



# LIONS DISTRICT 4-C4



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Service \* Community \* Integrity

We Serve—San Francisco to Palo Alto

2nd Quarter 2024-25



Greetings Lions!

Although we have had some road-bumps this year, our District is healthy, vibrant and growing in service and leadership!

We have had much success from many of our Zone and Region chairs in communicating with and supporting the efforts of our clubs. We recently

reviewed our Districts submissions for the Peace Poster contest and the winner has been submitted to the MD4 (California State) contest, come to the

State convention in Visalia to see if we win and check out the other submittals from around California.

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE**  
**Lion Clayton Jolley**

### Benefits of being a Lion:

**Make a difference.** Lions clubs around the world are filled with people like you who have chosen to take action and serve others.

**Serve with pride.** As a Lion, you will give your time, share your talents, help your community and know that you have changed lives.

**Build your network.** Develop relationships with community leaders, local Lions and Lions around the world.

**Gain credibility.** As a part of Lions Clubs International, you will gain the respect that comes with being part of a global organization known for serving our world for over 100 years.

**Develop new friendships.** Gain a sense of belonging within your club, and a connection to more than 1.4 million Lions around the world.

**Become a leader.** Hone your leadership skills within your club, and take advantage of leadership opportunities at the club, district, and even international level.

**Receive global support.** Every Lion and every club is supported by a global network of volunteers, the Lions Clubs International staff, and the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), which provides grant funding to support the compassionate work of Lions, empowering their service and addressing the needs of their communities both locally and globally.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our District meeting on February 1st!

Wishing you a wondrous Holiday season!

**Lion Clayton Jolley**

**District Governor**

**Photos of District Governor in Service & Fellowship: PDG Holiday Party, Visits to SF Global Business Innovation, SF Merced Heights, & Daly City Host LC's, SFKA Holiday**





Lions of District 4-C4,

The Importance of Our Club Branch

Dear Lions Club Members,

As we continue our 1.5 mission to serve our community, it's essential to recognize the significant role that our club branch plays in achieving our goals. A club branch is not just an extension of our main club; it is a vital component that brings flexibility, diversity, and

**1st Vice District  
Governor Message  
Lion Cindy Zheng**

increased engagement to our organization.

Why is a Club Branch Important?

1. Flexibility in Participation: A club branch allows members who may not be able to attend regular meetings due to timing or location constraints to still be actively involved. This flexibility ensures that more members can contribute to our service projects and initiatives.
2. Diverse Membership: By forming a club branch, we can attract a broader range of members, including young professionals, working parents, and individuals from different cultural backgrounds. This diversity enriches our club with new perspectives and ideas, enhancing our ability to serve the community effectively.
3. Specialized Focus: Club branches can focus on specific areas of interest or community needs. Whether it's environmental conservation, youth empowerment, or health awareness, a specialized branch can address these issues more effectively and with greater impact.
4. Community Engagement: A club branch enables us to reach different parts of our community that may not be served by our main club. This localized approach helps us identify and address unique needs, fostering stronger community ties and making a more significant difference.

5. Success Stories of the Branch Club under San Mateo Metropolitan Lions Club

The branch club under the San Mateo Metropolitan Lions Club has been making remarkable contributions to society through the art of fashion. Their specialty in organizing fashion shows has not only showcased creativity but also served as a powerful tool for social impact.

Fashion for a Cause

One of the recent highlights was a fashion show dedicated to protecting marine animals. This event was part of the Lions Club's broader environmental protection initiatives. The theme, "The Ocean's Water is the Water of Life," was brought to life by Club Branch President Joanna Jia, who creatively depicted marine life through fashion. The vibrant and dynamic representations of fish and other sea creatures emphasized the importance of these living beings as integral parts of Earth's biodiversity.

Making Waves in Environmental Awareness

The fashion show was more than just a display of artistic talent; it was a call to action for environmental conservation. By using

fashion as a medium, the branch club effectively raised awareness about the critical need to protect our oceans and the life within them. This innovative approach not only captivated the audience but also inspired many to take part in environmental protection efforts.

**We encourage all members to get involved with our club branch activities. Whether you have a specific interest or simply want to contribute more flexibly, there is a place for you in our branch. Together, we can continue to expand our reach and amplify our impact.**

**Thank you for your dedication and service. Let's keep working together to make a difference in our community.**

**Lion Cindy Zheng**

**1st Vice District Governor**







**Hello Awesome 4-C4 Lion's,**

Seeing the GST report, your clubs have been doing amazing service projects and reporting.

**2nd Vice District Governor Message Lion Jimmy Ness**

Congratulations to 1st VDG Cindy Zeng on completing the LCI "Faculty Development Institute" course. We look forward to seeing you become a great trainer.

Speaking of which Venetia Young and Cindy are working on developing Guiding Lion training in Chinese and English. I am super excited to see this put into our District training program.

Also our District Governor Clayton completed his certification for FDI. Congratulations!!

MD-4 has a R.L.L.I (regional, lions, leadership, Institute) 3 day leadership training course coming up January 24-26th. (see flyer on page 16.) I highly encourage you to attend if you can.

Lions Asia Kan and GST Mayrah Tucker just completed a successful Diabetes educational seminar. It was a packed house and very informative and executed extremely professionally.

Last but not least congratulations to Cori Carpenter for winning the "Ride of your life" Rose float parade ticket. She had purchased the ticket from the spreading good luck DG Clayton.

Everyone please tune into the TV on New Year's Day and watch our incredible state Lions marching the parade and cheer our very own district 4-C4 Cori Carpenter as she sits on the floor and waves to the crowd on national TV.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FELLOW LIONS**

And keep up the great service.

