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**EACH DIRECTOR BELIEVES AND KNOWS:
TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE**

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VISION:

To promote effective life skills to youth, parents and teachers globally.

MISSION:

Anchored For Life

MISSION FOCUS POINTS: The Anchors for Life Foundation is committed to providing learning experiences for students, teachers, and parents in how to build winning attitudes, establish positive self-images anchored in 21st century essential skills- Critical Thinking Information Synthesis Problem Solving Effective Communication, develop successful relationships, set and achieve goals, provide service built on community, national, and world needs, recognize opportunities which lead to success through hard and smart work.



BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

We're now highlighting two board members per issue to allow you to become more familiar with the dedicated volunteers that serve on the board of our foundation.

WHY ARE YOU SERVING ON THE AFLF BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

CHAIRPERSON CATHY SALAS

We have all heard the statement that "the children are our future," many times I'm sure. As time goes by; however, there are daily indicators that the future may not be so bright due to the frequent stories of misguided children not meeting their potential and/or acting out in many ways, being at the very least blatantly apathetic, yet all too often detrimental or seriously harmful to themselves and those around them.

For me, very simply put, the Anchors for Life Foundation works in conjunction with the Lion's Quest curriculum offering a viable pathway through this seemingly disheartening situation. Their proven track record with school-aged children around the world demonstrates that lives can truly be impacted in positive ways. The individual skills and values-based development offered directly assists in creating academic, emotional, social, and potentially community-wide improvements. I don't know about you, but I find comfort and hope in this very real possibility and am honored to be a part of it.

PAST CHAIRPERSON CAROL RECORD

I saw the Lions Quest materials offered to students and parents in a middle school. In a short period of time, positive changes occurred within the young people, their families, teachers and the culture of the school. The students learned, in part, how to solve problems and communicate more effectively. The self-image and attitude of the students improved drastically. I believe these citizenship principles allow individuals to be more successful now and will enable them to be better equipped as they enter the work force. I am honored to be a member of the board of the AFLF because I know these life skills will keep families and our country on a healthy course.

LIONS QUEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL MEETING

**Lions Clubs International Headquarters, Oak Brook, Illinois
August 14-15, 2014**



Left to Right: Anne Palmer, Executive Director Juneria Berges, Ed.D., Past International President Barry Palmer, and Lions Quest Department Manager Mr. Matt Kiefer



Left to Right: Director of Lions Foundation Germany Past District Governor Barbara Goetz, Past International Director Jorn Andersen, Past International President Al Brandel, Executive Director Juneria Berges, Ed.D., and Past International Director Steven Scherer

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TEXAS HOUSE BILL 5 HB5

Texas House Bill 5 is causing great concern within the Texas Education System. Fear prevails; however the bill, addresses (1) the state testing system defining the specific test(s) to be taken in each grade level and passed prior to progressing to the next grade or high school graduation; (2) specific dates of test administration of each test throughout the state, (3) defines the school and district accountability system; and (4) college preparatory.

In the HB5 accountability system one finds only one new item, the **Community and Student Engagement Accountability System**, which requires each district to report to the Texas Education Agency and make public a self-evaluation of the district AND each campus in the area of community and student engagement. A local community committee establishes the criteria for rating the district and each campus. All of the specific areas which must be addressed within the **accountability system** are listed below with those **directly addressed through the Lions Quest Curriculum being highlighted** followed by the elements, skills, and tools taught and experienced by the students. In addition, all the remaining not highlighted are indirectly addressed:

Overall performance: Decision Making, Higher-Order Thinking Skills, Thinking Out-of-the-Box, Analytical Research followed by Positive Action (Service Learning Process), Goal Setting, Responsibility for Self, Communication and Collaboration, and Goal Setting
Fine Arts:
Wellness and Physical Education: Health

Drug Prevention, Suicide Prevention, Bullying Prevention, Managing Emotions and Goal Setting (**A Guide to the Texas Whole Child** advocated by the Texas Association of Supervision and Curriculum (TxASCD) along with the International ASCD address healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged and **Lions Quest** covers over 85% of the Indicators addressed by the Tenets.)

