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October 2017



DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE

Fellow Lions:

Last year, I was asked to install a group of Leo officers at a breakfast which was hosted by the San Mateo Lions. I'm always happy to install officers or induct new members. But, being a busy beaver, I was also in charge, that same day, of gathering volunteers for a wine tasting event that was being held by the National Braille Press, based in Boston. They were in town for one day only and they were holding a fundraiser. Then-ID Howard Hudson had asked our District to help. I went to the Leo breakfast, mindful of the time because I knew that I had to be on 8th Street before Noon. The San Mateo Lions agreed to move the installation ceremony before breakfast. Done with the ceremony, I went off to the Holiday Inn. With no time for food and on a rainy day, Lion Dr. Jun Valera and I put on rain ponchos and went out onto Market Street where our job was to help steer vision-impaired guests arriving by public transit to the hotel. Having skipped breakfast and lunch, I was getting pretty hungry. I was trying to decide whether to head back to the hotel and munch on some of the hors d'oeuvres or just pop into the local fast food joint to grab a quick bite. Suddenly, my attention was drawn to the many homeless folks around me.

I know that if I get hungry, it's no problem: I go home, dig into the fridge, grab a snack. Or I stop off at any number of places depending on what I

feel like eating. But for many, too many, people in our communities, they don't have those options. People, men, women and children who are meal-insecure and don't know when or where they will get their next meal.

Some are PTSD vets. Some are people down on their luck. Some have fallen into the trap of alcohol or drug dependency; single women with young children; families where the parents have jobs but who happen to be living in an area that has a high cost-of-living index. Some have jobs and get paid on the 1st and 15th but are running out of money by the 25th. Some are elderly who are on a fixed income and though they may have their own houses, have to pay for taxes, insurance and medications. I have spoken to our Veterans clubs. Veterans live by a code: they will not leave a brother or sister on the battlefield. We should live by that same code. Our brothers and sisters are on the streets and they need our help.



I am asking our members and our Lions Clubs to consider helping the hungry, both those here on our streets and abroad. We can do this in 3 ways: 1) raise and donate money to give to food banks or charities; 2) collect and donate canned or dry foods to food banks; 3) volunteer at your local food bank or soup kitchen such as North Peninsula Food Pantry or St. Anthony's Dining Room. Meal-

on-Wheels and 2nd Harvest are also always looking for volunteers to help package and deliver food to the needy.

I am heartened to see that many of our clubs have programs to help the poor and hungry. I ask that all clubs evaluate their service programs and make an effort to do at least one program to help the men, women and children in our communities that don't have enough to eat.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Mario Benavente

District Governor

District 4-C4

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1st Vice District Governor Message

Greetings Lions, Leos

First I want to express my sincere appreciation to District 4-C4 PDGs and Cabinet Officers for voting me in as 1st Vice District Governor. I consider this a great honor to represent District 4-C4. I am looking forward to meeting with all of the clubs in our District, and more importantly, working side by side with you to contribute to assisting families in need.

I thank you for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement, at the loss of our love one. Your kindness has not gone unnoticed.

We are facing drastic times. Now is the time for **harmony** and **teamwork**. The world has been riddled with natural disasters, and unprecedented acts of violence.

My first project is to bring joy to the children of Houston that were inundated by Hurricane Harvey. I am working with retired Undersheriff Walt Thomas to collect toys and winter clothing for children ages 1 - 16. The goal is to fill a moving truck with these items and deliver them to the Salvation Army Greater Houston Area Command. Undersheriff Walt Thomas has committed to driving the vehicle to

Houston. These items will then be given to eligible, needy children.

This is how the Lions of District 4-C4 can assist with the **Hurricane Harvey Christmas Toy Drive**. Please donate one or more items on the following list by November 1, 2017. Toys/Games, Jackets, Sweaters, Books, Socks and Shoes. These items can be given to me at the joint council meeting in October. Thanking you in advance for your generous contributions. This will be a great year!

Lion Lydia Taylor-Bellinger

2nd Vice District Governor

DG Visitations by First Vice...



1VGD Lion Lydia in training at MD4 Council of Governors

Top: 1st Visit @ Silicon Valley LC
 Middle: Peninsula Veterans LC
 Bottom: SF Geneva-Excelsior LC

Past District Governors...



- George Habeeb** * 1978-1979 * **Don Stanaway*** 1979-1980 * Roger Chinn* 1983-1984 * **Larry Wong** * 1988-1989 * **Don Lustenberger** * 1989-1990 * **Pat Battaglia** * 1990-1991 * **Lou Ercoli** * 1991-1992 * **Kenneth Newman** * 1997-1998 * **Mel Phillips** * 1998-1999 * **Elma Loreda** * 2000-2001 * **Art Pignatti** * 2001-2002 * **Michelle Jester** * 2002-2003 * **Joycelyn Mina** * 2003-2004 * **Ray Rosenthal** * 2004-2005 * **Eugene Chan** * 2005-2006 * **Al Russell** * 2006-2007 * **Maxine Frazier** * 2007-2008 * **Emil Kantola*** 2008-2009 / Council Chair 2009-2010 * **Ken Ibarra** * 2009-2010 * **Mike Simonini** * 2010-2011 * **Esther Lee** * 2011-2012 * **Robert Wilson** * 2012-2013 * **Stephen Picchi** * 2013-2014 * **Jack Van Etten** * 2014-2015 * **Macy Mak Chan** * 2015-2016 * **Rod Mercado** * 2016-2017 *Bold—Pictured*





2nd Vice District Governor Message

Greetings and Hello to all fellow Lions, Colleagues Friends and Everyone.

