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"Kindness Matters"

Those of us who had the chance to attend Lion Seth Eaker's Memorial this past Friday, heard a lot about kindness and an individual who was larger than life in our District and in the lives of many people.

In Lions and life, we run across people who like to point out failures and

shortcomings in a negative way. Sometimes those people are us. These people like to tell others what leadership is, that kindness matters, say that's not in the by-laws, or be sure to be liberal with your praise. All the time not realizing, that in doing so they are doing exactly what they are preaching against. They do not to walk the talk.

Lion Seth walked the talk. He demonstrated Kindness Matters and spoke positively about things in his words and actions.

Lion Seth was not perfect. He was authentic. Together, we worked very closely to transform the way we look at leadership in our District. Most times we agreed. And when we didn't agree, we kept talking until we found mutual ground. And sometimes these discussions went on for months. Over time, we discovered when our heels were firmly planted in the ground to step back respectfully.

Lion Seth and I had many conversations about things I did and wanted to do for our District. He shared with me different perspectives on these efforts to ensure I had what I needed to make an informed decision. Sometimes we spoke about things I believed I could have done better, and he would always tick me off by saying yes you are right, perhaps there was another way. And we both reminded each other that we all make mistakes, something neither one of us liked to hear, but knew we needed to. And the answer was always the same: fix it and move forward.

There are many things we can take away from our time with Lion Seth. One I

nope we all will consider taking away is this: He practiced what he preached. He knew life was going to present him each day with wonders and challenges and he chose to approach it in positive and optimistic way. It was a choice. A choice he knew he needed to practice each and every day. Over time it became a bit easier, but he knew it required daily practice and attention.

Choose to live an optimistic life.

Mark

- District Governor Mark Piva

Scenes of Service

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La Habra Lion President Buck Hannah spoke at the State of the Community La Habra event. He spoke about the events the club is involved in, told a story about how they helped change the life of a little boy by hosting a California Lions Friends in Sight event at the Boys and Girls club and encouraged those in attendance to become members.



The Brea Lions presented more pajamas to the District 4-L4 Pajama Party project.

So far this year, this great club



Learning Center 2 - QuickBooks for Clubs. Cabinet Treasurer Mike Smith and Lion Diane Quinlan showed District 4-L4 Lions how to use QuickBooks. Our District started a series of practical workshops to help our Lions improve their skills and clubs. One more step in taking the lead to help and serve are members.



The Tustin Host Lions helped out at the

presenten 100 hans of 119:

Ronald McDonald House recently.

Thank you Tustin Host Lions Lynne,
Patty and Sara!

Membership Minute



Are you ready to share the joy of service?

Club Presidents, be sure to join us in March and April as we make efforts to share the joy of service with others. Be part of our Membership Contest, where the club with the highest percentage of

new members in March and April will win a Melvin Jones Fellowship in their club's name to be given out as they wish.

Club membership Status as of February 29, 2020 - Click Here.

My Members	Statistics Updated 2/29/2020 11:58 AM	
	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1,271	1,199
Added Members	5	199
Dropped Members	2	124
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Worldwide

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For more information, contact GMT David Radtke and start sharing the joy!

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Gillicon 2020 - Important Note

You have done a great job!

We have filled up our block of rooms plus additional rooms they opened for us at the Handlery Hotel for Gillicon 2020. If you make a reservation now, the hotel

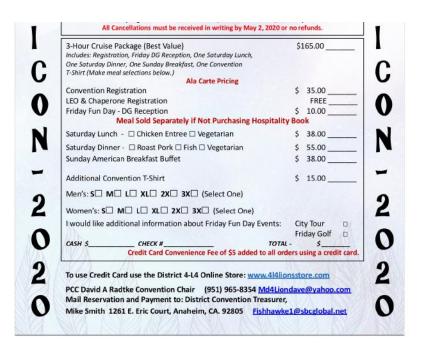
will offer you rooms (if available) at the "best available rate" which is not much more than our original rate.

There are other hotels in the immediate area you can also stay at which are a very short distance away. Hotel Circle in San Diego is compact and in the map below you can find a nearby location. Convention Chair PCC Dave is working to see if we can find the same rate at local hotels and will let you know shortly. In the meantime, be sure to book a room and if we find a location you can always cancel and move to that hotel.



Also, don't forget to register for this fun celebration of your success!





