



# THE Leader

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## When We Do the Best We Can

By Derek Ledda, Council Chair

*"When we do the best that we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another."*



Special words for any Lion to live by and not just because they were spoken by Hellen Keller who challenged us 90 years ago to be her Knights of the Blind in the crusade against darkness. What she said reminds us that when we give it our all in serving those who are most desperately in need of our help in our local communities and around the world, it forever changes each of us for the better. With every act of kindness in giving, no matter how grand and complex or how small and simple, we are able to realize more fully our own humanity and at the same time make miracles happen that change the world.

That was the clear message that I got while reading the current issue of the [Lions Magazine](#) which has an article about LCI's "Relieving the Hunger Campaign" that reports that in 9,286 projects around the world, in December and January alone, Lions fed 2,008,243 hungry people.

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Another article described a children's eye screening project that Lions conducted in Bloomfield, New York, a New England style town of less than 1,400 people, at which one child was found to have a noticeable discrepancy in the size of her pupils which was subsequently diagnosed as the result of a cancerous tumor. Although the doctors could not save the eye with the tumor, thanks to the Bloomfield Lions, they were able to save the child's life.

I also read the article called "What does it really mean to be a Lion?" written by the managing editor of the Lions Magazine, Lion Dane LaJoye, which was much less dramatic than many of the other articles but no less moving and inspiring in capturing the spirit of Lion service and describing the "aha" moment that made Dane a Lion for life.

In his article, Lion Dane reflected on a story he read about a welfare mother who with her husband and three children were facing hard times, because she and her husband had been out of work for quite a while despite their best efforts. As the story goes, the mother was at a grocery store with her children, waiting to pay for about \$17 worth of groceries.

When it was her turn to pay, she realized in a panic and with considerable embarrassment that her welfare card had no available funds left and she could find no money in her purse. As her sense of desperation became more evident over the prospect of her children having to go hungry that night, the woman behind her, in a simple act of kindness that must have seemed like a miracle to the desperate mother, placed \$20 on the counter to pay for the groceries. For Lion Dane, who was still searching for his "aha" moment, the story about this Good Samaritan who changed the lives of the mother and her family by literally "paying it forward" with \$20 in groceries was it.

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I am proud and blessed to be part of a family of Lions with 1.4 million Good Samaritans, who, when they see a need, do not hesitate to pay it forward. There is such an indescribable joy in serving others which is why we all follow the same philosophy in life that Helen Keller espoused when she said

*"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do."*



Thank you fellow Lions for all that you do in making miracles happen every day in so many ways that change people's lives for the better.

Lion Derek, Council Chair  
Multiple District 4, Lions Clubs International

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## Message from International Director Larry Dicus



As the halfway point of our two-year term approaches, Jane and I are pleased to share that our experience has exceeded our expectations. It continues to be an honor to represent California Lions at the LCI level. We have spoken at 15 Lions conventions and conferences in 15 states, met with congressional leaders in Washington DC, and attended two LCI Board meetings (one in Australia, and the other in San Diego). We are grateful to the MD4 Host committee in San Diego for doing an outstanding job! You make us proud!!

As a member of our International Board Membership Committee, I thank Lions of California for stepping up and growing our membership this year. As of May 18th, MD4 is 134 net plus in member growth having started 11 new clubs. Ten of our fifteen Districts have positive membership growth. Congratulations!! Special congratulations to District 4-L2 for chartering four new clubs and growing 77 net new members to date! Lions Clubs International worldwide is experiencing the highest net membership growth in over 12 years, over 43,000 net new, and I'm pleased to see California Lions leading the way!

As we travel, we continue to be impressed with Lions club members' commitment to their communities everywhere - Lions with big hearts - meeting the needs of others to make their communities better. I post pictures of these projects on my Facebook page in an effort to keep you informed of our activities. We have witnessed unique and impressive projects, including:

**Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind** - Lions help fund this outstanding facility, which for nearly 100 years, has provided sight impaired individuals job skills training, and even employs them in their clock factory and in their multiple telephone call centers.

