

**DISTRICT 4-L2** 

# THE LIONS' ROAR



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### A Message from District Governor Manny Sanchez

Fellow Lions of District 4-L2,

What an incredible year so far. Lions, be proud of the great work each one of you have done for the community. International President Chancellor Bob Corlew stated that each Lion supports 50 people in the community. For our District this is a very true statement. But don't stop now. We are just getting started.

The goal this year is to "Build a Strong Foundation". Education was the best way to promote growth and to sustain our clubs. Lions, be proud of your efforts by sending your new members to the orientations or conducting your own orientations. We began the year with the largest attendance at our District Workshops.

The members of District 4-L2 broke the record for attendance at our MD-4 Leadership Institute with nineteen Lions from our clubs. The closest count from another district was eleven Lions and the overall attendance was sixty-three Lions. This could be the all-time highest attendance in MD-4 history. Congratulations!

But we are not done; April 29<sup>th</sup> we will have a Club/Lions Summit and Officer Training at the Applied Technology High School in Montebello. What makes this training different from other officer training is the Forum that will be conducted at the Summit. Each one of the attendees has the opportunity to ask questions in a forum environment. The training is open to all. If you are thinking of being an officer or just curious or eager for knowledge, then enroll in the classes. Contact GLT Lion Gary Hall for more information or check our District Website.

The 79<sup>th</sup> District 4-L2 Centennial Convention is almost here and yes, we are celebrating our centennial! We are returning to San Diego at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The dates are May 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>. We are having a celebration. To start the weekend, on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a golf tournament. Friday morning, the 19<sup>th</sup>, will see the return of bowling before the business session. We have some surprises planned and the return of the "No-Talent Talent Show". Yes, the boys in black are making an encore performance.

The First Timers will enjoy the scavenger hunt and we are also planning to have Bingo. The Lions from the Bellflower Noon Club plan to have a Bocce Ball Contest. On Saturday night, we will honor our Past District Governors, and Club Presidents and give special recognition to our clubs. The workshops will be new and informative; some will be presented by the Lions of San Diego and our new California Lions Foundation. Looking forward to seeing all of you at our Convention.

April 28<sup>th</sup> is Lions Clubs World Induction Day, as well as April being Membership Growth Month. This is a great time to bring that special new Lion into your club. More members mean more helping hands for your projects and fundraisers. Think about partnerships to bring in special members.

Think about forming new clubs. We need to strengthen our District. We have the best location for clubs and we need new clubs to support our current clubs. We should grow our family.

Even though we are going into the fourth quarter of the 2016-2017 year and have done so much, we have still much to do, much to learn, much to teach and much to share as we continue our mission to serve.

#### Building a Strong Foundation

**Please note:** Training (45 minutes) after April 8<sup>th</sup> District Meeting on "How to Run an Election" presented by DG Manny.

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



Hello District 4-L2 Lions:

First and foremost, a big warm and heartfelt thank you to everyone who sent cards, emails, donations, and phone calls on the passing of our mother. The kindness and generosity shown to Cece and I from everyone is most humbling! We know Lion Ethel (Mom) is very happy in heaven knowing her

three charities (City of Hope, Student Speakers Foundation, and Canine Companions for Independence) have received donations from all the wonderful Lions, Friends, and Family. Again, thank you so much!

Wow, can you believe we are almost through March and heading to April! Soon we will be in May having our Convention. This year has flown by! I look forward to our upcoming events and visitations.

I am excited about becoming your next District Governor. I am also pleased by how many Lions have stepped forward to become Zone and Region Chairs. The Lions of our District are Number One and it shows in all we do! Many other districts are envious of the closeness, generosity, and commitment we all show each other. Any Lions who may be interested in becoming a Zone or Region Chair this year or in future years, please let me know as we will be having training and all are welcome!

