

DISTRICT 4-L2

THE LIONS' ROAR



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A Message from District Governor Gary Hall



My Fellow Lions:

As we step forward into this new Lions Year, I am confident that the slate of Cabinet Officers and Committee Chairs I have put in place will carry our District to an even stronger, more united and diverse district. Immediate Past District Governor, John Nelson, and his team have done a great job in getting the bar set very high for us to follow and it will take all Lions working together to keep us the leading district in Md-4 and know that we are and will continue to be

"The Best in the West".

The Lions Clubs International Convention held in Milan, Italy, in early July was preceded by the final day of District Governor training. All but two of the fifteen District Governors Elect from MD-4 attended this training and the convention. Highlights of the convention were the three plenary sessions where the business of the convention was conducted, and having Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Tony Blair, as the keynote speaker. Voting for the next International Directors and Executive Officers was a real privilege and of course seeing Dr. Patti Hill from Canada elected to the position of International Third Vice President was very special as she was the endorsed candidate of the MD-4 California Lions. The spectacular Parade of Nations was held on Saturday, July 6th through the streets of Milan and past the reviewing stand as we all chanted our California theme. Also, of note was the opportunity for all California Lions to attend a dinner and an evening of fellowship with other MD-4 Lions. At the end of the convention, International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir, conducted the Installation of International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, of Korea. His motto is "Service Through Diversity" and he then installed all of the new District Governors with the "Pulling of the Ribbon" ceremony. Lion Teri was thrilled to be able to pull my ribbon, making my Governorship official. Lion Teri and I were able to see a lot of Milan and enjoyed our time in Italy and at the convention very much.

Now, as I prepare to start my official visitations to the clubs of District 4-L2, I look forward to seeing many long-time Lions friends, meeting Lions that I have not met before and also inducting new members into the largest service organization in the world. And, I will be installing new and returning club officers into their respective roles.

I want to thank all of those who attended our District Installation of Cabinet Officers. It was an honor to have PCC David and Lion Penny Radtke with us and having PCC David be the Installing Officer.

The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held September 19-21, 2019, in Spokane, Washington. I urge all Lions to attend this most informative event. The theme for this year's Forum is "Creating Better Leaders".

As always remember ... "WE SERVE BETTER TOGETHER"



A Message from 1st Vice District Governor Woody Hugh

Welcome to our new District Governor, Gary Hall.

We will have to consider goals for our District. Probably one challenge will be the membership growth for our District 4-L2.

Current membership is 1,269, a net growth of 56 new members.

According to Lions Clubs International (LCI), since 1984 North American Lions has not had a net gain in membership. The next four years LCI has created a new initiative, North American Membership Initiative (NAMI).

LCI indicated that the last ten (10) years (2009 through 2018) 39,408 new members for North America, CA2-503. Losses were 47,186. Average net loss per year was 7,778 in the last 10 years.

LCI globally averages 221,393 new members per year; average loss per year is 206,498. The average gain is 14,894 globally.

I look forward to working with DG Gary Hall and team for the coming year.

"Lions Pride, Purpose, Passion and Persistence to Serve"

Letter of Appreciation from the Pasadena High School Leo Club ...

Dear Mr. Smith, (Lion Calvin Smith)

On behalf of the PHS Leo Club, thank you and the entire Lions Club for what you have done for us and Pasadena High School this year. Your contribution to beautifying our school means more than you know. Additionally, thank you for contributing to the college funds of our Leo Club members. Your kindness is not forgotten, and the impact of your gift is immense.

I have been proud this year to be the president of our Club, and the opportunity to serve and interact with Leos and Lions alike has been extremely valuable. I have only received kindness and friendship from those I have met and have learned how to be a better leader in my life because of them.

Your dedication to our club has been paramount and through personal hardship you have always led us with a smile and positivity. Whether you have been digging in the dirt with us or discussing volunteering, you have been such a vital member to our community.

Thank you for your service.

Connor Hopkins, PHS Leo Club 2018-19 President

A Message from our 2nd Vice District Governor Harry Shuster

I sincerely want to thank all of you for electing me to serve our District as 2^{nd} Vice District Governor.

