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Public Relations Committee

by PDG Francis Bognuda, PR Chair



With Peace, Love, and Understanding, LIONS PRIDE is here in your PR team

Your Public Relations Committee has been hard at work since we left Santa Maria's COG meeting. Your members are PDG Francis Bognuda, Area 1 Chair; PDG Lita Guidotti, Area 3; Lion Amy Fink Area 2; Lion Mercy Walters Area 4; Governor, Larry Marcum 4-C1; VDG 1st Ron Raines 4-A1; 2nd VDG Kumar Kalagara. Your Editor is Linda Pugliese, 4-C6.

There are a couple of things that your committee found out after the first issue. LIONS DO READ the LEADER, and they seem to care about having new IDEAS in it. I hope that the Districts are now close to having the PEACE POSTER CONTEST, ESSAY CONTEST and the ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST in the final stages. November 15 is the final date to enroll. MD4 judging is in January 2015

We have asked the 2nd VDGs to help in getting new members to write a brief statement about why they joined Lions.

We are also starting a "Letter to the Editor" section. I know that this will open up a can of worms, but we need to know what the members of MD4 would like to read in the future Leader issues.

I hope you enjoy reading the section about your Past International Directors. We will hear more from them in a later issue.

As you have already read, we have a History Section that features C2, C5, A2, and L3. This will continue till we have all 15 districts show their LIONS PRIDE.

Now looking to the future

Your committee is looking to change the scrapbook to DVD form. This will allow us to market the districts at the convention. *You have a great story to tell about our LIONS PRIDE.* It also allows us to be able to keep all our LIONS informed. Now we only see the district winners and not what the districts do. Yes, we agree that a scrapbook is important to the clubs, but we also see lots of benefits for the districts by doing this.

I was informed that we could try a digital scrapbook. Not a bad Idea, as our LIONS are getting younger, and more into computers etc. The committee has also thought about a "Newsletter MD4 Contest". More on these topics will be discussed in the next issue and at the convention reception held by your Public Relations Committee, which I hope, many of you attend.

MD4 has received a grant for LION EYES ACROSS CALIFORNIA, to be able implement the project for a day statewide to recycle glasses, and much more. Please read VDG Richard Davies article.

In closing, I hope you know where the most wonderful places to be in the world are: In someone's thoughts, someone's prayers, and in someone's heart. To understand this, you must be a LION.

I hope that you all enjoyed this LEADER. Your committee has enjoyed putting this together for your enjoyment.

**Your Public Relations and Information
Technology Committee, including our Editor**

Message from International Director Larry Dicus

Greetings MD4 Lions!

Congratulations to California Lions for your ongoing positive momentum in service and

membership. California Lions have continued to demonstrate leadership by quickly responding to recent earthquake and wildfire disasters. In each case, local clubs have taken the lead, responded to local needs, and were backed up by their District Governor teams and local Lions. When LCIF funds were requested, LCIF was responsive and made money available immediately.

It is heartwarming to be part of such a compassionate, capable, and responsive organization. Let me shout out a huge THANK YOU to the local Lions, Lions clubs and District Governor teams who demonstrated such strong leadership and responsiveness.



Ask One

California Lions have responded beautifully to International President Joe Preston's [Ask One](#) campaign, and we are growing! Thank you to the many Lions who have provided the gift of membership to a friend or family member. Remember, each of us is encouraged to 'Ask One' friend, associate, or family member to join us and share in the joy of serving others under the Lions banner.

Centennial Celebration

It is time to start celebrating our Centennial - yes, Lions Clubs International will turn 100 years young in 2017! Our Centennial celebration kicked off in July at the LCI convention in Toronto with the introduction of a Centennial Service Challenge to Lions. LCI's Centennial Service Challenge to Lions consists of asking Lions to provide 100 Million acts of service during our three year Centennial Celebration period (2014-2017). There is a superb two-minute video available on the [LCI Centennial](#) website. I encourage you to go to this site and [watch the video](#). You will be hearing more about our Centennial Celebration and the tagline 'Since 1917 - Where there is a need, there is a LION!' The Centennial Service Challenge is centered around our Global Service Initiatives that ask clubs to report service activities focused on the four major categories of Vision, Youth, Relieving Hunger, and Protecting the Environment. Project templates are available on the www.lions100.org website.