# Lions Volunteer From The Heart ....

# More HANDS, More HEARTS, More SERVICE!

#### SAVE THE DATE - LIONS SUMMIT AND OFFICER TRAINING

<u>April 29<sup>th</sup> – Applied Technology Center High School</u> <u>High School – 1200 West Mines Avenue - Montebello</u>

District classes are at no cost to all Lions that wish to attend. All incoming Club officers and <u>all other Lions</u> are welcome and are encouraged to attend any of these training classes. If you want to know more about and prepare better for club leadership, these classes are most valuable. <u>Please RSVP</u> to GLT Lion Gary Hall 626-327-0564 or <u>printer70@verizon.net</u> Or CS Nancy McAfee 562-810-1841 or cs4l2@msn.com

> <u>Classes 9:00a.m. – 10:00a.m.</u> Club President Training or Club Secretary Training

<u>Classes 10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m.</u> Club Treasurer Training or Management "Lions Style" or "The How To's" of Membership

An Open Forum will be held after the first session and from 11:30a.m. – 12:30p.m. New this year will be pre-submitted questions. Specific questions you may have and do not want to miss the answer to can be submitted to the presenters ahead of class time so they will be sure to be covered during the class or at the Open Forum sessions.

**Attire – Lions Shirt/Casual** 

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

Hello Fellow Lions of 4-L2:

Since our last District meeting in January, I have been busy representing you as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. This past January at the MD-4 Convention in Redding, 4-L2 had a good representation of our membership attend. The MD-4 dues increase of \$4.00 a year passed and the 15 Districts in CA will



be able to continue and support projects including training, the MD-4 Leadership Institute, Lions Rose Float, and the Student Speakers Contest to name a few. A Lions shout out to all

who trekked the journey to Redding.

In February, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Cindy Smith of District 4-C4 invited me to visit her District. Even with the plan delays into San Francisco, I had a great weekend meeting new Lions. I attended a fundraiser and auction and the 4-C4 District Meeting.

Also in February, VDG Dave Hubbard of 4-A3 invited Lion Cheryl and myself to Morrow Bay. We dined right on the ocean and had dinner with other Lions we met. We attended the 4-A3 District Meeting on Saturday and that night we stayed at Lions Dave and Gale Hubbard's beautiful home over-looking the Pacific Ocean. We had to leave early Sunday to be back home for our 4-L2 Melvin Jones Celebration.

Our Melvin Jones Celebration was a great event. Our guest speaker was Council Chair David Radtke (4-L5). He gave us a very informative speech about Melvin Jones and I learned new things about our founder in our 100<sup>th</sup> year. Special thanks to all who attended and the Melvin Jones Fellows who were honored. PCC Roger Powell, PDG Dennis Drag and DG Manny had a great program planned for us.

In March the San Gabriel Valley Entrepreneur Lions Club held a Centennial Project honoring our Veterans. It was held at the American Legion Post 397 in Monterey Park. Lion Todd Becker was the Master of Ceremonies and did a wonderful job. Lions David and Cici Lau invited DG Manny and me to give a short speech. Certificates and trophies were given to all the Veterans. Thank you San Gabriel Valley Entrepreneur Lions for a job well done.

April 8<sup>th</sup> will be our next District meeting. I will have a guest from District 4-L3, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Ken and Lion Tina Blackwell. Please take time to chat with them about Lionism. They are kind and thoughtful Lions and represent what a Lion is.

The 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions District 4-L2 Convention will be held May 18-21. 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Diego. Registration forms are now available. DG Manny has planned a fun-filled weekend. Golf is back and a wine tasting followed by Bingo should provide a few laughs and a lot of fellowship. And don't forget the "No-Talent, Talent Show" is Baaack! Don't want to miss it and four hospitality suites.

I would be amiss if I did not mention membership in 4-L2. Our current membership stands at 1180. As a District we need to be above 1250 members. DG Manny, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Theresa, and myself are working hard to bring new clubs into our District. Not to mention new members in your clubs. I plan on working closely with Club Presidents, Membership Chairs, Zone and Region Chairs to help bring our numbers up. Any and all ideas are on the table. Please stop and talk to me about this important issue.