First of all, I would like to extend my sincerest appreciations and thanks to all Lions Clubs for welcoming and accommodating us during our DG Mario Benavente visitations to the different Clubs at the District 4-C4. As part of the District Cabinet, we have been graciously and cheerfully participating during the DG visitations whenever we can because we are part of our DG Mario's Team. We had fun and enjoyed attending the Club meetings, listening, talking and interacting with the Club Officers and Members, and listening to the wonderful speech of our DG Mario about the LCI and District visions, missions, goals, special projects, activities and volunteer services to the communities. We hope to continue participate and support during the next Club visitations and Club events.

Moreover, I would like also to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge all Lions Clubs for your continuous

dedications, hard work, perseverance, and loyalty to Lionism thru your several Lions Clubs projects, activities and volunteer services to the needy individuals and communities, locally and in abroad. All the Lions Clubs projects and volunteer services are greatly needed and deeply appreciated by the disadvantaged individuals and marginalized groups. Some of the priority Lions Clubs projects and services include the following: vision screenings, eye sight and eye glasses projects; food for the hungry; health and wellness, diabetes awareness and cancer projects; assistance for the needy veterans; community health fairs; students speakers contest; peace poster contests, and other community projects. Well, wherever there is a need, there is a Lion. Collectively as Lions, we make difference in other people's lives. As our famous Lion Leader, Helen Keller believed that alone we can do so little but together we can do so much. Again, thank you to everyone for your continued support and volunteer services to improve the conditions of the less fortunate individuals and communities.

Developing and Enhancing Lions Leaderships knowledge and skills is

an important aspect of Lionism. The LCI, MD-4 and District 4-C4 are invested in providing Leaderships training to the Lions Clubs Officers and Members. The District 4-C4 Bulletin and Weekly Announcements usually includes the schedules of the next LCI and MD-4 Leaderships training, as well as the District GLT/GMT training. I encourage all Lions Club Officers and Members to participate during the Lions Leaderships training whenever you can possibly attend, especially at the District level training.

I would like to share some learning insights about the Lions Leadership knowledge and skills that I learned during the recent MD-4 Council of Governors (COG) Training in Sacramento. The Lion Leadership topic that I would like to share today is about the Meeting Management. PDG Liz Crooke is one of the MD-4 Training Speakers and she presented about the Meeting Management topic. The benefits of effective meetings include the following: assist in member retention; enhance member engagement and participation; provide an opportunity for communication; sustain

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Club Presidents...



Bay Area Special Olympics * Victoria Sciacqua * Belmont * Christine Beard * Brisbane * Sharon Boggs * Burlingame * Kwang Park * Daly City Host * Don Fleming * Foster City * Patrick Sullivan * Half Moon Bay * Suzanne Mau * Menlo Park Live Oak * Margaret Carney * Millbrae * David VanWart * Pacifica * Susan Beckmeyer * Palo Alto Host * Bernard Director * Peninsula Special Interest * Ramesh "Kali" Azariah * Peninsula Veterans * Tamera Guess * Redwood City Sunrise * William Jackson, Jr. * Redwood City Downtown * Chris Cheshire * Redwood Shores *

Norma Villa * San Bruno * Peter Carey * San Carlos * Kent Yunk * SF Aeta * Fernando Briosos * SF Athletic * Roderick Rodriguez * SF Bay Area * Melanie Hsu * SF Bay Area New Century * Gina Tse * SF Bay Area Fashion Runway * Monique Zhang * SF Bayview Hunters Point * Jessie Peoples * SF Buddha * Surenda Malla * SF Circle * Billardo Morete * SF Chinatown * Peter Lam * SF Dynamic * Fevelyn Evaristo * SF Fil-Am * Ronnie Dori * SF Financial Rescue Lions Club * Glen Alavardo * SF Geneva Excelsior * Sharon Eberhardt * SF Highlands * Marcela Johnson * SF Hispanic * Ninette Mendoza * SF Host * Conn Buckley * SF Korean American * Paul Lee * SF Latinos Unidos * Ruffino Ramos * SF Marina North Beach * Agnes Lau * SF Marketing * David Burke * SF Merced Heights * Linda St Julian * SF Nikkei * William Stipinovich * SF Nueva Vizcaya * Clinton Zuraek * SF Ocean-Ingleside * Connie Bridgewater * SF Park Presidio Sunset * Paul Kozakiewicz * SF Premier * Fernando Gularte * SF State University * Marianne Vue * SF The Castro * Meghan Rohrer * SF Unified * **Alvin Louie** * SF Veterans * John Caldera * SF Supreme * Gary Poon * San Mateo * Ray Mahaffay * San Mateo County First Responders * James Pappas * San Mateo Metropolitan * Cindy Zheng * Silicon Valley * Asia Kan * Silicon Valley Cyber * Mary Koo * SSF Golden Gate * Faye Pobre * SSF Host * Luis Alvarenga *Bold—Pictured*





Humor

If you have humorous stories to share, please send your content to lions4service@gmail.com for our next issue. Source: <https://www.rd.com/jokes/travel-jokes/>



Travel Humor...