**Lion Jimmy Ness**

**2nd Vice District Governor**

**FDI Certified Trainer**

**Bair Island Cyber Lions Club**



**Lion Jimmy became Associate member of Kailua Kona Lions Club. Pictured with PDG Mitch Tam.**



**Foster City Bair Island Cyber Lions 2025 Holiday Toy Drive. Below, President Jimmy Ness, Service Chair Ruby Tupou Kaho-Montano and Secretary Toli Fa dropping off donation of toys to those less fortunate this Christmas season to Life Moves, a non-profit in San Mateo.**



**Lions Trainings: Guardian Angel CPR/AED, Lions Quest, Vision Screening**





### District & Lions Leaders

#### Lions Clubs International Leadership



**Fabricio Oliveira**  
International President



**A.P. Singh**  
First Vice President



**Mark S. Lyon**  
Second Vice President



**Dr. Manoj Shah**  
Third Vice President



#### Past District Governors...



**Larry Wong**  
\* 1988-1989



**Kenneth Newman**  
\* 1997-1998



**Mel Phillips**  
\* 1998-1999



**Michelle Jester**  
\* 2002-2003



**Joycelyn Mina**  
\* 2003-2004



**Ray Rosenthal**  
\* 2004-2005



**Eugene Chan**  
\* 2005-2006



**Maxine Frazier**  
\* 2007-2008



**Emil Kantola**\* 2008-2009 / Council Chair  
2009-2010



**Rod Mercado**  
\* 2016-2017



**Mario Benavente**  
\* 2017-2018



**Lydia Taylor-Bellinger**  
\* 2018-2019



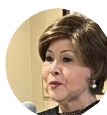
**Ken Ibarra**\* 2009-2010 / International Director  
2021-2022



**Helen Casaclang**  
\* 2019-2020



**Mike Simonini**  
\* 2010-2011



**Esther Lee**  
\* 2011-2012



**Fanny Chu**  
\* 2020-2021



**Jack Van Etten**  
\* 2014-2015



**Stephen Picchi**  
\* 2013-2014



**Dr. Augusto Valera, Jr.** \* 2021-2022



**Macy Mak Chan**  
\* 2015-2016



**CC Kevin Guess**  
\* 2023-2024 / Council Chair  
2024-2025



**John Hui**  
\* 2022-2023

List of Cabinet Officers with Regions and Zones


Lions graphic from 2nd VP Lion Mark Lyons





### District Cabinet

#### Global Action Team



**PID Ken Ibarra**  
District Global Membership Approach Champion &  
District Global Extension Coordinator



CC/IPDG Kevin Guess  
District Global Leadership  
Coordinator



PDG Lydia Taylor-Bellinger  
Global Membership Coordinator



Maryah Tucker  
District Global Service  
Coordinator



District Governor Clayton, VDG's Cindy Zheng and Jimmy Ness, and IPDG / CC Kevin Guess



Constance Bridgewater  
Region 1 Chair



Calvin Yee  
Zone 1 Chair



Carol Fung  
Zone 2 Chair



Soonae Kang  
Region 2 Chair



Tra Thach  
Zone 1 Chair



Joan Chang  
Zone 2 Chair



Asia Kan  
Region 3 Chair



Sharon Eberhardt  
Zone 1 Chair



Jack Mack  
Zone 2 Chair



Uni Buckley  
Region 5 Chair



Jeff Shiebels  
Zone 1 Chair

#### Lions Clubs International Foundation District Co-ordinators



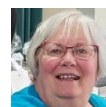
Amy Fink



Michael Coffaro



Wing Yu  
Zone 2 Chair



Denise Kelly  
Cabinet  
Secretary



Rich Picchi  
Cabinet Treasurer



Bradley Roxas  
Region 6 Chair



Cori Carpenter  
Zone 1 Chair



Paul Larson  
Region 4 Chair



Eric Riberio  
Zone 1 Chair



Bob Myers  
Zone 2 Chair

List of Cabinet Officers with Regions  
and Zones

Lions graphic from 2nd VP Lion Mark Lyons



**Fun / Games/Gen Interest**



Mapping a Cruise

When Lion Amy promoted a cruise for the upcoming LCI convention that relocated to Orlando from Mexico City, I was able to check **cruisemapper.com** to find out what the ports of call would be and what the ship had to offer in amenities before Lion Amy gave more information about the cruise. Earlier this year, I got hooked on watching live streams of the Port of Miami cruise traffic. I would see these boats and wonder what they were and what their itineraries were, so I went searching for a website that could tell me. I've found that **cruisemapper.com**, which also has a mobile app, gives lots of details on ports of call, times of arrival and departure, and lots of good details on the ships, like how many passengers and decks and what kind of rooms and amenities are available. When my brother and his family took a Mediterranean cruise this summer from Barcelona to Italy and France and a few islands in between, I was able to

track my brother's journey in real time. When I watch the live webcam of SF that Mersea restaurant on Treasure Island has and I can see that there is a cruise ship coming into SF port, I can use **cruisemapper.com** to see where that boat is coming from, where it's going, and how many are on board and all kinds of details about the trip and boat. You can search by ports of call and cruise lines. It's a fascinating app or website to track and research cruises that you or your family and friends are taking or want to take. After you do your research on the site, you can contact Lion Amy to get you a good experience, or your personal travel agent if you have one. If you'd like to know what those other ships are in the bay and ocean, check out **vesselfinder.com**. There are other good sites for general marine traffic, but I haven't found a site that is better than **cruisemapper** for cruises. **Vesselfinder** is easy to use and free for basic info. **Cruisemapper** is free, too.

**Lions University Program**



**2024-2025 District Meeting Schedule**

Club & District Photos provided by Facebook Club and Lions Photographers and District photographers. Thank You Lions Soonae Kang, PID Ken, Erik Winkler, Yvonne Kantola, Michael Chan, Vicky Palomar, and Conn Buckley. Photo galleries for more pics available at [www.lions4c4.org](http://www.lions4c4.org) Two holiday photos on page 20 came from [www.pexels.com](http://www.pexels.com).

- 1st District Meeting—**9.21.24**— New Vision UMC, Millbrae
- 2nd District Meeting—**11.9.24**— TBA
- 3rd District Meeting—**2.1.24**— TBA
- District Convention—**5.15-18.24**—Redding

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**LCI Foundation News**



Greetings Lions of District 4-C4,

LCIF is the only foundation to empower the service of Lions worldwide. With 100% of donations benefiting humanitarian service, your continued support enables the foundation to respond quickly for a powerful impact. And you have been generous but there's always a need for more.