I am always available and can be reached at 562-804-9412 or irnir99@yahoo.com

"Humble and Kind" We Serve.

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

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

Lion Gilbert Ramirez, a seventeen year member of the Covina Breakfast Lions Club.

Lion Raymond Kelso, a fifty-six year member of the Downtown Long Beach Lions Club.

Lion Jessie Slusher, a fifteen year member of the Uptown Long Beach Lions Club.

Lion Ethel Prumatico, a sixteen year member of the Artesia Cerritos Lions Club.

PID Dr. Warren E. Greene, a sixty-nine year member of the Monterey Park Lions Club.

Sincere sympathy to their families. They will be missed.

#### Sunshine Report from Lion Lorraine Magner:

<u>Get Well Cards to:</u> Lions Steve Stolar and Steve Budzak (City of Industry); Bob Bagwell (Montebello) and Jack Mele (Whittier Host).

<u>Sympathy Cards to</u>: Lion Jerry Perisho (Whittier Host) loss of his brother; Lion Linda Weingartner (Downtown Long Beach) loss of her mother; Lion Norma Legareta (Downey) loss of her mother-in-law; ZC Harry Shuster (West Covina) loss of his mother-in-law; Carole Greene (Monterey Park) loss of PID Warren, and VDG Theresa and Lion Cece Prumatico (Artesia Cerritos) loss of their mother, Lion Ethel.

Congratulations Cards to: Lion Eric Day (Whittier Host) new grandson.

<u>District 4-L2 Leadership Institute Graduates</u>: Lions Doloras Amador (Irwindale); Linda Birch and Jhoana Hirasuna (Pasadena Host); Jake Chik and Bill Lopez (West Covina); Lillian Gomez (SOLA); Kimberly Cobos (Montebello); Pat Gutierrez and John Meisch (Arcadia Host); Richardo Lara and Maria Socorro (Maywood); Nancy McAfee (Belmont Shore); Miriam Miranda (East Whittier); Michele Posada (Lakewood); Javier Pulido and Robert Williams (East Los Angeles) and Jimmy Wong (Los Angeles Diamond).



**District 4-L2** Leadership Institute Graduates and others, CC David Radtke and PDG Chris Ohrmund.

District 4-L2 had the most Lions in attending, once more proving that

Our District is

"The Best In The West".

