



LIONS DISTRICT 4-C4



We Serve - San Francisco to Palo Alto - June 2010

FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Thanks for the Memories



I have had many memorable moments in my life. Graduating from high school and college. The birth of my children were two wonderful times. Being reunited with my mother was a day I will never forget. Daughter's graduations - one daughter's wedding - and of course, the birth of my granddaughter. Oh yes, when I proposed to Amy and confirmed my commitment to her - to us.

And then there are the moments I have experienced in Lions. From the beginning nearly 20 years ago - my climb up the chairs to President - 10 years ago - The last 6 years as I aspired to be District Governor. The BEST moments are those when I have met Lions and those when I am reunited with Lions. I LOVE BEING A LION. As I have stated many times before, "I love ALL Lions, I just love some Lions more than others." I have prided myself on being a good Lion - being kind, respectful, generous, unselfish and helpful. I have given every Lion the "benefit of the doubt" - the proverbial "pass" - shrugging off criticism or confrontation, and opting for the "hug" approach - the "let's get along and move on" - it's not always easy. There have been disappointments along the way, there have been mistakes. In politics they say "You can't expect to please everyone." In Lions, I strive to please everyone because I care about all of you - seriously.

I cannot tell you how special the last two years have been. As VDG and DG I have received love and support that many cannot imagine. And as great of a time it has been - it has also been very humbling. You see, six years ago I was a self-proclaimed "Super Lion." Today, I consider myself a "Loving Lion." I learned that no matter how hard I worked, no matter how committed I was - I could not "walk on water" - I could not save clubs on my own, I could not teach commitment simply by speaking to someone

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Joint Lions Project - Maple Street Shelter BBQ

Lions from the Redwood Shores, Belmont, and San Mateo Clubs, together with the SFSU Club, joined together to host a Sunday BBQ at the Maple Street Shelter.



The residents of the Maple Street Shelter feasted on a delicious hamburger and hot dog barbecue with all the fixings, salads, fruit, chips and ice cream on a warm Sunday evening. The residents thoroughly enjoyed

the food and the Lions had a great time working together in this joint project. A number of Lions also toured the Shelter and learned more about the Shelter program and the wonderful work done by the Shelter Network organization.

Joint Health Fair a Success!



The San Francisco Hispanic Lions Club in conjunction with
 San Francisco Host Lions Club
 San Francisco Fil-Am Lions Club
 San Francisco Premier Lions Club
 San Francisco North Beach Lions Club

Did an outstanding community out-reach Health Fair Service.
 We look forward to our next Health Fair community service for July 18th, 2010 at the Saint Anthony Church in San Francisco, Ca

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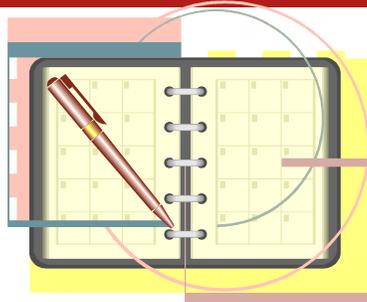
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2009-2010 CALENDAR

June 22 - **South San Francisco Host 64th Installation of Officers** - Chevy's Fresh Mex, 141 Hickey Boulevard, SSF. 6pm No Host cocktails, 7pm Fajita Buffet. \$30. RSVP by 6/14 to Patti Mayer, 650-871-8773

June 23 - **SF Council Meeting hosted by SF Merced Lions** - 6pm, Italian American Social Club, 25 Russia Avenue, SF, \$25/person. RSVP Lydia Taylor at 510-878-7988 or TJ Wortham at 415 205-4575.

June 26 - July 10 - **Tour to International Convention in Australia** - Contact Amy Fink (650)624-8252

June 26 - **San Bruno 67th Installation of Officers** - 6pm GreenHills Country Club, 500 Ludeman, Millbrae, dinner, dancing, \$60. RSVP by 6/19. Choice of entrée. Lion Mario Benavente, 650-892-2202 mxbdd@aol.com

June 27 - **Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance** - 7am to 4pm, Sand Hill Road at Pasteur Drive, Stanford. More info: Paconcours.com

June 29 - **MD-4 Caucus Breakfast** for those going to the International Convention, Info: 1st VDG Mike Simonini.