A man vacations on a tropical island, and the first thing he hears is drums. He goes to the beach and hears the drums; he eats lunch, he hears the drums; he tries to sleep, he can't—drums. Finally he storms over to the manager. "I've had it! Can't you stop those drums?" he begs.

"No!" says the manager. "It's very bad if the drums stop."

"Why?"

"When the drums stop, the bass solo begins."



On vacation in Hawaii, my step- mom, Sandy, called a café to make reservations for 7 p.m. Checking her book, the cheery young hostess said, "I'm sorry, all we have is 6:45. Would you like that?"

"That's fine," Sandy said.

"Okay," the woman confirmed. Then she added, "Just be advised you may have to wait 15 minutes for your table."

Photos of Clubs & District in Action...



1-2: SF Park Presidio Sunset DG Visit 3
-4: Millbrae Lions working on Millbrae baseball facilities 4: Zone & Region Chair Training 5: PDG Ken teaching at USA Canada Forum 6: Our new Cabinet Secretary with Foster City & Belmont Lions at the San Carlos Lions Lobster Feed. 7: Leos District Meeting

Lions University Program



2017-2018 Cabinet Meeting Schedule

- * 1st Cabinet Meeting—8.12.17—Mission Blue Center, Brisbane Host: Regions 1 & 2
- * 2nd Cabinet Meeting—11.4.17— Region 3 SF Host: Parkside School, San Bruno
- * 3rd Cabinet Meeting—2.3.18—Foster City Recreation Center, Foster City Host: Region 4
- * District Convention—5.3-7.18—Red Lion Hotel, Redding Host: All Regions

Club & District Photos provided by Facebook Club Photographers, PDG Ken Ibarra, Erik Winkler, Mario Benavente, Venetia Chester Ajero, Yolanda Cayabyab. Photo galleries for more pics available at www.lions4c4.org

Photos of Club Installations...





LCI First Vice President Bio..



GUDRUN BJORT YNGVADOTTIR

Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir, from Gardabaer, Iceland, was elected to serve as first vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 100th International Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, June 30 through July 4, 2017. Vice President Yngvadottir is vice director of the Institute of Continuing Education at the University of Iceland. A member of the Gardabaejar Eik Lions Club since 1992, she has held many offices within the association, including club president, leadership chair, Leo chair, Lions Quest chair, treasurer, vice district governor, district governor, multiple district LCIF coordinator, secretary and leadership development chair and coordinator for the Lions Leadership Institute in Iceland. She also served as a faculty member and presented at numerous Lions Leadership Institutes, Faculty Development Institutes and international conventions. In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including the 100% Club President Award, an Extension Award, the Governor's Extension Award, the Founder's Membership Growth, District Governor Award, eight International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award, seven International President's Awards and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to her Lions activities, Vice President Yngvadottir is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Icelandic Association of Biomedical Scientists, Icelandic Association of Academics and the Association of Icelandic University Teachers. Vice President Yngvadottir and her husband, Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson, a past international director and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son, one daughter and five grandchildren.

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member motivation; encourage innovative ideas to be created; improve the productivity and success of the Clubs; and may motivate guests to become new Lion members. The stages of Meeting Management are the following: preparation stage – arrange and plans prior to meeting to ensure success; facilitation stage – actions implemented and skills used to ensure a meeting is efficient; and follow-up stage – actions implemented after a meeting to ensure that problems and action lists are addressed prior to the next meeting. The meeting preparation checklist includes the following steps and notes: identify tasks and expected results; identify actions to attain results; list agenda items and roles; list invited guests; set timeframe; finalize logistics; develop agenda; communicate with members and speakers; set up venue; and prepare yourself. A sample meeting agenda includes some of the items: call to order by the leader; introduction of guests; reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting; program; old business; new business; and adjournment. Some of the tips for effective meeting facilitation include the following aspects: Inform – organize your mind and note in advance, be brief, allow members to make observations, implement good presentation skills by maintain eye contact, proper body movements, use appropriate language, appropriate voice volume and pace, pause frequently and vary tone; Discuss/Decide – invite participants, set discussion rules, clearly state what the group will discuss/decide, permits all ideas to be presented, remain non-judgmental, use Roberts Rules of Order, active listening techniques, and effectively manage participant

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Editor's Minutes.... Wow, what a month October has proven to be for Lions to find a cause to support! Fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, shootings, the list goes on. To make matter worse, USC blew their title run in a bad defeat to Notre Dame, so now DG Mario can't watch his Trojans play in the Rose Bowl when he does his Lions Float duties in January. As zone chairs, we're being reminded that clubs in our district are not filing their service activity reports on routine basis. While clubs have all year to submit the report, the District and LCI leadership doesn't know their progress until reports are filed. LCI is asking clubs to appoint a Service Chair to help with reporting of service activities. Stay tuned to your Zone meetings and chairs to learn more. — Lion John



Health Fair Photos...

The following Lions clubs are participating in multiple health fairs in our district: SF Host, SF Fil-Am, SF Aeta, Peninsula Special Interest, SSF Golden Gate LC's and Golden City Leos. Here are photos of those health fairs in action...