# Welcome to our Lions Family...... (January $1^{st}$ – March 20th)

| Name                | Sponsor            | Club                        |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Richard Gunsolus    | Woody Hugh         | Bellflower Noon             |
| Shirley Rosen       | Mike Rosen         | Covina Breakfast            |
| Sherry Bao          | Alicia Chung-Clark | Hacienda Heights East Valle |
| Gavin Lin Chiang    | Terry Jung         | Hacienda Heights East Valle |
| Terry Liu           | Terry Jung         | Hacienda Heights East Valle |
| Daphne Sheng        | James Chin         | Hacienda Heights East Valle |
| Allissa Chiang      | Terry Jung         | Hacienda Heights East Valle |
| Brian Chin          | James Chin         | Hacienda Heights East Valle |
| Toresa Lou          | Alicia Chung-Clark | Hacienda Heights East Valle |
| Aileen Cui Yan Mei  | Alicia Chung-Clark | Hacienda Heights East Valle |
| Wendy Yeh           | Alicia Chung-Clark | Hacienda Heights East Valle |
| Tommy Yimimg Zou    | May Hui            | Hacienda Heights East Valle |
| Lynn Lin            | James Wong         | Industry Professional       |
| James Wong          | Albert Siu         | Industry Professional       |
| Susan Teri Hall     | Gary Hall          | Irwindale                   |
| Zihiguo Du          | Michelle Xiao      | Los Angeles Diamond         |
| Li Shian Lu         | Linger Chu         | Los Angeles Diamond         |
| Feng Wu             | PDG Kenny Shu      | Los Angeles Diamond         |
| Peter Feng          | James Wong         | Los Angeles Diamond         |
| Linda Wang          | Linger Chu         | Los Angeles Diamond         |
| Georgiana Szeto Lee | Sharon King        | Los Angeles Overseas        |
| Teresa Tien         | Sharon King        | Los Angeles Overseas        |
| Yasmin Garcia       | Aleida Banuelos    | Montebello                  |
| Mike Torres         | Kimberly Cobos     | Montebello                  |
| Ivy Guerra          | Maggie Cardenas    | Pico Rivera                 |
| Alice Chang-Chien   | Wencheng Lin       | San Gabriel Taiwanese       |
| Marina Tien         | Tammy Yu           | San Gabriel Taiwanese       |
| Leo Mao             | Jacky Lu           | San Gabriel Taiwanese       |
| Yung Sung Tu        | Joice Ho           | San Gabriel Taiwanese       |
| Todd Becker         | Diana Chu          | San Gabriel Valley Entre.   |
| Henry Kung          | Diana Chu          | San Gabriel Valley Entre.   |
| John Deats          | Bill Kessler       | Uptown Long Beach           |
| Edna Joy Jasso      | Vicki Scheliga     | West Covina                 |
| Sharyn Jung         | Anita Ron          | West Covina                 |
| Maurice Bickley     | Glen Watje         | Whittier Host               |
| Ronald Kalem        | Leon Lesa          | Whittier Host               |
| David Lara          | West Murray        | Whittier Host               |
| David Martinez      | Paul White         | Whittier Host               |
| Raymond Perez       | No Sponsor Listed  | Whittier Host               |
| Andrew Reyna        | Oscar Hernandez    | Whittier Host               |
| Andrew Rodriguez    | Luis Rodriguez     | Whittier Host               |



## 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 clubs dues must be paid <u>in full 30 days prior to the start of the convention (previously it was</u> 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. Please make sure that all club dues to LCI and MD-4 are current by **April 18, 2017**, to vote at our District 4-L2 Convention in May, 2017.

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

If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>cs4l2@msn.com</u>

Thank you for your time and continued support.



# West Covina Lions to Host Annual Night on the Town Fundraiser ...

West Covina Lions Club is preparing for their 47<sup>th</sup> Annual "Night On the Town" (NOTT) fundraiser. It will be held Wednesday, May 24, 2017, in West Covina.

Our "Night On The Town" evening includes tastes of the town supported by great local restaurants, champagne, a silent auction, and a theater ticket, which can be used at any time to see any movie at Regal/Edwards Theaters. Tickets are \$25.00. The event begins at 6:00p.m. with the Silent Auction closing at 7:30p.m. This leaves plenty of time to get seated for a movie at 8:00p.m.

This premiere community event attracts more than 500 participants each year and has raised over \$200,000 in the past few years.

Through this event, West Covina Lions provide annual eye screenings for over 3,000 West Covina school students. Without our screenings, many of these children may never have had their vision checked. These funds also support many local community organizations.

For further information contact Lion Anna Lee Farber at 626-919-5958.

# 2017 Spring District 4-L2 LCIF Report

## from Past District Governor Dennis J. Drag, Ph.D.

As of the end of February of the fiscal year we had had only twenty-two (22) Lions Clubs in our District who had made any contributions to our foundation. As of the end of February, a total of one hundred thirty-eight (138) individual donations were made to our foundation. I would like to thank the following Clubs for their donations to LCIF to date:

Artesia Cerritos Lions Club – 4 Bellflower Noon Lions Club – 1 Central City East Boyle Heights Lions Club – 3 East Los Angeles Lions Club – 3 Downtown Long Beach Lions Club – 16 Hacienda Heights East Valley Lions Club – 6 Los Angeles Overseas Lions Club – 2 Monterey Park Dynasty Lions Club – 1 Paramount Lions Club – 5 San Gabriel Taiwanese Lions Club – 9 Whittier Special Olympics SOLA Lions Club – 13 Bell Gardens Lions Club -1Belmont Shore Lions Club -4City of Industry Lions Club -1East Whittier Lions Club -4East Long Beach Lions Club -4Irwindale Lions Club -2Montebello Lions Club -40Norwalk Lions Club -1Pasadena Host Lions Club -4West Covina Lions Club -5Whittier Host Lions Club -2

Currently, our District has made a total of \$28,015.57 which is 80% of our District 4-L2 2016-2017 goal of \$35,000. Our District is currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in MD-4. For comparison, District 4-L2 was number one with a little over \$45,000 donated to our foundation in 2015-2016.