Responding to disaster with strength and compassion is what we do best. Especially when there has been a devastating event like a flood, earthquake, fire or any kind of obvious call for help.

Lions all over the world are answering the call to serve their community and there are some amazing clubs in our district, truly touching lives. That's what it's all about!

The saying "where there is a need, there is a Lion" has never been more fitting for the largest, non-government service organization in the world.

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SAVE THE DATE – Sunday January 12 (in the afternoon)

It is our founder Melvin Jones birthday, and you are cordially invited to his birthday party!

Let's gather for fun and fellowship with everything you would expect to see at a party – cake, ice cream and fun. More details to follow.

And, of course, please consider a donation to LCIF. Empower fellow Lions and Leos. THANK YOU C4!

LCIF District Coordinators

Lion Amy Fink

Like Mike Coffaro

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**California Lions Foundation News**



Feel free to contact me if you would like information or to present a short program at your club meeting: PDG Mario Benavente, [mxbdd@aol.com](mailto:mxbdd@aol.com), (Cell) 650-892-2202



Happy Holidays from the California Lions Foundation!

We are coming into a brand-new year, 2025. Still a relatively young foundation, CLF has been awarding grants to California Lions clubs for 5 years now, since January 2020. The very first grant went to the San Francisco Host Lions Club for a vision screening machine.

Although the size of our grants hasn't grown yet, due to our relatively small size, the number of grants awarded continues to grow. During the 2023-24 Lions year, over \$55,000 in grants were awarded to 13 districts in Multiple District 4. An additional \$42,940 was sent to Maui, a result of a special appeal. Of the \$55,000 awarded in California, \$10,999 went to District 4-C4.

Help CLF continue to award grants to worthy California projects by donating to the foundation.

The more that you help us grow, the more we can continue to help our clubs do good work.

Visit our website to find out more about CLF: <https://californialionsfoundation.org/>

We continue to offer Matching Grants from \$500-\$5,000. These grants are available to California Clubs for projects that serve California communities.

The application process is relatively quick, simple and, once funded, we only ask for receipts demonstrating proper use of the funds, a few photos of CLF dollars at work and a little bit of recognition for the foundation to help us in our fundraising efforts. Visit our CLF website for more information: Matching Grants — California Lions Foundation

Again, please consider making a club or individual donation to CLF! We can't fund these grants without your support! Consider honoring a club member with a CLF Life Membership (\$500), a Kay K. Fukushima Award (\$1,000) or a Reginald Harris Award (\$2,500). All donations, large or small, are appreciated. You can donate old cars, trucks, RV, boats! Consider CLF when making your estate plans. <https://californialionsfoundation.org/legacy-giving> And don't forget to see if your employer offers matching gifts. Again, check our website to see how your donations are used.

CLF is here to help your club fund its projects. Call or email me if you want help with filling out the application.

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**Lion Mario Benavente**

President, California Lions Foundation





**Global Membership News**



Greetings Lions of District 4-C4,  
PDG Lydia Taylor-Bellinger - 2024-2025  
District 4-C4 Global Membership  
Coordinator President of San Francisco  
Merced Heights Lions Club.

District 4-C4 has 55 Clubs and 5 Branch clubs. The goal is to continue to attract members and grow the branch clubs into new clubs. To date District 4-C4 has added more than 83 new members. Presently, we are looking at adding 2 new clubs, a First Responders Club and a LGBTQ Club.

Growing our membership is a call to all members. Continue to include the Global Causes that Lions Club International is providing; Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment and Childhood Cancer as you invite others to become lions. Service is the driving force for membership and this time of the year the request for assistance is great. As we provide service the community will see where they can be of assistance and may join, more members, more service. Everyone love to help and assist those in need. District 4-C4 Strike Team is available to assist your club in establishing service projects and recruitment for members, just ask. This year is coming to a rapid end, so be pro-active.

Lions Club International is on target for Mission 1.5. We can and will reach this goal. The key is to review and utilize your best recruiting practices.

To all a Very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year. May your walls know joy, may every room hold laughter and every window open to great possibilities.

**PDG Lydia Taylor-Bellinger**  
**District 4-C4 Global Membership Coordinator**

**Global Membership Approach  
Champion News**



Dear Lions of District 4-C4,  
Why you should consider attending Institute.

You will take a major step in furthering your leadership skills by attending the MD4 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI). It has become a proven “stepping stone” for a Lion’s growth in their club and district.

Research has shown that businesses and corporations that provide leadership training outperform those that do not focus on developing new leaders. Fortunately for LCI, the resources and programs are in place to reach any Lion interested in improving their leadership skills. The challenge we have is identifying our future leaders and ensuring that they are given the opportunity to explore those resources.

Whether you are an aspiring member seeking a club officer position or a higher district office, what you will experience in three days will undoubtedly improve your skills both in Lions and in life. It did for me when I attended the Institute nearly twenty years ago. It provided me with both the ambition and confidence to become a leader in Lions and in my community.

My experience since attending Institute sent me on a journey that has not only improved my leadership abilities but allowed me to share and mentor numerous individuals like you - to improve your skills and in turn succeed in our Association.

I am thankful for the many experiences and relationships gained through our Lions Institute and know you will agree upon your completion of this course.

