



District Deeds

District 4-L2 Newsletter

“We Serve”

February 2015

District Theme: “Working Together in Service”

District Governor's

Message

Fellow Lions,

Congratulations to the 13 Lions that attended the MD4 Leadership Institute held in Ontario, California on January 17-19, 2015. This is a great opportunity for any Lion that would like to become a leader, or to any leader that would like to refresh those skills so important in our lives. The District is helping to pay the cost by providing \$100 to each Lion that attended and graduated. I think this is a great investment in the future of our District.

Our 3rd District Meeting was held on January 24th, with over 100 Lions in attendance and a large participation of our Leos from different clubs. This was a great meeting. It is so rewarding to see the participation and commitment from so many Lions and that is why our District is the best District in California. The breakfast was delicious as always, thanks to our District Secretary Lion Drew Sones for coordinating it with his wife Lion Susan.

Our District Cabinet has done a superb job during the first six months and are continuing to work on the next event which is our District Convention held in San Diego, May 15-16, 2015, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. We have a great committee working very hard to make this convention the best yet. Many thanks to the Convention Co-Chairs, District Treasurer Ron Copley and Lion Tom Kester. Also, many thanks to Lion Linda Birch, Registration Chair, and to the Golf Co-Chairs, Lions George Atkinson and Jerry Cimino, and to the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors that are working so hard to make this event a mini vacation for all the Lions and their families. For more information please visit our website: www.LIONS4L2.org The hotel registration is now avail-

able on the website. Remember to Save The Date: May 15-16, 2015.

Our Melvin Jones celebration was held on January 25, 2015 at the Friendly Hills Country Club with 100 participants (sold out) and many were honored as Melvin Jones recipients. This was a great event thanks to LCIF Coordinator Lion David Williamson for promoting and organizing the Melvin Jones Birthday Event. For the last three years, Lion David has been the District 4-L2 LCIF Coordinator and every year has been a success. Thank you, Lion David, for your dedication and commitment to District 4-L2, LCIF, and the world.

At this event, we were honored by the presence of Past International Director Dr. Warren Greene and his lovely wife Carole. Dr. Greene was honored by LCIF with the Humanitarian Award for his support. Dr. Greene shared with us that when he became a Lion he was inducted by none other than Melvin Jones himself. Wow! That is amazing.

Our last District Meeting will be on April 18, 2015. Since we have two candidates running for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor, I have decided that we will have a Candidate Forum so the members of the District can ask questions of the candidates so the members will be more informed at the time of voting at the District 4-L2 Convention. All the questions must be submitted to the District Governor alberto.montesdeoca@gmail.com no later than April 8, 2015 so the Cabinet has time to review them. This is your opportunity to voice your concerns and ask about the future of the District.

öWorking Together in Serviceö

Yours in Lionism,

Alberto Montes De Oca

District Governor 4-L2

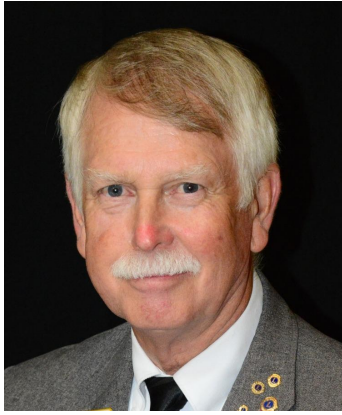


1st Vice District

Governor Remarks

Fellow Lions,

We are continuing our journey toward excellence this year. The recent Melvin Jones event at Friendly Hills was another success for the District and for the District's LCIF chair, David Williamson.



Lion David is wrapping up his three-year term and has been working diligently to find his replacement. I am pleased to announce that he has received a commitment from a dedicated Lion to fill his shoes. Thank you, Lion David, for your many accomplishments throughout your years of service.

As we look forward, my commitment is to ensure a seamless transition in the District's leadership and to charter one or two clubs. I reviewed our District general boundary area and located 19 communities that still need a Lions club. I met with Mr. and Mrs. Torres, who reside in Bell. They are very interested in chartering a new club in that city. Another meeting is being planned to check on their progress to form a new club.

The District convention planning continues with a select group of Lions getting the final details completed. It appears that we will be able to do online purchasing of the convention package. A big thank you goes out to Linda Birch for this new feature. I look forward to this convention in San Diego because the hotel staff has worked very hard to make our visit an enjoyable one.

At the recent District meeting, PDG Bill Walters stood up and suggested we revive an old tradition of tossing the incoming governor into the pool. Now, assuming I get the nod to become the next governor, I will gracefully surrender and take a swim; however, I am asking that my very expensive iPhone not end up in the water. Since the hospitality rooms are located on the ground floor adjacent to the pool, no one should miss out on this "unannounced" addition to the weekend's events.

Working Together to Create the Future.

Yours in Lionism,

Larry Wehage, 1st Vice District Governor

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Words from 2nd Vice

District Governor

Fellow Lions,

We, in Lions, always hear *membership, membership, membership!* This is Lions Clubs International's way of asking, "How are you doing?" "Do you need help?" and "Here are some ideas to find new Lions." These are all questions to keep the club strong and to keep you, the member, from becoming overwhelmed while keeping our mission as Lions to serve the community.

We have so many tools to assist us to grow and maintain membership in our clubs. And as the GMT "Global Membership Team" for the District, I have a special place in my heart for membership. This starts with the individual member. I enjoy asking a member, "What inspired you to join Lions?" and listening to their responses. I ask if they are moving toward that direction, if not, why?

It is so important to really listen to a member. It is healthy for retention and it is healthy for the club. On the website, www.lionsclubs.org, Lions Clubs International has materials that support retention. They can be found under the tab, *Member Center*. On the column to the left, click *Managing a Club*. On the new column to the left, click the link *Strengthen Membership* and you will find resources and ideas that can help retain members. This information is for everyone including sponsors, mentors, club officers, and most of all, club membership chairs.

On the subject of membership chairs, these officers are the point person for every member of the club. The District offers training for membership officers. Contact me for more information.

So when you hear or read, *membership, membership, membership!*, it is Lions Clubs International's way of saying, "Find and meet new friends and bring them in as a Lion. Remember to keep in touch with your fellow Lions. They are your friends and family. And, most of all, thank you for bringing your service, leadership and creative ideas to the community. You are our friend and family and we do care about you."

Yours in Lionism,

Manuel Sanchez

2nd Vice District Governor





Melvin Jones Awards

