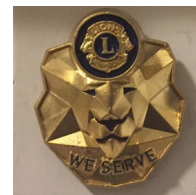




# LIONS DISTRICT 4-C4



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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE

Fellow Lions:

My greetings to you from the Council of Governors meeting in Sacramento

where I, together with VDGs Cindy and Helen, are attending the business sessions for Lions Multiple District 4, which is the State of California.

There are many Lions from our District who serve at the Multiple District level and who attend the meetings which rotate between locations around the State. Lions who are currently at this meeting are PDG Ken Ibarra (Leadership), Lion Amy Fink (Marketing) and PDG Esther Lee (Convention). However, they are not the only Lions from District 4-C4 currently serving on committees for the Multiple: Also serving at this time are PDG Jack Van Etten (Student Speakers and Disaster Alert), PDG Rod Mercado (Student Speakers), PDG Macy Mak Chan (California Foundation), Lion Dr. Jun Valera (Youth Exchange). Lion Region Chair Manny Paje was just named to the Youth Outreach committee. My thanks to these Lions and others who serve at the state level.

Every time that I attend these meetings, I am reminded of the scope and range of projects that Lions perform in service for the community. At these meetings, three points stood out for me:

1) I was reminded of the importance of our vision screening

program. PID Larry Dicus, the Area 1 Global Services Team Chair told the Lions in attendance that 70% of the residents at detention centers are found to have uncorrected vision deficits. Very possibly, it is theorized, that these vision problems develop at an early age and, due to these vision problems, academic problem develop which lead to behavioral problems. This underscores the importance of early intervention in identifying vision issues in at-risk children. How many of our citizens currently incarcerated might have been spared if only they could have gone through vision screening?

2) The LCIF Foundation is the only service project which is common to every Lions Club. Every club has local service projects. LCIF gives every Lion the ability to help others around the world. If there is an emergency or disaster in the world, no matter where it is, LCIF emergency grants are available to provide aid. This is in addition to the many local service projects grants that are available, including vision screening. We need to support LCIF.

3) LCIF and VSP Global are working together in a partnership to provide eye care by offering no-cost eye exams and, if needed, glasses to benefit up to 5,000 adults and children who qualify. Please contact me or Vision Care Committee Chair Lion Denise Kelly if you would like more information on this valuable program.

It has been a great Council of Governors meeting and I am already looking forward to the next meeting, the USA/

Canada Forum which will be held in Portland, Oregon next month, September 21-23. Check your calendars and plan on joining us for this valuable educational opportunity!

Yours in Lionism,

**Lion Mario Benavente**

District Governor, 4C4

DG Mario &  
Wife Lion  
Rose at SSF  
Golden Gate  
Installation



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### 1st Vice District Governor Message

Normally in this space, you would find the article written by the 1st Vice District Governor. On August 8, 2017, Lions Club International vacated the office in District 4-C4. I believe that the best explanation for this situation comes from a statement from Cindy Smith which she asked me to read at the District Cabinet meeting on August 12, 2017:

"Dear Lions,

Due to a temporary set back in my professional career I am not here with you today. I expect an immediate and favorable solution.

I look forward to returning to serving the District as soon as possible.

Thank you

Every lion matters

Best regards

Cindy Smith"

Cindy Smith has been a dedicated Lion and we thank her for her service.

In the meantime, however, the District must move to fill the position of 1st

Vice District Governor in a timely fashion. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee, with advice from the LCI Legal Department, is making plans for a meeting of PDGs and the District Cabinet to select the new 1st VDG.

It is important to select this new officer in a timely manner in order to allow this person to benefit from the valuable training that is available from the District, Multiple District 4 and LCI. Any Lion interested in applying for the position may contact a PDG or member of the Cabinet who will need to review the candidate's qualifications.

Please send us your prayers and best wishes as we look to fill this important position on the Cabinet.