July 11 - **Foster City Installation** - 2pm, Foster City Rec Ctr, 650 Shell Blvd, FC. \$35. Info timcolco@aol.com, 650-349-6809

July 18 - **SF Joint Health Fair at St. Anthony Hall** - 3215 Cesar Chavez Street, San Francisco. 10am-1:30pm - Joint project of SF Host, SF-Hispanic, SF Fil-Am, SF Marina-North Beach.

July 25 - **PCL Installation** - 5pm, Best Western Grosvenor Hotel, 380 South Airport Boulevard, SSF. \$35 before July 19. \$40 after. Choice of entrée. Contact Lion Rudy Pedagat, 415-652-7271 or 650-993-8897

July 31 - **SF Circle Installation of Officers and New Members**, 6:30pm, The Club Regal Ballroom, 3855 Catalina Street, San Leandro. Semi-Formal. \$30. RSVP by 7/20 to Lion Linda Morete, 5621 Blush Ct, Vallejo 94591

Aug 14 - **SF Hispanic Lions Installation and Leos Club Charter Event** - 6pm, Elk Lodge Club, 920 Stonegate Dr. SSF, \$45, choice of entrée, RSVP Lion Vilma Lopez, 511 Cajon Ct, Antioch, Ca. 94509 Good food, dancing

Aug 15 - **District 4C4 Installation of Officers** - Save the Date

Aug 29 - **SF Bayview Hunter's Point Installation** - 4:30pm Cocktails, Casino, Dancing, 6:45pm Dinner. The Russia House, 2011 Bayshore Blvd, San Francisco, info: Lion Gwen Strain (510) 978-8205

Sep 10 - **SF Ocean Ingleside 25th Anniversary** - 5pm, El Patio Espanol, 2850 Alemany Blvd, San Francisco, CA 94112. \$50. Lion Connie Bridgewater, 415 531-5187, Cwater94134@yahoo.com



From Your Editor

Grateful thanks to all of you who helped make this District Newsletter a reality throughout my two years. As I move forward to my role as Lion President, I have a much broader and thorough understanding of our District, and Lions in general due to my years with the Newsletter.

Best wishes for a great year to all my fellow presidents, congratulations to DG Ken and (Lion President!) Amy for such a wonderful and fun year. I Like Your Style !! *(If you can call it that.)*

And to incoming governor DGE Mike, and the steadfast hard-working Lady Jane - - I know you will have an excellent year, and I know you believe in excellence. I will try to live up to your expectations for me. (gulp!)

Thank you all,

Lion Randy Sahae, Millbrae Lions



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I could not spark service, simply by example. I learned that everyone has their own level of commitment, that they have other priorities different from mine. I learned to accept what people were willing to give. From that, Amy and I coined the phrase "It's up to you"

We sent this message – this motto – throughout the District this year. It caught on some places – some not. There are still struggles and challenges in our association. Sometimes I think it's because we compare the times too much with the past – the so-called "better times." Times are different. I quickly realized that there are many situations that are not in our control – that each member must take the initiative – that our clubs need to constantly work hard to maintain a level that keeps members active and interested. It's a struggle that each DG is confronted with, although I must admit, it sure hurts when a member drops out of Lions, or worse yet, when a club closes down.

So we take the "high road." We strive to encourage, we aim to excite, we try to have a good time. That has been my drive in Lions and Life. That has been my goal for this year.

I assembled a Cabinet of officers – many new to the role of leader – some somewhat surprised with the acknowledgement. I was not disappointed. Your Cabinet Officers from VDGs Mike and Esther to the hard-working Zone Chairs were wonderful representatives of our fine District. I know they all have what it takes to



continue to become fine leaders – they are all great Lions. I look forward to the coming weeks and years.

To the past leadership of our District – our PDG's and past cabinet officers and advisors, who continue to inspire me and our members – THANK YOU. I learned from your example – it's your fault, deal with it.