Lions KidSight USA

Jane and I just returned from the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where International President Joe Preston not only highlighted his theme 'Strengthen the Pride' but also introduced a new USA Lions project 'Lions KidSight USA.' [Lions KidSight USA](#) is a nationwide program to safeguard the vision of children aged 6 months through 6 years. According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual. So if a child can't see well, he can't learn well. Yet most young children don't get their vision screened until they have problems learning or paying attention in school. By then, it may already be too late. Unless vision problems are detected early and corrected, they risk becoming permanent by age 7. A number of our clubs and districts are already involved with this program, however there is a huge need, and thousands of children are being overlooked. You will be hearing more about this program from our MD4 Sight Committee.



2014 July, LQ: Lions Save a Young Girl's Life - Lions Clubs Videos

I am excited to be working with a highly energized and motivated MD4 Leadership team again this year. Our District Governor teams and MD4 committees are working hard to enable every California Lion to have a fruitful year of service and make a difference in their community.

Let's work together to 'Strengthen our Pride' and grow our clubs to better serve our communities. As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, or wish to contact me - please contact me at lionldicus@gmail.com or 562-699-4600.

Yours in service,

Larry Dicus
International Director

MD-4 Membership

by Dr. Dennis J. Grotrian, MD4 Council Chair

Fellow MD4 Lions,

In the first edition of The Leader I asked for your ideas to increase our membership as we move ahead on our journey to create an even stronger Multiple District Four. I need to "Thank" the more than 75 Lions who took time to share their insightful thoughts, ideas and suggestions . . . it was great to receive such a response!

The 2014-15 Council of Governors have each pledged to try their best to establish 2 new clubs and obtain a net gain of 62 members in each district . . . a challenging goal that would provide 30 new clubs and a net 1,000 membership increase. . . and to accomplish this they will need your considerable assistance! The teamwork inherent in this effort to increase our membership will bring us to greater heights because we all have a special role to play to stay on course together. We need more hands to serve youth, to meet unmet humanitarian needs, to



better our communities -- whatever the world calls on us to do -- as we seek to ever expand our "service."

Unfortunately, needs are increasing all around us, but thankfully we MD4 Lions are there and rising to these new challenges. I am convinced our world of service knows no limits because I have seen so much passion and compassion from our Lions. No problem is too big to overcome. If there is a need, we just find a way to address that need. So even as we celebrate our past successes, I'm asking you to focus as well on our next challenges. I see the Lions of MD4 being "agents of change" to make sure our clubs meet the needs of today's members and attract new individuals to join us. These new members will help us evolve and can share our story with new audiences.

Our world is a world of service. Never doubt for a moment that you are making a significant contribution and improving the quality of life. We are building a better today and tomorrow. Keep up the great work and let's work together to increase our district membership and let others enjoy the satisfaction of "serving" others.

Message from Global Leadership Team

by PDG Steve Robeson, MD 4 GLT Coordinator

The Multiple District 4 Global Leadership Team has been busy working with the Districts training the District GLT Coordinators and helping them complete District 3-Year GLT plans. We had trainings in Santa Maria and Pittsburg in August which served these tasks as well as opening up the channels of communication and emphasizing the Quarterly Reporting process.

Leadership Institutes

The two MD 4 Leadership Institutes are awaiting registrants. We are receiving applications on a daily basis for the first Institute in [Sacramento](#), scheduled for Veterans Day Weekend, November 9-11. The second Institute will be held in [Ontario](#) over MLK Weekend, January 17-19. The [MD 4 website](#) has the forms available for download.



It is clear that the message of the importance of training our present and future leaders, as part of our efforts to grow the Lions presence in California, is being heard by our clubs, districts and by our Councils of Governors. I'm pleased to have the support of the three councils and I am pleased to have such dedicated District GLT Coordinators. I am glad to see that District Leadership is calling in the support of my committee. PDG Ken Ibarra, PDG Chris Ohrmund, and IPDG Jim Goodheart are capable of helping the training effort in many ways.

USA/Canada Leadership Forum

I'm in the process of preparing to depart for San Juan, Puerto Rico for the [USA/Canada Forum](#). It's a wonderful part of the overall effort to keep current Lions Leaders from our Constitutional Area 1. Next year it will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Consider going. You won't regret going.

Message from Global Membership Team

by PDG Linda Griffin, MD 4 GMT Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP BY ANY OTHER NAME IS STILL MEMBERSHIP...

Congratulations Lions, we are off to a positive start for the first three months of the Lions year as we begin to "Strengthen the Pride."