In Lionism,

Lion Mario Benavente

District Governor

Top: DG Mario Steering the Ship with Japanese Youth Exchange Students, hosted by FC Lion Martha Sandy. Middle: BASO Lions serving at Fun Day For Special Needs Kids Below: 2VDG Training at MD-4 Council Of Governors Meeting

### Photos of Clubs & District in Action...



### 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 take this opportunity to thank you all for your love, sympathy, and kind support to me and my family during our recent loss of my beloved husband, Lion Anthony Casaclang last July 2, 2017, after fighting cancer with courage, patience and faith in Lord God. Me and my family were all very sad and grieving about Anthony's passing but we have to say goodbye, let go and accept this event knowing that he is now resting in peace, in a better place, at home in eternal life with the Heavenly Father Lord God. Anthony so long, we cherish your memories in our hearts forever.

My journey as a 2nd VDG started last July 28, 2017 after we attended the District 4-C4 District Governor Mario Benavente and District Cabinet Installation last July 28, 2017 at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel, with the Installing Officer, PID Howard Hudson. The event was awesome, memorable

and fun-filled for every Lions and guests that participated during the event. Congratulations again to our DG Mario, 1st VDG Cindy and all Cabinet Members.

The recent MD4 Council of Governors (COG) Meeting, especially the 2nd VDGs Training last August 3-4, 2017 at the Sacramento Double Tree Hilton Hotel is indeed a very important, informative and educational experience. The District 4-C4 Team of DG Mario, VDG Cindy, VDG Helen, PDG Esther, PDG Ken and Lion Amy all participated this Meeting. There were 15 Districts at the MD4 that had attended the COG Meeting. During the 2nd VDGs Training, we learned about the different Leadership knowledge and skills, which includes the following: Teamwork; Communication, LCIF, Meeting Management, Impromptu Speaking, Technology and GMT. Our very own PDG Ken Ibarra is one of the Training Speakers, with PDG Liz, PDG Roger, PDG Manny and PDG Buck... Thanks to all PDGs, you are all great Speakers

Well, I would like to share some learning insights about Teamwork, which is the process of working together to

achieve a common goal. The benefits of Teamwork are the following: efficiency, collaboration, innovation, support and satisfaction. The five characteristics of Successful Teams include the following: a team with direction and purpose; demonstrate commitment; established processes and procedures; effective leaderships; and functions interdependently. Some of the obstacles to Team Success such as: unclear goals; lack of commitment; lack of motivation; unclear roles; and absence of trust. Teamwork Resources are available at the LCI websites Leadership Resource Center at [www.lionsclub.org](http://www.lionsclub.org) click on "Member Center" and Click on "Leadership Development".

Lions Club International is known as the largest humanitarian organization in the world, with great memberships and volunteer humanitarian services. We should all take the pride to be a part of a great organization and together we continue serve...

Lion Helen Casaclang

2nd VDG

### 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** \* Evelyn 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: <http://www.rd.com/jokes/military/>

### Veteran Humor



My high school assignment was to ask a veteran about World War II. Since my father had served in the Philippines during the war, I chose him. After a few basic questions, I very gingerly asked, "Did you ever kill anyone?"

Dad got quiet. Then, in a soft voice, he said, "Probably. I was the cook."



When I lost my rifle, the Army charged me \$85. That's why in the Navy, the captain goes down with the ship.

The average age of people living in our military retirement community is 85. Recently, a neighbor turned 100, and a big birthday party was thrown. Even his son turned up.

"How old are you?" a tenant asked.

"I'm 81 years old," he answered.

The tenant shook her head. "They sure grow up fast, don't they?"