Health Fairs at United Methodist Church and Our Lady of Mercy Churches

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behaviors; and Recognize – evaluate recent projects and achievements, discuss recognition with Club and Committee Leaders, review formal recognition programs, provide recognition that is appropriate and meaningful to the recipient, provide the recognition specific and timely, provide meeting time for member recognition, and be sincere. Implement meeting evaluation, with the use of meeting evaluation sheet. To access Leaderships Resource Center go to the www.lionsclubs.org, click on Member Center, and click on Leadership Development. Lions Club International is one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world. We should take the pride and be happy to be a part of a great organization, with great memberships and great humanitarian volunteer services. Together we continue to serve others with compassion, advocacy, empowerment and excellence.

Lion Helen Casaclang
2nd VDG

SFCCCL September Meeting...



President Lion Billy Comota led the meeting, hosted by SF Fil-Am Lions Club serving a 7 course meal at Canton Restaurant in Daly City. Due perhaps to only 5 clubs present, the president allowed longer club reports to learn more about what clubs are doing. The council advisors objected to a lengthy meeting. A balance will likely follow in time.





More Club and District Photos...



DG Mario touring clubs & leadership forums....
 1: Redwood Shores LC DG Visit 2: San Mateo LC Bingo 3: Masters Degree from Lions University 4: SF Circle LC Installation

PCL September Meeting...



President Lion Maryah Tucker led the meeting, hosted by Millbrae Lions Club serving BBQ Chicken. Changes to the PCL meeting this year included no head table and a collection taken from attendees to raise

donations for LCIF. Featured discussion was about how to use Social Media to promote club events.



San Francisco Host Lions Club

The oldest club in District 4-C4, Chartered March 30, 1920
 A member of the Lions Clubs International



2017 HEALTH FAIRS SCHEDULE

1. **United Methodist Church of Daly City**
 1474 Southgate Ave. Daly City CA 94015
 September 10, 2017 (Sunday) 12:30 pm—3:30 pm
 Joint venture with SF Fil-Am Lions Club and Gryphon Leos, SF Dynamic LC, SF Aeta LC, SF Buddha LC, Peninsula Special Interest LC, SSF Golden Gate LC and San Bruno LC
2. **Fil-Am Seventh-Day Adventist Church**
 533 Hickey Blvd., Pacifica CA 94044
 September 16, 2017 (Saturday) 1:00 pm—4:30 pm
 Joint venture with SF Fil-Am Lions Club and Gryphon Leos, SF Dynamic LC, SF Aeta LC, SF Buddha LC, Peninsula Special Interest LC, SSF Golden Gate LC and San Bruno LC
3. **Life Stream**
 7208 Mission Blvd, Daly City CA 94014
 September 17, 2017 (Sunday) 12:00 noon—4 pm
 Joint venture with SF Fil-Am Lions Club and Gryphon Leos, SF Dynamic LC, SF Aeta LC, SF Buddha LC, Peninsula Special Interest LC, SSF Golden Gate LC and San Bruno LC
4. **Crocker Masonic Lodge 212**
 17 Hillcrest Drive, Daly City CA 94014
 September 23, 2017 (Saturday) 10 am—3:00 pm
 Joint venture with SF Fil-Am Lions Club and Gryphon Leos, SF Dynamic LC, SF Aeta LC, SF Buddha LC, Peninsula Special Interest LC, SSF Golden Gate LC and San Bruno LC
5. **Hope United Methodist Church**
 115 El Campo Dr. So San Francisco CA 94080
 September 24, 2017 (Sunday) 12:30 pm-3:30 pm
 Joint venture with SF Fil-Am Lions Club and Gryphon Leos, SF Dynamic LC, SF Aeta LC, SF Buddha LC, Peninsula Special Interest LC, SSF Golden Gate LC and San Bruno LC
6. **Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church**
 #1 Elmwood Drive, Daly City CA 94015
 October 1, 2017 (Sunday) 8:00 am—2:00 pm
 Joint venture with SF Fil-Am Lions Club and Gryphon Leos, SF Dynamic LC, SF Aeta LC, SF Buddha LC, Peninsula Special Interest LC, SSF Golden Gate LC and San Bruno LC
7. **Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church**
 307 Willow Ave. So San Francisco CA 94080
 October 8, 2017 (Sunday) 8:00 am-2:00 pm
 Joint venture with SF Fil-Am Lions Club and Gryphon Leos, SF Dynamic LC, SF Aeta LC, SF Buddha LC, Peninsula Special Interest LC, SSF Golden Gate LC and San Bruno LC
8. **St. Augustine Catholic Church**
 3700 Callan Ave, South San Francisco CA 94080
 October 15, 2017 (Sunday) 8:00 am—2:00 pm
 Joint venture with SF Fil-Am Lions Club and Gryphon Leos, SF Dynamic LC, SF Aeta LC, SF Buddha LC, Peninsula
9. **Holy Child & St. Martin Episcopal Church**
 777 Southgate Avenue, Daly City CA 94015
 October 21, 2017 (Saturday), 9:00 am—2:00 pm
 Joint venture with SF Fil-Am Lions Club and Gryphon Leos, SF Dynamic LC, SF Aeta LC, SF Buddha LC, Peninsula Special Interest LC, SSF Golden Gate LC and San Bruno LC
10. **St. Robert's Catholic Church**
 1380 Crystal Spring Rd, San Bruno CA 94066
 October 22, 2017 (Sunday) 1:00 pm—4:30 pm
 Joint venture with SF Fil-Am Lions Club and Gryphon Leos, SF Dynamic LC, SF Aeta LC, SF Buddha LC, Peninsula Special Interest LC, SSF Golden Gate LC and San Bruno LC
11. **Mission Masonic Lodge #169**
 2668 Mission St., San Francisco CA 94110
 October 28, 2017 (Saturday), 10:00 am—3:00 pm
 Joint venture with SF Fil-Am Lions Club and Gryphon Leos, SF Dynamic LC, SF Aeta LC, SF Buddha LC, Peninsula Special Interest LC, SSF Golden Gate LC and San Bruno LC
12. **All Souls Catholic Church**
 315 Walnut Avenue, So San Francisco CA 94080
 October 29, 2017 (Sunday) 8:00 am-2:00 pm
 Joint venture with SF Fil-Am Lions Club and Gryphon Leos, SF Dynamic LC, SF Aeta LC, SF Buddha LC, Peninsula Special Interest LC, SSF Golden Gate LC and San Bruno LC

