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As my year as Governor nears its end, I look back with tremendous gratitude and memories. It has taken every Lion, every club and every district cabinet member and chairperson to make this year so successful, and I deeply thank you.

Together we have had an incredible journey—a journey of tremendous growth and success at the club, individual and district levels! Together we have had increased service, membership growth, leadership development, club reporting, attendance at district meetings and convention, and recognition for accomplishments. Yes, together we have achieved much!

This year we committed ourselves as Lions to "Seize the Opportunities to Lead, Grow and Serve." Our district leadership's goal has been to share the skills and knowledge needed to be able to "Lead, Grow and Serve" even better than before. Below are a few of the ways we did that.

Thematic Approach to District Meetings – Each meeting followed one part of "Lead, Grow and Serve," with speakers, presentations and information focusing on the sequential part.

Leadership Academy – The Leadership Academy prior to the meetings was re-envisioned. For three District meetings, we brought in top state and international presenters. PID Bill Crawford who is Western States Global Leadership Team Coordinator, spoke on Leadership. MD4 Council Chair Denny Grotrian, who was a top-rated USA-Canada Leadership Forum presenter on membership, spoke on that topic. ID-endorsed candidate Howard Hudson, who is a CPA, spoke on keeping our clubs healthy by meeting tax-reporting challenges. The presenters of the Academy on service were our own clubs' top experts in this area. Many Lions have told us that the practical information on outstanding service projects was extremely helpful. I was very impressed when I heard all our clubs do to help others!

We also introduced a Leadership training seminar at our district convention, where visiting International Director Dr. Robert Littlefield, a professor of communications at North Dakota State University, spoke to us on motivating through creative recognition.

Keynote Speakers – Again we focused on "Lead, Grow and Serve," utilizing our guest and club experts in each area.

Recognition – We tried to focus on recognizing the many Lions who give so richly of themselves for others, often without any public acknowledgement. Recognition is the only pay we receive for a job well done. To give a thank you to these outstanding individuals and clubs, we introduced some new awards, which were given year-round at district meetings, as well as the major awards at the convention. Among the new awards were:

- Governor's Award of Excellence Medallion for individual club members in Leadership, Membership and Service
- Governor's Award of Excellence Medallion for Presidential Leadership
- Governor's Award of Excellence Medallion for District Leadership
- Lead, Grow and Service patch for clubs, presidents, who demonstrated excellent overall excellence in leadership, growth and service.
- Lifetime Achievement Award a top award along with District Lion of the Year

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GOVERNOR GIL SMITH'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED).....

In addition to honoring our Lions with the new and existing awards, we emphasized getting as much recognition as possible from MD4 and LCI for our deserving Lions by submitting detailed nominations of our district's bests. At our convention, three of our outstanding Lions received the MD4 Excellence Award. At the MD4 Convention, three of our Lions won membership awards, and our district received three out of the six possible Academy Awards. That is fantastic!

Our Lions also received an unbelievable number of top LCI Awards: the Ambassador of Goodwill, the Presidential Award, the Leadership Award and four LCI President's Certificates of Appreciation—representing the top four awards given by the international organization.

The following received the major awards at our District Convention in May:

- Lifetime Achievement Award PDG Ken Sherwood (Ontario Upland)
- Lion of the Year Liz Steves (La Habra Host)
- President of the Year Mark Piva (Huntington Beach Host)
- Secretary of the Year Cathy Newton (Seal Beach)
- LCI Ambassador of Goodwill PCC Ed Bordenkircher (Ontario Host) Note: this is the highest award that can be bestowed upon any Lion by LCI and is usually reserved for Past International Directors.
- LCI Presidential Award Dave Hubbard (Seal Beach) Note: this is the second highest award that can be bestowed upon any Lion by LCI.
- LCI Leadership Award PDG PJ Smith (Brea) Note: this is the third highest award that can be bestowed upon any Lion by
- LCI President's Certificates of Appreciation Ken Myers (Upland Host), Bob Susaeta (Orange), PDG Ellen Liebherr (Seal Beach), Scott Newton (Seal Beach).
- MD4 Excellence Awards Carol Proctor (Harbor Mesa), Carol Van Holt (Harbor Mesa), PDG PJ Smith (Brea).
- Clubs of the Year by Division Diamond Bar Breakfast, Tustin Host, Huntington Beach Host, Seal Beach.
- Visitation Contest by Division Diamond Bar Breakfast, Ontario Upland, Huntington Beach Host, Seal Beach.
- Club Bulletin Contest Harbor Mesa
- Most New Members by a Lion Jim Klisanin (Seal Beach)
- Most New Members by a Club Seal Beach
- Club with the Largest Percentage Increase Buena Park Noon

At the MD4 Convention in February, the winners were:

Membership Awards: Alexis Morgan (Chapman University), Scott Newton (Seal Beach) and Lou Alfonso (Chino Valley)
Academy Awards: Couple of the Year (Cathy and Scott Newton), Large Club Project of the Year (Santa Cause – La Habra Host), Leo of the Year (Sylvia Guan – Diamond Bar Breakfast).

Congratulations to all the winners!

Membership – With an active membership program, the district excelled with a significantly increased number of members, one new club and another close to formation. However, as the year ends, we must remember that membership is a year-round effort. Now is the time to contact those at risk members and get them engaged in your club's activities, especially as we enter the summer months. It's a lot easier to keep an existing member than to bring in a new member.