### Photos of Clubs & District in Action...



1-2: Millbrae LC DG Visit 3-4: Brisbane LC DG Visit 4: Zone & Region Chair Training 5: DG Mario at FC Lions Installation 6: IPDG Rod Mercardo inducting new members at SSF GG Installation-7: Lions Youth Exchange Students from Europe with SF Host Lions Uni & Conn Buckley

## 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: TBD
- \* 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, Cindy Smith, Venetia Young, Chester Ajero. Photo galleries for more pics available at [www.lions4c4.org](http://www.lions4c4.org)

## Photos of Club Installations...



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**LCI Third Vice President Bio..****Haynes Townsend**

Judge Haynes Townsend, from Dalton, Georgia, USA, was elected to serve as third 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 Townsend is a judge.

A member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, region chair, zone chair, district governor, district librarian, multiple district leadership chair and international director. He served on the international board from 2009 to 2011, and as chair of the Constitution and By-laws Committee (2010—2011). He also served as a presenter at the USA/Canada forum.

In recognition of his service to the association, Vice President Townsend has received numerous awards including three Lion of the Year Awards, 15 District Governor Appreciation Awards, the Ervin-Crumbley Award, District 18-A Hall of Fame Award, six International President Certificates of Appreciation, two International Leadership Awards, six International President Awards, a Membership Key Award and a Knight of Strength Award. Director Townsend is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Vice President Townsend is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is currently the chair of the Dalton-Whitfield Christmas Parade and was honored as the Judge of the Year by the State of Georgia.

Vice President Townsend and his wife, Donna, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters.



Our Leos District Charter President, Leo Dina Zheng, was honored as "Miss Community Service" in the 2017 Miss Asian Global & Miss Asian American Pageant, held on August 12 at Herbst Theater in SF.



Click Image for Registration Link



Editor's Minutes.... We have no 1VDG article this month due to the removal of the VDG by LCI on August 8, 2017. A handful of years ago, I got very impressed with a dynamic Leo in our District named Dustin Chiang. He was a charter president of one Leos club, helped start another one, served as state president of DECA, a national high school organization, and eventually landed in early enrollment at Harvard. You may know his mom, Lion Shelley Wu of San Mateo Metro. Our charter Leos District President reminds me a lot of Dustin. She's got that same drive, skill and talent to be among the best in her class. As one of her Leos Club Advisors, I am happy for her that she won the "Miss Community Service" in her Asian Pageant she took part in, all the while promoting Leos and Lionism. Our District has a bright future when we have Leos like Dustin and Dina. — Lion John



Cabinet Installation Photos



Club Installation Photos



1. Foster City LC
2. SSF Golden Gate LC
3. Pacifica LC
4. Belmont LC
5. BASO LC







More Club & District Photos...



- 1: MD4 Marketing Communications & IT Chair Amy Fink promoting social media, especially the Facebook at COG meeting  
2: FC Lady Lions serving at club installation  
3: Burlingame LC serving in youth and community activities  
4: San Bruno LC serving at concert in park

No link to flyer



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

- 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
  - 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
  - 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
  - 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
  - Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church**  
#1 Elmwood Drive, Daly City CA 94015  
October 1, 2017 (Sunday) 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
  - 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
  - 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  
Special Interest LC, SSF Golden Gate LC and San Bruno LC
  - 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
  - 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
  - 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
  - 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. Oymeter Check
  13. VISION SCREENING for the Young and Adult
- Project Partners**
- Seton Medical Center  
Seton Coastside  
A Part of Seton Health
- EPISCOPAL Impact Fund
- Walgreens

MD4 Student Speakers Contest - 2017-2018 topic is:  
"What Role Does Integrity and Civility Play 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

2017 2018

**District 4-C4**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Multi-Club Installation  
& Induction of New Members

GRYPHONS Leos  
Peninsula Special Interest Lions  
San Francisco Aeta Lions  
San Francisco Buddha Lions  
San Francisco Dynamic Lions  
San Francisco Fil-Am Lions  
San Francisco Host Lions  
San Francisco Latinos Unidos Lions