- SERVICES TO BE RENDERED**
1. Blood Pressure Check
 2. BMI Check
 3. Chiropractic Check
 4. Cholesterol and Glucose Check
 5. Dental Consult
 6. DIABETES AWARENESS
 7. EBT—Cal Fresh
 8. FREE FLU SHOTS
 9. FREE Children Books
 10. Hep-B Free Education
 11. Medical Consult
 12. Oxymer Check
 13. VISION SCREENING for the Young and Adult



Project Partners

MD4 Student Speakers Contest - 2017-2018 topic is: "Integrity and Civility Play What Role in today's Society?" Order your [packet](#) before October 1 to avoid \$25 charge.

Student Speaker Contest Completion Dates
 On or before Monday, **February 26, 2018** Club Contest
 On or before Monday, **March 19, 2018** Zone Contest
 On or before Monday, **April 09, 2018** Region Contest
 On or before Monday, **April 30, 2018** District Contest
 On or before Monday, **May 21, 2018** Area Contest
June 9, 2018 MD-4 Final Contest

The Lions Fourth District Student Speakers Foundation, Inc. is now registered as a Charitable Organization on:

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California Lions Foundation Brochure...

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2017-2018 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION
(Club must be chartered prior to January 1, 2017 and prior to 30 days)

Club Number: _____ Club Name: _____
Member Number: _____ 2017-2018 Club President's Name: _____
2017-2018 Club President's E-mail Address: _____

I. MEMBERSHIP

Maintained Club Membership Strength of Not a Not Growth of _____

National Lion Club Jan Club or Club Growth: _____
Name of Club or District: _____

II. SERVICE

Completed Three Service Activities as noted below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Contributed to LCF

III. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Club is in Good Standing. Not in Status Club of Financial Distress. 2017-2018 Club President has signed Statement of Club Growth and 2017-2018 Club President's Report.

Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events:

District National Council International World Lions Learning Center

Improved Club Operations: _____
Improvements include: _____

IV. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

Club has published its service activities through local media or social media as noted below.

Club has published its service activities as noted below.

Date: 2017-2018 District Governor's Signature: _____ District: _____ Member Number: _____

Send to: April 30, 2018
Send to: CaliforniaLionsFoundation.org or fax to (805) 746-6545
#Lions4C4 2017-2018 District Governor

*District governor's registered email qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.
Disqualified clubs have 30 months from original due date to request review.

2017-2018 Lions Club Excellence Award Application

More Health Fair Photos...



Masonic Lodge Health Fair

CALIFORNIA LIONS FOUNDATION

MISSION STATEMENT
California Lions Foundation (CLF) is a California, non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) corporation with the sole purpose to provide matching financial grants to California Lions Clubs. CLF matching grants are provided to enable California Lions clubs to provide even greater service to their local communities.

BENEFIT STATEMENT
Matching financial grants will be available to clubs and districts to meet various needs and projects in their respective communities through a Grant Application process. Grant criteria are specified to assure that CLF does not duplicate services or grants already available from another foundation or source. The dollar range of CLF grants will be focused on projects from \$500 to \$10,000. A CLF grant can be combined with a LCF grant for larger projects.

FUNDING STATEMENT
Funding for the Foundation will be provided from donations from corporate sponsors, individuals, Lions Clubs and local Lions.

MEMBERS, CLUB AND DISTRICT OPPORTUNITIES
Club Banner Patches with Anniversary Chevrons \$100 initial and \$100 annually thereafter.

FELLOWSHIPS
\$100 Contributing Member (CLF Contributing Pin)
\$500 Life Member (CLF Life Member Pin & Recognition Plaque)
\$1,000 President Kay K. Fukushima Fellowship (CLF Fellowship Pin & Recognition Plaque)
\$2,500 Reginald Harris Fellowship (CLF Fellowship Pin & Recognition Plaque)
Progressive President Kay K. Fukushima Fellowship levels for additional \$1,000 donations
*Fellowship Contribution are cumulative towards President K. Fellowships

FOUNDING MEMBER, DISTRICT AND CLUB OPPORTUNITIES FOR A LIMITED TIME:
Founding Member and Kay K. Fukushima Fellowship for donation of \$1,000.
Reginald Harris Fellowship for donation of \$2,500.
Founding Club or District Recognition for \$5,000.
Accumulation of Founding Members is eligible for Founding Club Recognition.

