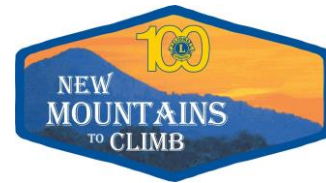




# ***DISTRICT 4-L2***

## ***THE LIONS' ROAR***



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### ***A Message from District Governor Manny Sanchez***



Fellow Lions,

This is a moment to celebrate, be proud to be a Lion! Be proud that you are a member of District 4-L2. This year we, in partnership with Lions Float Inc., showed the world that Lions Clubs International is Celebrating our One Hundred years of service in every community we reach.

This year we delivered our largest lions symbol along with our logo and centennial trade mark on our largest Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade Float to the world. The Lions float was seen in over 200 countries. The stats indicated that 70 million people watched the float on television and an additional 2.5 million saw the float on-line. One million people saw the float along the parade route.

Be proud. Lions and Leos spent thirty-three thousand volunteer hours to plan and decorate the float. We did the project ahead of schedule. Be proud that every non-lion who visited the float barn during the decorating process commented on our dedication to detail and commitment to our float project.

There are many testimonials from visitors from all over the world that this float reminded them of the great work that we do in their communities. We heard great stories of service relating to vision and hunger and how it impacted lives and we were thanked. Others asked what are Lions and we had members happily explain our mission.

This message was heard all the way to Lions Club International Head Quarters via social media and first hand by our International President Chancellor Bob Corlew and his wife Lion Dianne and daughter Melissa. They spent almost six days with us. As a tradition, they were able to ride the float. They were very pleasant guests and we were delighted to have them with us.

We also had the pleasure of having International Directors and Past International Directors visiting us from all over the country. I want to thank our California International Director Howard Hudson for being our liaison.

I want to thank District 4-L2's own Lion Glenda Chen from Pasadena Host Lions Club and Leo Michael Oustayan, 4-L2 District Leo Treasurer from Pasadena High School's Leo Club for accepting our invitation to ride the float. You both represented our District with distinction.

I want to close by saying thank you Lions and Leos, family and friends of District 4-L2 for your commitment in service and spreading the Lions message.

**Building a Strong Foundation**



## ***A Message from 1st Vice District Governor Theresa "Tessy" Prumatico***



Hello District 4-L2 Lions:

This New Year holds many great events: Melvin Jones' Birthday, Student Speakers Contests, MD-4 Convention and the anniversary of 100 years of Lionism, just to name a few.

Speaking of our MD-4 Convention, I just wanted to touch base for those Lions who could not make it to our last District Meeting. There is a proposed item delegates will be voting on at our Convention and that is the MD-4 dues increase of \$4.00 per year. Before you panic, please allow me to explain. I am serving on the MD-4 Budget Committee and we worked long and hard to avoid an increase, however, each year money has been transferred out of the reserve to the point that the reserve is getting very low. In order to continue the great services that MD-4 provides, an increase will be necessary. The last dues increase for MD-4 was in 2003, 14 years ago! Since that time, we have enjoyed many training classes, a Leadership Institute added to the Southern California area (Ontario), which many of us have had the advantage to attend and graduate. Fifteen 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG positions were added as well which allows more training for all to advance to District Governor with the necessary time to learn to lead our Districts! I am encouraging a "yes" vote at the MD-4 Convention in Redding. The increase is \$4.00 which equals to .01 cents a day, 33 cents a month, \$1.00 a quarter or \$2.00 semi-annually! This increase will allow MD-4 to build our reserve back and continue the great services we have come to expect from MD-4. I know District 4-L2 has always done what is right for all, so please join me and my club in voting yes on the \$4.00 dues increase at the February Convention in Redding.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events!

**More HANDS, More HEARTS, More SERVICE – Lions Volunteer from the HEART!**

### **REMINDER OF IMPORTANT DATES**

**January 13<sup>th</sup> – Melvin Jones' Birthday**

**January 21<sup>st</sup> – District Meeting – 8:00 – Check-in and Breakfast – 9:00a.m. – Meeting.**  
Contact CT Ron Copley for reservations. Location is PIH-12401 Washington Blvd.-Whittier.