I consider it an honor and am looking forward to not only working with the District Cabinet, but with all of you, the great Lions in 4-L2!



Your continued support and encouragement is truly appreciated by me.

"Climbing the Mountains Together"

START PLANNING NOW - MD-4 LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

March 20-22, 2020 Lions Learning Center East and West 9164 and 9191 Base Line Road #9161 Rancho Cucamonga, CA

This program is for all 4-L2 Lions who are interested in leading and motivating volunteers using the style and skills taught by Lions Clubs International. The training includes the following subjects: Diversity, Public Speaking, Membership, Personal Mission Statement, LCI Forward, Motivating Club Members, Strategic Planning, and Issues and Opportunities. The training received is invaluable in your Lions' life, professional work environment, and personal life. Cost is \$300.00 which includes hotel room and all meals. A single room costs \$420.00. District 4-L2 provides \$100.00 scholarship to each District attendee

after the Institute is completed. Open to the first FIFTY (50) Lions who register. Register TODAY.

Send the application (available on our District and MD-4 website) and your check, made out to MD-4 to:

PCC Liz Crooke, MD-4-GLT Coordinator P. O. Box 1264 Salinas, CA 93902 E: <u>liz@lionliz.com</u> C: 831-320-6282

District 4-L2 Shirts

It's that time of year to ORDER A DISTRICT 4-L2 SHIRT. Shirt is Navy Blue with Embroidered Name, Lions Emblem and Centennial Emblem. The minimum number that we can order is ten (10) to avoid shipping charges. Cost for Women and Men Shirts are \$45.00 size S-XL, I XL and Larger sizes are \$48.00. Send your check, made payable to District 4-L2, to PDG Chris Ohrmund. Include your first name (that you want on the shirt) and your size. Deadline to order is September 1, 2019.

From our Immediate Past District Governor John Nelson . . .

I want to congratulate each Lion member in 4-L2 for supporting our beloved District this last year 2018 – 2019. It has been a year to remember! I challenged you and provided a road map for success. Your accomplishments have set a strong foundation leading up to District Governor Gary Hall's year. I have no doubt you will exceed DG Gary's plan that he has set forth to make 4-L2 even bigger and stronger – the leader in Multiple District 4 and the envy of Lions worldwide.

So, to re-cap this past year, the 2018 – 2019 District Cabinet and myself want to remind you of a small portion of the wonderful things you did.

The year started with a very well-attended installation of the District Cabinet members. We became very patriotic. Real stories put to music videos were included at each District meeting where we recognized our Veterans. We stood together and sang proudly "God Bless America." Our cabinet colors stood out as we wore the colors of our country, red, white and blue – scarfs for women and ties for the men.

We held true to our colors as being the best-trained district in MD-4. And the leadership from attending four training sessions is so evident. Better-trained Lions make better Lion Leaders. It is no mistake other districts asked to attend these trainings.

In December 2018, our International President Gudron Yngvadottir visited 4-L2 and attended the Rose Parade festivities. Our District held a very successful International President's Reception at the Double Tree Hotel in Rosemead. Many of you were able to spend some time with her and share Lionism at its best. A select few were able to attend a private dinner with IP Gudron; PDG Chris Ohrmund, Zone Chair Lynda Fisher and Lion Cheryl had the honor to attend.

Behind the scenes the two hardest working Global Membership Coordinators in MD-4, Lion Rico Sam and PDG Manny Sanchez, were fast at work keeping 4-L2 leading the Multiple in membership. They helped charter a new Branch Club, which will soon be chartered as a new club. The Long Beach Rainbow Centennial Lions Club will soon celebrate their Charter Night. In addition, two new District Clubs were welcomed, The Los Angeles Chinese Lions Club and The Los Angeles Sunrise Lions Club.

The MD-4 Convention was held in Sacramento and our District was duly recognized. The SOLA Lions Club was named "MD-4 Club of the Year", the L.A. Diamond Lions Club had the student who received an honorable mention for the Peace Poster Contest and the Montebello Lions Club sponsored the winning student in the state's Peace Essay Contest.

