



"We Serve"

District Theme: "Working Together in Service"

District Governor's

Message

Fellow Lions,

I hope you had a great Valentine's Day with your loved ones.

Our 96th Annual Multiple District Four State Convention was held in Visalia, California. This convention was very well organized and



District Governor

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well-attended. We had our COG (Council of Governors) meeting two days prior to the beginning of the three-day MD4 convention. As you can see, it takes time, commitment, and money to be the District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, or 2nd Vice District Governor. Including travel time, this was a six-day commitment. It is a big commitment and if you are planning to run for office, you need to take this into consideration. If you are elected as a 2nd VDG, 1st VDG, or DG, you are expected to attend all meetings. There are four Council of Governors meetings during the year and usually these meetings are a three-day commitment each time.

California MD4 (Multiple District 4) had two Lions candidates running for the endorsement of International Director to represent California at the Lions International Board of Directors. Both Lions are very well-qualified to serve in this position. I am pleased to announce that PDG Howard Hudson won the endorsement. We, at District 4-L2, wish PDG Howard the very best as he continues his journey with the Lions International Board.

At the Convention, District 4-L2 Lions were honored when Lion Karl Burger, Bell Gardens Lions Club was awarded "LION OF THE YEAR" by MD4. What an honor to be chosen among 20,000 members. Congratulations Lion Karl! You definitely have earned this award. This award was presented during the 10th Annual MD4 Academy Awards. We also had Lion District Treasurer Ron Copley (Whittier Host) and Lion Carol Copley (Treasurer of Sola Lions) receive a Certificate of Appreciation for the KAY AND DENISE FUKUSHIMA LION COUPLE OF THE YEAR AWARD. Also, Whittier Host Lions received a Certificate of Appreciation for the MOST OUTSTANDING PROJECT (Large Club) with the purchase of an 8-passenger van for the Boys and Girls Club; SOLA (Special Olympics Los Angeles) Lions Club received a Certificate of Appreciation for CLUB OF THE YEAR; and, last but not least, a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to LEO OF THE YEAR, Leo Glenda Chen from South Pasadena High School. As you can see, 4-L2 was well-represented in many areas. These awards are from MD4 (Multiple District 4 California).

March 2015

Fellow Lions, we are getting ready to celebrate our 100th Anniversary of Service with Lions International. As we look forward to our Centennial in 2017, Lions are encouraged to help reach the CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE GOAL of serving 100 MILLION people by June, 2018. I am asking all the clubs in our District to start thinking about new projects and service that we can use to reach this goal. Have your secretaries report all your projects and service hours to LCI. As of today, we have reached 20 MILLION ACTS OF SERVICE. We are on our way to the 100 MILLION mark.

April 18, 2015 is our last District Meeting before our District 4-L2 Convention, and we are having a Candidate Forum with two candidates running for 2^{nd} Vice District Governor. If you would like to participate in this forum, you will need to submit your questions for the candidates by April 10, 2015, so that the Cabinet has an opportunity to review them. The questions should be geared to the workings of the District (Membership, Leadership, Retention, etc.) and what the candidates' goals are and how they plan to achieve them during their three-year term. All questions must be emailed to :

District Governor Alberto Montes De Oca,

Email: alberto.montesdeoca@gmail.com

Yours in Lionism, Alberto Montes De Oca District Governor 4-L2



1st Vice District

Governor Remarks

Fellow Lions,

As March begins, the new District Governor team is being assembled with much emphasis on experience and oriented toward developing new leaders. During the past years, I stated to the Past



District Governors that I would be a fool to not utilize their expertise and experience during my tenure as the District Governor. I meant that. So, the new team will have PDGs in positions that I believe will suit the District best. Additionally, a few new faces will move up the ladder to fill positions that meet their leadership potential. I believe the team being assembled with be positive influence on the new District membership and leadership goals.

My desire for the coming year is to serve our communities like never before. I sincerely hope that all 53 clubs will demonstrate their ability to assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We can do it if we work closely as a District team of true volunteers. New service projects among neighboring clubs will enhance our ability to reach out to those in need. Simple projects, such as cleaning alleyways, parks, and sidewalks are quality of life issues for which many of our neighbors wish but their community resources are sorely lacking the necessary funding. Let's step up and get things done.

During the recent Council of Governors meeting and MD-4 convention in Visalia, we were fortunate to have both candidates for the office of 2nd International Vice President in attendance. Both were well-qualified and would lead us forward into the 21st century but only one could go forward as our MD-4 endorsed candidate. That endorsement went to PID Naresh Aggarwal from Dehli, India.