Community and Parental

Involvement: Parent Education, Collaboration, Cooperation, Service Learning for the Community, and Tutoring Programs

Participation in Community Service

Projects: Service Learning Process, Kindness, Caring for Others, Responsibility for Self, and Building and Maintaining a Community

21st Century Workforce Development

Programs: Collaboration, Cooperation, Problem Solving, Building a Community, Defining the Pertinent Information and Sources Needed to Determine the Reliable Data

Second Language Acquisition Program **Digital learning environment:**

Dropout Prevention Strategies: Drug Prevention, Bullying Prevention, Suicide Prevention, Building a Community, Decision Making, Managing One's Emotions, Caring for Self, Responsibility for Self, Problem Solving, Goal Setting, and Service Learning **G/T Programs**, and **Record of district and campus compliance with reporting and policy.**

The Anchors For Life Foundation and Lions Clubs International are striving to enable EVERY child to have the opportunity to acquire these VITAL skills and character traits! With your support and financial contributions you can actively participate in today's youth becoming more successful students and future outstanding leaders in our world!

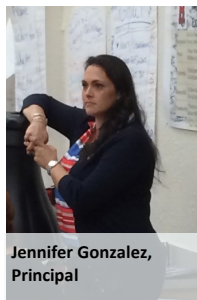
Brazosport **High School** **Lions Quest Training** **Freeport Texas** **August 19-20, 2014**

Lions Quest Trainer, Frances Portillo, was greeted by 40 enthusiastic teachers and 20 teacher assistants. The 1 ½ days of training were delivered and received through active

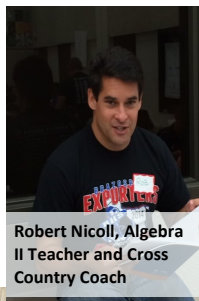
participation, community building activities that are successful among students and professionals, and the learning and understanding of research-based teaching strategies which motivate and stimulate the 21st Century students' desire to become lifelong learners. The photographs serve as a few examples of the wonderful growth experiences had by all!



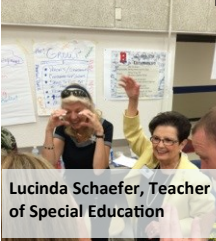
Dr. Jerri Centilli-Freshnor, Jr.,
Administrator



Jennifer Gonzalez,
Principal



Robert Nicoll, Algebra
II Teacher and Cross
Country Coach



Lucinda Schaefer, Teacher
of Special Education



Juneria Berges, Executive
Director, Jenaro Estrada, Spanish
Teacher, and Frances Portillo



ACHIEVE TODAY.



EXCEL TOMORROW.

A VISIT WITH ARLINGTON ISD SUPERINTENDENT

On August 26, 2014 our Dr. Juneria Berges, Executive Director, and Dr. Paul Jennings, Director of Development, met with Dr. Marcelo Cavazos, Superintendent of the Arlington ISD. Also at the meeting were Mr. Michael Hill, Assistant Superintendent for Administration; Mr. Aaron Perales, Director of Parent and Community Engagement; and Lion John Gause, a citizen of Arlington ISD and a member of the Greater Arlington Lions Club.

The purpose of the meeting was to demonstrate to the leadership team of the Arlington ISD the many ways in which the

Anchors For Life Foundation can assist the 65,000 students that they serve. Dr. Berges introduced the promotional DVD, which is found on our website.

After viewing the DVD Dr. Cavazos asked several questions regarding how the program could be implemented. Dr. Cavazos indicated that his Leadership Team would review the program to determine its alignment with the district's strategic plan. Mr. Hill was loaned a copy of the Lions Quest copy for his review.

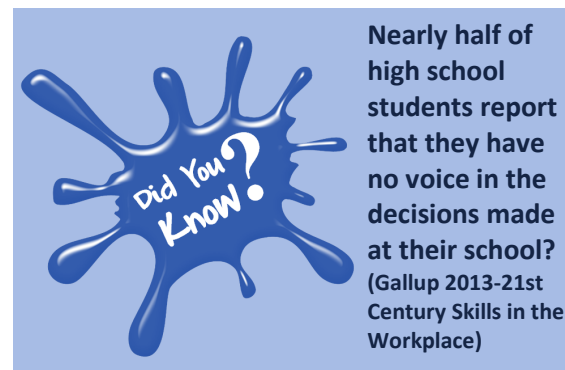


Executive Director, Dr. Juneria Berges, and Director of Development, Dr. Paul Jennings, have made several presentations to Lions Clubs in the area. Presentations were made to the Greater Arlington Lions Club, Colleyville Lions Club, Denton Triangle Lions Club, and the Lions Club District 2-E-2 District Governor's Advisory Committee. At each meeting the DVD was shown and information provided about how the Anchors For Life Foundation wishes to join hands with Lions Clubs and school districts throughout the nation to enhance 21st Century Skill Development.

