



Lions District 4L4
2020 - 2021

District Governor Steve Lacey "A Spirit To Serve"

THE SPIRIT NEWS.....
From Governor Steve Lacey
"Captain" of the S.S. Spirit to Serve



Hello Lion Leaders,

As you read this issue of *The Spirit News* I hope the contents will help keep your *spirits up*. Despite the pandemic and its impact on all of us, Lions

are continuing to do what we do best: SERVE. Granted, we are often having to think and work *outside the box* but to be perfectly honest, we are getting pretty darn good at that. So, I ask you to take a few moments to read and see just what is going on in District 4L4.

Governor Steve

Club Visitations

Though I would much rather be making them in person, I am enjoying my time visiting your clubs virtually, sharing my thoughts and goals for this Lion year, and installing officers and inducting new members as I go. I have already had the pleasure of visiting with Chino Valley, Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa Orange Coast Breakfast and Pomona Host with four more clubs scheduled for the next couple of weeks. Contact Publicity Relations Chair Marianne Allen to set up a time for me to come and visit.

Want to know what is going on: Try Our Social Media

Did you know the District now has a YouTube page (4L4 Lions)? You can go to it and watch the installation of the cabinet officers and hear the motivational talk given by PDG Norm McDaniel that took place a couple weeks ago in Garden Grove. Our 4L4 Lions Group Facebook page has new items added practically daily, and you are welcome to post your own club activities....in fact, that's what we want you to do. And you won't believe all the information available on our webpage (4L4 Lions)...it is so much more than just a directory. 1st VDG John Schroeder and Communications Chairs Alexis Morgan Steves can help you access those if you have trouble connecting.

It may seem like summer...but Christmas will soon be here!

That's why we have a threesome known as *Charlie's Angels* (Shannon Sehne, Joan Parks and Kari Schlagheck) along with GST Denny Mosier (aka Bosley) already working on our Operation Christmas Soldier project. This year our goal is for 80% of our clubs to be involved in putting together 1000 bags. (See the attached flyer)

And don't forget the Peace Poster Contest

Attached is the flyer with all the details in this program overseen by Marianne Allen. While most school districts are not operating in a 'traditional' fashion, education and teaching is still going on (or at least they are

trying!) You may find that teachers would love to have an art/theme project like this to have their students working on at home.

[CLICK HERE FOR FLYER](#)

Praise also has to be given...for our continued giving!

Even though these are some of the most difficult financial times we have been called upon to face, we keep receiving news of the giving/donating/financial underwriting that our clubs are doing. We will not let these difficult times stop us from helping others. Zone E (under the direction of Mike Preston) is working on an LCIF *Hunger Infrastructure Grant* to help a local food pantry improve and expand their ability to reach those in need in the community.

And speaking of giving, the next edition of *Spirit News* will talk about an incredibly generous donation being made by one of our clubs to LCIF. Gifts like theirs, and the financial support of our clubs and their members, is why 4L4 is one of the highest donating districts in all of LCI.

Look up in the sky, it's a bird, it's a plane...No, it's a Lion's billboard

That's right.....a Lion billboard...in fact, several of the electronic versions of these will soon go up across the state of California. It is part of the MD4 Marketing campaign that will try to catch the eye of all passing by asking them if *they want to make a difference*. The tag line (#) will then send them to the California Lion's page. More details soon as to where these boards will be located and when ours can be seen.

That's it for now...

Remember during these difficult times...Let's keep in touch! With fellow Lions, friends, family members, co-workers, neighbors. No one should be alone during this time, no one should be going through it alone.

FIRST DISTRICT MEETING 2020-2021

It's time for our first ZOOM DISTRICT MEETING and you are invited to attend

Date: Saturday, August 15
10 A.M. Start Time

Cabinet members please log in at 9:30 A.M.
All others please log in at 9:45 A.M.