**February 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> – MD-4 Convention in Redding, CA**

**February 19<sup>th</sup> – Lions Low Vision Services – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Roast - Roasting PDG Mike Brassard**  
Location is El Pollo Inka Restaurant-550 Deep Valley Drive – Rolling Hills Estates.  
Cost is \$35.00 and Social is 11:00a.m. and Lunch/Program at Noon.  
Contact Lion John Layton for reservations-323-867-6541.

**February 26<sup>th</sup> Melvin Jones Recognition Luncheon – 1:30p.m. – Monterey Hills Restaurant**  
370 West Ramona Blvd.-Monterey Park.

**March 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – MD-4 Leadership Institute in Ontario, CA**

**March 26<sup>th</sup> – Lions Day at the City of Hope**

**January and February – Clubs sponsor Student Speakers Contests.**  
District Contest is April 8<sup>th</sup> at 4<sup>th</sup> District Meeting.

## ***A Message from our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor John Nelson***

I hope that everyone had a blissful Christmas and a safe New Year. These are exciting times in District 4-L2. I want to personally welcome all the new Centennial Lions who joined in the past three months. New membership training is available to everyone, **Just Ask!**



District Governor Manny, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Theresa, Cabinet Members and myself attended visitations and club functions this quarter. I visited the Irwindale Lions at their Harvest Dance fundraiser. I also enjoyed the fellowship with the Pasadena Host Lions, SOLA Lions, West Covina Lions, Arcadia Champion Lions and the Central City East Boyle Heights Lions. I attended Christmas parties with Lakewood, East Los Angeles and SOLA Lions (singing Christmas carols) and the annual Montebello Lions/Rotary Club Christmas party. Most clubs held a white elephant gift exchange where you picked a present and many were plucked.

Did you know we have a new 4-L2 District Project? It's the Ronald McDonald House and our Chairperson is Lion Georgette Leal from the Belmont Shore Lions Club. On November 26, 2016, the first project was held: feeding families of sick children at the House in Long Beach. Lions attending from Belmont Shore Lions were Georgette and Robert Leal, Toni and Club President Martin Salazar, Carl McBride, Sherri Aiken (Seal Beach Lion), DG Manny Sanchez, and myself. The food was prepared, cooked and served and included cleaning up the facilities. Lion Georgette hopes to plan one dinner every three months. Dates will be announced and every club and members of 4-L2 are invited to help.

At our District meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>, I will be Hosting guests from District 4-L6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Mercy and Lion Paul Walters. I met VDG Mercy last January at the MD-4 Leadership Institute in Ontario, CA. It was a great experience and VDG Mercy and I bonded and have become very good friends. Lion Paul is active with the Student Speakers Foundation. I encourage you to meet them and discuss Lionism.

Looking forward:

In February the next Council of Governors meeting will be held, followed by the MD-4 Convention. The location is Redding, CA. There will be some important issues voted on and I encourage you to be a delegate and vote representing your club. Also in February on the 17<sup>th</sup> is Lions Flag Day and March 26<sup>th</sup> will be Lions Day at the City of Hope. Student Speakers Contests dates can be found on our District website.

Remember the Lions Pledge? Ask me if you don't.

"Keep climbing those mountains."

**"Humble and Kind" in Service to Our Communities.**

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITATION SCHEDULE**

*Downtown Long Beach – January 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Artesia-Cerritos – January 17<sup>th</sup>*

*City of Industry Professional – February 15<sup>th</sup>*

*Monterey Park – March 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Belmont Shore and East Long Beach – March 2<sup>nd</sup>*

**"If you can approach every experience as a gift, even if it's not exactly what you had in mind, you can just say thank you and go on with your life instead of stewing over what you think you were entitled to."**

**Thomas Kinkade**

**Our District 4-L2 Family Is Saddened by the Loss of these Lions:**

Lion Monte Wicker, a fifty-eight year member of the Whittier Host Lions Club.

