



Welcome to La Melena Express

Your monthly newsletter keeping you informed while we serve and strive for excellence

The idea

Fellow Lions, it's time again to roll up those sleeves and serve the community with the zest, dedication and excellence our Club is famous for.

Especially in this year that we honor 65 years of legacy and look forward to exciting events and fellowship, it's not only logical but also necessary to make absolutely sure you do not miss out on the fun!

Hence, our President with his vision and plans for the year proposed the idea of a La Melena Express. A monthly newsletter to serve as the medium to keep all members informed of what's cooking in the Club.

The set up

As you can see below we have come up with a number of features covering various aspects of Club activity.

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A word from the President

Dear Fellow Lions,

It's a real honor for me and my Board to launch the first La Melena Express. As our Senior Lions know, we used to have a La Melena newsletter for more than 20 years, but due to cost and time constraints this internal communication was canceled in the late 90's.

As a member of the Leo Club in the 90's I remember reading the original La Melena and found it an extremely interesting and useful tool. I was not only informed on all activities performed in the Curacao Lions Club, but I also learned a lot about Lionism, Community Service, Zone & District meetings etc., etc.

When I joined the Curacao Lions Club in 2007, I immediately noticed the gap that the La Melena had left in the club. Newly installed Fellow Lions didn't know basic information about the Lions Club, our Zone or District. Even though modern communication like e-mail, websites & facebook have brought communication to another level, I still believe that by using the modern way of communicating we can still have a newsletter like the La Melena used to be, by having a tool that gathers lots of information collectively.

La Melena Express will be a monthly newsletter of the Curacao Lions Club and will be distributed through e-mail. We will also mail some printed copies to our FL's who aren't yet connected to the digital world. Through the La Melena Express you will be informed on our current projects/activities, meeting schedules, Birthdays, historic events & lots of Lionism.

In this first issue our Board of 2010-2011 is introducing itself to you.

Did I forget to mention the most important reason? Yes, you will be informed on all developments and activities of our 65th Anniversary celebration!!!

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The “Feature” will be the main article of the newsletter focusing on the subject matter(s) that is /are most relevant for that month.

“A word from the President” on Club matters speaks for itself.

The 65th Anniversary: Starting August next make sure you read this section to keep up to date with all the celebrations!

Project & Activities Learn about project progress, donations and activities and decide where your talents can be put to service best!

Club Lore: A section devoted to what Lionism is all about.

Your Fellow Lion: Get better acquainted with your Fellow Lions. Each month we will “present” two of our Fellow Lions to you. Make sure you read this. You may learn a thing or two about your Fellow Lion you didn’t know!

Fellowship Moments: This Club would not mean anything to anyone of us without the interaction between its members. Time and again no matter the circumstances it’s the Fellowship that makes the difference. So in an effort to make sure you do not miss out on Fellowship we have included our Calendar of Events. Feel free to let us know if you have any events that you want your Fellow Lions to be aware of.

Your input

This is a fun challenge to take on and revel in that with the input and support of the membership will undoubtedly lead to an excellent result. As such, it is an honor and privilege to ask you to share your input by sending us information you want to share to the following e-mail address: aissa.henriquez@gmail.com with the subject heading **Input La Melena Express.**

Remember this is a monthly newsletter that we intend to make available to you every Business Meeting. Therefore, for the sanity of your Secretary and to ensure we can deliver on time, the **deadline** for input is set for every last Thursday of the month.

Thank You!!!!

La Melenita a.k.a.

FL Aissa Henriquez, Secretary 2010-2011 ☺

Therefore I call on each and every Lion member to please share you info/knowledge with us so we can publish this in the La Melena Express.

Our slogan of the year is: Striving for Excellence! I believe we are having great years in a row, but we can do even better if we:

Recruit active members

Enforce accountability

Talk less and execute more

The launch of the La Melena Express is just one of the many great things we will be doing this Lionistic year. I hope you are as excited as I am.

Happy readings!

FL Michael Hernandez, President 2010-2011 ☺

The 65th Anniversary

*“An **anniversary** (from the Latin **anniversarius**, from the words for year and to turn, meaning (re)turning yearly) is a day that commemorates and/or celebrates a past event that occurred on the same day of the year as the initial event”.*

The Curacao Lions Club turns 65 years! 65 years since our founding members received the Charter Letter from Lions Club International. 65 years serving the community with dedication and the passion of a Lion’s heart.

Our 65th is a year of reflection as we look back and commemorate the Club’s achievements and honor the knowledge, experience and efforts of our members. Equally this is also a year to look forward choosing the strategies that will enable us to better service our community and enjoy more fellowship in the future.

Last but not least it is a year to enjoy the Now! Savor our 65th clad in silver and blue the colors of this special anniversary. For the occasion our talented FL Danique has sprinkled some silver stardust on our logo and given it an elegant look to serve as the image of the year.

We trust you will join us throughout the year to Celebrate in Style! ☺

Projects & Activities

As you know, each year our calendar is packed with club activities and projects and this year is no exception!

