

## District 4L6 garners top spot as Number One Lions District in California

The “Spirit of Aloha” and the spirit of the late Kay K. Fukushima, Past International President (2002-2003) pervaded the Double Tree by Hilton in Sacramento as more than 600 Lions and guests gathered for the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Multiple District Four Convention on February 9-10, 2013. The event was highlighted by the presence of PIP Sid L. Scruggs III and Lion Judy Scruggs, who were the guests of honor at the International Presidents Luncheon.

The two-day convention was preceded by a 3-day meeting and leadership training of the Council of Governors. The daily events consisting of varied workshops, seminars and committee reports were lightened up at the end of the day fun, food and fellowship at the several VIP Hospitality rooms, the most popular of which was VIP Hospitality hosted by the Sacramento Maharlika Lions Club, the home club of Host Governor Derek Ledda.

The Opening Ceremony was most impressive with members of the Leo Clubs presenting the flags of 207 member countries of the International Lions Club. It was indeed awesome to see the symbolism of the vast membership of the world’s largest service club.

At the beginning of the first business session, Elizabeth Crooke, Council Chair introduced the Councils and PID Robert “Bob” Smith presented a report from Lions Clubs International. It was at this time when the delegation from District 4L6 rose and applauded the announcement that District 4L6 is the Number One District in Multiple District 4. District Governor Blesila S. Trott, smilingly stood up to receive the crystal plaque and to acknowledge the warm applause.

The 25-delegation team from District 4L6 was led by DG Blessie and members of her cabinet, including four Region Chairs and two Zone Chairs. The local Clubs represented were the SD Cosmopolitan Lions Club, SD Mt. Pinatubo Lions Club, SD Executive Lions Club, Del Mar Solana Beach Del Sol Lions Club, San Diego North County Lions Club, Escondido Host Lions Club, El Centro Host Lions Club, Spring Valley Lions Club, San Diego North Park Lions Club, West Shores Lions Club, SD Majestic Lions Club, Rancho Santee Lions Club, San Diego Peninsula Lions Club, El Cajon Valley Host Lions Club and Encinitas Lions Club.

The event ended in a high note with Tom Sullivan, a highly acclaimed author, composer, singer and motivational speaker, singing “My Hero” as his tribute to IPP Kay K. Fukushima. Sullivan suffers from permanent blindness since birth with a condition now known as “retinopathy of prematurity”. His condition was never a hindrance to achieving success in his life.