Lion Thom Knight, former member of the Downtown Long Beach Lions Club.

Sincere sympathy to their families. They will be missed.

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**Sunshine Report from Lion Lorraine Magner:**

**Get Well Cards to:** Lions Al Weingartner, Bonnie Barwick and Leslie Drag (Downtown Long Beach); IPDG Larry Wehage (Bellflower Noon); Lions Tim Traeger and Doug Keeling (Whittier Host); and Lions Gloria Valdez and John Saavedra (East Los Angeles).

**Sympathy Cards to:** Lions Carol and Ron Copley (SOLA) loss of their son and Carol's brother; Lion Frank Berumen (Montebello) loss of brother; Lions Al Stoll, loss of dear companion, Steve Cauffman, loss of mother; and Lion Mac McFarland, loss of mother (Whittier Host).

**Congratulations Cards to:** Lion Brian and Ana Ahumada (Bellflower Family) on the birth of twins; Lion Sam Bonderov (Whittier Host) on the birth of a new granddaughter; IPDG Larry Wehage (Bellflower Noon) on the birth of a new granddaughter; Lion Grace Cox (Irwindale) on her recent retirement; Lion Frank Barajas (Montebello) new City Traffic and Safety Commissioner; Lion Hilda Gaytan (Downtown Long Beach) Citizen of the Year; Lions Ron Copley (SOLA), Leon Lesa and Greg Polito (Whittier Host) Volunteers of the Year; Lion Val Lerch (Downtown Long Beach) Grand Marshal of North Long Beach Vets Parade; Lion Kimberly Cobos (Montebello) graduate of FBI Citizens Academy.

**New Melvin Jones Fellows:** Lion Craig Dean (East Whittier); Lions Carlos Reyes, Club President and ZC Robert Williams, and Oscar Valdez (East Los Angeles).

Contact Lion Lorraine at 626-827-4139 to have her send a card.

**Montebello Lions** pause while serving meals at the Quiet Cannon on December 24<sup>th</sup>.



**Belmont Shore Lions**, joined by DG Manny, cooking, serving and cleaning up at the Ronald McDonald House in Long Beach. This is a new District Project and all of the families and staff appreciated the very tasty meal and are looking forward to the next time Lions volunteer.

## An Important Message from our Cabinet Secretary Nancy McAfee. . . . .

Attention Club Officers:

Lions Clubs International passed a new bylaw last year regarding voting at District, State or International Conventions.

All club dues must be paid **in full 30 days prior to the start of the convention** (previously it was 15 days). For District 4-L2 this also includes MD-4 dues. Club Treasurers (or the address on file with the MD-4 office) will be receiving statements/invoices for January-July, 2017 dues soon. Please make sure that all club dues to LCI and MD-4 are current by January 9, 2017, to be able to vote at the MD-4 Convention in February, 2017. Deadline is April 18, 2017, for our District 4-L2 Convention in May, 2017.

Also, elections for 2017-2018 club officers is fast approaching. This is an early reminder that your new officers (PU-101) must be reported to Lions Clubs International via **mylci** website by **May 15, 2017**. If you will be reporting by handwritten form, it must be received by Lions Clubs International by May 15, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [cs4l2@msn.com](mailto:cs4l2@msn.com)

Thank you for your time and support.

Welcome to our Lions Family. . . . . (October 20<sup>th</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>)

Name	Sponsor	Club
Crystal Zheng	Scarlett Ku	Arcadia Champion
John Kay	Steven Gutierrez	Arcadia Host
Juan Ayala	Miguel Estrada	Commerce Evening
Lettie Jaramillo	Rosa Zaramillo	Commerce Evening
Anthony Ching	Albert Siu	Industry Professional
Robert Simonelli	VDG John Nelson	Belmont Shore
Rick Pinson	Barbara Haller-Poland	Downtown Long Beach
Bassel Zaazaa	Al Weingartner	Downtown Long Beach
Sherry Xue Fei Fan	Yilin Wei	Los Angeles Diamond
Yilin Wei	Kaiser Mo	Los Angeles Diamond
Ricky Mclean	Dora Sandoval	Norwalk
Emma Banuelos	Steven R. Banuelos	Pico Rivera
Steven R. Banuelos	Maggie Cardenas	Pico Rivera
Steven A. Banuelos	Steven R. Banuelos	Pico Rivera
Su Fan Chen	Wen Cheng Lin	San Gabriel Taiwanese
James Engelby	Stuart York	West Covina



Congratulations to two new Proud Lions: Lions Abram Garcia and Eddie Granados,  
both members of East Whittier.