In March the District held a very successful Melvin Jones Celebration – honoring 53 Melvin Jones award recipients. What a great accomplishment!

Our District also held our First Annual Diabetes Fair in Montebello; Diabetes Chair Lion Lynda Fisher and the committee had worked very hard to put on a very successful event. Shortly following, Cancer Chair Lion Lynda Fisher held a fundraiser with the proceeds going to "Stamp Out Cancer."

Disaster struck with the California fires. Region Chair Tommy Chen rallied the clubs in the San Gabriel Region and raised \$25,000.

In May we celebrated our annual 4-L2 Convention in Cathedral City. We celebrated our achievements, celebrated our Veterans and mostly celebrated each other.

This is a short list of what "YOU" did this year. You have truly earned "The Best in the West" as quoted and repeated by International Director Mark Lyon.

I also want to thank 1st VDG Gary Hall, without his leadership and mentorship, I would have been lost.

The Cabinet and I will be forever grateful for the joy you have provided to Lion Cheryl and myself.



"Humble and Kind, We Serve"

Greetings from our District Treasurer Lion Lisa Mayo

Fellow Lions:

I am both honored and humbled to take the Position of District Treasurer. My years in the working Force was as a Controller for law firms and at one time I had my own business setting up Accounting Software for law firms and other companies. My background is Accounting and Business Management. So, as I take on the position I have begun to prepare for the task at hand. I have set-up the Chart of Accounts and the Budget for this coming year. I will be presenting the board Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations as requested and following the IRS rules for Non-Profit Organizations. I am looking forward to working with our respected leaders and following their lead. WE SERVE!

Locomotion International 2019

Submitted by Lion Jose Jimenez

The Organization for the Physically Impaired is pleased to announce its 19th Goalball Tournament for the Blind.

Goalball is a Para Olympic sport played by athletes who are blind and visually impaired. It was developed after World War II, as a way to keep blind veterans physically active and has become a premier team sport for the blind and visually impaired athletes, men and women alike. Goalball is a fast-paced action game physically and strategically challenging and has attracted viewers worldwide.

Over one hundred athletes from Arizona, New York, San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles, including the 2019 USA Champion Team, as well as representatives from Canada, Ecuador, Puerto Rico and Mexican states like Baja California, Queretaro, Sinaloa, Sonora, Zacatecas and the Mexican Team are anticipated to compete on the following dates:

August 3rd, Saturday and August 4th, Sunday, from 8:00a.m. – 7:00p.m. Location – El Rancho High School-6501 Passons Blvd., Pico Rivera.

Spectators of all ages are welcome and invited at no cost to them.

The Organization for the Physically Impaired is a grassroots 501©(3) community-based organization with the mission to pledge to empower its members through social, educational, cultural, recreational and athletic programs to integrate them into the society at large.

OPI ALWAYS MOVING BEYOND LIMITATIONS

Welcome to our Lions Family (April 20th – July 20th)