But have you thought about what you are going to do to "Maintain and Strengthen" the membership. Do you have a plan? Do you have projects in place? Do you have an orientation of new members planned? Are you ready to listen to ALL of the membership?

If not, let me suggest that you go to the Lions Clubs website and click on [Member Center](#). You will find more resources that you could ever imagine.

Imagine if you did not have to reinvent the wheel. Imagine if all you had to do is read and print or call and ask for the information to be sent to you. Or have you called upon your District Global Membership Team Leader to assist you and your club? Have you contact the Multiple District Four Global Membership Team to come to your district, zone, region and help you?

Membership growth has never been easier...most of it is on line and all you have to do is spend some time--in the comfort of your home, casual clothes and your favorite beverage. You do not have to be the Membership Chairperson in your club or district. The information is free to all LIONS as we are all responsible for MEMBERSHIP GROWTH.

I am only going to discuss one facet of the many programs that are available.

One of the first documents, I would suggest is the "[BLUEPRINT FOR A STRONGER CLUB](#)." This document leads you through the steps of developing a plan in three steps:

1. Assess your club
2. Establish goals
3. Identify the step to achieve goals.

The Blueprint will help you keep on track for the year but also encouraging you to pursue excellence and completing the Club Excellence Process. The Blueprint is an essential tool to "Strengthening the Pride."

Let me leave you with one more thought. While we are increasing our membership, one step at a time, join the "[Centennial Service Challenge](#)" of serving 100 million people by December 2017. What better way of proving that LIONS SERVE and together we will grow!

If you need or want more assistance, contact your Global Membership Team. We are here to help you achieve your goals of membership growth.





#LIONS100 Centennial Launch and Service Challenge

Lions Clubs International Foundation

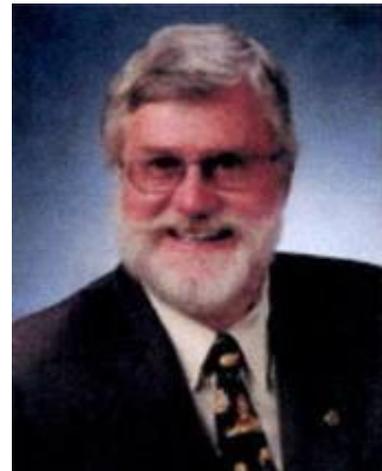
by PCC Roger Powell, MD4 LCIF Coordinator

"Giving is Good!"

MD4's LCIF team is on the move again. Having been asked to set goals for the year, our District Coordinators are going about living up to them.

Measles Campaign Renewed

LCIF has renewed its commitment to the eradication of measles. Last time around the Gates Foundation matched every \$2 we donated with \$1. The result on our part was so impressive that they have asked LCIF to continue the campaign, this time with a 1-for-1 matching donation. As a result LCIF has partnered with the GAVI alliance, a public-private partnership involving the UK's Department for International Development and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. LCIF's goal is to raise \$9 million dollars this year for matching by the alliance. Donations to this campaign count toward MJF's and PMJF's.



"One Child, One Life"

Most important in this initiative is that each \$1 expended in our efforts pays for one shot for a child that protects that child for life, hence the theme "One Shot, One Life." While most of us had thought that we had eradicated measles with vaccines in the 1960's, so far this year in the US there have been more cases than in over the previous 20 years. And globally deaths among children have occurred at about 14 every hour, even though there is a safe and cost-effective vaccine. Your LCIF District Coordinator has all of the information necessary for you to make a donation to this initiative, or you can go online at Lcif.org to follow through. And these donations also count for MJF/PMJF credits.

Disasters Require Our Help

As natural disasters like that in Okinawa continue to be reported throughout the world, we here in California have faced our own challenges with fires in the northern part of the state and outbreaks in the Ventura area. Thanks to the quick responses of District Governors Larry Marcum (4-C1) and Erv Gon (4-C5) immediate LCIF disaster grants of \$10,000 each went to meet the needs of folks affected in those communities. Supporting our Foundation's ongoing readiness to respond to these disasters is a result of Lions' contributions to the Disaster Fund, also eligible for MJF/PMJF credits.



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MD4 "Giving Is Good" Is Indeed Good

For the last two years our MD4 LCIF motto has been "Giving Is Good," and once again in 2013-14 Multiple District 4 was #1 in Lions International Constitutional Area 1 in total giving. But we're not yet at the top in the entire world of international Lionism, so let's go for it! WE CAN DO IT!