## WELCOMING OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Lions from around our state “officially” welcomed our International President Bob and First Lady Lion Dianne Corlew at a Reception held in their honor on January 1<sup>st</sup>. It was an afternoon of fellowship and Lionism and sharing in the excitement of our float for the Rose Parade.

Lions Float Inc. expressed their appreciation to the following that went “above and beyond” to assist in the International President’s visit and/or the support of our Float. Each was presented with the International President’s Certificate of Appreciation:

Council Chair David and Lion Penny Radtke—District 4-L5  
**District Governor Manny (Montebello Lion) and Lion Lillian (SOLA Lion) Sanchez**  
**Cabinet Secretary Nancy McAfee (Belmont Shore Lion)**  
IPDG Mike and Lion Sherry Retzlaff- District 4-C5  
IPDG Ken Myers—District 4-L4

International President’s Medal to PDG Norm McKenzie – District 4-L6,  
outgoing President of Lions Float, Inc..

A special “thank you” to those who assisted in raising funds for the Float: IPDG Ken Myers, VDG Judy Barr-District 4-L4, PDG PJ Smith—District 4-L4, Council Chair David Radtke—District 4-L5, **IPDG Larry Wehage (Bellflower Noon Lion)**, IPDG Mike Retzlaff—District 4-L5, and PDG Jon Casteel—District 4-L4.

It was also announced that that the 2017 Float is “totally” paid for and that LCI has approved funding for the 2018 Float.



## **A New Resolution for 2017: DONATE TO LCIF**

**from Past Council Chair Roger Powell,  
Multiple District 4 California LCIF Coordinator**

By the time you read this it will be 2017, and you may or may not have made one or more New Year's resolutions. Whether you have or haven't, here's one to seriously consider: resolve to donate to Lions Clubs International's only official charity, the Lions Club International Foundation, and to encourage everyone in your club to do the same.

### **Only 8 Clubs in 4-L2 Presently Donate**

We know that some of you do donate, either occasionally or on a regular basis. We also know that as of the end of November 2016 only 16.67% of our district's membership (8 out of 48 clubs) have at least one member who has donated to our charity. Donations don't have to be large in amount. For as little as \$20 you can become a "Contributing Member" and receive a recognition pin.

### **Becoming a 100% Club**

Your club can become a 100% club if each member donates that minimum of \$20 to the Foundation with all contributions being submitted together with the individual names of the donors. The club is awarded a patch, and each contributor receives a special pin. Of course, contributions of \$50 or \$100 are also accepted in this program, and all contributions count toward achieving a Melvin Jones Fellowship or Progressive MJF. The donations can also be designated for a particular program, such as for the "\$1, One Shot" LCIF initiative to eradicate measles, which concludes this year. This is an ideal way for small clubs to become distinguished for their support of our charity.

### **Debunking an Oft-Repeated Myth**

Over the years we've often heard the myth repeated that all the money collected by LCIF goes off in grants to other countries. Since the Foundation was formed, our own district has received almost \$500,000 in grants for such projects as fire relief, purchasing vans for vision care services; for the Blind Children's Center and for the Whittier Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity Builds, equipment for eye clinics and more. Here in Multiple District 4-California, grants have totaled nearly \$6 million.

### **Learn How to Donate**

To review options for donating to LCIF, visit [lcif.org](http://lcif.org), click on "Ways to Give" and study the options, including having a regular deduction made via a credit card. Need help navigating this information? Contact me via e-mail at [kpow@charter.net](mailto:kpow@charter.net) or by phone 562-708-2409. I'll be glad to help you make this the best year ever for our district in contributions to our charity!

