# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LIONS NEWS BRIEFS

## CONDOLEEZZA RICE TO ADDRESS LIONS

Condoleezza Rice, the former U.S. secretary of state, will be the keynote speaker at Lions' 94th international convention in Seattle July 4-8. Rice currently is the Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy at the Hoover Institution and professor of political science at Stanford University in California. From 2005 to 2009 she served as the 66th secretary of state under President George W. Bush, the first African-American woman secretary of state. Before serving as America's chief diplomat, she was Bush's national security adviser during his first term. Prior to joining the Bush administration, she was a professor of political science at Stanford and its provost from 1993 to 1999. A native of Birmingham, Alabama, she has authored or co-authored several books including Germany Unified and Europe Transformed: A Study in Statecraft, The Gorbachev Era and Uncertain Allegiance: The Soviet Union and the Czechoslovak Army.



LIONS HELP PAKISTAN

Lions Clubs International Foundation is providing US\$120,000 to help Lions in providing relief to victims of the floods in Pakistan. More than 20 million people have been affected and displaced, representing eight percent of the country, and 1,500 people are dead following the deadliest flooding in 80 years. Donate online at www.lcif.org/donate. or contact LCIF at donorassistance @lcif.org or (630) 203-3836.

#### A CHAMPION OF LIONS DIES

Past International President Tris Coffin of Rosemere, Quebec, Canada, has died. Elected to the association's highest office at the 1973 international convention in Miami, Florida, Coffin wasn't shy about sharing his belief that "good Lions all speak the same language." He strongly advocated the growth of Lions Clubs International as a global opportunity for people everywhere - a way to get to know each other while helping others. An optician, Coffin also considered himself a bit of a salesman. He not only helped sell "Lions," he also once proudly called himself the "Fruit Cake King of Canada" for selling more than 40,000 fruitcakes to raise money for the Montreal Central club's community service activities.



Tris Coffin

## LIONS PLATE IN WISCONSIN

Wisconsin has become one of an estimated 20 states with a Lionsspecialty license plate. Once development costs of \$23,700 are recouped through plate sales, each plate sold will provide a \$25 donation to the Wisconsin Lions Foundation-as well as increase the visibility of Lions. The plate costs \$25. Ed Hida, who joined the West Allis Central Lions Club in 2009, spurred the project.



# LIONS SUPPORT SCHOOL-IN-A-BOX

Lions recently donated \$39,468.62 to UNICEF for the School-in-a-Box program. The funds represent designated donations made by Lions and other donors to LCIF during the last year. School-in-a-Box carries essential school supplies such as notebooks, pencils and scissors for up to 80 children. In emergency situations, the kits allow a teacher to instantly set up a classroom in a tent or under a shady tree. Since 1996, Lions have contributed more than \$200,000 for School-in-a-Box through LCIF.



In Iraq, Zainab Abdul Rehda, 11, writes on a slate in a fourth-grade class in Baghdad with writing materials from a School-in-a-Box kit.

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