



eNewsletter of MD-4 California Lions

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2016-2017 Council Chair David Radtke

"Change can be your friend; Complacency is always your enemy." -Matshona
Dhliwayo



Greetings Brothers & Sisters in Service,

Whether you are a new Lion or a seasoned Veteran, the Lions Years move very quickly and we are yet again, ready to say goodbye and “Thank You” to another year, and another group of leaders. 2016-17 has come and gone before we really even had a chance to appreciate the great work we are doing. It is again the time that we are prepping for new leadership to take over, at the Clubs, at the Districts, at the Multiple, and Internationally. Each year this change brings us to the proverbial question, does our desire to change leadership annually, lead to a “Glass half full? Or half empty?”

- Do we as an organization benefit from pushing our Clubs and Districts to line up new leaders each and every year?
- Are we cutting the legs off of leaders who are just getting into the flow of their jobs when it is time to plan for their replacements?
- Does the development of new leaders outweigh the benefits of experienced and seasoned leadership?

If we are working the plans as intended, we absolutely are a much better organization with the continual development of new leadership. Provided we do not lose our experienced seasoned

leaders to complacency or irrelevance, we should have a perfect vehicle to identify, attract, train, and mentor the new leadership. We are uniquely suited to graduate trained and seasoned leaders into the Lions “Job Pool”, allowing these leaders to take the next step in Leadership.

We should never be at a loss or short on candidates for upcoming positions in our Districts and our Multiple. If every Club in a District is attracting, training, and supporting our leadership, we should have 40 plus experienced Club Presidents available each year for new challenges and service opportunities. If we fail to plan for our leadership succession, then we are doomed to take what we get?

If your club, your District, or our Multiple is finding ourselves recycling, I ask you to ask yourself why?

- Are we not attracting Leaders?
- Are we not Training leaders?
- Are we not including potential leaders in our plans?
- Are we reluctant to give up some control, and embrace different ideas and change?

Each and every District in our Multiple is blessed with a library of Lion Leaders who have navigated through leadership roles from Club to District, to the Multiple. If we do have a lack of leadership candidates, I want to first look to this group and ask them to become more active, more involved, more resourceful in the development of leadership. We are only as strong and as effective as the captains guiding our ships.

As I conclude my year of Service as the Council Chairman for MD4, I ask the 2016-17 class of leadership, to not go quietly into the night, to not step back into complacency, to not become irrelevant, and to ensure our future as the number one service organization is bright for many, many, many more years.

Lion Penny and I have been blessed to Serve this year, blessed beyond imagination to become friends with so many wonderful people and amazing volunteers.

Thank you.

International Director Howard Hudson
2015-2017



Where did these past two years go? It seems like only yesterday when we were preparing to go to the International Convention in Hawaii where we were elected to join the family of International Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International. This has been an experience that Lynn & I will cherish forever. We have been able visit with Lions throughout the world. And more particularly, with Lions around North America as we have taken part in so many District and Multiple District Conventions during our term on the Board.

As we have visited these events around North America, we have been able to observe and take part in projects that we have only read about in the Lion Magazine. And we have always returned excited and proud about the service that members of our Association are offering to their communities and to individuals in those communities.

Dawn of a new century of Lions

We have also been able to be a part of the dawn of a new century of Lions. The deliberations that we became involved with in looking at a new strategic plan two years ago have evolved into the new MyLion which is being rolled out at the International Convention in Chicago. As the chair of the Finance and Headquarters Operations Committee, I have also been able to be a member of the Centennial Action Committee planning for not just the celebration in Chicago but also planning for the entire year of celebration that will be going on throughout the coming year. This board has instituted the program that has led to the new [MyLion](#) reporting program - something that is leading the way for web leadership and communication.

Lions of California leading the way

Nothing can take the place of the progress and growth that the Lions of California have experienced in the past several years. With the leadership of our District Governors over the past several years, California has far and away led the country in growth of new clubs and of membership. This year is no exception. As we have traveled the country, we have discovered that not only are the Lions of California leading the way, we are so far ahead of the rest of the country, that other states and multiple districts are taking notice and emulating the leadership and vision that has led to the growth here. So "Thank You" to everyone who has been a part of this movement growing Lionism in California.

Rose Parade Float

Nothing has generated as much excitement around the country as our [Rose Parade Float](#). Everywhere we go, we find people talking about the spectacular float that was put together by the Lions Float Inc. this past year. It was a real symbol of our strength. It was also one of the best public relations tools that the Lions have ever produced. That has been noticed and is being recognized by the continued support we receive for this float through the funding from Lions Clubs International.