Our system can welcome up to 100 people, when logging into the call we ask
that you put your name and club name

**An e-mail has been sent to all club Presidents & Secretaries with
ZOOM information**

GLASSES FOR CALIFORNIA LIONS FRIENDS IN SIGHT

PDG Ken Myers will be collecting glasses for California Lions Friends in
Sight.

Please contact him if you need to arrange a pick up

email - dnk381@aol.com

H: 909-608-1938

C: 951-712-1823

YOUTH EXCHANGE SUMMER 2021

District & MD4 Chairperson Lion Diane Quinlan will be the contact for
outgoing students Summer 2021.

Application Deadline is March 31st, but we recommend sooner as camps fill
up on a first come basis.

If you would like more information or a program for your club contact Diane
at lion.dianeq@gmail.com



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Spirit News #4
from Captain/Governor Steve Lacey

S.S. Spirit to Serve takes Sail.....1st District meeting a huge success

All hands were on deck on Saturday, August 15th as District 4L4 gathered together virtually for the first time under the leadership of Captain/Governor Steve Lacey. Twenty-one of our clubs (plus two Leo clubs) were represented as over 80 people gathered for this 90-minute meeting.

The glitch-free meeting moved quickly through its agenda as nearly twenty Lion leaders spoke on topics such as LCIF, the Operation Christmas Soldier project, Peace Poster contest, Speaker's contest, and reports from all the alphabet including our GMT, GLT and GST (*pardon my alphabet*).

Though meeting in person would have had its advantages, this meeting was slick, quick and left everyone with most of their day ahead of them. So how do you improve on a meeting like this? Read

on to the next article.

District Meetings Improved....in Essence.....Get a Bigger Boat

One of the main concerns for our recently held District meeting was that our Zoom set up allowed for only 100 people, leading to our initially placing a limit on how many people could attend from each club (though in the end, everyone who logged in was welcomed in).

But that will not be a problem the next time. By the time of our next meeting we will have expanded our District Zoom package and be able to welcome up to 300 people! Anyone and everyone will be able to attend.

By the way, the District does have a Zoom license which is available for use by any of our Lion clubs. You may contact District Secretary Diane Quinlan or Public Relations Chair Marianne Allen to get access to our zoom account.

Put This Date On Your Calendar....

The next District meeting, once again done virtually, is scheduled to be held on Saturday November 7th, 10:00AM via zoom. We had 21 clubs (plus 2 Leo clubs) present at the last meeting, with over 80 people in attendance. Let's try to out do that this next time around.

Seal Beach Lions Comes Through.....In A Big Way

Everyone (hopefully) knows of the incredible work that Lions do through the Lions Club International Foundation. Just as one example, over \$5,000,000 has been donated in the past few months to COVID Relief efforts, \$3,000,000 of that to projects right here in the United States. That money comes from donations from individuals Lions and clubs throughout the world.

Now to what Seal Beach is doing. During our recent District meeting, Lion President Stan Sarkauskas presented a check for \$10,000 for LCIF, a donation designed to help underwrite those worthy endeavors. Yes, I said, \$10,000.

This check was part of a 5-year, \$100,000 commitment that Seal Beach has made, the largest such commitment of any club in North America. We can not thank the Seal Beach club enough for their continued generous donations to all aspects of our Lions work.

And the Winner is....the Winners are.....So Many of our Clubs and Members!

What a great day was had by one and all when on Sunday, August 9th, over 100 Lions gathered together in Huntington Beach to say a fond farewell to the 2019-2020 Lion year. Welcomed by PDG Ellen and Mike Liebherr, a delicious luncheon was enjoyed by one and all followed by the presentation of 50 awards and recognition by IPDG (that stands for Immediate Past District Governor) Mark Piva.

The number of awards given was impressive. Even more so were the number of clubs and individuals who received these awards. This was not an 'Oscar' sweep night where one club or one person took

home all the awards. The 'breadth and depth' of dedicated, devoted and spirit-minded Lions was seen in how many different people and clubs received those awards.

