT SUNDOWN |
| 16 | | Membership Meeting cancelled for this date |
| 25 | | CHRISTMAS DAY |
| 26 | | KWANZAA BEGINS |
| 31 | | NEW YEAR'S EVE |



Special Notice

Hampton Mercury Lions will be honored to have Hampton Mayor Molly Ward as their speaker at the Membership Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 2nd. Invitations have been issued to the other Hampton Lions Clubs to attend this meeting.

Please plan to attend!



We don't have a single Hampton Mercury Lion to wish a Happy Birthday in December.

Let's all get busy and find some new members to fill this void!

REMINDER: We will not have a general meeting on December 16 because of the Christmas Party on December 15.

If you are traveling during the holidays, please be careful!

The Hampton-Mercury Lions Christmas Party will be at the Hampton Yacht Club on Monday, December 15, 2008. A sea food caterer will provide assorted sea food delights. Club Members are FREE and guests are \$20 each. Please do your best to attend, this is a great time to get together for some fun and fellowship. Bring a friend or family member with you. Attention MALs, you should take this opportunity to join your fellow Lions; as members you can attend free of charge but must pay \$20 for each guest you bring with you. Make sure you sign up to attend this event. It is important for your to make your intentions known so adequate amounts of food and drink will be provided. Hope to see you there!



Dear Fellow Lions,

I would like to provide you with an update on LCIF's response to the recent hurricanes.

This summer there were a great number of hurricanes throughout the Caribbean and U.S. Gulf Coast. The destruction was significant, killing thousands and destroying properties across several countries and states from wind damage to flooding. Similar to past disasters, Lions and LCIF quickly responded to provide immediate relief items and help families to get back on their feet.

Hurricane Gustav caused \$20 billion in damage and caused great flooding damage in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, areas previously hard hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. LCIF issued five Emergency grants to Lions districts in Mississippi and Louisiana, totaling \$50,000 in relief funds. Grants totaling \$15,000 were also awarded to Lions in the Dominican Republic and Mexico.

Hurricane Ike, the ninth hurricane of the summer, also hit the Gulf Coast of the U.S., making landfall in Texas and causing destruction along hundreds of miles of coastline. LCIF has issued five Emergency grants to districts in Texas and Louisiana, totaling \$50,000 for immediate needs.

LCIF has responded to a number of recent natural disasters around the world. Since July 1, LCIF has issued \$464,000 in Emergency grants. LCIF continues to be in touch with Lions in the affected areas to assess the situation and respond as needed.

Emergency grants and Major Catastrophe grants are funded through LCIF's general humanitarian fund. Donations to support these disasters and future disasters can be made online at www.lcif.org/donate <<http://www.lcif.org/donate>> or by calling 630-468-6774. Contact LCIF by e-mail at lcif@lionsclubs.org.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Foundation. As members, we all belong to LCI, but LCIF belongs to us.

Sincerely,

Mahendra Amarasuriya
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

If you have an item you'd like to appear in this newsletter ...



email SueParr@Cox.Net or
call 757-579-2819.

Lion Susie, Editor





**Merry
Christmas!**



**Happy
Hanukkah!**

Lion Doc's Corner

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive; so I took her to a gas station. And that's how the fight started.

I tried to talk my wife into buying a case of Miller Light for \$14.95. Instead, she bought a jar of cold cream for \$7.95. I told her the beer would make her look better at night than the cold cream. And that's how the fight started.

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's license to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later. The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'. So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair. She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me.' and she processed my Social Security application. When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office. She said, 'You should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability, too'. And that's how the fight started.....

I rear-ended a car this morning. So, there we were alongside the road and slowly the other driver got out of his car. You know how sometimes you just get soooo stressed and little things just seem funny? Yeah, well I couldn't believe it....he was a DWARF!!! He stormed over to my car, looked up at me, and shouted, 'I AM NOT HAPPY!!!' So, I looked down at him and said, 'Well, then which one are you?' And that's how the fight started.....

Many thanks to Lion Kanata Jackson for sharing this very funny item!

The late Lion Doc Clodfelter had a truly wonderful sense of humor. This column was Lion Doc's idea. Let's keep it alive by sharing items that bring smiles. Please send your contributions to SueParr@Cox.Net.



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