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Mar 14









Santa Ana CLFIS
Vision Screening
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Ontario Upland
Bunco
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Delicious Thai Food
Thai Dancing and Music
Leo Talent Show Minners will Entertain
Presentation of Jack & Wanda Tanaka Fellowship
(Iub Presentation of Donations to Orphanages of Thailand
Celebrate Saint Patrick's with Irish Entertainment
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O'r call (714) 913-3428

Orphanages of Thailand Fundraiser Click here for flyer

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On open note to those looking to advance in Lions Leadership.

I was approached numerous times to join Lions. Each time I said no. I was in the middle of my career, I had a business to run, and while I don't mind being with groups of people, I do not like joining groups of people or organizations.

The individuals seeking to persuade me, finally hit upon an appeal I could buy into.

They said, "You do not need to come to meetings. Do as much as you want, when you want. Attend what you can. Focus on the strengths you bring." I replied, "Are you sure? Is this what you want?" They said, "Yes." And so did I.

The Huntington Beach Host Lions are a great Lions Club. The members of the club were always warm and welcoming to me, and even when I wasn't a member they welcomed me with open arms. HBH Lions are a pancake club, and the first time I showed up at a pancake breakfast and was told the spatulas were only for certain members, I did not go back.

The easy thing to do would have been to quit. Instead, overtime, I looked at what I could do to change this mentality and add value to the club. I discovered my community service and joy didn't come from cooking pancakes, or giving someone a pair of glasses (sorry, but true). My community service and joy came from helping to make sure this happened. I like infrastructure and process.

I realized my value was in bringing organization to the club. Helping us to manage our finances better, communicate to our community and members better, planning our events better. Reconnecting with our community whom we forgot and who forgot about us. My service was being on the back lines giving people who found joy in being on the front lines the opportunity to find that joy.

When they asked me to be President, I again asked "Are you sure?" By then I was definitely not the status quo guy. Just because Lion Leo always did it or always did it that way, didn't mean this would continue. And you know the funny thing? Everyone

complained benind the scenes about Lion Leo, they wanted changed, but not a single one of them would speak to Lion Leo or make the change they wanted. My mantra, "The Club comes first."

I spoke to lots of people, prior to and when I became President. I asked them what they thought and about everything I want to do. On the things we agreed upon, I moved to change. On those we didn't, I waited. I set a goal to have a Board Meeting in under an hour, I reached this only 2 out of 12 times. I changed our meetings to make them more fun and interactive; to want people to come to them. I had different people doing things. Most, not all, of what I did was accepted. I worked hard to have three people commit to following me in leadership. All I asked was they buy into the same vision and not make everything about themselves. How they got us forward was their own style and business. And they did.

This is my message to you, hang in there. You can move your club forward. It takes time and patience. It takes fortitude to be willing to slay the sacred cows. It can be done.

Five years later, HBH Lions are a stronger and more vibrant club. A club I like to think I had a hand in transforming so together we could lead our legacy into the future.

Mark

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Scenes of Service

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Each month the Harbor Mesa Lions make centerpieces for an acute care facility to brighten the day of the patients. Here is a picture of their cool St. Patrick's Day offering.



Zone A - Student Speaker Contest. Five phenomenal speakers from local high schools. Thanks to Shelby, Alexander & Meredith from Orange Coast College -Not only did they volunteer to Judge our contest- they spent 10 minutes with the students trying to help & encourage them on their future endeavors. Seal Beach Lions, Huntington Beach Lions, Garden Grove Lions, Harbor Mesa Lions & Newport Harbor/Costa Mesa all narticinated in the Contest

participated in the contest.



Another successful mission with the Lions of San Jose and Upala, Costa Rica and Lions in Sight and OC MBKU Lions. Over 2 1/2 days of clinic, they saw 1,776 patients for vision problems and screened over 850 patients for health issues.



Working together in service. The Seal
Beach Lions worked alongside the
Huntington Beach Host Lions for HB
Little League opening day pancake
breakfast today About 700 pancakes and
sausages were served!

Membership Minute



The traditional way of getting new members was to invite them to a meeting, pay for their dinner, and ask them to join.



The new traditional way is to invite people to a service project, let them participate and let them make up their own mind about joining

our clubs.

People want to be part of a group that is active, open, and in the community. They want to do service. If your club is a bit shy on service activities, ask a nearby club to let you join in their service projects. This will help both clubs and quite possibly give you ideas to increase you club's service activities.

