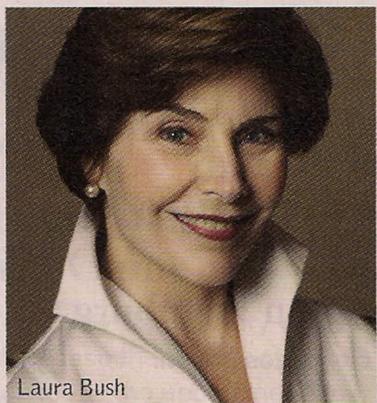


# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LIONS NEWS BRIEFS



Laura Bush

## LAURA BUSH AT CONVENTION

Former U.S. First Lady Laura Bush will be the keynote speaker in early July at the 96th International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. Bush will speak on her involvement with issues of global concern. Upcoming issues of the LION will detail other convention highlights including the Humanitarian Award recipient, other prominent speakers, seminars, entertainment, tours and more. See page 16 for an article on Hamburg and its attractions.

## USER-FRIENDLY DIGITAL LION

Lions have responded positively to the enhanced digital LION with its multimedia and exclusive content. Missouri Lion Kimberly Taylor emailed LION editors about how she's using the digital edition. "Today I saw two articles about clubs in my Multiple District 26 that I wanted everyone to know about," she says. "I found the LION on the LCI website and shared links on three different Facebook pages. By the end of the day, my Lions friends will be reading the articles. And I'm certain that several non-Lion Facebook friends will be too." Watch for ongoing LION announcements and story links on Facebook and Twitter.

## PAST PRESIDENT KAY K. FUKUSHIMA DIES

Past International President Kay K. Fukushima, 75, of Sacramento, California, has died. He was elected to the association's highest office at the 85th international convention in Osaka, Japan, in 2002, and was a member of the Sacramento Senator Lions Club since 1965.

The owner of a successful insurance agency that grew to 16 branches, Past President Fukushima received numerous accolades as a Lion, community member and businessman. He led California Lions in helping sponsor the new pediatric trauma center at the University of California-Davis Children's Center, the only Level 1 trauma center for children in Northern California.

Past President Fukushima believed in hands-on service. He helped organize raft trips for the blind and student speaker contests, promote recycling to help the environment and build a crosswalk for the blind in downtown Sacramento. He was instrumental in helping Lions build the Sacramento Zoo's Sensory Garden and Fairytale Town's Japanese Tea Garden for children and adults of all abilities.



## SOLE POW MADE A LION

Lions in Idaho have made the sole U.S. prisoner of war in Afghanistan an honorary member. U.S. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl of Hailey, Idaho, is now a member of the Wood River Lions Club, which meets in Hailey. Bergdahl was captured by the Taliban in 2009 while serving as an infantryman. Lions approved his membership at the multiple district convention at the suggestion of Past International Director Gary B. D'Orazio, an Idahoan who is a veteran and whose father and eight uncles served in World War II. D'Orazio and Lions in Idaho later held a Walk for Bowe Bergdahl in Boise. "He's an Idahoan. We want him home. He doesn't belong where he is. He made the sacrifice to support his country, and we need to support him now," D'Orazio told local media. The Taliban had demanded \$1 million and release of prisoners in U.S. military custody at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba for his release. U.S. officials had been discussing his release with Taliban representatives but talks reportedly faltered.



Lions and others march in Boise to show support for Sgt. Bergdahl.

Photo by Olie Olsen



### Digital LION

Watch a video on Lions helping those affected by Superstorm Sandy at [www.lionmagazine.org](http://www.lionmagazine.org).

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