Ending the Year in Style – A Wonderful District Convention

It was a marvelous four days at the Pala Mesa Resort in Fallbrook, CA. PDG Dan Mayer and his entire Convention Committee did an excellent job putting together a fun-filled and memorable convention. With the contested 2VDG race and other factors, we had 154 people in attendance and 99 certified delegates.

Thank you!!

Thank you again, fellow Lions, for joining your Governors team and cabinet members on the journey this year! The district has seen many innovations and accomplishments, and our Lions members, clubs and district cabinet are to be commended for all they have done.

We have another excellent year ahead of us under the leadership of DGE Ken Myers and his Governors' team. Please give them your strong support!

With deepest appreciation to my fellow Lions of District 4-L4,



1ST Vice District Governor Ken Myers

2ND Vice District Governor Bob Susaeta



Looking back at last year as your 1st VDG I must first say, Thank all of you for your help understanding and support. For without all of you we would not be able to Lead Serve and Grow.

Last year I attended the International Convention in Toronto Canada, 4 Council of Governor's meeting, District Conventions in 4-C6, 4-L6, and, Districts meetings in 4-C1, 4-L1, 4-A2, Lions Ensenada Visitation. Completed Certified Guiding Lion Training. Club Excellence Facilitator Training.

My committee assignments were, District Governor Membership Team, MD4 Convention Committee, 1VDG Long Range Planning Committee, 1VDG Eyes across Calif. Committee, Foothill Region Lions October Fest committee, 4 Health Fair Committee's, and the Treasurer of the District 4-L4 Sight and Hearing Foundation.

In the last year I have learned a lot about the position of District Governor and with your support I am looking forward to **Answering the Call to Serve** and working for all of you as your District Governor next year.

I can't believe this is the last Forum of the year. As a district we had a successful year with both club and membership growth. I want to thank you for the opportunity to meet and share ideas with so many of you and to make new and lasting relationships. 4-L4 is a strong district with so many great community service projects and fundraisers. We should each take time to read the Lions Clubs International Code of Ethics and the Lions Purposes found in the District Directory on pages 4 and 5. Remember we are here not only to serve those less fortunate but also to serve and help one another. It is time to heal wounds and start working on being what Lionism really is.

Now is the time to plan for the upcoming year and start it off right. Work hard to strengthen your clubs and take an active part in helping to strengthen the district as a whole.

Thanks again for your support this past year and let's strive to make the new year even better.



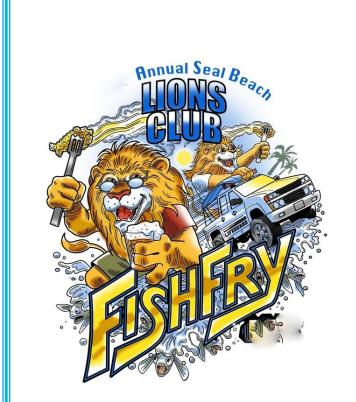
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Nepal Earthquake Update from LCIF

In recent weeks, two massive earthquakes struck central Nepal, killing more than 8,000 people and devastating much of the region. LCIF promptly approved a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant to support Lions' relief efforts. Local Lions are responding swiftly, bringing food, water, basic medicine, sanitary kits, and temporary housing to those affected. However, Nepal's relief needs remain great; according to the UN, only 14% of the aid requested has been committed by the global community. As Lions, you can help now by donating to LCIF's Disaster Relief fund. LCIF will continue to award grants to fund local Lions' reconstruction projects long after emergency response teams have gone. Gifts to the LCIF Disaster Relief fund will help support local Lions as they serve their communities. To see Nepalese Lions-led relief efforts in action, visit the LCIF area on the Lions blog.

LCIF Areas of Giving Update

LCIF has recognized that the "Humanitarian Needs" fund is a duplication of the "Area of Greatest Need" as both have been funding the same Lions projects. In an effort to streamline, LCIF has eliminated the "Humanitarian Needs" fund and will apply all unrestricted donations to the "Area of Greatest Need". Gifts to LCIF's "Area of Greatest Need" fund are MJF eligible and allow LCIF to invest in Lions' critical initiatives that may need supplemental



July 18 & 19 11:00am-6:00pm Seal Beach Pier



Cabinet Secretary **Marianne** Allen

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First I wanted to congratulate all of the recipients of the many awards that were given out at the Convention. A special congratulations to PDG Ken Sherwood for being presented with the Outstanding Achievement Award. Also to PCC Ed Bordenkircher for being presented with the Ambassadors Award from Lions International.

A special thank you to PDG Dan Mayer as Convention Chair. Dan, you did a great job.

As I think about my year as Cabinet Secretary, there are so many fond memories of working with the Cabinet and with all of the Lions from the Clubs. Your support of getting your reports in on time was very much appreciated.

I do want to remind you of the training that is coming up on June 20, 2015. It is very important that all officers attend this training. There are changes happening at International that could affect how we do our reports. Please get your reservations in to Lion Diane Quinlan, Cabinet Secretary for 2015-16 year.

The first District meeting is scheduled for Saturday July 26, 2015. Please get your reservations in early. This is the Installation of the Cabinet for 2015-2016. Please come and show your support for the new Cabinet.

To all the new cabinet members, I wish for you to have a terrific and productive year.