**Westmoreland County Blind Association** (in western Pennsylvania) - again, Lions help fund and manage this center which provides jobs for sight impaired and intellectually challenged individuals in their paper shredding and garment manufacturing facility. They produce supplies and garments for most branches of our military. These jobs provide hope and dignity to many individuals.



**KidSight Screenings** - (Iowa, Colorado, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and more). Lions volunteering and conducting on-location sight screenings for pre-school children. A new study from Prevent Blindness America reports that vision disorders in children cost Americans more than \$5.7 billion in direct and indirect costs this past year. Vision loss and blindness come at a tremendous cost. That is why it is important to increase screening efforts for children 2 to 6 years of age. Lions help prevent eyesight problems by early screening for conditions such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism and anisometropia which can lead to blindness in children if not detected early. I encourage more California Lions to become involved in projects

like this.

**New Alexandria Lions Demolition Derby** (Pennsylvania) - The New Alexandria Lions Club of 70+ members in a community of 400 or so, owns a 10 acre site where they conduct a 'Demolition Derby' for the area 8 times a year and raise nearly \$60,000 for their community and surrounding areas. Jane was particularly impressed with their 'Lawn Mower' class - check out their Facebook page - [New Alexandria Lions Demolition Derby](#).



**Owensboro Lions (Kentucky) Soapbox Derby track** - In 2001 the Owensboro Lions Club brought the Soap Box Derby back to Owensboro after a 36-year absence. Since that time the Owensboro Soap Box Derby has grown to be one of the most anticipated events in the area and among the top Soap Box Derby races in the central United States. The Owensboro Lions provide young boys and girls the opportunity to spend time with a caring adult as they build their Soap Box Derby racer. They teach sportsmanship and self-confidence and the thrill of competing in a downhill racer they built themselves.

**Norwin Lions (Pennsylvania) - 'Reality Tours'**, an innovative parent & child drug prevention program. [The Reality Tour](#) is an evening program for children age 10+, who must be accompanied by their parent. This 3 hour interactive program gives families the tools needed to reduce the risk of substance abuse within the family. This program, conducted by Norwin Lions, has been having positive impact in their community.

The above are just a small sampling of the projects we have visited and observed. We also share our unique and valuable California Lions projects during our visits, including our Lions Float Program, our Student Speaker Program, our California Lions Friends in Sight program, our Special Olympics activities, and many other projects.

Again, thank you for the honor of representing all California Lions!!

Yours in service,

Larry Dicus  
International Director

## How to Turn Your Lions Club from Good to Great

By Chuck Cassy, MD4 GMT Coordinator



As I close my three year term as the MD4 GMT Coordinator, I'd like to share with you some of my observations about improving Lions Clubs.

First and foremost, we must make our Clubs the kind in which people want to be a part of. I visited many Lions meetings and many were wasting Lions members' time. If you come to your meeting as a new member, would you want to join? Often there is no agenda, or if there is, the President doesn't follow it. The meeting is nothing more than a committee meeting with Lions talking about whatever they want. Lions should leave their meetings thinking, I got something out of this, i.e. an excellent program and I had fun. Many of your members are leaving meetings bored.

Lions Clubs are also forgetting our motto "We Serve." Lions Clubs are in our community to serve the community needs. Lions members also have a need to feel that they are personally contributing. Too many Clubs spend all their efforts fundraising and then writing checks. Too many Clubs are only looking for running a booth to fundraise. That's okay, but your community needs to know Lions can accomplish so much more. The Lions in your Club and potential members want to know that Lions are meeting the community needs.

Lions Clubs who address and serve community needs will have people eager to be a part of what Lions do. Lions forget to talk to each other. Unless you belong to a "perfect" Club, there is room for improvement. Lions Clubs need to annually talk about what they can improve on and set goals. They can do that by way of a retreat or just getting together and discussing how can we be better. Of note, the [CEP process](#) is really about making Clubs better. Why not try it?

Lions will usually say that they want younger members. But is your Club willing to make the fundamental changes that will allow a younger member to be comfortable and productive in your Club? Are you willing to make the Club family friendly? How will you deal with a 5-year-old playing with his trucks in your meeting? Will you have something for children to do when Lions get together?