<u>Name</u>	Sponsor	Club
Jing Chen	Amanda Tang	Arcadia Champion
Bella Wang	Judy Mak	Arcadia Champion
Moises Arreola	Angel Torres	Bell Gardens
Armando Gonzalez	PDG Mike Brassard	Bellflower Noon
Jonathan Singh	Robert Wilson	Bellflower Noon
Joseph Vigil	Kenneth Olsen	Bellflower Noon
Ernie Villa	Phyllis Schmidt	Belmont Shore
Cesar Villa-Castillo	Phyllis Schmidt	Belmont Shore
Richard Gutierrez	Esther Zavala	Commerce Evening
Rosie Richardson	Win Patterson	Covina Breakfast
Oscar G. Loera	Art Revueltas	East Whittier
Cindy Orozco	Linda Weingartner	Downtown Long Beach
Christine Chalfant	Alicia Chung-Clark	Hac. Hgts. East Valley
Lynn Chen	Tony Zhao	Hac. Hgts. East Valley
Jeffrey Huang	James Chin	Hac, Hgts. East Valley
Berry Liang	Linda Liang	Hac. Hgts. East Valley
John Loo	Andrew Lim	Hac. Hgts. East Valley
Mei Ling Zhang	Jeffrey Huang	Hac. Hgts. East Valley
Maria K. Cheung	Baolin Bun	Los Angeles Chinese
Annie Gao	Rebecca Sui Ping Tsang	Los Angeles Chinese
Sylvia Lam	Rebecca Sui Ping Tsang	Los Angeles Chinese
Sandra C.H. Lau	Nancy Chan	Los Angeles Chinese
Xiomy Lee	Rebecca Sui Ping Tsang	Los Angeles Chinese
Annie Wang	Tina Van	Los Angeles Diamond
Hu Chang	Lih Lih Yang	Los Angeles H. H. Cent.
Wencul Anna He	Jessica Mei	Los Angeles Overseas
Susanna Kwan	Sharon King	Los Angeles Overseas
Nancy Liang	Sharon King	Los Angeles Overseas
Stacy Watson	Jack Liu	Los Angeles Overseas
Cindy Chang Wong	Sharon King	Los Angeles Overseas
Cindy Wu	Jack Liu	Los Angeles Overseas
Manuel M. Acosta	Yuddy Desouza	Los Angeles Sunrise
Vilma Ferreyra	PDG Eduardo Oviedo	Los Angeles Sunrise
Cristina Lopez	Yuddy Desouza	Los Angeles Sunrise
Jim Richman	Kirit Dave	Pasadena Host
Angela Cai	Andrew Kwong	S.G.V. Entrepreneur
Fai Wong	David Lau	S.G.V. Entrepreneur
	MAKE NEW FRIENDS	



Our District 4-L2 Family is saddened by the Loss of these Special Lions: (4-20-19 – 6-20-19)

Lion Jose L. Arias – Bell Gardens Lions Club

Lion Jerry W. Larsen – Bellflower Noon Lions Club

Lion Joe Zarrahy – City of Commerce Evening Lions Club

Lion Dean Crowley – Whittier Special Olympics Lions Club (SOLA)

They will be missed!

Welcome to the 2019 – 2020 Lions Year Submitted by our District Global Membership Team Coordinators PDG Manny Sanchez and Lion Rico Sam

A special welcome to all Club Membership Chairs. However, if you think about it, the Club Membership Chair is the "chair" and every member is a part of the Team. One person cannot handle it alone; this is truly a club effort. In addition, Lions Clubs International, our District and your club have the tools to retain and increase membership. At the International level, there are so many outlined resources - for example the Club Membership Chairperson E-Book and the Club Membership Chairperson's Guide. Both of these documents give you systematic instructions on how to be a successful Chair.

Support at the District Level is ongoing, both Lion Rico and I will be happy to train anyone who is interested. Simply reach out to us. At the Club Level, this is where Lions can really get creative. However, it takes a little homework. Create a fact sheet about your club, as well as an expectation of a new member sheet for new members. Give the potential member the new Lion's orientation before they are inducted as part of an interview. This will give the new member a foundation before the person even signs up to the club and finally create a list of projects and activities that the club conducts every year. This helps to eliminate any surprises.

As stated, before the membership chair cannot do the job alone. Recruit a team. This team includes members for retention, new member outreach, mentors and Guiding Lions for example. The team should work with the Club Global Leadership Team Coordinator and the Club Global Service Team Coordinator and other board members. Membership is a team effort; t fun for the new member and your team. The District GMT's are here for you. Good luck on recruiting and retention.

District 4-L2 Lions "The Best in the West"...



The Pasadena Host Lions Club recently held their first eye screening in conjunction with California Lions Friends in Sight.

The East Los Angeles Lions Club held their installation on July 12th. Lion Richard Maciel was installed as President. Lion Juan Tienda was honored with the "Lion of the Year" award.





The City of Industry Lions Club is preparing for another successful year with Lion Johnny Doyle serving as the 2019 – 2020 Club President.