San Francisco Marina North Beach Lions  
San Francisco Nikkei Lions  
San Francisco Nueva Vizcaya Lions  
San Francisco Ocean Ingleside  
San Francisco Premier Lions  
San Francisco Supreme Lions  
South San Francisco Golden Gate Lions  
and more clubs to follow

**On Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 6:00 PM**  
At the **San Mateo Elks Lodge**  
233 West 20th Avenue, San Mateo CA 94401

No-Host Cocktails at 5:00 PM

For Inquiries:  
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Lion Dr. Jun Valera 650-296-2870 [jvalera-28@gmail.com](mailto:jvalera-28@gmail.com)  
Lion PDG Esther Lee 650-278-1277 [evlee278@gmail.com](mailto:evlee278@gmail.com)

Please make check payable to:  
SF Marina North Beach Lions Club

Attire: Formal  
\$55.00/person (Prepaid Only)

Send to:  
Lion PDG Esther Lee  
2310 Bourbon Ct, South San Francisco CA 94080  
Tel: 650-278-1277  
Email: [evlee278@gmail.com](mailto:evlee278@gmail.com)

Please send RSVP no later than **Aug. 12**  
Name of Attendee/s \_\_\_\_\_  
Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Choice of: NY Steak, Chicken, Fish

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



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You shop. Amazon gives



Why is this big deal?

If you spend any money ordering from Amazon you can now direct .5% of your purchase to the Foundation.

How do I get signed up?

Simply login to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and pick the Lions Fourth District Student Speakers Foundation, Inc. as your organization and all your future purchases will be credited to the Foundation.



## 2017-2018 Lions Club Excellence Award Application

**2017-2018 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION**  
Club must be chartered prior to January 1 of the fiscal year to qualify.

Application Date \_\_\_\_\_

Club Number \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_ 2017-2018 Club President's Name \_\_\_\_\_

2017-2018 Club President's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>1. MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Maintained Club Membership Strength or had a Net Growth of: _____ *</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chartered new Lions club, Leo club or Club Branch: Name of club or branch: _____</p> <p><small>*Based on June 30 cumulative membership report</small></p>	<p><b>2. SERVICE</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed three Service Activities as noted below:</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contributed to LCIF</p>
<p><b>3. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Club is in Good Standing; Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension; District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple District <input type="checkbox"/> International <input type="checkbox"/> Webinars <input type="checkbox"/> Lions Learning Center</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Improved club operations Improvements Include: _____</p>	<p><b>4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media as noted below:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The club utilized social media to promote club activities as noted below:</p> <p>_____</p>

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2017-2018 District Governor's Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Due by: August 31, 2018  
Send to: [clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org) or fax to (630) 706-9245  
Awards Mailed to: 2018-2019 District Governors

\*District governor's registered email qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.  
Disqualified clubs have 12 months from original due date to request a review.

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**CAN MY CLUB CHANGE ITS TAX STATUS TO AN IRS CODE SECTION 501(c)3 EXEMPTION? (U.S. only)**

No. The purposes of Lions Clubs do not qualify for exemption under IRS Code Section 501(c)3. These purposes may not be changed as they are consistent throughout our organization. However, clubs and districts (single, sub- and multiple) can set-up a charitable organization, known as a foundation, to qualify for the IRS Code Section 501(c)3. Additional information is available on the [Legal Division's Resources Page](#) of the website.

### Foundations

A Lions Foundation formed in accordance with IRC 501(c)(3) would be eligible to obtain a 1023 exemption number from the IRS which would qualify a contributor's donation as tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Other benefits available to a 501(c)(3) organization include exemption from property and sales taxes in most states.

