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International director reports

ID Yamandu Acosta and PDG Sylvia have been very busy these past months. January started abroad, since their return the week-ends have galloped one after the other without a chance to slow down.

ID Acosta was in charge at the Latin America Forum for President Sid Scruggs's personal translations and he presented a workshop on extension.

Starting February, per a special assignment from International President Scruggs, ID Acosta conducted a leadership seminars in Managua, Nicaragua, then he presided over the Ophthalmic Mission to Mexico.

March started with visits to the Lions conventions in Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan, and California.

April started in MD 14 U Pennsylvania, Raleigh (Cary) North Carolina, Board meeting and again MD 14 W Pennsylvania. The opportunity of meeting new people and learn about what other lions do has been marvelous. While in Sacramento, California Mr. and Mrs. Acosta included a visit to the famous Folson

Prison (immortalized by Johnny Cash) to observe a very important Lions' project. 20 prisoners work in a special and very nice compound where they translate into Brail all the textbooks for the California Blind Educations System. All of the workers get at least \$5,50 + and hour if they are certified by the Library of Congress translation Department. They also put captions in all the foreign films (Spanish, Italia, Russian, English, and French,); indeed a great program of true rehabilitation.

The International Board of directors was held in Carey, North Carolina from April 16-21, 2011. It was another experience of renewal friendships and intense deliberations. The peaceful settings of the hotel was the frame for a very productive an uncontroversial board meeting.

The highlight of the different committees decisions are as follows:

Constitution and by Laws

1. Reviewed a constitutional complaint from India about election procedures.

2. Deleted Chapter XV, Paragraph C 20 of the Board Policy Manual, contingent upon the adoption of the proposed membership dues amendment at the 2011 International Convention.

3. Deleted the constitution and bylaws of the Lions international Stamp Club and the Lions Clubs International Trading Pin, Lions international Numismatists Club and the Lions Clubs International Internet Club.

4. Adopted a resolution revising the duties of the governors, first vice governor, and second vice governor to include their responsibilities with respect to Global Membership and Leadership teams.

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ID Acosta and PDG Sylvia Acosta at the Farewell dinner.



Above, all first year directors wearing the same tie. Below, Latin America Extension Team in Lima, Peru with ID Acosta.



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ALABAMA LIONS SIGHT UPDATE

Fellow Lions of Alabama:

President Jesse has asked me to write this update on his behalf, as he, like many, has been impacted by the storms that struck on April 27th.

This will be my last note to you as Managing Director of Alabama Lions Sight. My term expires at the end of this year, and it has been a challenging year for all concerned. Most recently, the storms which struck North and Central Alabama have, and will continue to test the resolve of all Alabamians, and specifically volunteers such as the Lions of Alabama, as we struggle to deal with our own personal situations, and yet still strive to serve others in need.

My goal with this update is to provide you with an update concerning the status of ALSCA, since our situation all began and to congratulate and thank the Lions of Alabama on their efforts to keep ALSCA in service to those Alabamians in need throughout this year and to encourage you to continue to do so in the future.

Most of you know that ALSCA was the victim of an all too frequent situation, in that funds were

NEW APPLICATIONS (TOTAL)

707 (average 95/month)

APPROVED PATIENTS (TOTAL) 454

CALLAHAN EFH:

Clinic Visits: 950

Surgeries: 24

Cost: \$25,026.00

SURGERIES: (Non- CEFH) 34

Cost: \$21,675.00

PROSTHESIS 6

Cost: \$5,588.00

GLASSES

(With Patient payment) 75

Cost: \$7,727.00

TESTS

Cost: \$22,882.00

ANESTHESIA

RADIOLOGY

CONTACT LENS

LASER

OTHER

TOTAL SERVICES

Cost: \$7,562.00

Cost: \$7,296.00

Cost: \$775.00

Cost: \$625.00

Cost: \$5,182.00

COST: \$104,338.00

Average Cost for Surgery

\$680.00

Average cost of Anesthesia

\$60.00

Average cost of Glasses

\$70.00

Average cost for Prosthesis

\$1,098.00

Average cost for Test

\$480.00

allegedly misappropriated by a former employee, funds dedicated to the vision care needs of those who had no other avenue to seek help. While this situation has resolved, the after effects are still being felt by our Associations. We have made many changes at ALSCA to prevent this from happening again, but we will have to continue to work towards the regaining of our funding bases in order to continue to provide those services which we as Lions are most known for, that is vision services, eyeglasses, medications, surgery and other eye care for those who cannot afford to pay for themselves.

In the last year, despite all that

has happened, we have still managed to help many, many people. Here is a recap, as of March 31st.