The MD4 Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) is scheduled for January 23-26, 2025 in Sacramento. The cost is \$400 and includes hotel, meals and the valuable training sessions. In addition, District 4C4 will reimburse a portion of the cost for first-time attendees. For more information: <https://md4lions.org/training>

**In Service,**  
**Ken Ibarra, Past International Director GMA  
Champion & GET Coordinator District 4C4,  
MD4 California**







**Preparing for a Tsunami ...**  
 By: Newsletter Editor

*Per DG Lion Clayton's focus on Disaster Preparedness, we'll be sharing charities and disaster preparedness resources for this series. As our area faced a tsunami threat in December, our topic this month is tsunami preparation.*

When an earthquake took place 60 miles off shore in Northern California on December 5, millions in the SF Bay Area got alerts on their phones that a tsunami was possible. The warning advised people to move away from the coast line or water shores to higher ground and stay out of the ocean. BART closed the transbay tube under the bay and Alcatraz tour boats halted service. Some schools on the coast asked for evacuation of their students. Anxiety got high as people started watching the shores in anticipation of the pending tidal wave. Only it never came. The warning was called off about the time it was expected to reach the bay area and San Mateo County coast. It was even later revealed in one media source that the kind of earthquake that took place would not create a tsunami, so people in the Bay Area were panicked for no reason. I lived in the Bay Area most of my life and California all of my life. I never heard that there are "kinds" of earthquakes! It turns out that a tsunami risk depends on the kind of fault that the earthquake takes place on. If it's a subduction fault, it can cause a tsunami if the earthquake is powerful enough. If it is a slip-shake fault, like the San Andreas Fault that runs through the SF peninsula, it would not create a tsunami. These two kinds of faults move the earth plates differently, thus one would effect water movement while the other doesn't. Fortunately, our area doesn't have that fault type to create a big tsunami. Per an article in LAist.com, even if a tsunami came into the Golden Gate strait, the saturation points are more for the SF coast and the likelihood it would reach beyond the SF Bay Bridge or into the east Bay coastline is minimal.

When the warning came in, it sounded like everyone was at risk. Thus, we may be wondering how to prepare for a tsunami.

**Ready.Gov advises to:**

- **Map our your routes** from home, work, and play.
- **Pick shelters 100 feet or more** above sea level or at least one mile inland.
- **Create a family emergency communication plan** that has an out of state contact.
- **Plan where to meet** if you get separated.

**Per Google AI search:** If you are on a **boat, head out to sea** when a tsunami warning is issued **Never try to outrun** a tsunami by **driving; evacuate on foot** if possible. As waves are travelling over 100 MPH and snagging debris along the way, **even small waves can be potentially dangerous.**

**Global Leadership News**



Hello Awesome Lion's of 4-C4.

Happy holiday greetings!

As part of our Leadership Development Program and in partnership with the Global Action Team, the District Global Leadership is excited to announce a robust lineup of training opportunities for the upcoming year! These programs are designed to equip Lions with the skills and knowledge to lead effectively, support their clubs, and enhance service in their communities.

**Upcoming Trainings**

**Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)** January 24-26, 2025 (see flyer on page 16 ) Develop leadership skills to strengthen your impact in the Lions organization and beyond.

**Guiding Lion Certification**

English Session \* Chinese Session

Learn how to effectively mentor and guide new clubs to ensure their long-term success.

**Creating Valuable Service Projects**

Explore strategies to design impactful service projects that address community needs.

**New Member Orientation**

English Session \* Chinese Session

Help new members integrate smoothly into the Lions community and understand their roles.

**Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) March 21-23, 2025**

Designed for Lions looking to step into leadership roles, this program focuses on core skills such as communication, goal-setting, and team-building.

**Why Do We Pay Dues, and Where Does the Money Go?**

Gain clarity on the financial structure of Lions Clubs International and the value of membership dues.

**MyLion & Lions Portal Training**

English Session \* Chinese Session

Master the online tools available to manage club operations, track service, and connect with Lions worldwide.

These sessions, offered in collaboration with the Global Action Team, provide valuable resources for both new and seasoned Lions. Stay tuned for registration details and take advantage of these opportunities to grow as a Lion leader!

For more information, contact me or 2VDG Jimmy Ness.

**Lion Kevin Guess**

**District Global Leadership Coordinator**

**MD4 Council Chair 2024-25**



**Global Service, Family & Women's Membership Development News**



Happy second quarter to all of us Lions of District 4-C4!

I am so excited to see all the amazing projects that our Lions are up to. From **feeding** those in need, to supporting the **youth** of the community even some reports in supportive efforts for those having to fight **cancer**, to neighborhood **clean up**, to **vision** screening, from **health fairs** both in the district and **beyond**. As we enter the fire season I hope we don't have to start reporting **disaster relief** projects though.

This last quarter it was also my pleaser to send both a Leo and a Lion Kindness Matters award applications. While our district did so many amazing projects last year we were only allowed to send one application on to the Multiple District team. Myself, Council Kevin and District Governor met and talked about all the applications that were submitted and picked the one in each category to send on. In late October the Global Service Chairs from our Multiple District will review all the applications and send one from each of the Lions applications and one from the Leos applications to move on to International. I look forward to seeing if any of our district projects are chosen.

During the next quarter the Multiple District GSTs are hoping you will do a project in the following areas:

- Hunger**- all quarter
- Childhood Cancer**- Childhood Cancer Awareness day 2/15/2025
- Vision**- Lions Eyes Across California 3/15/2025

This quarter I changed the numbers so you can all see how our district is compared to the other Districts in the State of California. If you ask me we are amazing, we are working hard and we are reporting our efforts. Thank you all for all your hard work I hop you all have a great Holiday season. As always if you have any questions for me regarding reporting, or expanding your service please reach out to me any time.

**What about the number?**

| Lions and Leos          | Percentage of Clubs Reporting | Service Activities     | People Served      |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| District 4-C4           | 99%                           | 1,063                  | 189,930            |
| Multiple District 4     | 56%                           | 6,704                  | 1,208,713          |
| <b>Childhood Cancer</b> | <b>Diabetes</b>               | <b>Disaster Relief</b> | <b>Environment</b> |
| 12                      | 20                            | 26                     | 32                 |
| 134                     | 70                            | 15551                  | 302                |
| <b>Humanitarian</b>     | <b>Hunger</b>                 | <b>Vision</b>          | <b>Youth</b>       |
| 274                     | 134                           | 53                     | 63                 |
| 1,763                   | 595                           | 559                    | 377                |

Maryah Tucker

2023-24 District 4-C4 Service, Family & Women's Membership Chair





### Region 1 News



Greeting Fellow Lions from Region One!

We dearly miss our Region Chair, Lion Connie Bridgewater, whose legacy continues to inspire us. Zone Chairs Lion Calvin Yee and Lion Carol Fung have stepped it up by sharing responsibilities in supporting Region 1 clubs and forging forward.