For a listing of the main rewards received.....see the attachment below.

[2019-2020 Winners - click here](#)

Just Wait till the Next News Cycle

Anyone who ever watches television dramas has heard the expression "this will all pass over by the next news cycle." Well, while definitely not gone, but at least pushed out of the forefront of our thoughts currently, is the COVID crisis. Instead our thoughts, concerns and prayers are centered on the devastation being brought by dozens of fires throughout our state.

All forms of news and social media are filled with one story after another of the destruction caused by the fire and stories of how first responders and caregivers of all kinds are leaping into action to deal with this situation.

Which leads us to asking this question: What can we in District 4L4 do? And the answer: DONATE. No matter what amount of money you are able to give, it will be put to good use. Two Lion foundations, California Lions Foundation and the Lions Club Foundation Inc stand ready to accept your donations (they have DONATE buttons on their websites to make it easy to do) and then to funnel those funds to where they can be best put to use.

Remember...any and all donations make a difference. Please donate today. There are two excellent ways to give through our 501C3 Lion Foundations. You may choose between: **California Lions Foundation or Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)**

Both these groups are already in the process of sending funds to the Lions clubs in the embattled districts.

Click here for California Lions Foundation <https://calionsfoundation.org>

Click here for Lions Club International Foundation <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

We're Not Going to let it Stop Us...Peace Poster and Student Speaker's Contest Will Go On

It may not always be easy. It may require some thinking *out of the box*. But we are going to do them.... The Peace Poster Contest is now underway. Lion Marianne Allen is at the helm of this event and can answer any questions you have about it. New rules have been set up on how the contest can be run during these times of 'isolation'. The information packets are available and need to be ordered now. (see flyer attached).

[PEACE POSTER ATTACHMENT - CLICK HERE](#)

And the 2020-2021 Student Speaker's Contest is moving forward as well with the new topic. The MD4 planning committee has stated that they have developed plans A, B and C for conducting this contest..depending on the degree of isolation and the number of restrictions that might remain in place as the dates for the contest draw near. All rules and how the contest will be conducted will be known in advance, before the first contests are held. **AND THE TOPIC IS.....Distance and Online Learning: Pros and Cons**

Would You Believe.....55 People at a Virtual Governor's Visit (and it wasn't Seal Beach!)

I have to admit that as Governor, one of my favorite things to do is to visit our clubs, in person or virtually. It is so great to be able to see you, find out what is going on with you and your clubs and share what is happening in District 4L4.

Each and every visit has been great in its own way, but I must say I was overwhelmed when I visited OC Marshall B. Ketchum University and was greeted by over 50 students....many of them already Lions, others who will soon be sending in their applications. Over 50!

Their completely filled board of directors, under the direction of President Caroline, put together an incredible video program with slides of all their past activities to show potential students what they would be doing as Lions. Including, one of their activities, doing fifty (50) bags for the Operation Christmas Soldier Project.

We are going to hear a great deal from these young adults. Many thanks to Zone Chair Dr. Corina Van de Pol for doing such a fantastic job with this club.

Gone For Now.....But Not For Later.....

Realizing that many COVID-related restrictions are still in place, and with concern that we provide only the safest of meeting environments for our Lions, the Governor's Fundraiser, originally scheduled for October 10th is going to be moved till February.

It is hoped by that time that we will all be able to come together and enjoy the fun and fellowship that Lions are known for.

Enjoy a few photos below of Lions in our District in action - if you want to be included in our next spirit newsletter send your photos to Lion Diane Quinlan

GG LIONS COMMUNITY SERVICE GRAB & GO EVENT



Sunday 9/13/20
8:00AM to 10:00AM
@ Garden Grove Host Lions Club
9860 Larson Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92844
Pancakes, eggs, sausage and Juice to go, will be served to the first 200 participants

**Free ~ Gratis
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**Pancake Breakfast
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gardengrovelions.com




All California Lions are cordially invited!