To my home club, the San Bruno Lions – a constant reminder that community service is first and fun is a close second, with a lot of aggravation mixed in.

To the Lions and partners of District 4-C4 – you have made this organization wonderful and the friendships priceless. You have done so much and I look forward to working with all of you.

To the "other" Lion Lady in my life – Thank you Randy – I will cherish your bulletin forever.

Last, but not least, to Lion Amy. Loving you was enough. Having you by my side these past years, especially this year, has been purely invaluable. Thank you for your beauty, class and support as First Lady.

All you need is Love,
DG Ken



FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT

Fellow Lions, I'm writing this message as Jane and I are trying to pack for our Sydney trip. I had not been nervous about going until last Saturday Night. Here I was the Incoming District Governor about to Install the officers of my own club, no problem right? WRONG, I fumbled through the whole thing, hoping someone would get the "Hook" and get me off the stage, well they didn't and it left me wondering what the heck happened to me?

As I was thinking about it later that night it hit me. The longest flight that I had ever been on before this one was in 1956 when my family flew to Honolulu, 9 1/2 hours but I was just a kid, what the heck did I know?

Now I'm a little older, now it's a 14 1/2 hour flight all over an ocean, and someone asks me if its a non-stop flight, jeez I sure hope so. I also know that as soon as the plane takes off the seat in front of me will recline right into my lap, but I have a solution for that, I will inform that person about my getting air-sick and that the bag will have to go right over their head, that should solve that problem.

Then its DGE school, hey I'm a DGE what can they possibly teach me? Do they give tests, holy cow what if I don't pass? Then the parade, it's only .8 of a mile, me who will drive around the block 50 times, to get a parking spot right in front of the store and its winter down under, what if it rains on us, my hair will be a disaster. After all this we get 4 days of R&R.

Oh No, now we have to fly back, another 14 1/2 hours, maybe we will have the same flight crew and they will remember me (how could they forget) by this time Jane will deny knowing me, so I guess I will be flying home in the belly of the plane with all the other wild things.

So that's my story and I'm sticking to it. See every one when we get back.

Thank You To DG Ken, for a great Year.

THANK YOU.
Lion Mike Simonini

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FROM THE 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



June, the month just before the new District Governor with his newly appointed Cabinet officers takes over the helm of the District, a busy month for training, installations and international convention.

This is also the time for us to show our appreciation to all our own officers. Thank you fellow Lions for sacrificing your time and effort to make the community a better place to live. I would like to personally thanked my PIS (partner-in-service), Lion Leland for accomplishing his goals for the club and to our club members who supported me, for always being there.

To our Cabinet Secretary Rudy, a big thank you, also to PDG Ray and congratulations too for being Lion of the Year. Our PDG's Bob Marshall, Ray Kliewer (out of town and still lends his support) thank you, to PDG Larry Wong, PDG Mel and to all of you who in one way or another helped me, many, many thanks.

Most of the Districts are also busy this time of the year that's why inviting a 1st VDG to our Cabinet meeting was somewhat difficult. I declined 3 invitations to be a guest since most of the dates coincided with ours. Last COG, this June, I got some feedback regarding our District Convention from my guests and he mentioned it to the other 1st VDG-elects how successful and enjoyable our event and that he will adopt some of our program. I was so proud to hear those remarks, thanks again to the Convention Committee.

To DG Ken, thank you for coordinating and putting together the training sessions, I'm sure it helped the new Presidents greatly in that they have a better understanding of their position and how to plan their year.

Lastly, [to Lion Randy Saha] congratulations on your Presidency and thank you for being our Bulletin Editor, for your patience in waiting for our articles monthly, thank you, thank you.

In Lionism,

Lion Esther Lee
1st VDG-Elect,
District 4-C4

Photos of Lions signage in Maylasia and Hong Kong courtesy of Lion Shellie Sakamoto of the Redwood Shores Lions.