Meet your Past International Director

by PID Joe DiDuca

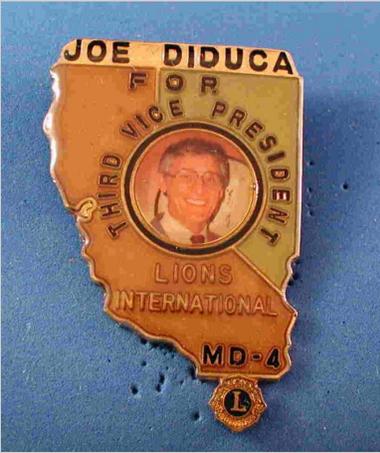
My term on the International Board was from 1979 to 1981, a real privilege and an exciting time for me.

The first year, Mr. Morgan from New Zealand was president, so I was able to attend a board meeting in New Zealand. After the meeting, four of us rented a car and toured the country for a week. Driving on the left side of the road was a little difficult, but we saw a lot of beautiful country. I learned a great deal of their Maori culture and saw a lot of sheep.

Working with the staff at LCI was a real pleasure and very educational. They are very professional. I am still in touch with some of them. After all these years, of course most of them are retired.

During my term I asked to serve on the Leadership Committee. The second year as chairman, you have regular meetings while at board meetings and then make your report at the general meetings. The voters, at the 1980-81 International convention, voted in favor of the office of Lt. Governor. This proposal came from our Leadership Committee.





I did enjoy attending conventions. It was always exciting to meet new Lions and their families. You always learned something new. At that time, California was the third largest multiple district in the world and we were well received, and of course we still are.

I have always been grateful to my Lions for giving me the opportunity to represent them. It was a great honor.

I am still active today. I am a Life Member of the Los Gatos Lions Club in District 4-C6 and have been an associate member of the Paradise Host Lions Club in District 4-C1 since the mid-eighties.

Lionism has been a major part of my life since I was invited to join the Los Gatos Lions Club in January of 1961. I treasure the many friends that I have made in Lionism.

My mate Barbara is a member of the Paradise Host Lions Club. She is a major organizer of our many activities, arranges for programs, and is in charge of our rummage sales which make up our activities fund, so we share a mutual interest in Lions.

Thank you.

Your Friend in Lionism,
PID Joe DiDuca
(See you along the trail :)

Lions Float, Inc.

by PDG Norm MacKenzie, President

"Ride of your Life"

Lions Float, Inc. has Three "Ride of Your Life" Spots Available and Two Out-walker Positions for Lions Clubs International Rose Float "Inspiring Challenges" in the 126th Tournament of Roses Parade January 1, 2015

The "Ride of Your Life" positions are two standing and one bike seat. The Caddy position on top of float will assist visually impaired golfer and baseball player on and off the float. The other standing position is beside the surf boards in front of the float adjacent to the International

President and his wife. The package includes up to three hotel nights, one ticket to the parade (for spouse or guest), a reception with the International President, a breakfast with the Pasadena Host Lions, a tour of the float barn, and transportation to the parade. Cost is \$5,000.



The package is available to anyone who wishes to ride on the float. To secure a seat, the purchaser must send a check made out to Lions Float, Inc., mailed to Norm MacKenzie, 1578 Palomar Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069. No reservations will be taken without payment. Should there be more requests than seats available, the packages will be allocated based on date of receipt of the check. It is recommended that checks and accompanying information be sent by registered mail, return receipt requested.

The out-walker positions are available to anyone who wishes to participate at \$1,000 each and includes a breakfast with Pasadena Host Lions, tour of the float barn and transportation to the parade only. All riders and Out-walkers register at the Doubletree By Hilton Los Angeles-Rosemead, 888 Montebello Blvd., Rosemead, CA 91770. Phone # (323) 722-8800. Room rates are \$139 for December 28-30 and \$169 December 31st. When registering, you must use the Group #INL1228.

All riders must meet at the Doubletree Hotel at 5:30 a.m. on New Year's Eve morning for float judging and be at the hotel at 5:00 a.m., on New Year's Day for transportation to the float.

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Why I Joined Lions

by PDG Dudley Lang

Forty-three years ago, in 1971 when I was a young partner in a Los Angeles law firm, I joined the L.A. Host Lions Club. My decision to join was induced by one of my senior partners, John Scheifly, who introduced me to Lion Richard Stebbins who then was a prominent loan officer at the downtown office of Manufacturers Bank.