So, as we conclude our service on the International Board of Directors, both Lynn and I want to thank the Lions of California for all they have done to encourage us and to support us this past two years. You have truly been agents for leading the country in Climbing New Mountains. It has been a real privilege for us to represent all the Lions of California as we enter our second century of service. And we are looking forward to the continuing leadership we have to offer to the Lions of the world in the years to come from the Lions of California.

Lions Clubs International
President Bob Corlew



Entrance Fee Waiver

Dear Fellow Lion Leaders,

In celebration of our 100th birthday on June 7th, 2017 we are waiving entrance fees for all new members added between June 1st and June 10th. Not only will new members help us make an even bigger impact, they will belong to a distinguished group of “Centennial Lions,” in recognition of this unique moment in our history.

So, how does it work? As you celebrate the founder’s anniversary of Lions on June 7th and induct new members, as they’re entered into MyLCI, subsequent billing will reflect this special promotion. This is a limited, one-time offer that does not apply to new members added prior to June 1st or after June 10th of this year. No exceptions will be approved. Charter and transfer charter fees do not qualify for this one-time waiver.

So invite family, friends and colleagues to make history with us. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Accounts Receivable Department via email accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org or via phone at 630-203-3810.



Very truly yours,
Chancellor Bob Corlew

<https://vimeo.com/216198321>

MyLion[®]

The logo for Lions Clubs International, featuring a blue and yellow circular emblem with a lion's head and the word "LIONS" at the top and "INTERNATIONAL" at the bottom, with a large yellow "L" in the center.

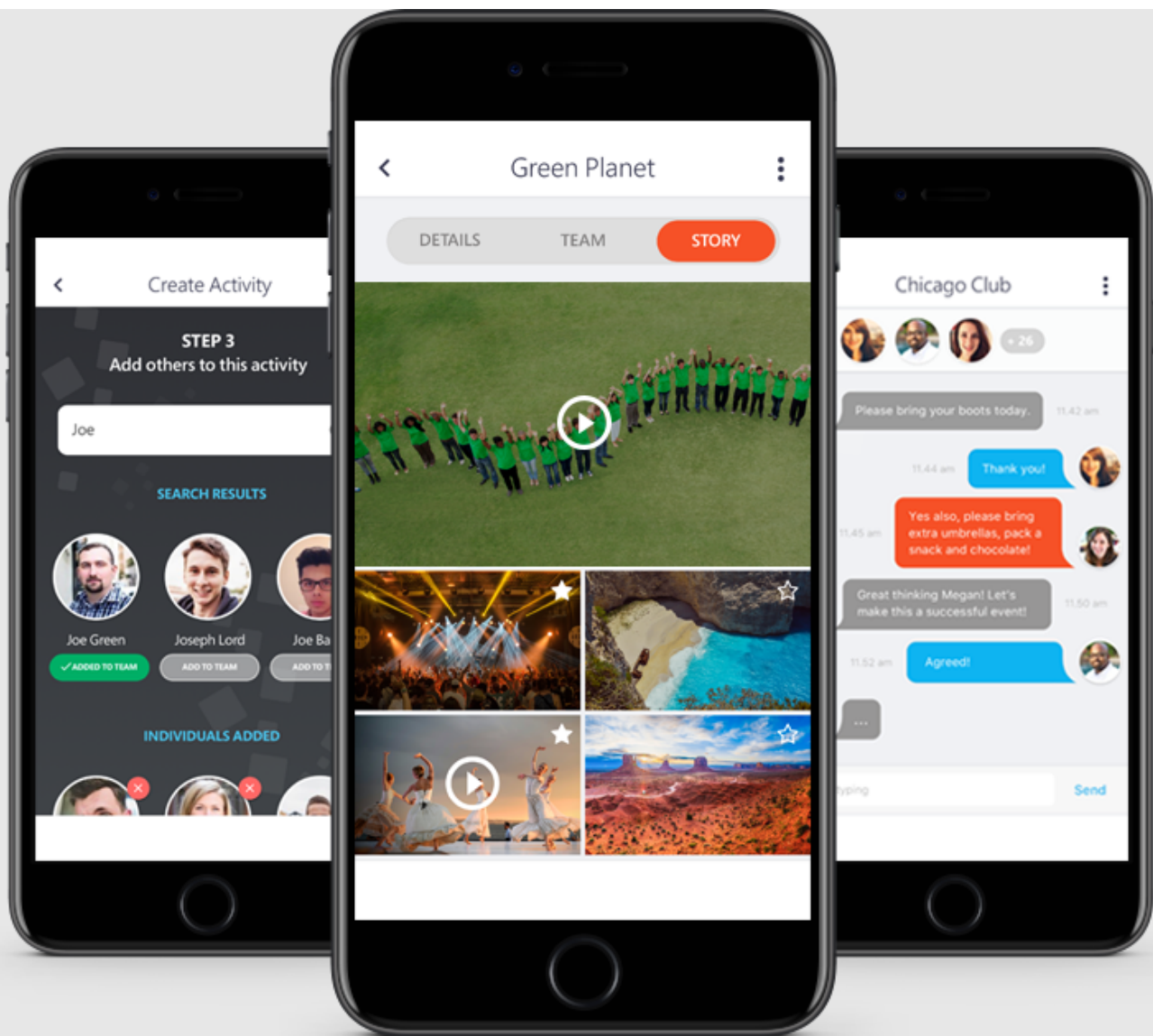
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**The new MyLion App
Coming This July to Your Smartphone.**