As I come to the end of my year, I just want to say thank you to all Lions and let us continue to serve our communities through our service projects and fundraisers.

Hawaiian Shirt Challenge

Put on your favorite Hawaiian attire and Join International President Joe Preston in taking on the challenge. Take a picture or post a video and let us know if you're coming to this year's convention in Honolulu, Hawaii - See more http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/newsmedia/index.php#sthash.rXBmrRuZ.dpuf





First 2015/2016 4-L4 District Meeting SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2015

Back Bay Conference Center 3415 Michelson Drive, Irvine, CA 92612

Cost: \$25 per Person Registration Starts 8:30 AM Breakfast & Meeting 10:00 AM DISTRICT 4-L4 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Clubs are asked to bring a raffle prize with a value of at least \$20.00-

Please send your reservation by JULY 10TH \$28 after 07/10 or NON-Registration

Club Name:			
Number Attending: Amount enclosed:			
Make checks payable to District 4-L4. Please send the names of those attending			
on the back of this form. Please send payments to Diane Quinlan, Cabinet Sec-			
rotary, 9206 La Palema Ave. Fountain Valley CA 92709			

Email: mrsquinlan@hotmail.com

Buffet Breakfast-Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes & assorted pastries and muffins with OJ and Coffee.



Lions Float, Inc. 2015 Charity Golf Tournamer



Monday November 16th Dad Miller Golf Course

430 North Gilbert St., Anaheim, CA





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LIONS CLUB of UPLAND

61st Annual Community Jun in the Park Upland Memorial Park, on Route 66

Sirloin or Salmon Endless Corn on the Cob Cole Slaw, Roll and Ice Cream Friday, August 7 4:30 - 8:00 pm Good Food - Good Times Live Entertainment

(ALL money raised is donated for community projects)
Adults - \$20.00

Children (under 12) - \$7.00

(Child's meal - 2 Corn Dogs with Slaw, Endless Corn and Ice Cream)

Donations Accepted. This event is a LIONS CLUB of UPLAND Annual Fundraising Event.

SHARE PEACE

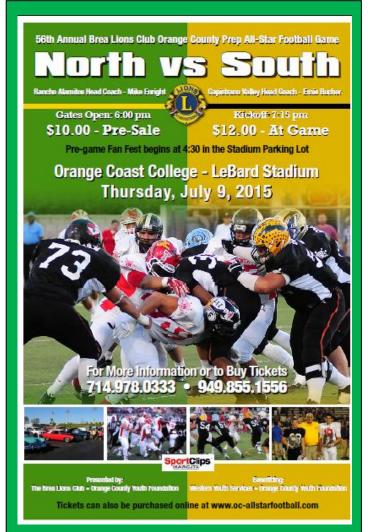
Lions Clubs International Annual Peace Poster Contest

"Share Peace" is the theme of the 2015-16 Peace Poster Contest. Lions clubs can sponsor this art contest for kids in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups

You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters from January 15 to October 1. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-546). To order online, go to Club Supplies (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit).



Harbor Mesa Lions with VDG Bob Susaeta, at the Flag Day presentation (6-12) at Kaiser Grade School (6-12) in Costa Mesa



The Brea Lions club is offering a fundraising opportunity to Club of District 4-L4. They will donate to your club 50% of your ad or ticket sales to the 2015 countywide charitable All-Star Football game. If interested contact Game Chairman Bill McLeran Orange County Youth Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 233

Brea, CA 92822-0233

(714) 287-5680



Harbor Mesa Lion Joan Parks was honored at the Costa Mesa Daily Pilot Hall of Fame luncheon fundraiser to benefit the Explorer Scouts. Honors were given to service club members who have done an outstanding job in the community, especially to benefit the youth.



Lions Stars Gather at District Convention

Over the weekend of May 14-17, 154 registered "stars" descended on the Pala Mesa Resort in Fallbrook for District 4-L4's Annual Convention, which followed an Academy Awards theme. Ninety-nine of the Lions served as delegates who voted to determine the winner of a three-way race for Second Vice District Governor and the fate of two contested Constitution and By-Laws proposals. The convention also was a celebration of the district's successful year and focused on recognizing special Lions stars with awards.

Non-stop activities packed the weekend, starting with golf, which got called after nine holes because of torrential rains and then a dinner at Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-b-que, where Governor Gil Smith and Vice District Governors Ken Myers and Bob Susaeta competed eating Continued on next page.

Thursday Night at Lucille's



Blindfolded 1st Lady Barbara stuffs cake into DG Gil's mouth. 1VDG Ken's mouth.



Susie McIntosh aims cake at



Winners Sharon and 2VDG Bob Susaeta demolish the cake.

So You Think You Know Oscar Trivia Bee



Trivia Bee winner Barbara Raines and runners-up Steve Lacey and ID Robert Littlefield.



PDG Barbara Havward leads the Trivia Bee.

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Registration and Credentials

First Business Session on Friday



IPDG Sheila Casteel opens the first Business Session.



DG Gil Smith introduces First Lady Barbara.



Carol Van Holt leads the Lions in song.

District Convention, page 2 Candidates' Reception Winning Costumes



Candidates campaign as Lions enjoy refreshments



Lions enjoy visiting during Candidates' Reception.