All year, we have spoken about the joy of service. Let's begin sharing!





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Leadership Conference Call

Be sure to join us for our next leadership call on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 8 am.

The telephone number and code will be emailed to you shortly. As usual, Zone Chairs should be prepared to provide an overview of what is happening with their clubs. GAT should be prepared to discuss the results of their efforts. Check your email for more information.



Learning Center 3 - NAMI



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our community.

In an earlier edition of The Weekly Leader, I noted "Before you assist others, always put your oxygen mask on first."

I believe we are better able to help others when we ourselves are strong and stable. If we take care of our own house and simply do the things we know we should do, then we will strengthen

The COVID-19 virus has all of us concerned and brings with it issues and problems we have not encountered before, as individuals and as Lions Clubs. It is our nature to serve, and we feel somewhat in a quandary about doing this or even how to do this.

On September 11, 2001, I personally experienced the attack on the World Trade Centers as I lived directly across the street from the towers. I experienced not knowing where I was going to sleep that first night and subsequent nights. Everything I had was in my apartment and everyone, including first responders, were confused and at a loss as to what to do first. Almost immediately Manhattan was shut down with no one being allowed in or out. I went to hotel to hotel until I finally found a room.

Communication was no where close to what we have today. In fact, the news crawl we are so aware of today began to be used in earnest. On one day, we were allowed to go to our apartment for five minutes to gather out pets and medicine; when I arrived I was accosted by a looter. It was 45 days before we were allowed to return home.

I rarely share this story. I do so now to let you all know we can come back stronger from disasters and set backs. I share this story for another reason as well.

The first place we should look to serve is our own clubs and our own members. This is not being selfish. Many clubs have members who are in the vulnerable populations for the virus. Consider doing something like Harbor Mesa Lion Laura Bejerano who is offering to run errands, do grocery shopping, and pick up medicines for those in her club who may need help. Call each of your members and find out how they are doing and ask if they need help.

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Be aware that many people are being laid off, losing their jobs, or will be otherwise be economically impacted by the actions taken to respond to the virus. Some folks need child care as their children will not be attending school. Have your club consider suspending dues for these members and coming up with a group of people who can provide child care.

Consider putting a COVID-19 task force together like Seal Beach Lions have done. This group is looking at what events they need to cancel or postpone, as well as how they should respond as a club. Can your club do something similar? Can your club provide needed supplies to members and the community?

It is times such as this when we need to look in a mirror and see the large group of dedicated Lions along side us. We need to remember as leaders, Club Officers and District Officers, it is not about us. Whatever we choose to do, let's choose to do it safely and within the guidelines official sources are providing (BTW Facebook is not an official source). Let's focus ourselves on what we can do to be the servant leaders and servant volunteers we are.

Let's be sure to put on our oxygen mask first.

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Scenes of Service

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Tustin Lions Gary and Judy Siegel work all year to collect, sort and pack donated used eyeglasses from around Orange County to benefit our Recycle For Sight Program. Pictured here, along with GOC Lion Brenda Donahue, they were happy to deliver approximately 2,000 pair to CA Lions Friends In Sight at our



Just to show how far our OC MBKU
Lions University student will go to work
with a patient! This occurred at the
recent CA Lions Friends In Sight at our
Community Vision Screening in Santa
Ana!

Community Vision Screening in Santa Ana!



Zone C Student Speaker Contest had three amazing speakers representing Stanton Lions, Brea Lions and La Habra Lions. The Zone C winner to the right of Zone C Chair Kari Schlagheck, is Lauren Yu, from Brea Olinda High School.

Thank you to the judges from Soroptomist Buena Park and City of Buena Park. Thank you to the Lions from Stanton, Brea, La Habra and Orange Central that came out in support. — at Downtown Community Center.



Zone D student speaker participants proudly display their certificates. On the left is Greater Orange County Lion
President Ann Sansoucie and on the right is Zone D Chair Denny Mosier.

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Leadership Call Message

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At our District Leadership Conference Call yesterday, we discussed all the issues facing the District between now and the end of the year. We recognize that as Lions

we feel somewhat hamstrung as it is in our nature to serve. And District leadership concurs we should serve; just that we do so with the safety of our



communities, members, and families clear in our minds.

More than serving, however, we feel we need to maintain a sense of normalcy in all we do. If you choose to cancel your meetings, find alternative methods to hold your meetings: Go To Meeting, Skype, or other teleconference method. And if a member isn't technologically adept, send one or two folks to their home with a laptop and have them join in.