All Lions, Leos and Families are invited to attend – Lions Appreciation Day/Open House



Where - Lions Camps at Teresita Pines, Wrightwood When - Saturday, September 7, 2019 The festivities begin at 9:00a.m. 9:00a.m.-10:30a.m. – Continental Breakfast 9:00a.m.-Noon – Tours of facilities and camp activities Noon-1:00p.m. – Lunch 1:00p.m.-2:00p.m. – Entertainment, Awards, Presentations, Raffle Winners 2:00p.m.-4:00p.m. – Repeat of morning tours of facilities and camp activities R.S.V.P. – www.campteresitapines.org or 800-585-3245

Address – 22801 Big Pines Highway, Wrightwood

District Lions Clubs International Foundation Report Submitted by PDG Manny Sanchez, District LCIF Chair

Fellow Lions:

Currently, our District has only LCIF Club Coordinators in 50% of our Clubs. We need 100% of the Clubs to assign a coordinator. Lions Clubs International Foundation is making changes and they are asking for 100% participation. Campaign 100 is designed to promote an awareness and donations to expand our work in service. Imagine if every Lions member donated \$50 or \$100 or more every year. All donations, whether it is for Humanitarian or Disaster, will give you credit for a Melvin Jones. All donations go toward recognition in Campaign 100.

A question has been asked: if I donate under Humanitarian or Disaster, what happens to Vision or Environment? Donations under Humanitarian include Vision, Diabetes, Hunger, Environment, Youth, and Cancer. Your donations are another way to serve. Campaign 100 will expand our ability to serve more.

District 4-L2 is still number one in the State of California and one of the Leaders in the Continental United States. However, we need to do better. First, appoint an LCIF Coordinator if you have not done so already. We will have training shortly; stay tuned for more information. Look on the District Calendar and save the date for our Melvin Jones Luncheon on January 13, 2020 (Melvin Jones' Birthday). It will be held at the Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier.

I close by saying thank you for your support to Lions Clubs International Foundation. Let me work with you and your coordinator to get the current information to your club. We can make a difference; through LCIF, we are making a difference.



First Quarter District Meeting – Hosted by the Bay Region – August 10, 2019 Doubletree Hotel 888 Montebello Blvd. Rosemead 8:00a.m.-Sign in and Breakfast Buffet 9:00a.m.-Call to Order. Business meeting to follow. Cost is \$17.00 per person if received by CS Nancy McAfee by August 5th. \$20.00 after August 5th or at the door. Registration fee must be paid to attend meeting. Breakfast is an added benefit.

All Clubs are asked to donate one new raffle prize with a value of \$20.00.

Student Speakers Foundation and Contest

Submitted by PDG Chris Ohrmund, Foundation President, District Trustee and District Student Speakers Chair

Foundation

A special word of appreciation to all 4-L2 Clubs and Lions for the contributions to the Foundation in 2018-19. Each District is asked to contribute \$7,000 towards the \$103,500 that is given in scholarships. Our District donated a total of \$7,227.81.

Those Clubs contributing include: East Whittier Lions Club, L.A. Hacienda Heights Centennial Lions Club, West Covina Lions Club, Norwalk Lions Club, Belmont Shore Lions Club, Montebello Lions Club, East Los Angeles Lions Club, L.A. Chinese Lions Club, and City of Industry Lions Club.

Individuals who donated include: DG John Nelson, Lion Steve Stolar, Lion Amanda Tang, Lion David Williamson, Lion Ed Pizzorno, PDG Chris Ohrmund, Lion Nicky Mclean, Lion Ryan Rice, PDG Judy and PCC Roger Powell, PDG Bill Walters, PID Larry Dicus, PDG Manny Sanchez, PDG Larry Wehage, PDG Dennis Drag, PDG Ed Sallee, and PDG Mike Brassard.

Our Foundation continues to recycle used cell phones and ink jet cartridges. Please continue to save these. You can also sign-up for us to receive a small percentage of your purchase from Amazon Smile.

