



# The Lions Tale

**SAN PEDRO LIONS CLUB -- 82 YEARS OF COMMITMENT**

**January 6, 2005**

## Calendar

**January 6th - 12:10 pm** - Regular meeting. Ante's Restaurant, 729 South Palos Verdes St., San Pedro, CA 90731.

**January 13th - 7:00 pm** - Board meeting - Wayne Bettis's Office, State Farm Insurance, 350 West 6<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 205, San Pedro, CA 90731

**January 20<sup>th</sup> - No Noon Meeting.**

**January 20<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm - Community Recognition.** Ports O' Call Restaurant, Berth 76, Ports O' Call Village, San Pedro, CA 90731.

**January 27<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm** - Tri Club meeting with the Harbor City/Lomita and Wilmington Lions Clubs. 6:30 pm Social. 7:00 pm dinner. Ante's Restaurant, 729 South Palos Verdes St., San Pedro, CA 90731.

## **Community Recognition**

The Community Recognition Dinner will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Ports O' Call Restaurant. Please be sure to mark your calendar and attend this great annual ceremony and dinner. More information will follow in next week's *Lions Tale*.

Lion Julie Nicosia, Chairperson of the Community Recognition Dinner, has been working hard to put together this event and can use your help and support to make this year's Community Recognition the best ever.



## **LCIF Tsunami Relief**

Lions Clubs International is responding to the tsunami disaster in South Asia. The following is a 01/03/05 update from the LCIF web site.

"Dear Fellow Lions,

It was with great shock, disbelief and immense sadness that the people of the world have witnessed the horrific earthquake and tsunami disaster that has impacted millions across South Asia. Lions around the world have been contacting me to learn of LCIF's relief aid provided thus far, and also how they can support Lions in the region respond to this great tragedy.

I am pleased to report that nearly US\$200,000 in emergency grant funding has been disbursed and a special designated fund established for Lions and others who want to help out. Below is a first bulletin with an update of details of LCIF's relief efforts for this catastrophe.

On behalf of Lions of South Asia, I sincerely thank you for your interest, concern and compassion.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tae-Sup Lee  
LCIF Chairperson

LCIF Tsunami Relief Update  
Bulletin 1 - December 29, 2004

In the last 72 hours, \$170,000 in LCIF Emergency Grant funds have been dispatched to Lions districts in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia to help the Lions provide food, blankets, water and other relief items.

There are 73,000 Lions in the hardest hit regions of India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia on the spot, coming to the aid of those in need. They are working in the affected communities, as well as coordinating with the government at national levels. In Sri Lanka, the Lions have formed a joint commission with the government to expand the country's response in dealing with the critical issues of shelter, water supplies and sanitation. In India, the hardest hit districts in and around Chennai have also come together to coordinate the expenditure of US\$50,000 in LCIF funding awarded for districts that cover the coastline from Tamil Nadu north to Orissa.

**For Lions wishing to help support these efforts, LCIF has created a special designated fund, the "South Asia Tsunami Disaster 2004 Fund," to receive donations that will be forwarded on to the affected areas.** This fund will complement funds already awarded. Funds will be used to support both immediate and long-term needs of the victims. Already Lions around the world are making pledges of support, including US\$120,000 from the Lions of Sweden and US\$200,000 from the Lions of Korea.

**Lions and others interested in supporting this special fund can do so by making a donation to LCIF. In North America, checks can be sent to LCIF.** In other countries, funds can be sent directly to the LCI or LCIF accounts. In both cases, a cover note or memo on the check/deposit slip should indicate that the donation is for the "South Asia Tsunami Disaster 2004 Fund." You may also contact your district's LCIF chairperson for more details on making donations to LCIF. If you have any questions, please contact [lcif@lionsclubs.org](mailto:lcif@lionsclubs.org).

LCIF will continue to keep you updated through these bulletins. More funds will be awarded by LCIF in the coming days as needs are assessed. Your support is needed to help Lions of the world respond to what is the world's largest catastrophe in modern history."