On December 7, 2024, our region held the Connie Bridgewater Hunger Project at City Eats headquarters in San Francisco. This annual evening event, held on the first Saturday of December, brought together six Lions from various clubs across the district alongside other community volunteers.

Lions contributed by sorting clothing, assembling meals, and preparing beverage snack packs. Over 50 people worked indoors assembling meals while 25+ handled outdoor food distribution and crowd control. Thanks to these combined efforts, over 800 meals were distributed to those in need.

The **SF Host Lions** inducted three new members during the District Governor's visitation, attended by District Governor Lion Clayton Jolley, 1VDG Lion Cindy Zeng, and Region 1 Zone 1 Chair Lion Calvin Yee. The club continues its impactful work, including health fairs and preparations for another medical mission to the Philippines. The **SF Keystone Lions Club** organized a fundraiser for victims of Hurricane Helene in Cupertino, demonstrating their commitment to global disaster relief efforts.

The **San Francisco Unified Lions Club** has enhanced its youth vision screening project by purchasing its first vision screener, which was made possible through a matching donation from the California Lions Foundation. Their ongoing service efforts include: Serving lunch to seniors on Thanksgiving Day at the Self Help for the Elderly.

Co-hosting an Annual Toy Drive to support local youth organizations in San Francisco.

Sponsoring Wreaths Across America initiative, laying wreaths at the Presidio Military Cemetery on December 14, 2024.

The innovative **Silicon Valley Cyber Lions Club** launched their "A Taste of Peace" wine to support the Peace Poster Exhibition in California, offering red and white wines for sale by the case. (See flyer on page 18.) Their recent service projects include:

Collaborating with **FC Bair Island Cyber** to donate 217 pairs of black socks for the Toasty Toes Project.

Donating 1,800 three-layer respirator masks to SF Host Lions for their medical mission in the Philippines.

Providing 43 junior high school backpacks and 34 elementary school backpacks to **BAGO Lions** for their mission work.

Other Region 1 clubs are actively engaged in service projects and fundraisers, though some were unable to submit their reports by the deadline.

Thank you to all the Lions of Region 1 for your dedication to serving our communities and making a difference in the lives of others.

**Lion Carol Fung**  
Region 1 Zone 2 Chair

### Club Presidents:

\* SF Bay Area Real Estate \* **Victoria Lam** SF Bayview Hunters Point \* **Frances Luster** \* SF Cosmopolitan \* **John Marque** \* SF Keystone \* **Fion Yau** \* SF Host \* **Linda Cruz** \* SF Marina North Beach \* **PDG Esther Lee** SF Nueva Vizcaya \* **Marlene Zuraek** \* Silicon Valley Cyber \* **Benny Xiong** \* SF Unified \* **Alvin Louie** SF Park Presidio Sunset \* **Piotr Hutrya**

### Region 2 News



Greetings Lions of District 4-C4,

This year, we have only one last page left in the calendar. Please organize and finalize the plans you made at the beginning of the year.

I would like to thank the two Zone Chairs, Lion Tra Thach and Lion Joan Chang, who worked hard with me to lead Region 2 in 2024.

I would like to thank the Club Presidents of Region 2 for being role models and on the front lines of service in their communities.

First, the San Francisco Bay Area Club inducted four new Lions on November 7, and they were ratified by Governor Clayton Jolley. Also, the San Francisco Special Choir Club received the "Membership Satisfaction Award" from LCIF.

We can make a bigger impact by reaching the membership growth goal of the "Mission 1.5" project by serving the world in need with more members and more service.

San Francisco Fil-Am Club, San Francisco Latinos-Unidos Club, and San Francisco Premier Club continued to show their Lion spirit to the community by providing free medical services.

SF Merced Heights Club sponsored the Ocean Ingleside Lions Club Fundraiser and helped sell tickets.

San Mateo Metropolitan club sponsored medical equipment for the Jackie Chan Senior center at San Francisco.

Thanks to all in Region 2.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

**Lion Soonae Kang**

Region 2 Chair



### Club Presidents:

\* SF Bay Area \* **Rosemary Wang** \* SF Chinatown \* **Linda Chan** \* SF Fil-Am \* **Alex Cabansagan** \* SF Global Business \* **May Zhang** SF Hispanic \* **Ninette Morris De Mendoza** \* SF Merced Heights \* **Lydia Taylor-Bellinger\_PDG** \* SF Korean American \* **Yeonboon Choi** \* SF Latinos Unidos \* **Ruffino Ramos** \* SF Premier \* **Malou Aclan** SF Special Choir \* **Seungku Kang** San Mateo Metropolitan \* **Andrew Fung**





### Region 3 News



Greetings Lions of District 4-C4,

We started the District Governor visitation of the Region 3 lions clubs on 9/18 visit SF Geneva-Excelsior LC and meet with Lion

President Stephen Martin and the club members at the Italian American Social Club.

And on 11/14 DG Clayton, 1VDG Cindy, Zone Chair Sharon and I visited SF Nikkei at the Ganji Restaurant in Japan Town, to meet with the club president Bill Stipinovich and club secretary Alan Layug. On Nov 16<sup>th</sup> morning, DG Clayton and I visited SF Veterans LC for their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Bikes-4-Vets event at Atwater Tavern at 295 Terry a Francois Blvd., San Francisco. The club gives out about 20 bikes to the veterans.

On Nov 16<sup>th</sup> evening, with DG Clayton and Zone Chair Jack Mak, we visited the SF Dynamic LC at the Woohao Chinese Restaurant in Day City. There is a good turnout of about 10 lions club members attending the meeting.

During the District Governor club visitations, DG Clayton emphasis on the grown of the club by adding recruiting and adding new members, with more new members, lions club can do more service project with extra hands and minds.

On November 19<sup>th</sup> Region 3 hosted the District Service project of Diabetes Awareness Screening and Education Class and was well attended with over 40 lions participating and raised \$300 donation to fund future district service projects.

For new members joined since July 1<sup>st</sup> this lion year, so far there are 3 clubs added new members, and start with 1 new member added to SF Veterans LC, 5 new lions added to SF Dynamic LC and 4 new lions added to SF Health Care Provider Cyber LC. All other Lions Clubs in the region are working hard to recruit new members to their clubs.