Costume Winners: DG Gil & Barbara Smith, Chris & Judy Barr, Jeanne Samoszuk, ID Robert Littlefield, Sharon & Bob Susaeta

A Night at the Academy Awards

















chocolate cake being smashed into their faces by blindfolded feeders. Friday opened with a "So You Think You Know Oscar" Trivia Bee, followed by the first business session and a candidates' reception. That night Lions dressed as their favorite stars or characters for the "Night at the Academy Awards," where they dined, danced to live music, had their pictures taken in a Photo Booth, and competed for award statuettes.

Saturday morning's business session featured campaign speeches and demonstrations, followed by voting. At the International Director's Luncheon, ID Dr. Littlefield gave the Keynote Address and inducted four new members. PDG Barbara Hayward led a poignant Memorial Service after lunch. At the afternoon session, voting results were announced: Judy Barr was elected as 2VDG, Bob Susaeta as 1VDG and Ken Myers as Governor. Both Constitution and By-Laws proposals were defeated. Also winners of the district contests received awards. Immediately after the meeting was adjourned, Lions gathered to take part in a seminar led by Dr. Littlefield on "Improving Performance through Motivation and Recognition."

The formal District Governor's Banquet on Saturday night included the Grand March, dinner, dancing to live music and the presentation of our district's highest awards. Sunday morning's closing business session featured more awards, comments by the DGE and VDGEs, reflections by the Governor and a moving motivation speech by Alena Strickland on "Every Child Deserves to Be Loved."

Convention Committee Chairmen Dan and Lori Mayer and members Joanne Waltman, PDG Barbara Hayward, Marianne Allen, Ron and Terrie Finseth and PDG Mike Scheafer are to be commended for a truly outstanding event!

Saturday Morning Business Session



Ken Bell gives a donation to PDG Elizabeth Warren for the Nepal Earthquake relief effort.



Secretary Marianne Allen, RC Dave Stilwell, DG Gil Smith present Lead, Grow, Serve patches.



Convention First Timers are honored.



DG Gil Smith gives comments.



Jack Tanaka kicks off nominating speeches.



Demonstrations fo



Demonstrations for 2VDG candidates: Chris Barr for Judy Barr. Pete Badame and Dave Stilwell.

ID Keynote Lunch



ID Dr. Robert Littlefield gives Keynote Address.



ID Dr. Littlefield inducts four new members.

Memorial Service



PDGs honor the PDGs who passed away during the year.

Saturday Afternoon Business Session



Convention Chair Dan Mayer







Victory! DGE Ken Myers, 1VDGE Bob Susaeta and 2VDGE Judy Barr with her husband Chris

Saturday Afternoon Business Session



Best Bulletin in District Harbor Mesa Lions



Most New Members by a Lion Jim Klisanin



Most New Members by a Club Seal Beach



Largest Percentage of New Members Buena Park Noon



Visitations, Division ADiamond Bar Breakfast



Visitations, Division B Ontario Upland



Visitations, Division C Huntington Beach Host



Visitations, Division D Seal Beach



DG Gil presents thank you to 1st Lady Barbara



ID Littlefield presents post-meeting seminar.



Before Governor's Banquet



Pistrict Governor's Banquet



Crosswinds Band playing for Lions



Chapman University Lions give Gramps a lift.



Governor Gil and First Lady Barbara at banquet

Pistrict Governor's Banquet





Cabinet, Past District Governors and ID Littlefield gather at the end of the Grand March.



Club of the Year Division A Diamond Bar Breakfast



Club of the Year Division B **Tustin Host Lions**



Club of the Year Division C Huntington Beach Host Cathy Newton



Secretary of the Year



Club of the Year, Division D Seal Beach



President of the Year Mark Piva



Lion of the Year Award Elizabeth Steves



Lion of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Perpetual Trophies

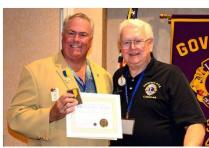


Lifetime Achievement Award PDG Kenneth Sherwood



LCI Ambassador of Goodwill PCC Ed Bordenkircher

Sunday Morning Business Meeting



MD4 Excellence Award PDG P.J. Smith



MD4 Excellence Award MD4 Excellence Alena Strickland **Carol Proctor** (presented Saturday)



Award Carol Van Holt



Speaker Medal of Merit



LCI Presidential Award David Hubbard



LCI Leadership Award P.J. Smith



ID Littlefield gives closing remarks.



LCI President's Certificate of Appreciation Bob Susaeta, Ken Myers In absentia: Ellen Liebherr, Scott Newton



Convention Chair Dan Mayer makes final comments.



2VDGE Judy Barr gives her remarks.



1VDGE Bob Susaeta gives his remarks.



DGE Ken Myers gives his remarks.



DG Gil Smith gives his reflections.