To form a Lions Foundation, the by-laws and policies of Lions Clubs International provide that the applying Club or District must request authorization from Lions Clubs International. Also, the applying Lions Foundation must satisfy criteria established by the International Board of Directors. Through the member benefit program established with CT, a Lions Club or District can engage the services of CT in forming a Lions 501(c)(3) Foundation that satisfied the criteria established by the International Board of Directors. If your club or district decides to take advantage of this membership benefit program with CT and establish such a foundation, please submit the following documents directly to CT and CT will coordinate the review and authorization by the Lions Clubs International Legal Division and handle all necessary filing. 1. A completed application for use of the Lions name and/or emblem. 2. A copy of the minutes or resolution of the club and/or district indicating the support of the Lions Club or District in the formation of the Lions Foundation. 3. A copy of

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Every club in our District should strive to achieve the Club Excellence Award. It is a guide for your club to best serve your community, developing your club leaders and your membership, and support the Lions Club International Foundation.

### Tax FAQ from LCI Web Site...

LCI has a list of frequently asked questions for a variety of topics. For this issue, we cover FAQ about Taxes.

### Frequently Asked Questions

**WHAT IS THE TAX STATUS OF MY LIONS CLUB? (U.S. only)**

Lions Clubs organized and chartered within the United States are included under the group tax exemption maintained by Lions Clubs International. The tax exemption falls under IRS Code Section 501(c) 4, group tax exemption number 0239. You can email the Legal Division at [legal@lionsclubs.org](mailto:legal@lionsclubs.org) for copies of the tax determination letters issued by the Internal Revenue Service.





## District Leaders



Not pictured: Maryah Tucker, Leila Marin

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



Haynes Townsend  
Third Vice President

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



San Francisco Circle Lions Club sadly announces the passing of Lion Ben Balaba. Lion Ben passed away on July 19, 2017 from prostate cancer. Lion Ben was Charter Member and three time president of San Francisco Circle Lions Club. Lion Ben is survived by his wife, Lion Ophie Balaba, his six children, and nine grandchildren. Viewing is today, Thursday, July 27 between 9:00am and 9:00pm at Skylawn Memorial Chapel, 200 Rollingwood Drive, Vallejo 94591. Cards may be sent to the family at 274 Arden Court, American Canyon CA 94503.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lion Ben's family, friends, and fellow Lions.

**Lion Marian Mann**

**District 4-C4 Sunshine Chair**

### Tax FAQ continued...

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the proposed Articles of Incorporation and Constitution and Bylaws for the Lions Foundation. Of course, a Club or District always has the option of handling all necessary filing to establish a Lions Foundation on its own. In that case, the club or district may submit the required documents directly to the LCI Legal Division for review and authorization.

### Veterans Stand Down 3 Day Event—Sept 9-11

The Peninsula Special Interest Lions Club, working with other Lions clubs and local veterans, is planning the first Veterans Stand Down event for our District to be held at the San Mateo Event Center on September 9-11. The committee, chaired by PSILC Lion Eleanor Britter, is seeking volunteers from throughout the district to serve at the 3 day event. Please see flyer below for details on the event. Please contact Lion Eleanor Britter if you wish to volunteer.

### Menlo Park Live Oak LC Celebrates 25th Anniversary of Farmers Market founded by club



For more photos of event, see this [link](#)..

**Our District Web Site won Honorable Mention in LCI International Contest for 2016-2017!**

**List of [winners](#)...**



### Stand Down San Mateo



Lions Honor Homeless & At Risk Veterans with a Stand Down at the San Mateo County Event Center  
1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo, California  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11, 2017**

The term "Stand Down" is defined as: A time when troops are removed from the battlefield to a safe place where they can rest, bathe, receive medical care, hot meals and camaraderie to renew their spirit and sense of well-being.  
Lions Clubs, Veterans & Veteran Support Groups, other Service Organizations, Military and Community Leaders are all working together to help Veterans with an Hand Up.

**Some of the Services Available at Stand Down Are:**  
Complete Medical, Employment Services, Mental Health, Veterans Benefits, Transitional Housing, Court/Legal Services, Meals/Clothing/Hygiene, DMV Services, Wellness & Chaplain Services, Substance Abuse Assistance, onsite Pet Care.