MAJOR DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS
A partnership spotlights major contributions that would have an immediate impact to the foundation in both assets and marketability. More and more California corporations are actively seeking partnerships with local foundations as part of their "Social Mission." In today's growing socially aware business world, it is not enough to generate a great product, but a company must also show how it is giving back. The Lions of California are a natural fit and they can be assured that 100% of their donations will serve Californians.

Partnership Levels
Bronze: \$5,000 and over
Silver: \$7,500 and over
Gold: \$10,000 and over
Knight of the Blind: \$20,000 and over

Also Available
Vehicle, boat, RV donation program
Net proceeds to CLF from the sale of vehicles, boats, RVs, etc. (Tax Deductable)
Planned Giving/Bequests/Memorial Program
Anyone may name CLF in their will or trust and may send a gift in memory of or to honor a relative or friend.

DONATIONS MAY BE ON-LINE OR SENT TO:
California Lions Foundation
c/o MD4 Lions Office
129 Los Aquajes Avenue
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
www.CaliforniaLionsFoundation.org

Grants will be available as soon as funding of \$250,000 is achieved.



District Leaders



Not pictured: Maryah Tucker, Leila Marin, Lydia Taylor-Bellingier

Region 1 (14)	Region 2 (12)	Region 3 (12)	Region 4 (18)
John Hui	Manny Paje	Clayton Jolley	Sandee Ige
Zone 1	Zone 1	Zone 1	Zone 1
Margaret Lee	Maryah Tucker	Leila Marin	Mike Coffaro
SF Chinatown	SF Hispanic	Brisbane	San Mateo
SF Unified	SF Merced Heights	<i>Daly City Host</i>	Belmont
SF Park Presidio	SF Ocean-Ingleside	<i>SSF Golden Gate</i>	<i>San Carlos</i>
SFBA New Century	SF State University	<i>Pacifica</i>	Redwood Shores
SF Fashion Runway	<i>SF Geneva Excelsior</i>	SF Fil Am	Peninsula Special Interest
SF Latino Unidos	SF Bay View	SF Host	SSF Host
SF Athletic			
Zone 2	Zone 2	Zone 2	Zone 2
Pat Ancheta	John Gill	Nirmala Bandrapalli	Shikha Bakshi-Hamilton
<i>SF Korean American</i>	SF Highlands	<i>BASO</i>	<i>Half Moon Bay</i>
SF Buddha	SF Premier	<i>Burlingame</i>	San Mateo Metro
SF Nikkei	SF Circle	<i>SMC 1st Responders</i>	SF Bay Area
SF Aeta	SF Marina-North Beach	SF Supreme	<i>Redwood City Sunrise</i>
SF Veterans	SF Nueva Vizcaya	Millbrae	<i>Redwood City Downtown</i>
SF The Castro	SF Dynamics	San Bruno	Foster City
SF Marketing			
			Zone 3
DG Visit Finished	Student Speaker Contest	15 clubs ordered packets to date	Richard Loewen
Scheduled Nov.		<i>Who is Fort Jones?</i>	Menlo Park Live Oak
Scheduled Dec.			Palo Alto Host
Scheduled Jan.			Peninsula Veterans
Scheduled Feb.			Silicon Valley Cyber
			Silicon Valley
			SF Financial Rescue

Still time to order Student Speaker Packets but now is \$25 late fee



Haynes Townsend
Third Vice President

Lions	Title	Club
Mario Benavente	District Governor	San Bruno
Lydia Taylor-Bellingier	1st Vice District Governor	SF Merced-Heights
Helen Casaclang	2nd Vice District Governor	SSF Golden Gate
Venetia Young	Secretary	San Carlos
Dr. Jun Valera	Treasurer	SF Fil-AM
PDG Ken Ibarra	GLT Coordinator	San Bruno
Kevin Guess	GMT Coordinator	Peninsula Veterans
PDG Esther Lee	GST Coordinator	SF Marina-North Beach
John Hui	Region 1 Chair	San Bruno
Margaret Lee	Zone 1 Chair	SF Chinatown
Pat Ancheta	Zone 2 Chair	SF Host
Manny Paje	Region 2 Chair	SF Host
Marah Tucker	Zone 1 Chair	BA Special Olympics
John Gill	Zone 2 Chair	San Mateo
Clayton Jolley	Region 3 Chair	Half Moon Bay
Leila Marin	Zone 1 Chair	SSF Golden Gate
Nirmala Bandrapalli	Zone 2 Chair	Burlingame
Sandee Ige	Region 4 Chair	SSF Host
Mike Coffaro	Zone 1 Chair	San Carlos
Shikha Bakshi Hamilton	Zone 2 Chair	Foster City
Richard Loewen	Zone 3 Chair	Peninsula Veterans
PDG Rod Mercado	Immediate Past District Governor	SF Host
Kevin Guess	Executive Director	Peninsula Veterans
Council Presidents		
Maryah Tucker	PCL President	BA Special Olympics
Virgilio Camota	SFCCCL President	SF Highlands

Lions Clubs International Leadership



Naresh Aggerwal
International President



Gudrum Bjort Yngvadottir
First Vice President



Jung-Yui Choi
Second Vice President



District Sunshine News—Lion Marian Mann, Chair

Please send your Sunshine Information to Sunshine Chair, Lion Marian Mann —marianlmann@aol.com



September 25...