However, I must point out that many of the services above have yet to be paid for, and our outstanding bills extend back approximately six months. We must continue to solicit funds from all sources to pay for not only these services already provided, but also for the continuing needs of those we are pledged, as Lions, to serve.

Separately, I have provide a list of club contributions, which I hope if space is available can also be published. We as Lions should take pride in the support of our Lions Club throughout the State of

Alabama.

There is much left to be done. While the Lions and the Lions Clubs of Alabama have provided the bulk of our support this year, we cannot begin to meet the total needs of those we serve with this funding alone. Here are some steps that still need, and will continue to need to be accomplished for the continued success of Alabama Lions Sight.

Continue to partner with the local clubs to identify opportunities to work together for the vision needs of Alabamians.

Engage a grantwriter, person or agency to solicit funding, this has amounted to as much as 50% of our funding in the past.

Re-energize East-West Baseball, as a major funding opportunity for ALSCA.

Develop and grow at least one and preferably two major additional fund raising initiatives for the future, that can be regularly counted upon as sources of continued support.

Recruit and retain new Board members to maintain a "funnel" of qualified and excited Lions who are interested in, and committed to the causes we support at ALSCA.

I am sure there are other steps as well, but these five come to mind.

I am confident that as Lions have always stepped up when there was a need, we will continue to do so in the future. The Lions of Alabama are among the most resilient, and the most dedicated and committed people I have ever been associated with, and it is why I continue to be a Lion, to serve with those who have constituted themselves the "Knights of the Blind"

With confidence in the future of ALSCA

Ken Vaudo, CCE

Managing Director

Alabama Lions Sight

Conservation Association

ALSCA MD-34 CONTRIBUTIONS

DISTRICT A

Arab Lions Club	\$150
Brilliant Lions	\$100
Centre Lions Club	\$100
Cullman Lioness Club	\$75
Cullman Lions	\$13,320
Decatur Lions	\$290
Dodge City Lions	\$1,000
Double Springs Lions	\$400
Florence-Downtown Lions	\$3,200
Fort Payne Lions	\$160
Guntersville Lions	\$1,105
Hanceville Lions	\$1,500
Hokes Bluff Lions Club	\$2,710
Hokes Bluff Tawannah Lions Club	\$500
Holy Pond Lions	\$200
Huntsville- Pacesetters	\$1,845
Killen Lions	\$100
Moulton Lions	\$500
New Hope Lions Club	\$1,262
Red Bay Lions	\$100
Scottsboro Lions Club	\$1,000
Space City Lions Club	\$2,500
Tuscumbia Lions	\$500
West End Walnut Grove Lions	\$1,000
Winfield Lions	\$275
Total District A	\$33,892
TOTAL	\$33,892

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DISTRICT B

Alexander City	\$2,990
Clanton Evening	\$100
Clanton Lions Club	\$2,500
East Lake Lions Club	\$300
Forestdale Lions Club	\$50
Gordo Lions	\$500
Greensboro Lions Club	\$1,100
Jasper Lions	\$1,165
Moody Lions Club	\$312
Northport Lions	\$3,800
Northside Lions Club	\$1,500
Oakman Lions	\$130
Oxford Lions Club	\$500
Pell City Lions	\$482
Prattville Lions	\$2,100
Talladega Lions Club	\$2,000
Tallassee Lions	\$1,600
Vestavia Hills Lions Club	\$2,395
War Eagle Lions Club	\$1,000
Warrrior Lions	\$150
Wetumpka Lions Club	\$241
Total District B	\$24,915
TOTAL	\$24,915

DISTRICT C

Andalusia Lions Club	\$1,429
Auburn Lions Club	\$2,000
Autaugaville Lions	\$1,775
Brewton Lions Club	\$2,000
Brundidge Lions Club	\$245
Daleville Lions Club	\$1,500
Demopolis Lions Club	\$1,500
Dothan Wiregrass Lions Club	\$750
Eight Mile Lions	\$640
Enterprise Lions	\$325
Eva Lions	\$250
Geneva Lions Club	\$2,000
Greenville Lions Club	\$5,500
Grove Hill Lions Club	\$1,120
Gulf Shores	\$1,653
Headland Lions Club	\$500
Mobile Lions Club	\$1,485
Montgomery Lions Club	\$6,593
Opp Lions Club	\$1,150
Orange Beach	\$153
Saraland	\$1,250
Thomasville Lions Club	\$3,050
York Lions Club	\$275
Total District C	\$37,142
TOTAL	\$37,142

TOTAL FROM ALL THREE DISTRICTS: \$95,949