DG Gil's Progressive Melvin Jones from district clubs



HARBOR MESA LIONS CLUB ANNUAL FASHION SHOW, LUNCHEON AND BOUTIQUE



CELEBRATE SPRING WITH US SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015 11:30AM

FASHIONS BY THE DRESS BARN

Shop till you drop opportunity Vendors with Clothing, jewelry, accessories, and more! Chinese Auction

> AT THE COSTA MESA COUNTRY CLUB 1701 GOLF COURSE DRIVE COSTA MESA, CA 92626

\$30.00 PER PERSON

(No Tickets will be Sold at the Door)

Please make checks payable to Harbor Mesa Lions Club
An optional little twist this year; we are asking everyone who
would like to, to bring one pair of children's PJs to donate to
our District PJ Party" and receive one Chinese Auction ticket

MAIL CHECKS TO
(In this case, tickets will be held at the door)
LION ARLENE SCHAFER
292 BUCKNELL ROAD
COSTA MESA, CA 92626
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 714-546-1429
All Proceeds Donated to Local Charities





CALLING ALL LIONS OF DISTRICT 4L4

ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO HELP SET UP, COOK,
SERVE AND CLEAN UP BY ORANGE COUNTY RONALD
MCDONALD HOUSE FOR THEIR ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY
PANCAKE BREAKFAST.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF FRUIT, PLATES, SILVERWARE, NAPKINS AND YOUR TIME TO HELP

EVENT WILL BE JULY 18TH

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

PLEASE CONTACT DIANE QUINLAN AT 714-623-1439 OR
BRENDA DONAHUE AT 714-673-6391
WITH ANY QUESTIONS



SUPER SADDLEBACK

Region Chairman Carol Proctor

What a year and a privilege being your Saddleback Region Chair...yet please allow me to be a little giddy in stating that this is my last Saddleback Region article! I do want to emphasize that I have enjoyed my role and the responsibilities that went with it. My Zone Chairs have been a very helpful team, working with their respective Clubs, the Cabinet, and with me. Thank you, Arlene, Cherrill and George! I also wish to thank each Club in this Super Region. It was great getting to know many of you. And, some of the Club Presidents and Secretaries have been absolutely wonderful to work with. That interaction is so very important. Finally, thank you to District Governor Gil, and the entire District Cabinet for the opportunity to team with you, learn much and laugh often, all in the name of Lions.

The District Convention in Fallbrook at the Pala Mesa Resort was a great opportunity to have fun, interact with members from the entire District, meet the International Director, and enjoy honors, awards and accolades that our District Governor Gil bestowed on many deserving Lions. DG Gil, thank you for a wonderful job at the helm and for your faith in me to serve in your Cabinet.

My swan song is that I will actually miss the experiences, challenges, meetings, and this leadership role I took on this year. However, I am confident that Huntington Beach Host Lion and friend Tom Hollister will take the Saddleback Region Chair baton and do a fine job. In the meantime, I am moving onto other "happy trails" in my life, but do hope to see my fellow Lions at upcoming service projects and events.

The following are the activities and service projects reported by the various Clubs in the Saddleback Region:

Zone A Chair Arlene Schafer

Harbor Mesa Lions Club

Club Members donated money to purchase breakfast items for a Ronald McDonald House Breakfast. Chair Monica Guilliland purchased the items and she and her committee served a delicious breakfast to many grateful clients at the facility.

A BIG LIONS ROAR to: Cathy Waters on the winning the 2014-15 Club Bulletin Contest, and both Carol Ann Van Holt and Carol Proctor for receiving the prestigious Multiple District Four Excellence Award!

Under the direction of Chair Joan Parks, the Club is beginning preparations and monthly meetings to get ready for the annual OC Veterans Stand Down.

Chair Peggy Laney reports that several Members will be participating in the annual Vision Walk on June 7, and encourages members to support this worthy cause.

Waters did an exceptional job with ensuring the needed coverage in the various areas of the event. It was rumored she never left Fairview Park for the entire 3-day event!

The Annual Fashion Show on June 9th is coming up, with Chairs Arlene Schafer and Joan Parks and their Committee getting the final planning

stages for the fundraising event set. Attendees are requested to bring at least one child's pajamas (new) to donate to the Club's project for those less fortunate.

The Club will install the 2015-16 Officers and Board on June 20th at the home of Lions Ann McIlroy and Marianne Hahn. A "pirate theme" is planned. The "In-and-Out" Board meeting will be held at outgoing President Debbie Karlson's home where she will pass the gavel to Marianne Allen.

Huntington Beach Host Lions Club

The Club's inaugural Wine Tasting Fundraiser at the Waterfront Beach Hilton Resort on May 27th was a big success and a lot of fun. With over 50 attendees sipping wine, enjoying crudités and relaxing in a beautiful setting, the Club netted close to \$650 for charitable causes.

A huge KUDOs to President Mark Piva for being honored at the District Convention as the District's "Club President of the Year." Region Chair's note: "You have accomplished much and have been fantastic to work with, Mark. Congratulations on a richly deserved honor."

In addition to President Mark's award, the Club also received the prestigious Club of the Year for Division C Clubs; Most Visitations to other Clubs in the District for Division C Clubs; and the District Governor's Lead, Grow and Serve Award. Congratulations to all Members on tremendously great work and well-deserved recognition!

On May 23rd, Club Members planted an American Liberty Elm at Fountain Valley High School. The tree was dedicated in honor of all Veterans who served in the cause of freedom. It is the first Liberty Elm planted at a high school in California. The Fountain Valley High School Leo Club, sponsored by the Huntington Beach Host Lions, assisted in this planting and dedication. Over 60 Lions, Leos and friends attended this patriotic event.

Congratulations to new Lion Pat Brenden, who was inducted by PDG Judy Schnitzer in May. Lion Pat was sponsored by Lion President Mark Piva. Welcome, Lion Pat! Membership in the Club is now at 57 Lions, and there looks to be more on the horizon.