The introduction was purposeful: both my law firm and the bank encouraged the idea of business owners, bankers and professionals working together in community service.

Doing so was viewed as good for the community and good for business, reflecting good citizenship as well as good economics. Perhaps this vision of community involvement is less evident in the business community today; if so, we would do well to revive it.

Joining the Lions Club at the instance of my senior partner was a significant event, but staying involved in Lionism for more than forty years is far more important to me. A complete list of the benefits of Lions Club membership is beyond the scope of this piece, but here is a summary of some of the factors that have kept me involved:

- Participation in community service is personally fulfilling to me.
- Participation in community service through a Lions Club magnifies the impact of our service. We can accomplish more together than we can separately.
- Participation in service through an international organization such as Lions Clubs International, with its foundation LCIF, enables our service to have a worldwide impact.

- Lions Club members have in common an interest in helping others, so my wife Gail and I have developed wonderful personal friendships at every level of the Lions organization.
- Participation in Lions Club activities has provided experiences that have enhanced my personal development as one who thinks beyond himself.

For these and other reasons, I'm very glad that John Scheifly introduced me to Lion Dick Stebbins and that I became an active part of the family of Lions.



"Why I Joined Lions"

From Byron Delta Lions Club - District 4-C3:

*"I joined the Lions because it is an **opportunity** to help others." Lion Bonnie Clawson*

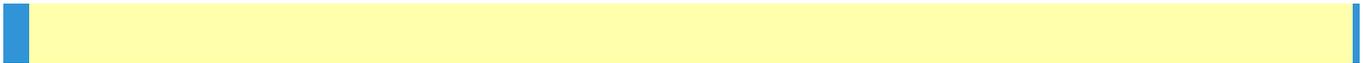


*"I joined the Lions since after retiring & golf playing ... now I have the **time** to help others." Lion Julie Blotz*

*"I joined the Lions because Bonnie asked me to a meeting ... and after I learned what the Lions do, I wanted to be be a **part of it...** a grand thing." Lion Barbara Stalie*