Are you willing to change some of your traditions? What 30-year-old wants to wear a vest with pins? Not many! Do your projects appeal to a younger person? If they don't, are you willing to start those projects and help them be a success?

The great news is that I've seen Lions Clubs make the changes to become more exciting and relevant and also making a difference in the community. The change is often only started by a few Lions who don't like where their Lions Club is and are willing to try new things. When Lions Clubs revitalize, they become the greatest instrument for good in our communities. It's not too late! Become the change that Lions needs! Remember our motto "We Serve." Isn't it about time your Club remembers?

As Lions, our goal should be to make our Clubs and organizations better every year. I find too often Lions are afraid their successor will have success and they undermine their leaders. This reminds me of what used to happen in junior high, and not what should be happening in Lions. This behavior is completely contrary to Lions

ethics and principles. Having a problem with this, read them and remind others. Lions can truly be great if we lift up and not hold down. If we change this negative behavior, our Lions Clubs become a marvelous place to be with our friends.

Lastly, sometimes we take this stuff too seriously. Lions Clubs are meant to be a place to form great friendships, and make a difference in our communities and have fun!

You know what your Lions Clubs needs to be. Every Lion should strive to make our Clubs better, stronger, and more relevant each and every year. Will you?

## IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A LION!

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### Transition Time

By PDG Chris Morris, MD-4 GLT Coordinator



Here we are at transition time again. One Governor goes out at the end of the month and a new 2nd vice governor takes office. This year is even more of a transition as all of our Global Leadership and Global Membership team leaders also change with the new year. At the Multiple District level the same thing is happening as we have a new Global Leadership Team headed by Steve Robeson and a new Global Membership Team under Linda Griffin.

One of the challenges of leadership is to make the transition smooth. If we pass on all of the information we have on our job to the person behind us, it will make the transition easier. If we make ourselves available to answer questions that might come up after, that makes a transition even smoother. Not every Lion has the position of liking the person who follows them (I do), but every Lion can work to make sure that the person behind them has

all of the tools to succeed.

If we can all remember that we have an obligation to "build up and not destroy" it helps. We can build up the person behind us, or we can knock them. Which one lives up to our Code of Ethics?

One way we can help our upcoming leaders is to make sure they get all of the training they need. Please make sure that your upcoming club and district leaders avail themselves of the training that is provided for them. Every district has training, and if someone can't attend the live training, there is training available on the Lions Clubs web site. We have training available for Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Zone Chairs and more. Also, there are a number of modules with other Lion classes available for anyone interested in club or district leadership.

If you are part of the Governor Team, you can really help out by making sure your new Second Vice Governor knows where to go and when to be there. Remember when you were new? We knew who you were by the deer in the headlights look in your eyes. It is no different for the new people now. If you have been to Council of Governors meetings before, you might help them mark up their agenda and mark which rooms they need to be and when.

One thing that really helps is if you can help the new 2nd VDG's understand what training is offered at which meetings. Look at the document in your packet that says VDG Training Schedule and it will show you the complete schedule for trainings. Every year we get some VDG who says, "I didn't know we had training scheduled for this meeting." Well, it is on a schedule every year that goes out to all three councils, so you

should know. If the more experienced Lions help out, we can get all of the newer VDG's to all of their training.

At this meeting Steve Robeson will have the application available for the Leadership Institute that will be held in Sacramento in November. A second Institute will be offered in January in Ontario. Please make sure all of your second VDG's have attended a Leadership Institute. Most districts have their 2nd VDG's attending before they are elected since they encourage Club Presidents or Zone Chairs to attend, which gives the district a pool of qualified and trained leaders from which to choose.