CAMP PACIFICA

Lions Forum

September 19, 2020 • Virtual

Fun • Fellowship • Leadership • Service

Start-time: 9:00am - Sign up for Virtual Break-out Rooms:

"The ABC's of Lions University" PDG Mike Retlaff
 "MD4 Youth Exchange Program" Lion Diane Quinlan
 "The Seal Beach Lions Story" Lion Scott Newton
 "Women's Leadership" Lion Arminda Ruiz
 "Service Projects & Reporting" PDG Steve Robeson
 "LCIF & New Members" PDG Maggie Robeson
 "Diversity in Leadership" PDG Kevin Patel
 "Disaster Prep & Readiness" Lion Jeane Kennedy
 "Lions Float Inc. - From Concept to Step-Off" PDG Manny Sanchez
 "Protocol & Roberts Rules of Order" PID Howard Hudson



Forum proudly sponsored by District 4-A1

\$10 Registration Fee

Any other donations are gladly accepted!

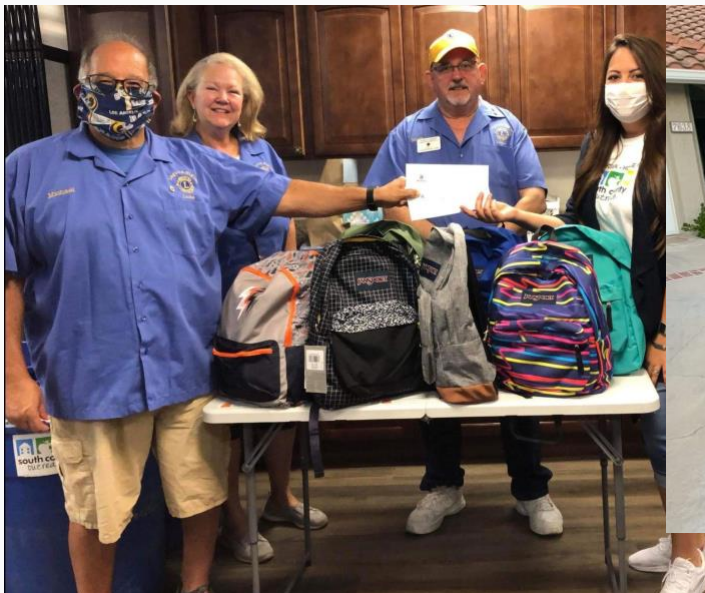
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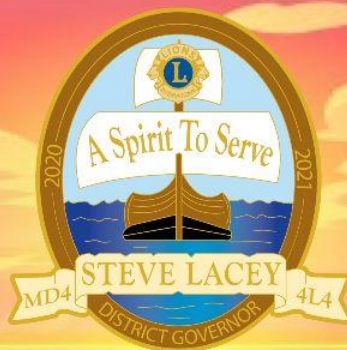
Proceeds benefit: newly-formed Yosemite Camp Pacifica Lions Club

Electronic payment information to be posted
soon on an official webpage.

For information, call or text: 209-582-9486







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The Need is Urgent...The Need is Now

District 4L4 Lions....your help is needed.

Your help is needed to financially support the work being done by Lions Clubs throughout the central part of our state who are battling the devastating fires.

Our clubs in these districts are already preparing to work in fire relief stations, providing basic necessities for the fire fighters and those displaced by the fires. Plans are already underway on how they will be able to help in the restoration and recovery stage as well.

So how can we in District 4L4 help? _Donations, in any amount.

Every donation helps. There are two excellent ways to give through our 501C3 Lion Foundations. You may

choose between:

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These allow you give directly to them. Just click on the link above if you wish to donate.

You know how proud we are in District 4L4 of our motto: Joining Hands in Service. Well now is the time for 4L4 to ‘join hands in service’ with our Lions throughout the state.

With a Spirit to Serve,

Governor Steve Lacey