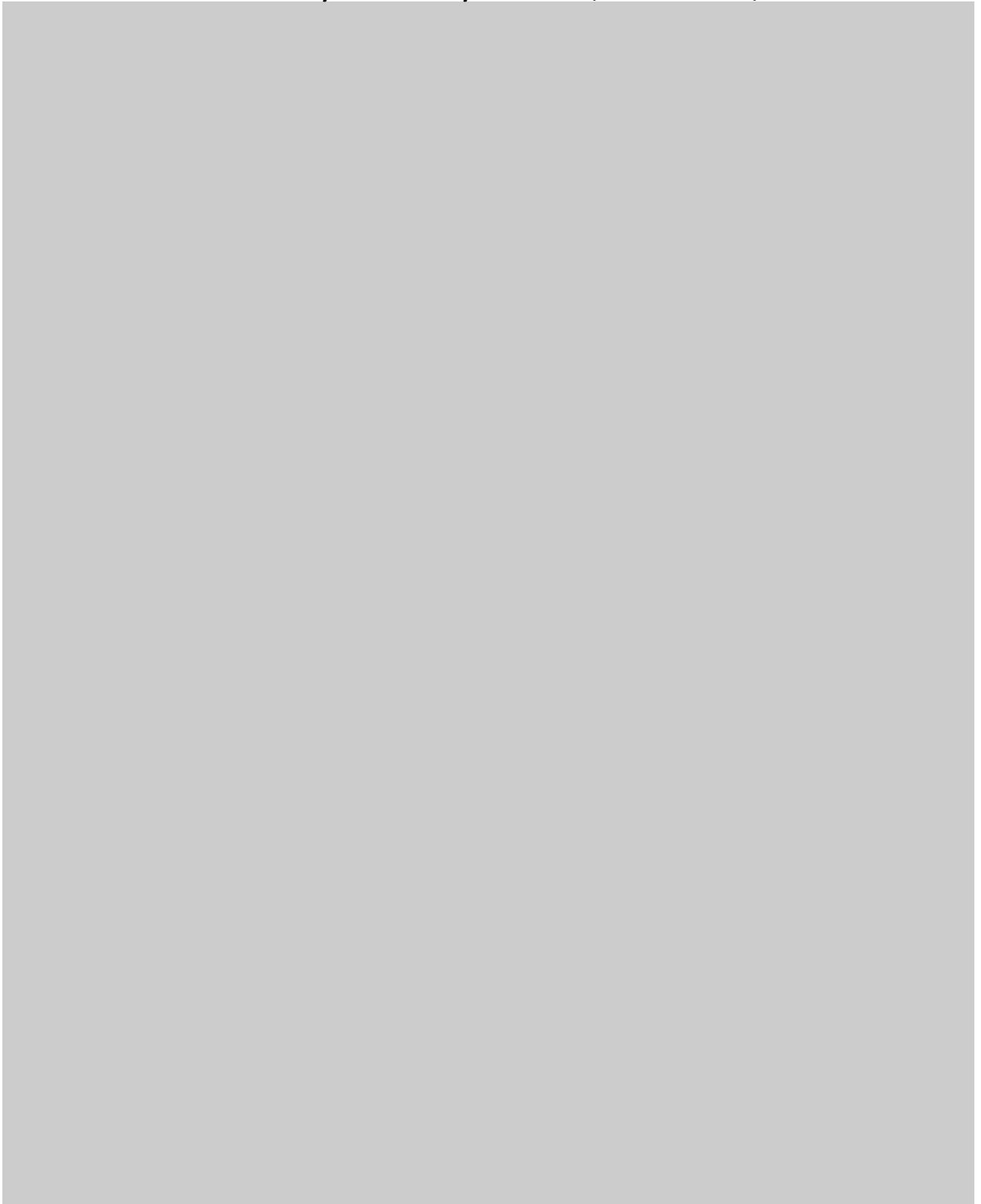
From Westmorland Lions Club

*"When I REALLY become a Lion: When I realized how **important** our local Lions Club is to our community and how much **fun** volunteering and **giving back** to the community is!!" Lion Virginia Dickerson*



History of District 4-A2

by Lion Anthony T. Martinez, Governor 4-A2, Parlier Lions Club



Where did District 4-A2 come from? I was asked to compile a historical look at the birth of my District. My first thought was...it all started when a mommy Lion named 4-A and a daddy Lion named 4-A met and....ok, that's probably not the correct answer. It actually only took a few minutes to track down a resource brochure, "Historic Progression of District 4-A2", First Edition compiled by PDG Walter Schallock and PID Herbert Hargrave (1973) and Second Edition compiled by PDG Walter Schallock (1985). It contains names, facts, dates and the historical progression of Lions International and District 4-A2. This brochure was given to me by the late Governor Robert 'Bob' Howell (1985-1986); he said this would come in handy someday...thanks again, Lion Bob, you are still teaching me today.

As with all California Lion Districts, our history traces back to the original California Lions club, the Oakland Lions Club, which was chartered on October 27, 1917. The Oakland Lions were part of the original First District, which covered from the Canadian border to the Mexican border, the Pacific Ocean to the State of Utah. Soon after, the Cirgonian Club out of Los Angeles and the Berkeley Lions joined the California group.

From this core group, the rest grew, including Fresno Host, chartered on October 9, 1920 by the Oakland Lions. The Fresno Host Lions Club was the first club in the area now known as 4-A2. I can try to explain the different designations and how boundaries and letters were changed, but that might get a little confusing, I will keep this segment brief. Fresno Host was originally part of District 1. In 1922, the districts were re-numbered and our area became District 4. In 1939, the districts were further divided and Fresno Host's PID Herbert Hargrave was elected as Governor of Four-C. In 1949, there was further division and our area became 4-C2 under Governor Herbert Carpenter.

There were further splits and re-designations, which were all good things, because Lions Clubs were forming and the new designations were needed to help with the span of control.

Ultimately, in 1957, Nick Daily became the first Governor of 4-A2. The District had 62 clubs. By 1965, the district had grown to 73 clubs. It was at this time, the current Northern, Southern, Central and Western Regions were formed, along with multiple Zones (1, 2, 3 and 4) in each region.

- District 4-A2 is the proud home of Lions: Past International President Harry J. Aslan (1975-1976), PIP William L. Biggs (1990-1991), Past International Director Herbert R. Hargrave (1949-1950) and PID Dana M. Biggs (2007-2009).
- The first six clubs in our district were: Fresno Host (1920), Porterville Noon (1922), Tulare Host (1922), Reedley (1922), Visalia Host (1926) and Bakersfield Host (1926). Today, all but Porterville Noon remain in existence.