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## "Giving is Good!"

by PCC Roger Powell, LCIF Coordinator

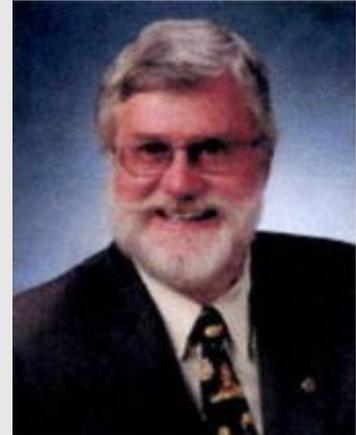
Actually, GIVING IS BETTER THAN EVER IN MD4!



**Lions Clubs International**  
**FOUNDATION**

WOW! We did it, and we're not done yet!  
The May 8 figures from LCIF show that we have surpassed this year's goal of contributing \$500,000 to the Foundation (\$504,524 as of that date), and all the reports are not yet in! And we have moved forward on our second goal of increasing the number of clubs in the

multiple participating in donating to closer to 50% (48.69% as of that report).



This is exhilarating news! Eight of our 15 districts are now at 50% club participation or better: C1, C3, C4, C6, A1, A3, L1, and L4. Of those, C6 and L1 are in the lead with over 60% of their clubs participating.

Congratulations to LCIF District Coordinators Lion Bob Stewart (C6) and PDG Lucky Lakhani (L1) and their District Governors "Goody" Goodheart and Josephine Louie for these outstanding efforts.

And congratulations and thanks to all of the district coordinators for making these dreams come true. Besides the leaders mentioned above they are PDG Lee Hollowell (C1), Lion Gary Miner (C3), PDG Esther Lee (C4), PCC Sue Olin (C5), PDG Don Allen (A1), PDG Vicki Beeman (A2), Lion John Knittle (A3), Lion David Williamson (L2), PDG Sid Sioson (L3), PDG Elizabeth Warren (L4), PDG Ken Reed (L5), and Lion Dave Roberts (L6). A special thanks is owed to PDG Kertice Poon for recently stepping up to fill the LCIF Coordinator vacancy in District C2. Welcome to a great, dedicated team, PDG Kertice!

As we approach the close of the second year of my term as MD4 LCIF Coordinator, I can simply say thanks to all of the California Lions who have responded so generously to our calls for donations.

Giving is indeed VERY GOOD here in the California world of Lionism!

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## THE MD4 LIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS.....ARE WE LIONS STILL CALIFORNIA'S BEST KEPT SECRET??

by Al Russell, Chair  
MD4 Public Relations Committee

As this Lions year draws to a close.....We as LIONS should once again ask ourselves, ARE WE EFFECTIVELY communicating our message to our public as the world's largest service organization? It is important that we, the LIONS who operate more than 45,000 Lions Clubs in over 200 countries worldwide are recognized locally!!! ...We serve our communities in a variety of ways, ranging from eye glass examinations for needy kids to operating food distribution programs for shut-in seniors....We fund ALL of these activities thru local fund-

raisers ranging from car shows to Crab & Lobster Feeds.

The State of California is one of the largest states geographically in the country with a 1,000 mile coastline and an estimated population of 35 million people....How can we get our message of community service out to such a large & varied audience?

This year's MD4 Public Relations Community has been working on an exciting new program which we think, if properly implemented, could dramatically enhance our presence on a statewide basis...Each & every year one day would be proclaimed and known as THE ANNUAL LIONS DAY. This day would or could be based upon some significant LIONS EVENT such as Melvin Jones' Birthday, Helen Keller's challenge to the Lions Clubs, etc. The implementation of this program will be discussed at the June 5 COG Meeting. PLEASE STAY TUNED!!

Finally, it is time to introduce the incoming chair of the MD4 Public Relations Committee for the year 2014-2015.....Her name is Lion Aurora Cudal, District 4-L6 (aurora.cudal@yahoo.com) cell# (619) 755-3930

Here's to 2014-2015!!!

MD4 Public Relations Committee 2013-2014

PDG Al Russell - Chair  
Lion Aurora Cudal - Senior Member  
PDG Francis Bognuda - Member  
PDG Lita Gudotti - Member  
DG Kenny Shu  
1st VDG Larry Marcum  
2ND VDG Ron Raines

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## CULTURE and LEADERSHIP

by PDG Bob Olin, District 4-C5 GLT

What???????? Are you kidding!!!! Culture and Leadership???? I can't understand and never heard of the relationship of Culture and Leadership.