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**Congratulations to our newest Melvin Jones Fellows: Lion Craig Dean (East Whittier); Lion Monica Ling (Montebello); and Lions Carlos Reyes, Oscar Valdez, and Club President and ZC Robert Williams (East Los Angeles).**





## Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center Tree of Life Ceremony

December 28<sup>th</sup> was the date of the Annual Tree of Life Ceremony. A word of appreciation to Lion Karl Burger (Bell Gardens) who chairs this most worthwhile project and organized the ceremony. Each year Clubs and individuals are asked to donate acorns funds for acorns and/or leaves on the tree.

The Tree of Life symbolizes not only the service that Lions perform, but honors Lions who have given of themselves to further our association. This year those Clubs and who they honored were:

West Covina Lions – In Memory of Lion Glen Welch  
 Paramount Lions – In Honor of Lion Tim Morgan  
 Pasadena Host Lions – In Memory of Lion Dorothy Birgbauer  
 Bellflower Noon Lions – In Memory of Lion Jerry Miller  
 Bell Gardens – In Honor of Lion Danny Ramirez, Jr.  
 Montebello Lions – In Honor of PDG Bill and Isabell Walters and Lion Dan and Pam Skewes  
 Bellflower Lions Foundation – In Memory of Lion Charles Negard  
 Norwalk Lions – In Honor of Lion Linda Fisher, Club President  
 Downey Lions – In Honor of Don Knabe, Retiring County Supervisor  
 Rancho Los Amigos Foundation – In Memory of Adele Burger



Lion Karl begins the ceremony by introducing a representative of Rancho Los Amigos. A new mural at the Center stresses new pathways that are realized by being cared for at the Center.





### **Taiwanese Lions Provide Eye Screening Service**

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, San Gabriel Taiwanese Lions Club joined force with the LA Taiwan Center and Lions Mobil Health Screening Unit and held an eye screening service to the general public at the Taiwan Center in the city of Rosemead. With the professional help from two MD's Lisa Yang and Chester Cheng, along with two medical students as their assistants, approximately 60 people were given very thorough eye screenings and consultations. Eighteen Lions came out to serve as a team. On site, San Gabriel Taiwanese Lions also provided refreshments and a gift bag to those who came. The event was covered by major media outlets both in printed media and on television. This was the 14<sup>th</sup> year that the San Gabriel Taiwanese Lions provided health screening service to the underserved communities.



### **SOLA Lions Partner with Anthem on Service Project**

SOLA Lions and employees of Anthem Blue Cross/CareMore worked together on a Lions Centennial Project, "Kids Against Hunger". They packed enough "Latin Rice" meals to feed more than 8,000 hungry folks. A grant was received from Anthem to provide the supplies/food.

## **PARADE OF NATIONS IN CHICAGO!!!**

One of the highlights of the Lions International Convention is the "Parade of Nations". For those who have never attended the Convention, this parade is like no others that you have seen. There will be about 25,000 Lions that will participate, including our delegation from California which will be led by the University of Illinois Marching Band from Champaign.

Special permission has been received to march on State Street. The parade will be Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> stepping off at 9:00a.m. at the corner of State Street and Wacker Drive. The parade will proceed south down State Street to Van Buren Street. Buses will be there to help the participants return to McCormick Place.

The marching order of the parade will be led by the International Officers, followed by more than 150 delegations from around the world. Throughout the parade there will be marching bands and floats that will be depicting the history of Lionism throughout the world.

**Registration forms are available at the LCI website [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)  
or  
in the "Lions Magazine".**



**The District 4-L2 Bulletin "The Lions Roar" will be published each quarter  
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**Articles and announcements are welcomed and encouraged  
for submission by Clubs and Lions.**

**Please email to PDG Chris Ohrmund, Editor  
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**(Editor reserves the right to edit submissions.)**

**Firm deadline for next publication is March 19, 2017.**

**Fourth Quarter District Meeting is April 8, 2017.**