Chinatown Lions and Leos Installation Dinner





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R1SZ1

As the year end 2009-2010, I would like to thank all the Lions Clubs that have worked so hard out-reaching the community; provided their best community SERVICE, each and every one of the Lions Club in my Zone area that will be:

- San Francisco Highland Lions Club
- San Francisco Hispanic Lions Club
- San Francisco Ocean Ingleside Lions Club
- San Francisco Merced Height Lions Club
- San Francisco State University Lions Club

Some of the SERVICES they provide include items like:

MMR & MAR

Membership recruiting programs

Health Fairs Services

Membership retaining program

Regular meeting with projected ideas

International Community Affair Services

Homeless projects

Outreach battle mother, children, and unemployed families.

Toy Drives on Christmas time

Thanksgiving cooking, year around feeding needed families.

As the new welcome Cabinet for 2010-2011 is coming, I look forward to continue to work hard with my new task as Region Chair and with all the Lions Club in my area.

Working together we'll make a different in the Community, locally, National & International, recruiting and retaining our membership will be one of our BIGGEST goals.

Dream it and making your Dream come true will be our goals

Leonisticamente, yours

Lion Rufino Ramos

R1Z2 --- The LY 2009-2010 is almost over --- what a great year it has been. I can hardly believe that 12 months have passed since I accepted the position of Zone Chair. I was really hesitant in accepting this position at first, because I was relatively new to the fellowship of Lions and was therefore still young in my knowledge of lionism. That did not discourage DG Ken, who was then the Incoming Governor. I'm truly grateful for the trust and confidence that he placed in me.

My first quarter was productive. I held my first zone meeting with some success -- all 6 clubs under me were present, and, in the course of completing all my club visitations, I was able to receive and enjoy each club's gracious hospitality, and discover each club's unique gifts and talents. Sadly, at the end of the quarter, I was confronted with a health problem which necessitated rest for the next several months, free from excessive physical and mental stress.

While recuperating, I tried my best to meet my Clubs' needs but there were, nevertheless, a few things that I was not able to help them with, such as membership retention. My Clubs, however, were very supportive of me..... they understood my situation and condition, and for this, I'm truly

R3Z2 Thank You: Region 3 Zone 2
Thanks to DG Ken Ibarra, dignitaries, fellow cabinet members, Lions of District 4-C4, and a special thank you to the Presidents, Officers, and Members of the clubs in Region 3, Zone 2 (San Carlos, Redwood Shores, Redwood City Fair Oaks, Redwood City Sunrise) for their cooperation and courtesies extended to me throughout the year.

DG Ken I am somewhat humbled and truly appreciative of the honors you have bestowed on me during the year. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served you and the district.

I would hope continued success and happiness to all as we move on to the next

grateful.

To all the Club presidents, officers and members of the six Clubs that I had the privilege of working with, guide and share fellowship with, my many thanks

1. for all the community projects that you sponsored and participated in,
2. for the three international Medical Missions that the SF Fil-Am, the SF Host, and the SF Premier Lions Clubs made successful, and to the LCIF for their generous help to one of the Missions,
3. for all the generosity and hard work that each one of you Lions Clubs of Zone 2 provided.

To my co-cabinet officers, I thank you for all the cards and prayers during my illness and for all your encouragement and support during the year.

To DG Ken, my sincere gratitude for giving me the opportunity to serve under your administration.... for your encouragement, support, understanding and leniency during my difficult times. The year not only gave me wonderful memories but also enriching experiences.

Thank you so much It has been a real blessing working with you all.

Lion Rosa Ebaló

Region 1 South, Zone 2 Chair

chapter in the quest for service to our fellow man.

My Best To All,
Lion Al Hernandez, Region 3 Zone 2 Chair

R3Z3 I wish to take this occasion to thank District 4C4 for giving me the opportunity to serve this year as Chair for Region Three Zone 3. This was a very rewarding experience, and I feel I learned much from the role that I fulfilled.

Lion Randy, I also wish to thank you for all the pleasure and knowledge I obtained from reading the District Newsletter. You played a key role in the success of the District this year in producing this publication.