The more we strive to be normal in times like these, the more we positively impact those around us. "We Serve" by being role models as well.

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We have had no direction from the Multiple District 4 Student Speaker Committee on what their plans are.

The Zone E Contest will go forward on Monday, March 16th. If the contest is not held on this date, they would not be eligible to compete this year. The Zone E Student Speaker Contest will be held under the following conditions. It is closed to the public. The student has the option, along with their parent, to choose not to participate. Only the student and one parent is allowed to attend. Only one member of the sponsoring club is allowed to attend. The minimum number of judges and other support personnel will be allowed to attend. Social distancing will be in place.

The region-level contests, should they continue, will follow similar protocol. We will let you know about these changes as we become aware of them.

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•	3/22/20	Huntington Beach Host Lions Crabfest - CANCELLED
•	3/22/20	25th Anniversary Camp Teresita Pines - RESCHEDULED 11/1/20
•	3/29/20	<u>City of Hope Lions Tribute Day - POSTPONED</u>
•	4/5/20	Garden Grove Host Lions Breakfast - CANCELLED

- 4/5/20 RMH Walk For Kids CLICK HERE ABOUT VIRTUAL WALK
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• 5/02/20 <u>Stanton CLFIS Vision Screening</u>

• 5/09/20 Ontario-Upland Tea

• 5/14-17/20 District 4-L4 Annual Convention

• 5/14-17/20 <u>District 4-L4 Convention Registration</u>

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Weekly Leader #40 - March 22, 2020



An open note to those looking to advance in Lions Leadership.

Earlier I shared with you about joining the HBH Lions and my time as President. This week, I would like to let you know why I chose to run for District Governor.

It was not something I sought or aspired to. In fact, last time I shared my mantra as Club President was "The Club comes first." I left out the second part,

"We will not focus on District activities."

I can hear you now, "Heresy!" Let me explain.

HBH Lions had many members who were quite active in the club and the District. Overtime, the efforts at the District took their full attention away from our community. Yes, they were still active in our club events, but as a club we moved further and further away from our community roots. Our community forgot about us. It was Kiwanis, Rotary, Assistance League, and oh I think we have Lions. We still did our numerous pancake breakfasts, but beyond those few reached out to us. Over the past five years we actively changed this and made significant efforts to be visible and active in our community.

When I was approached to run for District Governor, I said no; primarily because of the cost. The individual who pushed hardest, said don't worry we will hold fundraisers to help defray the cost and create a new model to attract new leaders. I said you have three weeks to prove you can do this. He did. And we changed the model, one I hope we will be able to spread to others. Since I was a 2nd VDG, my club has run numerous fundraisers to support me over the past three years. In return, I have been quite frugal and this has kept my out of pocket expenses to a minimum. To attract more people we need to help them with the related expenses.

My second reason for saying no related to the changes we needed to make, which were changes to our culture. We needed to change those things everyone

complained about, but they feared taking action because they didn't want to upset the apple cart or take on sacred cows. I like to add value and do things. I wanted to have an impact on our future, and I knew this would upset the status quo. When I discussed this with folks, they said this is what was needed.

Since day one, I said what I would do - take the best of our traditions, embrace new traditions and approaches, and together lead our legacy into the future. Before I did anything, I spoke to many people and listened to their feedback. In many cases, I altered my plans and approach; all the time remaining true to my convictions.

Realizing we needed to change our structure, I gathered the data, spoke to numerous people, put a plan together, and presented it to the PDGs. They had an opportunity to voice their opinion and they voted publicly and unanimously to support the restructure. I selected six key individuals as Zone Chairs, explaining what the expectations were and why we structured the way we did. They each told me they supported the plan, including the fact that we were not organizing all zones geographically, nor were we looking for the traditional Zone Chair. We were charting a new path, building upon the inverted pyramid of the previous year.

My mantra as District Governor is: "Members first." As a District Governor, I have been consistent in my approach and faithful to the vision. It is members who are responsible for our success. District Governors simply get to stand in the sunlight lit by our members.

I could have chosen a smoother path. Instead, I chose to carve out a path that would continue to set our District on the road to success. I chose to look at the new realities of life today, and kick-start us in the direction of responding to those new realities. I chose to do things and not just talk about them.