Just in time for the 100th year anniversary of Lions Clubs International, we're releasing MyLion. Get ready to connect and serve with Lions everywhere—right from your Apple or Android mobile phone.

Sign Up Now

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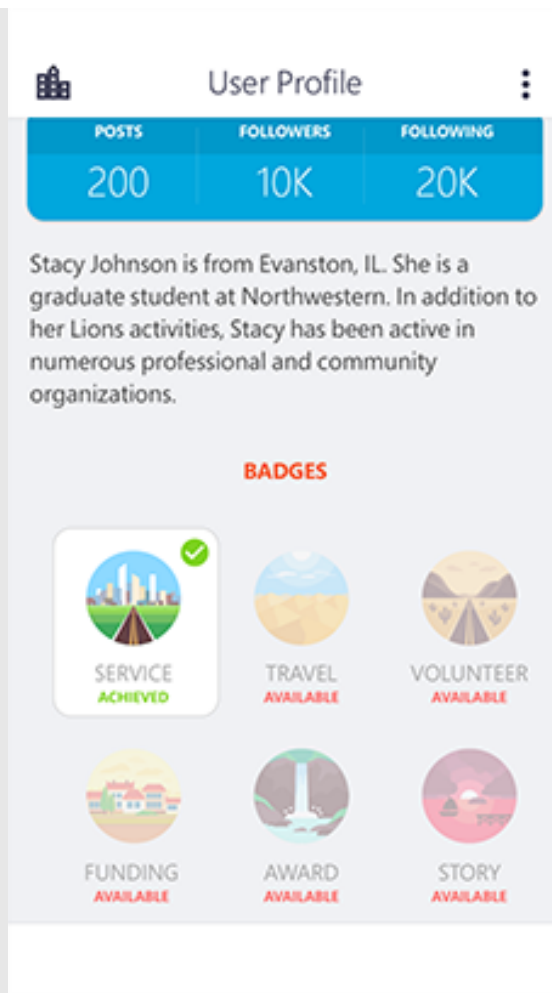


Chat with Lions Across The Globe

Looking for new perspectives? MyLion lets you connect with Lions everywhere. It's easy to connect, chat, or do service projects together—no matter where you are!

Discover, Participate, Share

With just a few taps, MyLion lets you discover activities near you, sign up to participate, and even share pictures, stories and results from your project.