As a final thought, the convention in Visalia was a roaring success in my opinion. The committee possibly had some professional party planners behind the scenes because they took care of just about every detail you could imagine. It was indeed a pleasure to attend the convention. By the way, we may think of Visalia as a small, rural farming community but it has a population of over 129,000 and that didn't count dogs, cats, or cattle!

Working Together to Create the Future.

Yours in Lionism,

Larry Wehage,

1st Vice District Governor

Words from 2nd Vice District Governor

Take the time to be a mentor to a new Lion. Show them the opportunities, we the largest service organization, can do. One of many ideas is to visit another club and share ideas. Visit another District. Even get involved in other district's projects. But, most of all, as a men-



tor, take a new Lion to our District convention and beyond.

I recently returned from the Multiple District 4 Annual Convention in Visalia. For new Lions Club members, this is a great opportunity to meet our fellow Lions from across the State. We need to guide new members to become leaders. Imagine what a new member would think if they had the opportunity to see the march of the banners in the opening ceremonies, to attend the leadership workshops, to listen to the keynote speakers give inspirational messages and to hear from Past International President Al Brandel speak about the changes we as Lions are making at home and in the world from health issues to disaster recovery and to give that new Lion the opportunity to sit in on the MD4 Business meeting and reports.

International Director Larry Dicus spoke about Lions serving over 20 million people. Can you imagine what that number would actually be if we trained every member how to utilize the monthly reports and trained every new secretary how to report our real service hours number online? On average, only 10 percent of the clubs report online. We as mentors have the power to inspire, to train and to give them the tools to grow to serve.

We should give our new members the opportunity to speak to representatives from our endorsed projects so that they learn more about the Lions Float Foundation, our camps, the guide dogs, the Exchange Program and many other endeavors.

As mentors, we should share our rich history in communities so that new members will bring in their friends and family as members of this powerful organization. We must be doing something right because we are growing. California is one of the strongest Multiple Districts in the continent and at this publishing, we are now number three in the United States taking over that spot from Pennsylvania.

So, I end by saying, let us all be good mentors to our new Lions. Show them how big we are and how important our work is to the community. I suggest to each one of you to bring a new Lion to our District Convention in May. Meet some old friends and introduce them to a new member. Take them to a workshop and show them some good old fashion hospitality. Every day I feel proud to be a Lion and I enjoy sharing and serving. Have a great day and many more!

Your in Lionism, Manuel Sanchez 2nd Vice District Governor

Governor's Visitation Schedule

DATE	CLUB	TIME
3/11/15 Wed.	City of Industry	6:30 p.m.

4/2/15 Thurs.	Bellflower Family	7:00 p.m.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

4/3/15 Friday, "**My LCI**" 6:00-8:00 p.m. For new students and as refresher course. Recommended for inputting PU101 election results, club changes and managing members' data online. Boys and Girls Club of Whittier, 7905 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier, CA 90602.

District Speaker Contests

(Details at <u>www.Lions4L2.org</u>)

Bay Region

Region Wednesday, 3/25, 6:30 p.m. Long Beach High School for Adults

Zone A Tuesday, 3/10, 6:30 p.m. Long Beach H.S. for Adults Zone B Tuesday, 3/3, 6:30 p.m. Muriel MacGregor Community Center, Bellflower

Zone C Thursday, 3/5, 7:00 p.m. Muriel MacGregor Community Center, Bellflower

Central Region

Region Saturday, 3/28, 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Whittier Zone A Monday, 3/2, 7:00 p.m. Stevens Steakhouse, Commerce

Zone B Saturday, 3/7, 2:00 p.m. Whittier Red Cross Zone C Monday, 3/9, 6:00 p.m. U.S. Bank, Downey

Foothill Region

Zone A Saturday, 3/7, 11:00 a.m. Villa Catrina, Arcadia Zone B Thursday, 3/12, 7:00 p.m. Covina High School Library Zone C Wednesday, 3/4, 7:30 p.m. Location TBA

San Gabriel Region

Region Saturday, 3/21, 10:00 a.m. 13260 Temple Ave., City of Industry

Zone A Saturday, 3/14, 2:00 p.m. Spring Hill Suites Hotel, Arcadia

Zone B Wednesday, 3/11, 6:00 p.m. Law Office of Scott Warmuth, City of Industry

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Get well wishes were sent to Lion Jack Vela (West Covina Lions) who was hospitalized and Lion Don Scheliga (West Covina Lions) who has been ill.



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