Thank you Lions in Region 3 and wishes everyone have a happy holiday.

*(See Region 3 photos on page 15)*

**Lion Asia Kan, Region 3 Chair, Silicon Valley Lions**

### Club Presidents:

\* SF Bay Area New Century \* **Christine Chen** \* \* SF Circle \* **n/a** \* \* SF Dynamic \* **Jack Cachola** SF Geneva Excelsior \* **Stephen Martin** \* SF Highlands \* **Lucito Tomada** \* \* SF Veterans \* **CJ Reeves** \* \* Silicon Valley Global Innovation \* **Anna Yin** SF Nikkei \* **Bill Stipinovich** \* SSF Host \* **Luis Alvarenga** SF Healthcare Providers Cyber \* **Rodger Cayabyab** \*

### Region 4 News



Greetings Lions, spouses and friends of District 4-C4.

Yule Tide Greetings.

As Region 4 Chair it is an honor to tell you I am proud of our R4 Zone Chair and collection of Lions Clubs. R4Z1 Chair Eric Ribeiro (San Bruno Lions) guides the following vibrant clubs who all have various projects and events:

**Daly City Host Lions** will participate in their "Holiday Luncheon for Seniors" at Hillcrest Gardens in December. **Foster City Bair Island Cyber Lions** are working on one of a number of seasonal projects including Hygiene Packs, toiletries, blankets, towels and clothing distribution for "Life Moves" of Palo Alto and "Opportunity Service Center" of Palo Alto. **Millbrae Lions** plans include funding for their "Family Assistance Program" helping specific local families in need. In addition to hosting the PCL meeting on Monday, November 25th the **Pacifica Lions** will be participating in numerous December projects including "Holiday Joy" (formerly "adopt a family") in conjunction with the Pacifica Resource Center working with 3 to 4 needy families providing \$1000.00 per family plus individual gifts for the kids and \$250.00 gift card for food. The spirited **San Bruno Lions** are preparing for "Operation Santa" by coordinating with the schools and providing gifts for special-needs kids with Lion R4Z1 Chair Eric Ribeiro acting as Santa Claus.

Thank you Lions of District 4-C4 for all you do and all you care for, from Region 4 Chair Paul Larson (Millbrae Lions).

**Lion Paul Larson**

**Region 4 Chair, Millbrae Lions**



**Top:** PCL Officers with Peace Poster Winner

**Right:** Pacifica Lions President Steve and wife Sherry Hansel, RC Lion Paul



### Club Presidents:

\* Daly City Host \* **Bradley Roxas** \* Foster City Bair Island Cyber \* **2VDG Jimmy Ness** \* \* Half Moon Bay \* **Joe Habib** \* Millbrae \* **William E. Meyer** \* San Bruno \* **Connie Fernandez** \* Pacifica \* **Steve Hansel** \* \* \*





**Region 5 News**



Greetings Lions of District 4-C4,

**Region 5 Shines Bright: Celebrating Service and Holiday Spirit**

As the year draws to a close, the last quarter is once again proving to be one of the busiest and most fulfilling for Lions Clubs in Region 5. With Thanksgiving and the holiday season inspiring the spirit of generosity, our clubs have embraced

the call to service with impactful projects, community outreach, and plans to bring even more light to those in need. Here's a snapshot of their extraordinary efforts and a preview of what's ahead:

**Uniting Against Hunger: Rise Against Hunger Project**

In November, the **Bay Area Global Outreach (BAGO) Lions Club** collaborated with the Foster City Lions Club in spearheading another

unforgettable **Rise Against Hunger Project**, uniting several Region 5 clubs and other Clubs in District 4-C4 to pack an astounding 10,000 meals composed of fortified rice for communities in need. This monumental effort not only contributed to the fight against global hunger but also celebrated growth within the BAGO family. Six new **CUB members** were inducted, completing a three-generation legacy (Lions, Leos, and Cubs). This remarkable project highlights the power of collaboration and the enduring commitment of Lions to building a stronger, more compassionate world.

**Vision for a Brighter Future: Redwood Shores Lions Club**

The **Redwood Shores Lions Club** continues to uphold its mission of supporting children in the community. This November, they provided **vision screenings** at schools in Redwood City, helping to identify and address vision issues early. These efforts not only enhance students' learning experiences but also set them on a clearer path toward success and confidence.

**Holiday Cheer for the Homeless: SF Ocean Ingleside Lions Club**

The **SF Ocean Ingleside Lions Club** is bringing the holiday spirit to the streets this December with their thoughtful initiative to distribute **Holiday Gift Bags for the Homeless**. These carefully prepared packages, filled with essentials and tokens of warmth, aim to provide comfort and a sense of hope to those facing difficult times during the festive season.

**Spreading Smiles to Children: Burlingame Lions Club**

In the spirit of giving, the **Burlingame Lions Club** is preparing to deliver **Activity Kits and toys** to young patients at the **Lucile Packard Children's Hospital**. Whether used during hospital stays or at special events, these gifts are designed to bring joy and smiles to children and their families, making the holiday season a bit brighter for those navigating challenging health journeys.

The clubs in Region 5 aren't just making waves in their communities—they're also fostering connections among members. By meeting regularly, supporting District activities, and volunteering together, Lions are building a strong foundation for service and camaraderie. Collaboration between clubs has amplified their collective impact, proving that teamwork is at the heart of Lionism. **Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season and a prosperous new year. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to making a difference—together, we shine brighter!** — **Lion Uni Buckley, Region 5 Chair**

**Club Presidents:**

Foster City \* **Jim Traceski** \* Redwood City Downtown \* **William Chen** \* Redwood Shores \* **Mary Carbullido** \* SF Global Art Cyber \* **Annie Dang** \* SF Global Healthcare Cyber \* **Grace Zhou** \* Bay Area Global Outreach \* **Conn Buckley** \* Silicon Valley \* **Jeff Shiebels** \* San Mateo \* **Ray Mahaffay** \* SF Ocean-Ingleside \* n/a \* Burlingame \* **Bunny Macchia** \* Redwood City Sunrise \* **William Jackson, Jr**

**Region 6 News**



Greetings Lions of District 4-C4,

I would be in remiss if I will not recognize the outstanding work, dedicated service and continued support by our Region 6 club officers and members. I am proud to say that our Region 6 in our district is very fortunate to have such a dedicated Zone Chairs and professional person overseeing our club activities. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside my two Zone Chairs,

Lion Cori Carpenter of San Carlos Lions Club (R6-Z1), and Lion Bob Myers of the Half Moon Bay Lions Club (R6-Z2).