Definitions are always a good place to start. There are many definitions of Leadership, but one I compiled can sum it up succinctly. Leadership is the ability to get others to do those things that need to be accomplished by having them suggest the things that need to be accomplished and giving credit to them for accomplishing those things that needed to be accomplished. One cannot have an ego by doing it this way.

Now culture is a little tricky. A lot of the definitions seems to relate to the arts, scholarly pursuits, and manners but one of them is the development or improvement of the mind by education or training. The one that can relate to Leadership is the behaviors and beliefs characteristic of a particular social, ethnic or age group. An example may be the youth culture,

How about if we called it the Lions Culture.

An organization such as ours never settles on just getting off the ground. I am sure Melvin Jones realized that many years ago. When an organization such as the Lions find favor with individuals, expansion is inevitable. That is why we are the largest service organization in the world.

For any organization to grow and sustain, synergies need to exist that will keep everyone in the organization wired to the same vision. Now, wired in this case means connected together and not hyper. This vision, in our case, needs to be both international and at the club level. Of course we have many other layers that this vision

needs to permeate but international and club are the most important.

An organization needs to go beyond being wired to the same vision. It needs to create an atmosphere where people want to give as much as possible to the organization. So to put it in our perspective, the club needs to be wired to individual needs and wants of its members.

How does a club accomplish it? Well it is called CULTURE. It is hard to define culture in an organization. But it can happen when a club is made up of people who are just there to have lunch, build up their ego or dominate the club, it also happens when a group of like-minded people pull together and toil towards a common goal. A goal of excellence. Which one sounds like your club?

A club's culture should enable each person in the club to reach his or her potential through training and support. Leadership in the club should empower individuals to go beyond their potential and achieve greatness by instilling a strong sense of purpose and direction.

Now, that is the connection with Leadership and Culture. It is how you operate your club, which is the culture in the club, but it is defined by the leadership of each person in the club. While I always feel that every member of the club is a leader, there are degrees that individuals want to lead.

So what the heck does this all mean? It means that each club has its own culture. Some are beneficial and some are detrimental. To find out how your club is doing may I suggest applying for the Club Excellence Process (CEP) available from International and the District. Just ask your Zone, Region, or District Global Leadership or Global Membership Chairpersons.

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## Student Speakers Committee Report

by **Garrett Becker**  
**MD-4 Student Speakers Committee Chair**

The MD-4 Student speakers Committee has worked hard this year to plan and execute the 77th Annual Student Speakers Contest. The members of the committee are:

Lion Steven Morgan - Senior Member from Area 3  
Lion Dennis Miller - Area 2  
Lion Dr. Alan Winkelstein - Area 4  
And, Myself, Lion Garrett Becker - Committee Chair from Area 1

We met in August at the Council of Governors' meeting to select a topic for this year's contest and to make needed changes to the handbook. After narrowing down the many suggestions, our committee recommendations were passed along for your consideration. Your selection of this year's topic "'Community Service-What Does It Mean and Why Does It Matter?'" has proven to be an excellent and provocative topic. Minimal changes were made to the handbook with the exception of now requiring the "Causes for Disqualification" to be read along with the Contest Rules before each contest begins. I would like to personally thank MD-4 manager Cass Cara for putting all the packages for this year's contest together and getting them out in a timely fashion.

Club contests began in January and continued into February. Zone, Region and District contests followed. Through all of these contests this year there were very few issues or conflicts. However, I can't understate the need for training contest chairpersons each year and reemphasize the need to READ THE HANDBOOK. All the information is there to run a contest free of conflicts.

It has been an honor to serve on the Student Speakers Committee for the past four years.

Thank you.

## California Lions Friends in Sight

By Larry Williams, Board of Directors, Public Relations Chairman



Friends in Sight Vision Screening Team put on a lot of miles doing eight vision screenings. The CLFIS Team started in Blyth the first week in January then to Tijuana, Mexico the last week in January. February screenings started up north in Santa Paula then down to Chula Vista the first week in March ending up the third quarter in Mexicali the last week in March.