#### Our Veterans Need You

To participate please go to our website [www.lionsclubsstanddown.org](http://www.lionsclubsstanddown.org). Homeless & at-risk Veterans and their families: Click "Registration" at the top and select Veteran then click the area for the Online Registration form, fill out all the information and hit submit at the bottom. For court cases to be heard you must put the case number and county on the form.

**Volunteers:** Follow the instructions above and click Volunteer Online Registration form.

**Sponsors, Donors, Exhibitors:** Follow the instructions above and click on the appropriate Online Registration form.

For more information on Sponsorships, Donations and Exhibit Tables, please contact: Eleanor Britter 415-378-6789 or email: [esjohn7@gmail.com](mailto:esjohn7@gmail.com)

For more information on volunteering for Security, please contact: Bill Britter 650-867-0982 or email: [billb8816@gmail.com](mailto:billb8816@gmail.com)

For more information about Veteran or Volunteer Registration, please contact: Pat Hughes 650-419-7501 or Fax 650-342-1216 or [patdalthra@aol.com](mailto:patdalthra@aol.com)

Please join us in helping our Veterans with the services they need and the thanks they deserve for all they have given for our country's freedom.

Organized by Peninsula Special Interest Lions Club and San Mateo Lions Club and sponsored by Caring Donors. PSILC is a recognized 501(c)(3) organization, tax ID #46-1936673. Visit our webpage [www.lionsclubsstanddown.org](http://www.lionsclubsstanddown.org)







Flyers are active links to online flyer...



**Peninsula Council of Lions**  
cordially invite you to join them in the Installation of Officers

*"Finding your Lions heart."*

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**  
5:00 Cocktail Hour  
6:00 Dinner

*Rusque Cultural center*  
229 Railroad Avenue  
South San Francisco, CA 94080

*\$55 if you RSVP by August 5, \$65 if you RSVP after August 5*

*Dinner Options: Roasted New York Strip, Salmon with Champagne Sauce,  
Prest of Chicken Chasseur or Vegetarian Pasta*

.....Detach and send in with check.....

Please Print Name and Meal Choice

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

*"If more room needed please use reverse side"*

Indicate the total number of guest's enters below:  
New York Strip \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which represents payment for \_\_\_\_\_ people  
\$55 per person (payment received by 8/5/17) \$65 per person (payment received after 8/5/17)

Please make check payable to Peninsula Council of Lions. Please Mail your reservation to:  
PCL Lion Nick Marinaro, 568 Matadero Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306-2727

Questions on reservation: [njmarinaro@gmail.com](mailto:njmarinaro@gmail.com)