You too can make a difference in leadership: in your Community, in your Club, in your District. We need you to step up and make that difference.

Join me and together we will lead our legacy into the future.

Mark

- District Governor Mark Piva

Scenes of Service

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First CV-19 Lions Task Force Project: 3/18/20 The LA Regional Food Bank is now required to use the new social distancing rules when producing Emergency Meal and Senior Food Kits. A new production configuration utilizing heavy duty 6' tables will allow them to continue production and meet both food safety and social distancing standards.



When the Grocery Outlet (2001 W Whittier Blvd, La Habra, CA) needed help unloading trucks, cleaning, stocking shelves, who did they call? La Habra Host Lions.



The Seal Beach Lions Club stepped up and loaned the Food Bank 10 of it's heavy duty tables. Lions Jim W and Steve H fulfilled the request and delivered the tables within 2.5 hours. The Food Bank is grateful for the loan and is in full production to help those in need.

WE SERVE

Lion Scott



Here is what they posted on Facebook:
"This is what family looks like. Stepping
in when we need them the most. Thank
you to the Lions club, La Habra
Chamber, Ladybugs, and friends! Never

have we ever down stacked and stocked a truck as quick as we did last night, and for that we are so grateful \(\sigma \subseteq \text{We}\) We were so overwhelmed with all of you support and are so happy to know you all are in our corner!!"

Membership Minute Be An Inspirer!

As we progress into this unknown world, we will record acts of kindness and service we hear about that our clubs and members are doing. This is why people join Lions. Let's make this list grow. Do any of these actions spark ideas you can





- Harbor Mesa Lion Laura Bejerano is offering to run errands, do grocery shopping, and pick up medicines for those in her club who may need help.
- La Habra Host Lions responded to a call to

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- Seal Beach Lions created a COVID-19 Task Force to decide what they can do
 to help meet city and other requests for service.
- La Habra Host Lions helped a local grocery store replenish their shelves, allowing employees to rest and giving them more time to provide service to their customers. They have done this twice so far.
- Huntington Beach Host Lion 1st VP Angela E reached out to club members
 offering help and support. Members Steve C and Jeff C personally called
 each member to find out how they are doing and if they needed anything.

We know there are many more examples of acts of kindness and service being done. Let us know what you are doing so your efforts can inspire others!

COVID-19 Task Force Seal Beach



Once the COVID-19 virus changed our world, Seal Beach Lions, like several clubs began looking for ways to continue to serve their communities.

Seal Beach Lions immediately looked at their service projects for the next two months and decided which needed to be cancelled, postponed, or modified. Next, they formed a COVID-19 Task Force to help focus their club on developing a new service plan for March-April. In every event they are following the social distancing guidelines. Here is a list of some of the events and actions they will take.

Los Angeles Regional Food Bank support: Emergency Table delivery 3/18. In April, the club is working to send three groups of 20 Lions (different days) to the LA Regional Food Bank to build emergency food kits. The Food Bank is exempt from Stay at Home rules and practices strong social distancing protocols. (Other clubs could do this as well in Orange County at Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC) or Second Harvest Food Banks).

Lions Against Graffiti: Lions Ray and Marilyn will be out cleaning up Graffiti.

Eyeglass Reading: Lions Gary and Diana have the club's Lensometer and are reading prescriptions on glasses each week.

Weed Pulling in the Non-Profit Container Yard: The Club has a fenced in city yard with storage containers for various non-profits. Typically, a large group does a twice a year clean up. Instead, they are going to ask individual members or couples to commit to 2 hour shifts over a three day period. Only one couple or Lion will work at a time.

Lighting for the Centennial House: One Lion couple will add landscape lighting to the Centennial House that the club restored a few years back.

Eyeglass Sorting - The Club is hoping to get a Lions Family to sort reading glasses.

The Club has reached out to the community to see what help might be needed. They are hoping to provide food shopping, delivery and tutoring.

The Seal Beach Lions CV-19 Task Force is being led by incoming President Stan Sarkaukas and a small group of five Lions. They are meeting using Zoom.

Any club, large or small, can do these kinds of projects.

Be an Inspirer in your club!

Information Update



Given the rapidly changing events all information is subject to change and is valid at the time of publication.

District Events - the District is operating under a wait and see approach for major events. Decisions are made rationally and based on facts and information known at the time. We assess safety, cost, and other issues before making decisions to cancel or postpone an event. We see each of our members as adults able to make their own decisions to support an event or not within the confines of federal, state, and local edicts.