San Francisco Highlands Lions Club sadly announces the passing Lion Bliss Raguindin. Lion Bliss passed away September 23 at age 74. He survived by his wife, Paz Raguindin, 4 children, and 7 grandchildren.

Lion Bliss joined SF Highlands 5 years ago and served as its Legal Consultant. He practiced law in the Philippines and immigrated to San Francisco in mid-seventies where he and his family lived since. He was a Real Estate Legal Consultant locally and Church Leader both at the Church of the Highlands in San Bruno and the United Methodist Church in Daly City.

Viewing will be Tuesday, September 26 from 5:00 to 9:00 with Burial Service on Wednesday, September 27 at 10:00am. Viewing and services will be held at Garden Chapel, 885 El Camino Real, So San Francisco 94080. Internment immediately following the service at Cypress Lawn, Colma.

Condolences may be sent to Paz Raguindin and Family, 2500 Bantry Lane, So San Francisco CA 94080.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Lion Bliss's family, friends, and fellow Lions.



Lion PP Romy L Molina of San Francisco Host Lions has been hospitalized at Kaiser, San Leandro since Saturday, September 23 for tests and observation following a medical event. Get well wishes may be mailed to Lion Romy, 23012 Lakeridge Ave, Hayward 94541.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Lion Romy for a speedy recovery.



September 17...

PDG Esther Lee is home recovering after an emergency procedure in hospital. Cards are welcome, please mail to: PDG Esther Lee, 2310 Bourbon Ct, So San Francisco CA 94080

September 24...



San Francisco Merced Heights Lions Club sadly advises the passing of Lee E. Diamond, brother of Lion Mary Massey and

uncle of 1st Vice District Governor Lydia Taylor-Bellinger. Services will be held on Friday, October 6th at 11:00am at Cornerstone Fellowship Church, 535 Walnut Avenue, Walnut Creek 94598. Condolence cards may be sent c/o 1st Vice District Governor Lydia Taylor-Bellinger, 11305 Elvessa Street, Oakland 94650

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lion Mary's and Lion Lydia's family, and friends.

Lion Marian Mann, Sunshine Chair

LCI International President Message...



REDUCING HUNGER IS ONE OF OUR FIVE TOP PRIORITIES

— NAMASTE!



DR. NARESH AGGARWAL

For Americans, Thanksgiving is a celebration of their blessings. Yet, in most nations, giving thanks also is a part of the culture. In India, Hindus begin their day in their home shrine venerating the divine with fresh flowers and prasadam (a food offering). Every Hindu festival involves counting one's blessings and thanking God.

Giving back out of gratitude also is part of the culture of Lions. We serve because we are thankful. We recognize our advantages and deeply desire to give others what they lack.

Sadly, many people worldwide lack enough food. Nearly 800 million people go to bed hungry each night, and a person starves to death every 15 seconds. Hunger is a problem both in developing and developed nations. Shockingly, 16 million U.S. households are undernourished, while 180 million people in my home country of India lack food. In Africa, the situation is even worse. Millions experience chronic hunger because of drought, conflict and high food prices.

Thanks to the "green revolution" that increased crop production, hunger can be conquered. It's largely a matter of getting food we have to people in need. Well, with Lions, we've eliminated the middleman. We have an army of volunteers, foot soldiers willing and able to defeat hunger.

Understanding how vital food obviously is and how well positioned Lions are to lessen it,

For rest and full article, [click here...](#)

Registration Form for LCI Convention



Flyers are active links to online flyer...

**District 4-C4
2nd Cabinet Meeting
Saturday, November 4, 2017**

Please Join
District Governor Mario Benavente and his Cabinet

This meeting will "Focus on Hunger"
CANNED FOOD DRIVE!

Club Contest to benefit the North Peninsula Food Pantry
Prize to the Club with the largest donation,
Canned fruits and vegetables needed!

Parkside Intermediate School
1801 Nilas Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066
Hosted by District 4-C4 Region 3

8:00 – Continental Breakfast 9:00 – Meeting Begins

RSVP by Monday, October 30th and pay \$15.00
RSVP after October 30th or at the door and pay \$20.00
Email Lion Dr. Jun Valera at lifesavers58@gmail.com or call 650-296-2870
Make check payable to District 4-C4 and mail to:
Lion Dr. Jun Valera, District 4-C4 Cabinet Treasurer
4299 Callan Blvd, Daly City CA 94015

Club Name _____
Total enclosed \$ _____ for _____ attendees:

Please write additional attendee names on the back.

