



Children's Eyeglasses Are In Demand!

Those of you who have been receiving the District's Pride and the District's Twinning bulletin are well aware that many clubs within our organization are involved in a first year collection effort to gather up as many children's eyeglasses as are available. Governor Cathy Garcia, Vice District Governor Vivian Cline-Shinn, and Past District Governor Don Ring have endorsed this effort.

The following four questions have been raised about this District-wide project and each question is answered below. For more detail, contact PDG Don Ring or myself, Lion Jack Morris, below.

Q.#1 – Why are we Lions doing this as a side or additional effort when we already have club eyeglass collections in place and in union with the Folsom Project for the Visually Impaired?

Response #1 – PDG Don reports that the normal collections of eyeglasses by the clubs, while solid and productive, result in 95% of the glasses being adult in size and very few glasses for children. He felt that by going directly to elementary schools it would surely enhance our collection effort.

Q.#2 – What will we do with these children's eyeglasses when we have them collected and where will they go? Do we have Lions Club recipients making requests of District 4-c5?

Response #2 – PDG Don reports that we have received email requests for assistance from two clubs south of the border that have medical missions scheduled in December through February. They have adult glasses in hand but no glasses for the impoverished children they will examine. The Lions recipients include San Felipe Lions Club, San Felipe, B.C., Mexico, and Boquete Lions Club, Boquete, Republic of Panama.

Q.#3 – Do we still have time to set things up? My club wants to take this on as an annual project working with our elementary school?

Response #3 – PDG Don says there is time. He suggests going to your school's principal or the superintendent of your area schools this week and arranging for eyeglass drop-offs for the week of 10-14 November. Lions collection containers can be acquired from PDG Don at a small price. These containers should be picked up by club members during the week of 17-21 November and transported to PDG Don for the cleaning, repair, and their evaluation.

Q.#4 – Assuming we have several thousand child's eyeglasses repaired and evaluated, how do we get them to the two clubs. Who pays for the postage and who does the packaging?

Response #4 – PDG Don said the packaging and labeling will be done by the Folsom Project for the Visually Impaired. As to cost of mailing, he is asking the clubs of the District to contribute a \$100 or more to the Folsom Project to create a fund for child and adult eyeglass delivery.

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