As mentioned at our District's first meeting of the year, I would like again to recognize the East Long Beach Lions Club as becoming the District's first 100% Member Supporter Club in our District. Now I would like to recognize the Montebello Lions Club as they are now the second Club in our District to become a 100% Member Supporter Club. As previously discussed, this year LCIF in conducting the Member Supporter Pin Program which allows the individual member donation to count toward a member's Melvin Jones Fellowship and/or Melvin Jones Progressive Fellowship. The respective member can also designate the area which they would like their donation to apply. As has been said many times in the past, a donation to LCIF however small is like a Lay Away Plan allowing a Lion to make contributions to LCIF on an ongoing basis and when a milestone is reached the individual will receive his or her Melvin Jones Fellowship and/or Melvin Jones Progressive Fellowship. The Member Supporter Pins come in denominations of \$20.00, Silver \$50.00 and \$100.00 Gold. No better way to make a donation to our charity than to buy a Member Supporter Pin!

To date, one hundred six (106) District 4-L2 Lions have made donations to our foundation by purchasing Member Supporter Pins. The Downtown Long Beach Lions Club has had nine (9) Lions purchase Member Supporter Pins with four (4) being the Gold Pin at \$100.00. These pins will be available at our April 8<sup>th</sup> District Meeting for purchase.

Also, new this year is the goal of LCIF to have an LCIF Coordinator in each Lions Club to work with the LCIF District Coordinator in planning Club presentations and in assisting the respective Club in their ongoing LCIF activities. I have been reaching out to the Clubs in our District soliciting LCIF Coordinators and slowly but surely we will have every Club with an LCIF Coordinator.

Lastly, our District 4-L2 Melvin Jones Recognition Luncheon was held on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Monterey Steak House. I would like to thank all of those who attended as we had a great turnout. The 2018 Melvin Jones Recognition Luncheon will be held on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at the Monterey Steak House.



# **California Lions Foundation**

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Fellow 4-L2 Lions,

The California Lions Foundation (CLF) has gotten off to a great start with a number of individual Lions and clubs indicating interest in contributing to CLF as Founding Members and Founding Clubs. To date CLF has raised approximately \$45,000 with a goal of \$250,000 by the end of 2017 at which time we will have a sufficient corpus from which to start making grants. At the recent MD-4 Convention, we presented 10 Kay K. Fukushima Fellows, including a special Fellow presentation to PID Larry Dicus to Denise Fukushima, Kay's widow. The Lions of California also presented convention guest, PIP Joe Preston, with a Fukushima Fellow.

We also held a board meeting and a planning session for the next six months at the MD-4 Convention during which we identified specific deliverables from each committee. CLF largely works through its seven committees composed of board members. These committees include: Fundraising and Recognition; Grants; Publicity; Budget; Finance and Investment Management; District Level Involvement; Policy, Strategic Planning, Bylaws and Legal; and Executive. If you have an interest in the District Level Involvement, please let me know.

CLF now has a website at californialionsfoundation.org. Please take the time to look through it.

If you would like a presentation about CLF to your club or board of directors, please give me a call. In any event, please keep CLF in mind as you develop your charities budget for this upcoming fiscal year. It is an honor to be a Founding Member or Founding Club.

Yours In Lionism,

Gil Smith, PDG 4-L4

President, California Lions Foundation

Alberto Montes de Oca, PDG 4-L2

Board Member, California Lions Foundation