Installation of Officers and Board will be held on June 27th at the Green Valley Recreation Room in Fountain Valley. The theme is King Arthur/Renaissance.

Big, lucky, wonderful news! The Club was one of many non-profits in Huntington Beach who submitted an application for a fireworks stand. There are only 15 stands allowed in the City. Good fortune smiled and the Huntington Beach Host Lions Club was randomly selected to have a booth at the Ralphs Shopping Center on Brookhurst and Adams. The Members will be manning

the Fireworks Booth on July 1, 2 and 3 from Noon to 10 pm and on July 4 from 10 am to 9 pm.

Orange Coast Breakfast Lions Club

Members will have a dinner and informative meeting at the Orange County Fair and Event Center. They will learn about the Fairgrounds' history, projects and interesting trivia. The theme this year is "Farm to Fair to Home."

Every month, the Club packs items at the Second Harvest Food Bank. On Thursday, June 11th, Members will again be rolling up their sleeves to provide assistance at the Food Bank.

Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions Club

Fish dinner counts and fundraising numbers are not in yet, but the Club's 3-day 68th Annual Fish Fry was a resounding success. President Phil Marsh and PDG Mike Scheafer and their members served up the tastiest fish and chips, along with games, booths, raffles, musicians/bands, and rides. The Club also sold wine and beer and the Baby Contest was again a hit with parents and the wee set. The Harbor Mesa Lions ably assisted the CMNH Lions and the camaraderie shared by the two Clubs at this event was quite evident. Kudos to all on a successful Fish Fry!

Zone B Chair Cherrill Cady

Tustin Host Lions Club

Members participated in the Chapman University Lions' Relay for Life on May 1-2, with Lion Brenda Donahue volunteering over 18 hours! Also in May, ten Club Members met at San Clemente and picked up trash along 2 miles of beach. The result is now a cleaner and more enjoyable destination for the public to enjoy.

Two Club Members are active participants and board members at the Tustin Area Historical Society. They keep the Club informed and involved in the active preservation of Tustin's preservation of its history by way of a monthly newsletter and attending events. As part of that effort, members volunteered as Docents, shared their involvement as Lions, and assisted in other areas at Tustin's Old Town Promenade.

The Club has been involved for years in the "Tustin Area Man & Woman of the Year Awards" Banquet. This May, the Club nominated Lion Fred Wakefield for 2014 Man of the Year, and Lion Amy Nakamoto for 2014 Woman of the Year. Members attended an awards banquet in their honor in May. Congratulations Lions Fred and Amy!

Planning has started for this summer's annual Youth Exchange Program. The Club hopes to engage Lions in the District to support this worthy program.

A HUGE shout-out goes to Lion Judy Barr for being elected as Second Vice District Governor. Lion Judy started on her path to this position early as many in her Club—especially hubby and President Chris—can attest. She attended many meetings, trainings, seminars, events, fundraisers and visitations. Judy made it her mission to get to know as many Lions and projects in District 4-L4 as possible. The Tustin Host Lions are very proud of Judy!

The Club plans to assist the City of Tustin and the YMCA with their annual dance for those with disabilities. This year's theme is a Luau, on Friday, June 12. The Members participated in a similar event at Christmas and found it to be a wonderful experience and a great success.

The Tustin Host Lions will hold their annual Installation and Awards Dinner on June 13 at the home of Lion President-elect Susie McIntosh. A Hawaiian theme is planned.

Chinese American Club of Orange County Lions

Club Members are preparing for their annual Meeting, Inauguration & Induction Ceremony, which will be held on June 6th with the theme of "Aloha Hawaii" at the Fullerton Hotel. Very special for this year is the Chinese dinner and live band playing the whole night for singing and dancing. All guests are encouraged to dress in tropical attire to the meeting. The entire ballroom will be decorated as if you are in Hawaii. Please refer to the flyer and come to join us for a joyful Hawaii night. Please call President Morgan at 562-316-4919 or 714-306-7860 for any questions and tickets.

At the recent 4-L4 District Convention, 2 Laguna Niguel Past District Governors, the Zone C Chair, and the incoming Club President voted.

Members collected 346 used eyeglasses (bringing the Club's total since July 1, 2014 to 7,372). The eyeglasses were shipped to Vallejo's Lions In Sight, along with 138 used eyeglass cases (3,028 since July 1, 2014).

President Morgan and the Chinese American Lions Club invite all Lions, friends and family to their all-day dining fundraiser at Polly's Pies (2660 Main Street, Santa Ana) on Wednesday, June 17th from 9 am to 9 pm. Bring the flyer, which is in the June FORUM with you, present it to your server, and Polly's will donate 20% of the proceeds to the Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center.

Zone C Chair George Vardaman

Laguna Niguel Lions Club

The Club's May Wine Tasting Fundraiser was a huge success, netting almost \$8,000.

Members provided a complete eye exam and glasses to one teenager, bringing his sight correction to 20/20. Also, in May, the Club held a vision screening of 40 individuals in which 16 Laguna Niguel Lions spent 54 hours at the South County Outreach (food bank in Lake Forest).

Newport Beach Hawaiian Lions Club

Aloha from the Newport Beach Hawaiian Lions! The Club has had a busy month planning the calendar for the year with some exciting fundraisers in the near future. Members volunteered for the Special Olympics held on May 9th in Irvine. This was the second year participating along side of the Knights of Columbus, barbecuing chicken, making sandwiches and packing 500 lunches for the Hungry Olympians!