District Governor Mario Benavente Club Visitations	
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<b>AUGUST</b>	
16 6:00pm	<b>San Francisco Veterans</b> War Memorial Veterans Bldg, 401 Van Ness Ave #22, San Francisco 94102 <i>Visitation will be part of installation and Twinning w/Club De Leones Tecate, AC</i>
21 7:15pm	<b>Half Moon Bay</b> Half Moon Bay Brewery, 390 Capistrano Rd, Half Moon Bay 94019
22 7:30pm	<b>South San Francisco Golden Gate</b> Shari's Restaurant, 2010 Rollingwood Dr, San Bruno 94066
23 11:45am	<b>Redwood City Downtown</b> Angelica's Upstairs, 863 Main St, Redwood City 94063
31 6:30pm	<b>Burlingame</b> Burlingame Lions Club Hall, 990 Burlingame Ave, Burlingame 94010
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
5 6:00pm	<b>South San Francisco Host</b> South San Francisco Police Department Training Room, 33 Arroyo St, So SF 94080
6 7:00am	<b>Redwood City Sunrise</b> Alana's Café, 1020 Main St, Redwood City 94061
6 7:00pm	<b>San Francisco Nikkei</b> Milue Bistro, 1581 Webster ST #100, San Francisco 94115
12 5:30pm	<b>San Francisco Merced Heights</b> <i>Location to be announced</i>
18 7:30pm	<b>Pacifica</b> Nick's Restaurant, 100 Rockaway Beach Ave, Pacifica 94044
19 7:00pm	<b>San Bruno</b> Sixteen Mile House Restaurant, 448 Broadway, Millbrae 94030
26 7:30pm	<b>Foster City</b> William E. Walker Recreation Center, 650 Shell Blvd, Foster City 94044
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
3 6:30pm	<b>Redwood Shores (Meal Cost \$15.00)</b> Sandpiper Community Center, 797 Redwood Shores Pkwy, Redwood City 94065
4 6:00pm	<b>San Francisco Park Presidio Sunset (Meal Cost \$30.00)</b> Messcolanza, 3750 Geary Blvd, San Francisco 94118
12 7:00PM	<b>San Francisco Korean American</b> Seoul Garden Restaurant, 1655 Post St, San Francisco 94115
17 6:30pm	<b>Peninsula Veterans</b> VA Menlo Park Bldg 347B Conference Room, 795 Willow Rd, Menlo Park 94025
18 6:30pm	<b>San Francisco Geneva-Excelsior</b> Italian American Social club, 25 Russia St, San Francisco 94112
19 7:00pm	<b>San Francisco Chinatown</b> Fan Café Restaurant, 631 Grant Ave, San Francisco CA 94108
20 TBA	<b>San Francisco Hispanic</b> <i>Location to be announced</i>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
1 6:30pm	<b>San Mateo County First Responders</b> Burlingame Lions Club Hall, 990 Burlingame Ave, Burlingame 94010

continued



**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL**  
District 4-C4

**SAFE FOOD HANDLING SEMINAR**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 2017 (10:00 AM - NOON)**



**American Red Cross**  
Bay Area Chapter



The Bay Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, in partnership with Lions District 4-C4 will be hosting a free 2 hour "Safe Food Handling" seminar on Saturday, August 26, 2017, from 10:00 am to Noon, at the American Red Cross Facility Classroom, 1710 Trousdale Drive, Burlingame.

All District 4-C4 Lions Clubs are encouraged to send a Lion from their respective Club who is responsible for overseeing food handling and preparation. If your club handles food, prepares food (and) or serves food to the public.....you won't want to miss this very informative class.

To reserve a seat in the class for your club or if you have any questions, contact PDG Jack Van Etten, District 4-C4 Disaster Preparedness Chairman at [disasterpreparedness4c4@gmail.com](mailto:disasterpreparedness4c4@gmail.com)

District Governor Mario Benavente Club Visitations	
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<b>JANUARY 2018</b>	
9 7:00pm	<b>San Francisco Unified</b> Han Zen Restaurant, Pier 39, San Francisco 94133
<b>District Governor Mario Benavente Club Visitations</b>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p><b>PENDING</b></p> <p>Bay Area Special Olympics Berkeley Palo Alto Peninsula Special Interest SF Area SF Bay Area SF Bay Area Fashion Runway SF Bay Area Napa Valley SF Bay Area Veterans Point</p> </div> <div> <p>SF Budaia SF Gosh SF Dynamics SF Fill Am SF Highlands SF Loma Verde SF Marina North Beach SF Marquette</p> </div> <div> <p>SF Ocean Ingleside SF Fremont SF State University SF Suisun San Mateo Metropolitan Silicon Valley Silicon Valley Cyber</p> </div> </div>	
<b>COMPLETED</b>	
<b>JULY</b>	
8	SF Nuova Victoria
15	Bridgeway
21	San Carlos
<b>AUGUST</b>	
2	Daily City Host
2	Millbrae
10	San Mateo
18	Menlo Park Lion Club
18	San Francisco Host

### August 13, 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](mailto: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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www.lions4c4.org

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 &amp; 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.



Lion of the Year &amp; Si Moyer Award Winners

**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.