During their third quarter travels, the CLFIS Team saw 3,777 individuals that brought their year to date total to 9,139, which is only 387 from their last year's total, with a full three months left in the Lion 2013/14 year. Dr. Van Dusen and the other volunteer optometrists and ophthalmologists doctors working with him look at every individual that comes thru the vision screenings to determine if they have any medical or surgical needs. Through the eight screenings in the third quarter 240 of the individuals that came through did in fact have a medical or surgical need. These individuals were advised of such and directed to seek care.

For more details on participating in vision screenings and /or seeing the upcoming schedule, go to their website: [www.californialionsfriendsinsight.org](http://www.californialionsfriendsinsight.org) . To see photos of these vision screenings go to the CLFIS facebook pages at: [facebook.com/CLFISwerve](https://facebook.com/CLFISwerve) .

California Lions Friends in Sight is a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit charitable all volunteer organization supported by funding from Lions organizations, individuals and grants. When your club or organization is setting budgets or looking for where their charitable dollars can best be spent consider California Lions Friends in Sight. When there is a CLFIS vision screening being done in your area consider coming out and volunteering to assist during the vision screening.

A big THANK YOU again goes out to all the Lions Organizations and individuals who have continued their financial and volunteer support of California Lions Friends in Sight.

## Lions Clubs 2014 International Convention, Toronto, Ontario



Each year, more than 20,000 Lions from across the globe gather together to celebrate at our international convention. The convention offers an ideal setting to reunite acquaintances and make new friends. Learn about other club and district projects. And make personal connections with international leaders and representatives from headquarters.

### Convention Highlights

During international convention, you will have the chance to join Lions from more than 120 countries and geographical areas - with different languages and backgrounds - marching side-by-side down the streets of the host city during the [Parade of Nations](#). Attend seminars and [vote on the association's future](#). And enjoy event highlights, including three action-packed [plenary sessions](#), an exciting [exhibit hall](#) and more:



### For More Information

To find out more about the convention, visit our 2013 Online Convention site or view our [convention video highlights](#).

We look forward to seeing you in Toronto!

[Register Now](#)

## 38th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Registration



San Juan, the Island of Enchantment is beckoning you. The beauty and history of this island will be the backdrop for the 38th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held September 11-13, 2014. Take advantage of the special early bird discount prices and register today. By registering early you get to take advantage of discounted registration. While there is plenty of time left to register, the special discount pricing won't last. So Register today, you'll be glad you did!

[Register Now!](#)

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**Multiple District Office**

by Cass Cara, Office Manager



Congratulations to all the MD-4 Governor Elects! They dedicate their time, and at a financial cost, serve the state of California, MD-4 Lions Clubs International. Best of luck to them all with this experience of a lifetime. While they support all the Lions in their district and beyond, they too, need your support.

Your MD-4 Office, despite a couple of projects, is in good operating form. The building still houses asbestos tiled floors, which are now starting to lift up in a couple of places, so the Council of Governors are looking into replacing/covering the flooring in the back rooms.

Additionally, the trees behind the building, which I believe were intended to be hedges, have grown wild to 30'-40' high and need to be stumped back to 6'-8' so they can be managed. This will allow new growth close to the ground and let light into the building. Down the road, new electrical and carpeting in the front office would be desirable.

The Santa Barbara Lions Club comes into the office periodically to store and sort glasses and sometimes they bring the Leos with them.



The MD-4 Flag Custodian Lion Chase Gregory has handled the flags and stands for the past two years, organizing and adding flags as needed. It is my desire to obtain a large curio cabinet for some of the more rustic objects so that they can be displayed along with a bit of storage underneath for files we just don't want to part with. A few pieces of furniture are made of beautiful old oak, and while keeping with the antique feel, some modernizing of the publicly viewed area would lend a favorable impression to visitors. If anyone knows of a piece we could obtain, please let me know.