Newport Beach Hawaiian Lions Club (continued).......

Memorial Day is always a very special day for the Members to remember the country's Military Men and Women. The Newport Beach Hawaiian Lions have made this particular holiday an annual project, serving coffee, donuts, juice and water at the Memorial Day Ceremony held at Harbor Lawn Mt. Olive in Costa Mesa. This year with the help of Club Members and the assistance of one future Lion Ryder Greyshock, who eagerly encouraged everyone to make generous donations, \$475.00 was raised to support the Freedom Committee of Orange County!

June 7th will be Newport Beach Hawaiian Club's 17th year participating in the Balboa Island Parade! The Club has an exciting entry planned again this year: Greeting the Island with the Aloha Spirit filled with Music, Dancers and Lei Greetings.

District Governor Gil Smith also installed four new members recently: E Komo Mai Lions Gloria Johnson, Courney Lutkus, Marie Hampton and Vikki Katnik. The Members are looking forward to two more members joining the Newport Beach Hawaiian Lions Club!

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller





MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN DAVE HUBBARD



The end of the year is almost here. The district has seen great growth due to the efforts of a number of clubs. I want to commend those clubs with net growth for the year. International Director Robert Littlefield mentioned those clubs at our district convention recently. That is a complement to your achievement. I want to add my thanks and congratulations to you.

As we near the end, it is important that we retain those members. So far in the month of May, we have gained 2 new members and lost 8. This is the second consecutive month we are losing members. Let's keep our members and remain a strong district in membership. We have gone from negative year-end membership to being #2 in membership growth in MD-4. We have the second largest Lions club in the United States (Seal Beach Host). We should all be proud of this. Let's retain our remaining members. There is still time to grow.

For clubs and sponsors bringing in new members, you are eligible to receive Centennial Lions recognition. Your new members will receive pins designating them as Centennial Lions. This is an opportunity for your club to receive recognition for growth. I hope that you will consider adding rather than removing members from your club.

I will be leaving shortly and I want to say "Thank You" for all of the friends I have made during the last 35 years in the district. I hope that we will meet again. Each of you has played a part in my life as a Lion. I am a better person as a result. I have been fortunate to achieve a lot during those years as a result of you. You are a part of the successes that I have had. I hope that you will continue in my absence.

Having said that, I hope that you will work with the new District GMT Coordinator, Lion Steve Christy and continue to grow. I will miss you. Take care.



UPCOMING SIGHT CLINICS

OPCOMING SIGHT CLINE		
	June 27	Perris
	July 12	Huntington Park
	Aug 1	Glendale
	Aug 15	Riverside
	Aug 22	Ranch Cucamonga
	Aug 29	Big Bear
	Sept 12	Thermal
	Sept 19	Apple Valley



FABULOUS FOOTHILL

Region Chairman Dave Stillwell

<u>Upland Host Lions</u> – as reported by Lion Keith Krumwiede Upland Host has been busy attending District 4-L4 and District C6 Convention. The Club donated funds to LCIF for Nepal Earthquake relief in the amount of \$500.00 dollars. They also donated another \$500.00 dollars to the City of Hope, Blind children Center and the Braille Institute.

They collected 130 used eye glasses for Sharing the Vision Campaign. Provided eye exams and new glasses, for 15 Upland school children. Four Club members helped provide site cleanup at San Antonio Community cultural Center for a total of 24 hours of work.

<u>Pomona Host Lions</u> – as reported by Lions Helen Mosier and Ben Selters

Pomona Host has been very busy participating in the 'Little Library project' by donating 120 books and construction the miniature "libraries". Eight Lions participated in the annual Pomona Unified School District at the Ross McCracken Education Expo by exhibiting a bean bag toss game. Lions promoted local activities and reached out to the community. Four Lions distributed miniature U. S. flags to five classes and read a book about the American flag to students and teachers. A fifth Lion constructed the stands that hold the miniature flags.

The Club is most proud of their continuing success in "Lions Roar for Reading" by bring book ownership into the hands of first graders from high-poverty schools. "Ownership of self-selected books during the primary grades is one of the highest predicators of a love of reading and academic success. Yet, numerous studies show that more than half of children living in poverty have not a single book in the home.

The Pomona Host Lions Club is changing that situation, one child, and one school at a time. So far, our club has completed the distributions to six schools with over 400 books donated. Funds for the books were obtained from a collaborative grant from Lions Club International, Reading Is Fundamental and Macy's Department Store in Victoria Gardens.

Chino Valley Lions - as reported by Lion Jack Thurlo

Two members helped at the Lions in Sight project held in Hemet. 254 eye glasses were collect and provided for the Lions in Sight projects. The Chino Valley Soft Serve Trailer had its maiden use on May 2 & 3. A number of operational problems were identified and are now being corrected. Another test run will be held at a local school in the Chino Hills area, by donating free soft serve ice cream, in the coming weeks.

Student Speaker Foundation

Thank you **Orange Lions Club** for your monetary donation to the Foundation. District 4L4 has made its goal for 2014-2015 Thanks again to all the clubs and individuals who made monetary donations and turned in the used cell phones and ink cartridges this past Lions year.

PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective **July 1, 2015**, Funding Factory will no longer be paying for cell phones due to a vast majority of cell phones that we receive cannot be recycled.

Give Your Old Cell Phones A Second Life... Donate!

In lieu of tossing them into landfills, we suggest donating them to a good cause such as <u>Cell Phones</u> <u>for Soldiers</u>, <u>National Coalition Against Domestic Violence</u>, <u>Shelter Alliance</u>, or visit <u>American Cell Phone Drive</u> to find local organizations that either refurbish or recycle cell phones to raise funds.

I will continue to collect Ink Cartridges at Region and District Meetings.

The Student Speaker Foundation appreciates if your club or you as an individual would think of the foundation when making a contribution to the many worthy charities that you can give to.

Lion Carol Linehan
District 4 L4 District Trustee 2014-15



2nd VDG Elect Judy Barr, 1st VDG Elect Bob Susaeta, DG Elect Ken Myerss and DG Gil Smith teamed up at the recent Council of Governors Meeting



OUTSTANDING ORANGE

Region Chairman Gary Denni

This is my final report on the Orange Region. The past year was a wonderful experience. I got to meet members of the Orange Region that I had not seen in a while. The governor's visitations were especially memorable (Hewel). I have learned much about clubs in the Orange Region.

Larry Rottweiler (Zone Chair A) is the incoming Region Chair. He has been a great zone chair and will be an asset to the region. He will be your new resource to the District. Larry, I know you will do a great job.

As the Lion year comes to an end two clubs have had an active May. This would be the Garden Grove Hos Lions and the Seal Beach Host Lions.

The Garden Grove Lions donated their time and money to paint rooms at the Garden Grove Boys & Girl's Club Clinton School Facility. The club raised \$6,000.00 selling hot dogs, chili, chili dogs, and drinks at their booth at the City of Garden Grove's Annual Strawberry Festival.

Seal Beach Los had several service projects during the month. During Seven members lead by Chief Cooks Lions Alan Chavez and Frank Hall served hamburgers, chips, baked beans, fruit and cookies to forty people.

Sixteen Lions worked the Captain's Cup Naval Weapons Station Event. Events worked were, baseball accuracy & throw, flip cup, paper airplane design & distance contest, word scrabble, volleyball, long jump, blindfold painting contest, and four way tug of war. The club attended the ground breaking event, for the Honoring Our Fallen Memorial Wall. Club members also worked the Beep Ball game on May 16. In this game Seal Beach Little League ball players (blindfolded) pay against the sight impaired team. The sight impaired team wins every year. On May 2, 425 people were served at the CLFIS Sight Screening in Long Beach, twenty four Lions served at the event.

In closing, 2014-15 has been a year to remember. I want to thank Governor Gil for asking me to be Region Chair, it has been an experience I will not forget, and we had a lot of fun. Thank you Governor Gil.

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement; nothing can be done with hope."

Helen Keller



Join Pomona Host Lions for a "Day at the Opera."

Repertory Opera Company has offered us half of the price of any tickets sold for the opening day performance Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for children and students.



The singers of Repertory Opera Company present Rossini's comic opera, The Barber of Seville at <u>First Christian Church Pomona</u> 1751 N Park Ave, Pomona, California 91768.

Fully staged with costumes, sung in Italian with English dialogue and with Musical Director Brian Farrell at the piano.

This is a vivacious romp that kicks off with an instantly recognizable overture, The Barber of Seville gains speed with a non-stop parade of hit tunes and concludes with an "all is forgiven" finale, bubbling over with joy.

Whether you've seen this opera a thousand times or only in the Bugs Bunny cartoon, you'll want to grab a seat in this barbershop! Rossini's spectacular, memorable music thrills and delights from the first note to the last

For tickets, call (909) 230-4949 or order online at www.RepOperaCo.org, when ordering on line simply note Pomona Host Lions in the comments section. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for children and students. Please join Pomona Host Lions for this fun event.

DISTRICT 4-L4 CALENDAR

June 14Pomona Host Day at the OperaJune 17Pomona Host Day at the OperaJune 20Pomona Host Day at the Opera

June 26-30 96th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention Honolulu Hawaii

June 17 Pomona Host Day at the Opera

July 9 Brea Lions Orange County All Star Football Game

July 18-19 Seal Beach Fish Fry

July 18 Ronald McDonald House Anniversary Breakfast Service Project

August 7-9 Council of Governors Meeting Riverside
August 7 Upland Lion Community Fun In the Park
Sept 12 Lions Camp at Teresita Pines Open House
Sept 17-19 USA Canada Forum Grand Rapids, Michigan

Oct 15 White Cane Days

Oct 16 Harbor Mesa Casino Night

Nov 6-8 Council of Governors Meeting - Burlingame

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Jan 16-18 MD-4 Leadership Institute (South)
Feb 3-4 Council of Governors Meeting Modesto

Feb 5-7 MD-4 Convention Modesto

Feb 19-21 Flag Days

Feb 22 deadline for Club Student Speakers Contest
March 14 deadline for Zone Student Speakers Contest

April 3 City of Hope Day

April 4 deadline for Region Student Speakers Contest

June 2-5Council of Governor Meeting ReddingJune 6MD4 Student Speakers Contest FinalJune 24-28International Convention Fukuoka, JapanSept 15-17USA Canada Forum Omaha, Nebraska

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