PCL November Gathering

Dinner: Buffet
\$30 Per-Person
6:00 No-Host
Cocktails
7:00 Dinner

Peninsula Council of Lions
November Gathering
Hosted by San Carlos Lions
Monday November 27, 2017
Mahany Hall Community
United Church of Christ
1336 Arroyo Ave
San Carlos, CA 94070

Dinner Discussion
The perfect
Newsletter
Lion's Heart
Collection: Lions
Canine Companion

Please RSVP to PCL on
or before November 20th
with your name and your
club by sending an e-mail to
RSVP2PCL@gmail.com

New Cabinet Secretary Appointment...



Dear Lions of District 4-C4,

Today I am announcing the appointment of Lion Venetia Young of the San Carlos Lions Club to the position of Cabinet Secretary to step in for Lion May Wong of the San Francisco Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club.

This change was made due to the unexpected illness and subsequent lengthy hospitalization of Lion May. Despite her illness, Lion May has continued to concern herself with the affairs of the district. The Cabinet and I will continue to seek her counsel and advice. We thank her for her service and pray for a speedy recovery.

We are very fortunate that Lion Venetia has agreed to be our new secretary. In fact, she has been performing most of the duties of Cabinet Secretary during the early part of this term and for that we give her our deepest gratitude. I must also thank Lion Yvonne Kantola as she has been scheduling the DG/ Cabinet visitations to the clubs. Many others, including Lion Ora Seyler, Past Secretary, have offered assistance.

Lion Venetia can be reached by phone: (650) 619-1525; by email: venetiayoung58@icloud.com. Her mailing address is 3230 Brittan Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070. Please make these changes in your address books.

Thank you.

District Governor Mario Benavente

Application Form (Please print legibly)
Circle one location: Fairfield Ontario

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone Home () _____ Business () _____
Mobile () _____
Email: _____
Club: _____
District: _____ Member Number: _____
Highest Lions office: _____

Cost & Payment
Seminar Fees, Meals and Shared Room: \$300.00
Seminar Fees, Meals and Single Room: \$420.00
Check No.: _____
Please make checks payable to "Lions Multiple District Four" and mail completed application with payment to: PCC Elizabeth Crooke, P.O. Box 1264, Salinas, CA 93902
For questions, additional applications, or special needs contact please contact PCC Elizabeth Crooke at 831-320-6282 or liz@lionlz.com

MD-4 Lions Leadership Institute Application
Courtyard by Marriott Fairfield Napa Valley
1350 Holiday Lane, Fairfield CA 94534
January 20-22, 2018
Limited to first 60 Lions who register by 12/31/17
Ontario Convention & Airport Hotel
2000 E. Main Blvd, Ontario CA 91765
March 10-12, 2018
Limited to first 60 Lions who register by 02/25/18
Cost: \$300 Double Occupancy
\$420 Single Occupancy

Only 60 Lions can attend either session

The Lions Leadership Institute
MD-4 Lions Leadership Institute focuses on building the skills of Lions leaders in preparing them for leadership responsibilities at the club, zone, region and district levels. There is a focus on applying many of the leadership skills long recognized in business and government to working with volunteers and the community. Qualified candidates are Lions in good standing who are active in their club and/or district leadership.

Cost of the Institute
The cost to each attendee is \$300.00 for the 3-day event. The cost covers lunch and dinner each day (no dinner on Monday), seminar materials, and a shared room at the hotel. (Single occupancy rooms are \$120.00 more.) The remainder of the institute costs are paid by Lions Clubs International and Multiple District Four.

Requirements
All attendees agree to do the pre-assignments and to attend all institute sessions.

Areas of Emphasis
Some of the areas covered in the course work are Public Speaking and Presentation Skills, Motivating Club Members, Diversity, Conflict Resolution, Supporting Teams, Personal Goal Setting, Project Management, Time Management, LCD, Communications, Technology & Lions, Effective Meetings, Mentoring and Membership.

Dress & Supplies
The dress is "Lions Casual." Please wear comfortable clothes to the classes. All session materials will be provided. You are welcome and encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet for note taking and/or online information.

Starting Time-Hotel Arrangements
We begin Saturday morning. Registration starts at 8:00 am, instruction starts at 8:30 am. The Institute will book your rooms for Saturday and Sunday nights. We will also take your reservation for Friday night, if you need to arrive early, however it is extra and will be billed to you at our reduced rate. A specific schedule, pre-assignments and FAQs will be sent to each registered attendee within two weeks of the institute. Meals start with the Saturday lunch. All sessions start on time. The Institute concludes late Monday afternoon after lunch and a graduation ceremony. You must attend all sessions. The hotel provides free parking and complimentary WiFi.

Institute Faculty
PCC Elizabeth Crooke, POG Ken Ibarra, PCC Roger Powell, POG Henry Sanchez, and POG Bob Suvasta

October 29, 2017 District Thread (active link)

Thread will be published once a week - usually Sunday evening.

Flyers will be listed/included on Thread if received by **Noon each Friday** at Lions4Service@gmail.com. Flyers will be acknowledged as received to the sender.

Flyers will be included on Thread if the event is sponsored/endorsed by District 4-C4 and/or sponsored by a District 4-C4 Lions Club.

The Thread is accessible on our District Web Site on the bottom of the Home Page white section.

THE CALL TO SERVICE...



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We Serve—San Francisco to Palo Alto

Lions District 4-C4 Newsletter

Lion John Gill

POB 4864

Foster City, CA 94404

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.



Lion of the Year & Si Moyer Award Winners