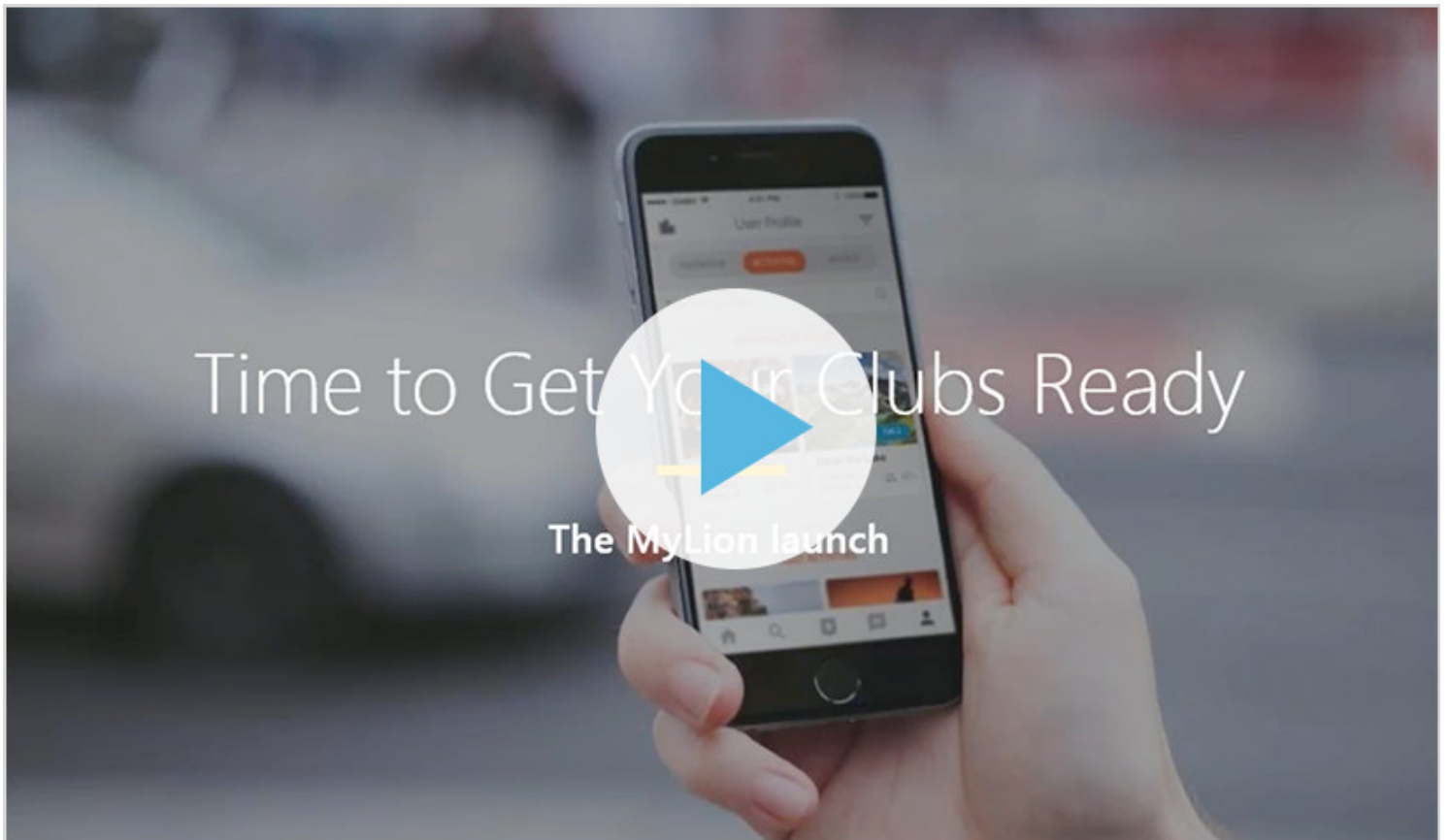
Get Recognition

Earn Badges, Show Leadership

Just like pins and patches—MyLion lets you earn badges for serving others and being an active member of the Lions community.

What badge will you earn next?

Watch Club Training Video Below



Time to Get Your Clubs Ready

The MyLion launch



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provide even greater service to their local communities.

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Matching financial grants will be available to clubs and districts to meet various needs and projects in their respective communities through a Grant Application process. Grant criteria is specified to assure that CLF does not duplicate services or grants already available from another foundation or source. The dollar range of CLF grants will be focused on projects from \$500 to \$10,000. This will eliminate any potential duplication in grants available from LCIF.



California Lions District Governors honored Past International President Joe Preston with a Kay K Fukushima Fellowship as a 'Founding Member' of our new California Lions Foundation at the MD4 Convention in February.



Denise Fukushima was honored with a Kay K Fukushima Founding Member Fellowship at the MD4 California Lions Convention in February.

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<http://www.access-ink.com/lionsclub>

Please order your 2017 *OFFICIAL* MD-4 California Delegation Uniforms for the International Convention in Chicago, before



May 11, 2017, in order to receive your uniform by the end of May. Access Uniforms. 1-800-288-1108.

Official MD-4 California Delegation Uniform is Chino style pants in "String" color and white socks and shoes.

No exceptions; no hats; no bags or ornate jewelry.

Lions in the News

Multiple District Four of California

Loma Fire - District 4-C6

Lions are coming together from three Lions Clubs, San Martin, Los Gatos and Cabrillo Lions in this very remote place, Loma Prieta Mountain in the Santa Cruz Mountains, to install a Bulletin Board for the residents affected by the Loma Fire. The Los Gatos Lions built it for emergency communications amongst the residents. The area is remote and most off the grid after a certain point, up to 75 or more families after this point.





Community Service Award - District 4-C5

About 6 years ago, Kitty Kramer, District 4-C5, initiated a state-wide DMV eyeglass collection campaign during the month of October. Over the past 6 years, they've collected over 7,300 pairs of used eyeglasses at DMV and Headquarters offices up and down the state of CA. The California DMV will receive a Community Service Award from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA).



[View Our New Website](#)

It's a work in progress and will be live very soon!
Password to view is melvinjonesmd4

[Linda Pugliese, Editor](#)

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