As part of Lion District Governor Clayton Jolley's theme: "Service – Community – Integrity", I would like to share some of the ways our Region's Clubs have been serving. Multiple clubs from our region has started planning and below are the highlights of their projects:

**\*Region 6 – Zone 1 Clubs:**

- Brisbane Lions opens their tree lot Thanksgiving weekend. Funds raised will support the 50 student scholarships.
- San Carlos Lions is hosting Holiday Senior Bingo Party on December 19th; this free event helps seniors who are alone for the holidays.
- BASO Lions held a great Halloween Party for Kainos Folks and has a fun Valentines Party in the works.
- Menlo Park Live Oaks continues with the Farmers Market every Sunday; rain or shine. The vendors donate leftover produce to the club that brings them to St. Anthony's to help with food insecurities.

**\*Region 6 - Zone 2 Clubs:**

- HMB Lions Club: Provide help each Wednesday and Thursday for a community breakfast that serves 80 people each day. Unload 6 plus pallets of food from Second Harvest and store it for Saint Vincent De Paul's food pantry. Monthly clean up and maintenance of the Softball Field at HMB High School.
- Peninsula Special Interest: They have their Global Initiative for Health and Wellness clinics in San Mateo and Redwood City where they are doing vision testing, Flu and Covid vaccines.

I would like to urge you to please Rededicate Yourself to Lions!

I know how life-changing Lions can be for the people we serve. But being a Lion also can change your life.

This year I am asking Lions to rededicate themselves to hands on service as a Lion. Deepen your involvement. Take a greater interest in humanitarian service. Assume a new responsibility. Sponsor a new member. Be the best Lion you can be. Don't settle for just being one.

To boost our Lions' involvement, I am urging each and every one of you to please participate in all of our events and activities and get involved. Assist in every which way you can.

Remember, Lions have been a beacon of hope, let us shine our light more brightly than ever. But to do so, we need you. We need every Lion to give their best. We can provide a better tomorrow for those in need. We serve together today for a better tomorrow.

**Lion Bradley Roxas, Region 6 Chair**

**Club Presidents:**

\* Bay Area Special Olympics \* **Jane Simonini** \* Brisbane \* **Jasama Patel** \* Menlo Park Live Oak \* **Tina Morris** Peninsula Special Interest \* **Delores Homisak** \* Peninsula Veterans \* **Michelle Zuniga** \* San Carlos \* **John Durkin** San Mateo County First Responders \* **Todd Mefford** \* SSF Golden Gate \* **Mark Casaclang**





**Peninsula & San Francisco Council & Wreaths for Veterans Photos ...**



Editor's Minutes..



Thank You for all our contributors this issue and this year. Happy Holidays and New Year!

As some articles were a bit too long, font size was reduced to fit content to the column. Only our governors and GAT Service Chair get a full page for their articles. For this issue, I shared a review of [cruisemapper.com](http://cruisemapper.com), a fun site that allows one to discover itineraries, amenities, and real time tracking of cruises.

Sad to hear the passing of Dawn Stanaway, GAT Service Chair Lion Maryah's mother. She would always say hello to me and my mom at Lions events. She'll be missed.

Our DG has set a 3 day grace period for late articles. If not received by then, I'll need to replace the column with other content. Please note that no articles will be accepted that include both district and club news in the same article except for Region Chair columns. If you are writing about both, you'll need to write two separate articles. Please submit any desired content to Lion John at [lionjohnhill@gmail.com](mailto:lionjohnhill@gmail.com). Suggestions and feedback for content are welcome.

**Lion John Gill**

**District Newsletter Editor \* Peninsula Council of Lions PP 2016-2017 \* San Mateo LC \* SF Premier LC & Foster City Bair Island Cyber LC Associate**



The YouTuber, **Roy Explores**, a live streamer in SF, covered the Veterans Day Parade in SF. Our district leadership and Lions were in the parade.





### Happenings Around the District...

**District 2ND Meeting | USO Night**



**Region 1 Photos: Region Hunger Project**



**Holiday Lions Parties: SF Chinatown, San Bruno, and SF Korean American Lions clubs.**



**Region 3 Photos: DG Visit to SF Geneva Excelsior, Bikes 4 Vets, DG Visit to SF Dynamic, Region 3 Diabetes Seminar**

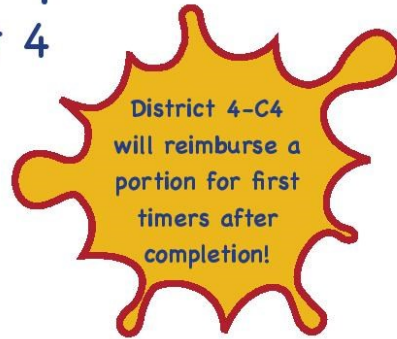






Flyers of Upcoming Events...

# Sacramento Regional Lions Leadership Institute Multiple District 4



Thursday, January 23rd  
to  
Sunday, January 26th

Hilton Sacramento  
Arden West,  
2200 Harvard St  
Sacramento, CA 95815

The fee of \$400.00 (no refunds after January 6, 2025) covers the Institute and lodging from Thursday, January 23rd through 1 PM Sunday, January 26th. If you plan on arriving on Wednesday, January 22nd, you will be required to pay for that night's lodging at the rate of \$144.00 plus fees and taxes when you check in at the hotel. All meals during the Institute will be at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West. Plated breakfasts on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Box lunches on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Plated dinners on Friday and Saturday. Beverages are provided at each meal.