As this year comes to a close, there are clubs who have not paid their MD-4 and District per capita tax (dues). A big thank you to all those clubs who take this seriously and pay their bill upon receipt. Unfortunately, there are those who are still outstanding. This makes it difficult for the Districts to pay the bills they accrue throughout the year. Both the Multiple and the District set their budgets on the number of members and rely on the clubs to fulfill their commitment. Please, District Treasurers and Region and Zone Chairs; communicate with your clubs about this issue.

The new billing will be created based on the number of members reported on the club's June membership report. Students will not be included in the billed membership. So, please send in your June reports to LCI where I will extract the information in July. The invoices will be sent out in August.

The **Student Speakers** topic will be chosen at the Organizational Council of Governors meeting in Santa Maria on August 2, 2014. Next year's contest packet material will be created and posted on the MD-4 website: [www.md4lions.org](http://www.md4lions.org). After the material is printed, it will be packaged and mailed to those who have ordered a packet online at the MD-4 site, [www.md4lions.org](http://www.md4lions.org), by October 1, 2014. After that time any orders will incur a \$15 fee. Please make check payable to MD-4 and mail with your request. No packets will be distributed after December 31, 2014.

The 15 winning **district scrapbooks** will be judged at the Organizational meeting in Santa Maria on August 1-3. Again, refer to the [www.md4lions.org](http://www.md4lions.org) or the MD-4 directory for more details.

The **Annual Peace Poster and Essay Contest** kits have been available through [LCI Club Supplies](http://www.lci.org) since the beginning of the year, so I hope clubs have purchased the kit and are recruiting preteen students to participate in this wonderful opportunity to print the thought of peace in the minds of the youth. The MD-4

Peace Poster contest will consist of the 15 districts' winning posters (please send to the MD-4 office) and will be held in mid December, the date is TBD. At the MD-4 Convention, the winner of the MD-4 contest will receive \$500 and a place of recognition. The two honorable mentions will each receive \$250 and a plaque. Please, ask your club and district public relation chairs to get the word out to the public. The LCI site has much information including the rules and press releases.

The [LCI Environmental Photo Contest](#) is a great way to show the world just how beautiful and diverse California is. There are several categories to enter your favorite photo. The District winners will enter the MD-4 contest, which I am asking the Council of Governors to consider having them displayed anonymously at the MD-4 convention in Visalia, February 20-22, 2015 and let the delegates vote for a winner.

The [MD-4 Excellence Awards](#) are a once in a lifetime award to a Lion who has shown exemplary leadership ability and demonstrates that ability in thought and deed. A nominee shall have exhibited leadership by taking initiative with projects from their club and districts. The Lion must have demonstrated dedication to the Lions organization and serves as a role model for all Lions. Consideration for the nomination must be given to lifetime achievements of the candidate as well as the candidates' Lionistic attitude.

The district cabinet will review all nominations and select the recipient(s) at a regular scheduled meeting of the cabinet. The names will be submitted to the Council of Governors prior to the February COG meeting. The award (a medal and certificate) will be presented at the district's annual convention by a current MD-4 governor on behalf of the Multiple District. Please see the MD-4 website or directory for more details and nominate your fellow Lions.

Respectfully submitted,

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If, at dissolution, any of the remaining funds are going to a charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organization (such as LCIF, LPCCI, Lions in Sight etc.) then the club is required to file a Form RRF-1

([http://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/charities/charitable/rnf1\\_form.pdf](http://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/charities/charitable/rnf1_form.pdf)) with the Registry of Charitable Trusts, a division of the Attorney General's office. If the club hasn't registered yet, they would need to file a form CT-1 (<http://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/charities/charitable/ct1-form.pdf>).

This is an annual filing with the Registry of Charitable Trusts and the RRF-1 would be filed along with a copy of the club's Form 990. For some clubs who do not file the 990 or 990-EZ because their total receipts are less than \$50,000, they would simply file the RRF-1 alone with no attachments. There is also a fee to go with this based on the gross receipts of the club though it is not significant and it is based on the level of gross receipts that are reported on the Form 990.

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<http://www.flickr.com/photos/lionsclubsorg/>

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