Over the years, 4-A2 has supported such projects as: Ronald McDonald House, Canine Companions, Lions Wilderness Camp, Operation Friendship, Student Speakers, Cases for Kids, Bearskin Meadow Camp, Ear of the Lion and the Lions Eye Foundation, to name but a few.

The creation of 4-A2 may not have involved a mommy and daddy Lion meeting, but I know Melvin Jones and the original Lions who met back in 1917-1920 would be proud of the progress. Today, 4-A2 is comprised of 63 clubs and approximately 2,000 Lions. They continue to serve with pride the southern half of the San Joaquin Valley, from Fresno to Bakersfield, mountain range to mountain range.



Lions Clubs International and City of Hope have enjoyed a long and special relationship that spans decades and continents. Millions of dollars have been raised in the fight to conquer diabetes, cancer and other life-threatening diseases through the dedication and support of Lions members, and the mission they share with City of Hope - to be leaders in community and humanitarian service, and

to improve the health of children and adults around the world.

City of Hope is among a handful of elite institutions in the United States with expertise in both diabetes and cancer research, treatment and education. One of only 41 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers, City of Hope is also a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, an alliance of the nation's leading comprehensive cancer centers that defines and sets standards for cancer care. Its multidisciplinary, interactive environment enables basic, clinical and translational, as well as prevention and control scientists, to work closely together.

Progress continues unabated today, with City of Hope pursuing an aggressive program of pioneering research in all aspects of endocrine diseases, from decoding their genetic and molecular underpinnings to developing pharmaceutical and biological-based therapies for their management, in order to both control diabetes itself and to prevent its attendant complications such as heart disease, stroke, limb amputations and blindness.



Family Center at City of Hope

Most recently, Lions members have taken on another project that helps address the needs of patients and their loved ones who frequently take on the role of caregiver - the upgrading and renovation of the Family Center at City of Hope. Located in the tranquil and verdant setting of Hope Village, on-campus housing for patients requiring long-term treatment at City of Hope, the Family Center offers a wide array of amenities, including:

- A modern kitchen with updated appliances and full dishware, utensils, etc.
- A lounge with flat-screen tvs, Wii, Playstations, etc.
- Full bathrooms with shower
- A computer room, open 7 days a week, with free computer and internet access
- A laundry room with four washers and dryers, for use free of charge
- A multi-purpose space where musicians, comedians and other entertainers who visit the hospital can perform, which also serves as a meeting place for patient support groups and classes such as yoga

This project would not have been possible without the generosity and hard work of MD4 Districts such as 4-L5 who have helped raise over \$72,000, 4-A3 who have helped raise over \$62,000, 4-L1

who have helped raise over \$43,000 and many more. The list of supporters is endless and we are forever grateful.

This multi-year, \$1 million project is modernizing and upgrading this vital facility to create a lasting legacy for patients and families whose loved ones are being treated at City of Hope. As we enter this final year of our campaign for the Lions Family Center, we introduce a new way of giving with the launch of our very own Family Center Crowdrise webpage. To support this project, please visit <https://www.crowdrise.com/LCIFCCityofHope>.

More information can be found online at www.cityofhope.org/familycenter.

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Kases for Kids

by Lion Eileen Vaccarezza

Kases for Kids has been a favorite of our club since we have a membership made up of teachers, teacher-aides, attendance clerks, school secretaries, social workers, parents and/or grandparents.

We spend June, July, August, and September collecting "on sale" school supplies for homework. A lot of money can be saved if you use coupons and special sales. Pencils, pens, paper, crayons, scissors, rulers, glue, and erasers can be purchased for pennies. These items are necessary for continued homework and schooling even if a student has been removed from the family situation or is living in a car.

The largest expense is the backpack itself. Backpacks can be purchased for \$3-5 dollars at Walgreen, Bi-Rite or Target after school starts. Some clubs prefer sending money to an active club rather than shopping. Some clubs find backpacks at a good price and buy all the store has. During October-November some thrift stores have new backpacks that the stores cannot sell and they are offered at 50-75% off.

After a club meeting we set-up an assembly line and fill as many as 65 backpacks in 20-30 minutes. These backpacks are given out to Operation School Bell (school), women's shelters, Transitional Learning Centers, or to social workers who know of families in need.

Lions know it is important to keep children in school and active in education so the Kases for Kids project is necessary and on-going. The students who receive these backpack "kases" are very excited and grateful. They know the Lions care!





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