If you are aware of a group or organization that would benefit from a program conducted by the Anchors For Life Foundation, please let us know. **We are ready to share the good news!!**

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Your help will be appreciated GREATLY! It definitely takes a VILLAGE!



Nearly half of high school students report that they have no voice in the decisions made at their school? (Gallup 2013-21st Century Skills in the Workplace)

Lions Quest in 85 Countries



In the November 2014 article in the **LION**, the Lions Club International monthly magazine on page 47, "Lions Quest Makes the Grade in Turkey," was shared regarding the success of Lions Quest in the country of Turkey. The following quotes were shared:

"Lions Quest is helping students in Turkey learn how to handle tough situations in a positive way."

Lions Quest Past District Governor Nilgun Erdem Niord of the Mavi Halic Lions Club in Turkey

stated, "Peace starts in the individual, and this is what Lions Quest is doing. We are teaching the children how to be peaceful within themselves, how to be peaceful within their societies. And this will bring a peaceful world."

Mine Guven, a professor of early childhood education at Bosphorus University said, "The challenges are the same all around the world. By using Lions Quest we manage to have peaceful classrooms."

In addition, Fatos Erkman, a professional educator, a trained clinical psychologist and an administrator of the Bosphorus University Peace Education Application and Research Center stated regarding the Lions Quest training process, "Educating—giving some skills to one teacher means you're reaching hundreds, thousands of children in a lifetime."

**Lions Quest is greatly needed in the U.S!
Let's join together and
MAKE IT HAPPEN!**



LIONS QUEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE BI-ANNUAL MEETING

Upon the acceptance of the Strategic Alliance by Lions Clubs International and the Anchors For Life Foundation, Co-Founder Mr. Michael Gustin and Executive Director Juneria P. Berges, Ed.D. were invited to be guests and make two presentations at the meeting.

WHAT AN ESTEEMED, GENUINELY SINCERE GROUP OF SERVICE FOCUSED LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL LEADERS!

The Lions Leaders Working Group consisted of:

- Chairperson Past International President (PIP) Barry Palmer, NSW, Australia
- PIP Al Brandel, USA
- International Director (ID) Jorge Bortolozzi, Argentina
- Past International Director (PID) Dr. Ta-Lung Chiang, MD300 Taiwan
- PID Steven Scherer, USA
- PID Jorn Andersen, Denmark
- Past District Governor (PDG) Dr. Bharat Bhagat, India
- PDG Barbara Goetz, Germany (guest)

After an overview of AFLF's formation, history and first-hand exceptional successes, the Lions Leaders Working Group attentively viewed the recently produced Anchors For Life Foundation DVD filled with testimonials by teachers, administrators, counselors, community supporter, and students relaying the successes and the need for all students and teachers to have access to this curriculum. The efforts and promotional activities used to spread Lions Quest across the states of Texas and Oklahoma were enumerated. The presentation was followed by questions, comments, dialogue, and an inquiry as to what barriers AFLF perceived in the spread of Lions Quest in the USA. What a joy and honor it was to be received so graciously!

On the second day the Lions Leaders Working and Technical Working Groups combined, adding:

- International President (IP) Joseph Preston, USA
- Sandra Clifton-Bacon, USA
- Beverly Fisher, USA

- Lion Donna Munro, Australia
- Dr. Fernando Salazar, Peru
- Lions Markus Talvio, Finland
- Lion Joan Fretz, USA (guest)

The Executive Director presented an overview of yesterday's presentation followed by a statement of gratitude to Mr. Matthew Kiefer, Lions Quest Department Manager, and his marvelous staff for all of their

assistance, guidance and support. As experienced the previous day, the presentation was followed questions, dialogue and positive comments. All members of the Lions Quest Advisory Committee were very committed, kind, receptive, excited about Lions Quest, and dedicated to the spreading of Lions Quest across the world! These two days were dedicated to collaboration and decision making in order to achieve the Lions Quest Mission. The two days were absolutely invigorating!