Any Questions can be directed to  
PDG Manny Sanchez  
562-708-9061  
LionManny@gmail.com



<https://californialionsmd4.ticketspice.com/2025-regional-lions-leadership-institute-sacramento>





Flyers of Upcoming Events...



**San Francisco Dynamic  
Lions Club**



**SHARE THE WARMTH  
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**

We are excited to introduce our inaugural "Sock for the Sole Sock Drive" this year! We have collected brand-new socks to support the elderly residents of Golden Heights HealthCare Facility in Daly City. This marks the launch of our annual Holiday Gifting initiative, dedicated to bringing warmth and comfort to those in need during the festive season.



Flyers of Upcoming Events...



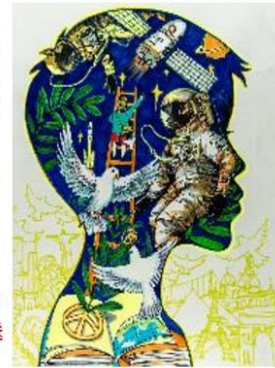
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**Silicon Valley Cyber Lions Club** (#126169)  
 First Visionary Model Club (MD 4-C4 / #65569)  
[svcyberlions@gmail.com](mailto:svcyberlions@gmail.com)  
[cyberlions.org](http://cyberlions.org)



ROAR! ROAR! ROAR!

A "Taste of Peace" Wine Label Program (ATOP) Supporting Youth, Art, and Peace Poster Programs

Silicon Valley Cyber Lions Club of MD4-C4, a Visionary Model Club, proudly launched this Wine Program with Legacy Through Giving Foundation & with LCI assistance to support Lions International Peace Poster Programs. Annually, upwards of 600,000 children of 11, 12 & 13 years old worldwide participate in this. 100% of the net proceeds from ATOP Wine Program will be used to support the Peace Poster programs, related to Youth, Art, and Peace.



Introducing 2023-2024 Grand Prize Winner/Poster for ATOP

**FAN-JIN SI - 11 YEARS OLD**  
Sponsored by Shaanxi Datang Lions Club—CHINA

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联合会大唐服务队 中国 陕西 选送

ATOP Program Sponsor - LTG Foundation

Legacy Through Giving Foundation proudly supports this Program and service projects of the Silicon Valley Cyber Lions Club. LTG is both a non-profit & non-salary 501 c3 (EIN# 33-1212224) organization. Your donations are welcome to support this Program and to enjoy the wines. Donation is tax deductible to the extent of the law.

1. **Make a Donation** (Ctrl + Click), at [legacythroughgiving.org](http://legacythroughgiving.org), for your wine's selection, and **contact us of your choices and donation payment** - [legacythroughgiving@gmail.com](mailto:legacythroughgiving@gmail.com), or **message 408.666.7723**.
2. Or, send a check payable to "LTG Foundation" - 1321 N. Carolan Ave., Burlingame, CA 94010
3. Or, PayPal or Zelle - to pay this account: [legacythroughgiving@gmail.com](mailto:legacythroughgiving@gmail.com)
4. Or, Venmo to PDG Macy Mak: 415.699.9299 (Memo: "ATOP")

**White Wine - GEWÜRZTRAMINER CALIFORNIA SINGLE VINEYARD, 2023**  
For Lions & Friends - \$288/Case (12) & Pickup\* Typical Retail: \$380+

**Red Wine - PREMIUM RED WINE, NAPA VALLEY**  
For Lions & Friends - \$488/Case (12) & Pickup\* Typical Retail: \$650+

**Mixed Case of 6Wx6R - \$388 & Pickup\* \* 1321 N. Carolan Ave., Burlingame, CA 94010**

*Note: ATOP is an inaugural program this year with exclusive and limited availability, act quickly to secure your wine for the Holidays. Per case orders are preferred due to packaging and handling constraints, but mixed-case request may be considered.*

Introducing ATOP Wines by Appellationscellar.com, NAPA

Appellations Cellar, under wine-maker/owner Lion Ivonne Zhu, produced these wines, representing world-class excellence from Napa Valley, Sonoma and Central Valley, Notable achievements include: USDA Trade Mission Winery 2019, California Winery in CIE 2019, Eliff Selected Winery 2020, and a two-time Gold Medal Winner at the S.F. Chronical Wine Competition. She was honored as the first Chinese women wine maker at the National Women in Wine Day on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



Silicon Valley Cyber Lions Clubs  
[www.cyberlions.org](http://www.cyberlions.org)



Lions Clubs International/PP  
<https://rb.gy/xdhusb>



Legacy Through Giving Foundation  
[www.legacythroughgiving.org](http://www.legacythroughgiving.org)





Flyers of Upcoming Events...



# Let's Make District 4-C4 Greener

Join Lions of Region Six in making and keeping District 4-C4 Green!

We are collecting



ALUMINUM PULL TABS



BAKERYBAG TAGS



PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Keeping these items out of the landfill benefits these organizations:

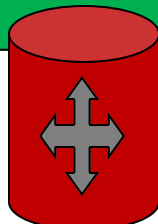
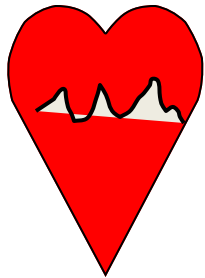
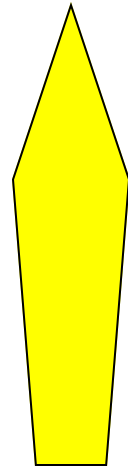
- ♻️ Aluminum Pull Tabs: Ronald McDonald House
- ♻️ Bakery Bag Tags: Danielle Cares for Chairs
- ♻️ Printer Cartridges: Student Speakers Foundation

We are collecting these items at ALL District Events.

For additional information, please email [lions4service@gmail.com](mailto:lions4service@gmail.com)



# Happy Holidays and New Year!







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### Lions Code of Ethics & Objectives

Ethics

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customer and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my positions or actions towards my fellow man, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not as a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

TO AID my fellow men by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise, to build up and not to destroy.

Objectives

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

TO UNITE the choice in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial rewards, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