I look forward to working with all of you this year to ensure that we will have another exceptional year for District 4-L2 Student Speakers. Mark your calendar - - our District 4-L2 Contest will be held on April 18, 2020 at the Salvation Army in Pasadena.

If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>ohrmu@aol.com</u> or 909-598-0554.

District 4-L2 Second Annual Health and Wellness Awareness Expo

September 28, 2019 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. Applied Technology Center 1200 West Mines Avenue Montebello

Lion Lynda Fisher, Chair Imfisher714@gmail.com

All Clubs, Lions and Leos are asked to participate and stand up and support the community in the fight against diabetes. This Expo will increase our efforts to promote diabetes awareness and education.

Here is your opportunity to get involved by attending and having a booth about diabetes prevention. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be sent to Lion Lynda.

Lions Clubs International states:

"Diabetes contributes to more than 5 million deaths a year, making it the eighth leading cause of death in the world. And the numbers are rising. Lions and Leos are confronting this global health emergency by raising awareness of diabetes through Strides events, expanding access to care through screening and treatment programs, and improving quality of life through diabetes camps and community recreational programs. We believe we can help prevent and control this global epidemic by uniting Lions and Leos around this cause." Norwalk Lions Club – 2nd Annual Frank Napolitano Memorial 9-Hole Golf Tournament "Summer Swing" Friday, August 16, 2019 4:00-8:00p.m. Don Knabe Golf Center 13717 Shoemaker Avenue Norwalk, CA \$40.00 Golfing Fee Per Person, \$175.00 for a 5-Member Team

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact ZC Anthony Garcia at 562-505-9778.

В	<u>HEALTH TALK – August 17, 2019, 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m.</u>
L Host: Los Angeles Diamond Lions Club Co-organizers: Kevin Yang and Los Angeles Dynasty Lions Club Honorary Chairs: Kaiser Mo, Jenny Wong, PDG Kenny Shu, Wei Huang Medical Advisor: Dr. Michael Lee G Location: Culture Center of Taipei Economic-9443 Telestar Ave., El Monte U Topics: Diabetes, Coronary Artery Disease, High Blood Pressure, Osteoporosis, Medicare/Medi-CAL, New Era Performing Art Group, Hospice, and Home Health and Elderly Facility Placements. There will also be entertainment, food, refreshments and 500 gifts.	



Calendar of Events

August 10th – First Quarter District Meeting

August 17th – Health Talk

August 18th – Installation of Officers and Charity Banquet for the L.A. Chinese Lions Club 6:00p.m. – Hilton Hotel, San Gabriel – 225 West Valley Blvd. Contact Lion Nancy at 626-617-2931 or Lion Rebecca at 626-757-9227 for more information.

August 31st – Downtown Long Beach Lions Club Bar-B-Que El Dorado Park West Community Center – 2800 North Studebaker Road – Long Beach 1:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. – Children's Activities

2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m - Meal Served (Burgers, Hot Dogs, Salads, Beans, Beverage and Dessert). \$10.00 per person. Call 562-434-7113 for more information.

September 2nd – Labor Day

September 7th – Lions' Appreciation Day and Open House at Lions Camps at Teresita Pines

September 11th – Patriot Day

September 19th – 22nd – USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Spokane, Washington

September 28th – 2nd Annual Health and Wellness Awareness Expo

October 5th – The Lions Club of Montebello Pancake Breakfast Montebello Senior Center – 115 South Taylor Avenue, Montebello 8:30a.m.-11:30a.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person

October 19th – Alhambra Lions Club Installation

LOOKING AHEAD – SAVE THE DATE

Pasadena Host Lions Club Centennial Celebration "A grand affair featuring diner and music celebrating 100 years of service". Saturday, March 21, 2020 – Pasadena Hilton 168 South Los Robles Avenue Pasadena

Lions are asked to monitor our District Website <u>www.lions4l2.org</u> for additional events.

Interested in attending an event? Contact the hosting Club. Clubs are invited to submit news or dates of events for publication to PDG Chris Ohrmund <u>ohrmu@aol.com</u>

Deadline for next bulletin is October 15th.