We will start the month of August with the celebration of **Curacao Day** not only on a different day but also in a different form. This time we will offer you a Lions Family Day at one of Curacao's best kept secrets: **Landhuis Sta Cruz**. Are you ready for a day in the sun filled with history, music, great food and fellowship? Save the date!

In the month of September we hope to host the **Dyslexia Master Class** for teachers in the "Funderend Onderwijs" on the island. This is one of IPP FL Leo Lemmens' projects that will see its completion after a year of hard work to make this possible.

We are sure you enjoyed the **Fundraising Luncheon** on the Serenade of the Seas. It was a hit! Tickets were sold out quickly and those who attended had an **excellent** time aboard this amazing cruise liner.

The Curacao Lions Club has an impressive track record when it comes to finding creative ways to raise funds so we can give back to our community

This year we will delight you with another special fundraiser in September. We will tell you all about it in our next issue. Stay tuned!

October may sound far away but is really just around the corner. As you know it has become the month of our **Blood Donor Drive**, another well received Lion's Project. This year FL Dino de Castro will be taking over the project leadership and management. So if you are ready to volunteer, don't wait until you are asked. Give FL Dino a call or drop him an e-mail to make sure you can join the organizing team and lend a helping hand.

We haven't forgotten about our **Zone meetings**. Famous for the Interclub Fellowship and very important to discuss and handle zone matters. As soon as details are available, you will read about it in La Melena Express. 😊

Club Lore

It is said that you can't really become who you need to be without knowing who you are and where you came from.

The Beginning.....

Lions Club International was founded on June 7, 1917. Twenty nine years later on January 10, 1946 the Curacao Lions Club was founded and on April 27th of the same year the Club received its Charter Letter.

It was official. The Curacao Lions Club was born and as such became the 1st Club in the Dutch Kingdom. Throughout the years the Club developed into a well known, well organized and well supported service club on the island.

As we are preparing to celebrate a legacy of 65 years of community service we want to invite all Fellow Lions to share their stories, anecdotes but also their knowledge and experience in Lionism with the Club.

We intend to cover a bit of Club history each month. From "way back then" "to the present" it is important that we remember who we are and determine where we want to be next. 😊

Installation

Becoming a Lion is a personal choice to serve your community based on the solid foundation of a code of ethics and a high standard of service and organization worldwide.

The Installation of the Board of Directors is an important moment every year. It's when members, who were chosen by their peers, take time to accept the challenge and responsibilities of serving our community and representing our Club.

It's therefore no coincidence that our Club adheres to its traditions and ceremonies. These are not in place to fill the installation evening program or show off how good we are at maintaining protocol. Our ceremonies and traditions are here as reminders of the code we stand for and chose to be part of when we became Lions.

In each issue we will bring you a brief lesson in Lionism to refresh your memory and hopefully help guide you in your Club endeavors. 😊

FELLOWSHIP MOMENTS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

INSTALLATION NIGHT ALC – JULY 3RD 2010

PLACE : WESTIN HOTEL, ARUBA

TIME: 19:30HRS

CURACAO DAY - AUGUST 1ST 2010!!!

PLACE : LANDHUIS STA CRUZ

TIME: TO BE ANNOUNCED

1ST CABINET MEETING

PLACE: PARAGUANÁ, VENEZUELA

DATE: AUGUST 7 & 8, 2010

Details to be provided as they become available.

1ST BOARD MEETING - AUGUST 2010

PLACE: LION'S DEN, RED CROSS BUILDING, PARERA

TIME: 18:00 – 20:00HRS

DATE: AUGUST 10, 2010

1ST BUSINESS MEETING – AUGUST 2010

PLACE: RESTAURANT FORT NASSAU

TIME: 12:00 -13:30HRS

DATE: AUGUST 12, 2010

REGULAR MEETINGS – AUGUST 2010

PLACE: RESTAURANT FORT NASSAU

TIME: 12:00 – 13:30HRS

DATES: AUGUST 19 & 26, 2010

UPCOMING B-DAYS – MASHA PABIEN!

JULY 7 – DARCY RANDZES, PARTNER OF FL INGEBORG SINT JAGO

JULY 20 – FL BIMAL GHOSH

JULY 27 – FL ROY ERNANDES

AUGUST 5 – LIONESS COBY BEYERBERGEN VAN HENEGOUWEN

AUGUST 8 – FL NORBERT CHACLIN

AUGUST 18 – CHESLEY MAURERA, HUSBAND OF FL GISELLE
MAURERA - GOILO

AUGUST 24 – LIONESS ERIKA DE WINDT

AUGUST 26 – FL ANKO VAN DER WOUDE

AUGUST 30 – FL'S LIO CAPRILES & DANIQUE ZIMMERMAN

YOUR FELLOW LION

Read and learn more about your Fellow Lions! In this issue your Board for the Lionistic Year 2010 – 2011.

FL MICHAEL HERNANDEZ

FUNCTION: PRESIDENT

LION SINCE: MARCH 2007

OUTLOOK 2010 – 2011: "HAVE A LOT OF FUN WHILE STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY".