Best Regards,

Lion Ken Harker,

Region. Three Zone Three Chair



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R1NZ1

Dear Region 1N Zone 1,
Thanks for making this a fantastic year. I so enjoyed being part of all your clubs this year and you made me feel extremely welcome. I look forward to continuing the friendships I made this year into the future. Again, thanks for a fabulous year!

-Lion Bre Jones
Geneva Mission Lions Club

R2CHAIR

It has been my privilege to be the chair for Region 2 his past year. I would like to thank zone chairs Dan Andersen and Sandee Ige for the marvelous job they did in working with their clubs. In particular, I would like to thank the club in Region 2 for their efforts and tireless work on behalf of their communities and Lionism.

I'm so proud to be a Lion simply because the Lions Club exists for one reason alone: to serve others. I'm pleased to be associated with the Lions of District 4-C4. We compete for awards not for glory but with the purpose of making each other better, more productive for our communities. The projects and the fundraisers we put so much of our time and energy towards is truly a noble effort.

I offer my deepest thanks to District Governor Ken for asking me to be part of his cabinet – what a team! I look forward to serving under District Governor Mike and being affiliated with Lionism for many years to come.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Mario Benavente
San Bruno Lions Club

R2Z1

To our District Governor, Lion Ken Ibarra, a big " MAHALO NUI LOA ". We thank you for your leadership, hard work and innovation in moving our District 4-C4 into a better position in Lionism. There are so many memories to fall back on but a few kudos to DG Ken is in order. The Cabinet dinner meetings were hosted at the home of DG Ken and now Lion Amy, the President's Elect Training was a plus especially for those 1st timer's as President, special training for the Merlo Team and of course for giving me the opportunity to serve on his Cabinet as Zone Chair I in Region II .

As Zone Chair to the following Clubs:
Brisbane Lions, Daly City Gateway Lions, Daly City Host Lions, South San Francisco Golden Gate Lions and my home Club, the South San Francisco Host Lions, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

All of you have done a great job in the past year such as, 100% New President's Elect Training, 100% Officer's Training, 100% attendance at the 1st and 2nd Cabinet Meetings and 80% attendance at the 3rd Cabinet Meeting, 100% attendance at the District Convention, 80% full payment of dues/supplies to LCI in the 1st quarter, and the kicker is 100% full payment of dues/ supplies to MD-4 in the 1st quarter--the ONLY ZONE in the District to achieve this goal. I thank you!!!! I have attended your social events and fundraisers and seen the hard work you put into this. But most of all, the passion of Lionism and the fun you displayed in doing it.

In closing, I wish each of you a warm ALOHA and good luck in your New Year. WE SERVE!!!!!!

Lion Sandee Ige
Zone 1 Chair

TREASURER

To All My Fellow Lions:
I can not THANK YOU enough for your support and well wishes this year. You have truly been AWESOME!! This year has been very challenging for me and your good cheer and encouraging words have kept me going.

Thank you to District Governor Ken and Lion Amy, it has truly been an honor to be part of your cabinet, I have learn much about leadership and serving as a Lion. Receiving the International Presidents Award, will be a highlight in my Lionism. Lion Amy I will miss our kitchen talks at Cabinet meetings and wish you much success on your Presidency next year.

To DG Elect Mike and Lady Jane thank you for your guidance and wisdom, I know the upcoming year will be fantastic. Thank you for being great mentors.

To VDG Esther and Lion Leland my many thanks for being such good and caring friends, your encouragement during this last year has been deeply appreciated. May much prosperity and good fortune be yours, as it has been mine, this year from both of you.

To my "BIG BUDDY RUDY" words cannot express my thanks for everything, you are truly an incredible Lion. You are remarkable. Our Region and Zone chairs were SUPER FANTASTIC and I thank you for allowing me to serve with you.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Peninsula Council Of Lions. I was amazed and astonished at all we accomplished this year. The PCL Officers were unbelievably, out of this world. Thank you Lions Rudy, Mario, Paul, and Sylvia it was a privilege. I wish to thank all who supported the PCL, for we were only be great because Lions supported us.