- Student Speaker Contest new directives were issued last week from the MD-4 State Committee. District Student Speaker Chair Carol Linehan is working closely with the Zone and region-level Chairs to develop plans for holding our five remaining contests.
- Youth Exchange Program is cancelled for this year. There will be no inbound or outbound students.
- Club Elections see separate section below.
- District Awards and Recognition Most nominations are due April 5, 2020.
 District Awards Criteria <u>Click Here</u>
 District Project Application & Criteria <u>Click Here</u>
- District Meeting this event is still on as it is scheduled for April 25, 2020.
 At present most restrictions on meeting sizes do not extend beyond mid-April. There is no harm in waiting.
- District Convention this event is still on as it is scheduled for May 15-17, 2020. We already passed a monetary milestone (prior to the COVID-19 crisis) and cancelling it at this time would cost the District a significant amount of money. Our next monetary milestone is mid April which is when we will make the final decision on holding the event or not. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations (which can be cancelled without penalty in most cases) and submitting your registration (which will be fully refunded without penalty).

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Club Elections

Dear Club Presidents and Secretaries,

Your Governor team is very aware of what a difficult time this must be for your clubs and their members. We want you to know that we are here to help, and if there is anything we can be of



assistance with, please free to contact us by mail, e-mail or text message (or shout it to us from six feet away!)

One of the areas we can perhaps help in is how to do you Club Elections now that your clubs are no longer allowed to meet in person. If at all possible, these need to be completed by April 15th, and your PU101 submitted to LCI (electronically or mailed) by May 1, 2020. Here are your options:

Mailed Ballots: Mail a ballot to each of your members, stating when you need them returned by, and to what return address you wish them to be mailed. Be sure to emphasize the date that they must be returned by or the vote will not be counted.

E-Mailed Ballots: Send electronically a ballot to each of your members, once again stating when you will need them returned by and specifically where to send them.

Combination of Mail & E-Mail Ballots: If you have some members that you know are not computer savvy you may use a combination of the two methods to conduct your election.

Special note: There may be some concern about the fact that the election will not be done confidentially, that someone will know how everyone voted. If this is a concern, you may have your club mail/e-mail their votes to 2nd VDG John Schroeder and he will tally the scores for you. His address is: 5970 Waterfront Place, Long Beach, CA 90803.

Club Secretary, once your election results are in, please complete your PU101 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and get it in to LCI.

<u>Click Here</u> - for the LCI Club Standard Constitution and Bylaws 2019-2020 allows for alternative meeting formats and for elections in this manner. The applicable sections have been highlighted in yellow. <u>Click here</u> - for PU 101 Club Officer Reporting Form.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact 1st VDG Steve Lacey, sllacey54@gmail.com or 2nd VDG John Schroeder, johnandsilvias@gmail.com

and we will be glad to help in every way we can.

Cancelled or Postponed Events

Club Officers - Please send all notices of cancellations to Cabinet Secretary Cathy Waters.

Please contact the clubs directly for further information

•	3/29/20	<u>City of Hope Lions Tribute Day - POSTPONED</u>
•	4/4/20	<u>Upland Host Lions Comedy for a Caused - POSTPONED</u>
•	4/5/20	Garden Grove Host Lions Breakfast - POSTPONED INDEFINITELY
•	4/5/20	RMH Walk For Kids - CLICK HERE ABOUT VIRTUAL WALK
•	4/7/20	<u>Learning Center 3: NAMI - POSTPONED</u>
•	4/11/20	Buena Park Noon Lions Eggstravaganza - CANCELLED
•	4/13/20	<u> La Habra Host Lions Easter Breakfast - POSTPONED</u>
•	4/18/20	<u>Pomona Host Quartermania Fundraiser - POSTPONED</u>
•	4/19/20	Fullerton Lions Golf Putting Tournament - CANCELLED
•	4/26/20	<u>Laguna Niguel Wine Tasting- POSTPONED</u>
•	Mar-Apr	CLFIS Screenings - CANCELLED
•	Mar-Apr	Seal Beach Lions Events - CHECK WITH CLUB FOR SPECIFIC NEWS
•	5/2/20	Stanton CLFIS Vision Screening- CANCELLED
•	5/5/20	CLFIS Training Class - CANCELLED
•	5/9/20	Ontario Upland Spring Tea - POSTPONED

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