FL AISSA HENRIQUEZ

FUNCTION: SECRETARY

LION SINCE: MAY 2005

OUTLOOK 2010 – 2011: " HAVE FUN!!!!. OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN, INTERACT & GIVE BACK MORE AND BE CREATIVE".

FL DON HERNANDEZ

FUNCTION: TREASURER

LION SINCE: JUNE 2008

OUTLOOK 2010 – 2011: " I WISH FOR A SOUND ADMINISTRATIVE FUND"

FL HUMPHREY GENARO

FUNCTION: 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

LION SINCE: JUNE 2007

OUTLOOK 2010 – 2011: MY EXPECTATION IS "TO BE MORE VISIBLE ON THE ROADSIDE THAT THE LIONS IS WORKING FOR THE COMMUNITY; THAT MEMBERSHIP WILL BE BETTER INFORMED OF LIONISM IN GENERAL AND THE SPECIFIC AREA'S THAT WE PRIORITIZE AND THAT WE HAVE MORE INVOLVEMENT OF ALL MEMBERS 'YOUNG' AND 'OLD' AND THAT WE HAVE MORE INTERACTION WITH PROJECT OF OTHER SERVICE-CLUBS ON OUR ISLAND".

FL MILAIKA CAPPELA - RAS

FUNCTION: 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

LION SINCE: MARCH 2004

OUTLOOK 2010 – 2011: "AS THIS IS A YEAR WE CELEBRATE OR 65TH ANNIVERSARY, LET'S CELEBRATE OUR PAST, ANALYZE OUR PRESENT AND GEAR UP FOR THE FUTURE!".

FL DINO DE CASTRO

FUNCTION: 3RD VICE PRESIDENT

LION SINCE: JULY 2009

OUTLOOK 2010 – 2011: " INNOVATION, A DYNAMIC YEAR WITH HANDS ON APPROACH".

Your Fellow Lion Continued:

FL LEO LEMMENS

FUNCTION: IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
LION SINCE: MAY 2005
OUTLOOK 2010 – 2011: "EXCELLENCE".

FL DAVE LIQUI LUNG

FUNCTION: TAMER
LION SINCE: OCTOBER 2009
OUTLOOK 2010 – 2011: "GETTING TO KNOW THE CLUB MUCH BETTER AND SHARING OUR AIMS WITH OTHERS. GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE PROJECTS FOR THE COMMUNITY. PROJECTS FOR KID'S AWARENESS".

FL FRANK GIRIGORIE

FUNCTION: TAIL TWISTER
LION SINCE: JUNE 1995
OUTLOOK 2010 – 2011: "HARMONY IN THE CLUB, ALL NOSES IN THE SAME DIRECTION IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECTS THAT OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITIES. FOCUS ON THE MOST NEEDY IN THE COMMUNITY".

FL FELIPE GROES

FUNCTION: DIRECTOR FOR 1 YEAR
LION SINCE: OCTOBER 1972
OUTLOOK 2010 – 2011: "OVERALL A VERY OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK. SINCE THIS IS AN ANNIVERSARY YEAR, WE MUST USE THE YEAR TO GET MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED. IT IS THE BOARD'S TASK TO GIVE CONTENT TO THIS MISSION".

FL HEIDI FOENDOE

FUNCTION: DIRECTOR FOR 1 YEAR
LION SINCE: MAY 2005
OUTLOOK 2010 – 2011: "A YEAR FULL OF GREATNESS, A LOT OF HARD WORK AND COMMUNITY WORK".

FL STEPHEN CAPELLA

FUNCTION: DIRECTOR FOR 2 YEARS
LION SINCE: AUGUST 2003
OUTLOOK 2010 – 2011: "PROACTIVE APPROACH TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PROJECTS".

FL RENE LEVY MADURO

FUNCTION: DIRECTOR FOR 2 YEARS
LION SINCE: OCTOBER 1972
OUTLOOK 2010 – 2011: "CONTINUE TO SERVE MY COMMUNITY".

FL ALEXIS DAOU

FUNCTION: MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR
LION SINCE: DECEMBER 1994
OUTLOOK 2010 – 2011: "WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A GOOD VIEW OF AVAILABILITY OF MEMBER'S CAPACITY VS. YEARLY PROJECTS / ACTIVITIES AND HAVE NEW MEMBERS BETTER ANCHORED IN THE CLUB". 😊

*Your Daily Board a.k.a. **The M.A.D. H's***



*Your Vice Presidents – 1st, 2nd and 3rd a.k.a. **The Squad**
FL's Humphrey Genaro, Milaika Capella-Ras and Dino de Castro*



*Your IPP, Tamer & Tailtwister – a.k.a. **The Dynamic Three**
FL's Leo Lemmens, Dave Liqui Lung and Frank Girgorie*



Your Directors – 1 yr & 2 yrs & Membership a.k.a. **Quality & Sanity Control**
FL's Felipe Croes, Heidi Foendoe, Rene Levy Maduro, Stephen Capella and Alexis Daou