MY THANK TO ALL LIONS FOR THE WONDERFUL YEAR. KEEP UP YOUR GREAT WORKS!!

Lion Toni Nava
Cabinet Treasurer, PCL President



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R1NZ2

To the Lions Clubs in Region 1 North, Zone 2: Taking this opportunity to thank every one in District 4-C4 specially Governor Ken for allowing me to serve at this level. It was a meaningful and enriching experience. Is amazing to find out the 'hows' and 'whys' all these members are involved in Lionism. Every one has a somewhat different perspective, but all, as we should, have a common goal "To serve the needy"

It was a challenge to help some of the smallest clubs. Happy to report, this year, all of them recruited new members even if it was only one. All had projects, fund-raiser's and served their communities. Some participated on the quarterly Cabinet Meetings after more than 10 years of not doing so, came to the trainings and their enthusiasm about Lionism is alive again, all they needed was a little push from the Zone Chair! Very proud of the results and wishing them more success in the incoming year, on behalf of the District, I salute : SF Park Gate Lions, SF Sunset Lions and SF Bay Area New Century Lions Clubs.

The SF Marina/North Beach Lions and SF Park Presidio Lions Clubs, are more experienced clubs and did what it was expected of them and more, their records speak for themselves and also, on behalf of the District I salute you!

Thank you all: District, Region 1 North Chair Lion Margaret Lee and clubs, for your cooperation. Always wishing you the best,

Lion Lillian Alfaro-Khan
2009-2010 District 4-C4
Region 1 North, Zone 2 Chair

SECRETARY

Thank you LIONS of District 4-C4 for giving me the opportunity to served you as your Cabinet Secretary. The experience I will always treasures and will never forget the fun, headaches and sleepless night I never experience before. Thank you all Lions and peoples that I meet within the District and outside the District in one way or another become a part of my life and some of them became my best friends.

My special thanks to all the clubs of the District, to all the Presidents and Secretaries and to everybody who help me in one way or another, thank you all so much.

My special thanks to my Peninsula Council family, Toni, Mario, Paul and Sylvia, to the San Francisco Council and to my very own club the So San Francisco Golden Gate for their undying support and understanding. A very special thanks to my family, to my wife Bella, to my daughter Lani, to my son Rodel, to my daughter in law Leslie and to my two beautiful granddaughters for their unselfish love and support.

Thank you DG Ken and Lion Amy for being a friend and giving me the opportunity to served you and District 4-C4. Thank you Lion Esther and Lion Leland, CC Emil and Lion Yvonne, Lion Randy, Lion Dan, PDG's Al, Maxine, Rudy and Elma and a special thanks to my friends Lion Ora and Lion George and to all the Lions of District 4-C4 who are always around if I needed help.

It's a wonderful experience to served District 4-C4 and I will never never never forget. Thank you, thank you thank you and I love you all .
Lion Rudy R. Pedagat,
Cabinet Secretary 2009-2010

R3CHAIR:

This note is being written to thank our current District Governor Lion Ken Ibarra and the District 4-C4 for their faith and trust in allowing me to be the Region 3 Chair. It was hard but rewarding work that allowed me to be of greater service to Lionism. It is with great joy that I am giving my full support to the new administration under Governor elect Lion Mike Simonini and his cabinet. I wish him the best.

"We Serve."

Lion Douglas W Borland
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R3Z1

As our current Lions' year comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Belmont, Foster City, San Mateo, and San Mateo Metropolitan Lions Clubs for their support and commitment. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past year while serving as their Zone Chair. All these Clubs have enriched my Lions experience. District Governor Ken, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as a Zone Chair and play a small part in the chartering of our newest Club, the Bay Area Special Olympics Lions Club.

Sincerely,
Jon Froomin, Chair, Region 3, Zone 1



San Francisco Sound Wave Barbershop Chorus performs at Millbrae 2010 Installation with Lion President Elect Randy



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SF Castro and SF Chinatown Pictures





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LIONS OBJECTIVES

To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world. **To Promote** the principles of good government and good citizenship. **To Take** an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community. **To Unite** the clubs 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 reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

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