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MD 21 Long Range Planning Committee  
 John F Walker, Chairperson  
 21117 N Vista Trail  
 Surprise, AZ 85387

February 13, 2018

Dear Club President and Lions of Arizona,

The MD 21 Long Range Planning Committee has made a report to the MD 21 Council of Governors. The subject of the report is the proposal to redistrict MD 21 from its three current districts, 21 A, 21 B and 21 C, to two districts, 21 N and 21 S.

The report contains information pertinent to the proposal

- Background information
- Committee work
- Working points
- Addendums containing membership data, new maps, alignment of clubs in districts, Council resolutions and ballot language

It is important that each club be informed and decide as a club what action they want to take on the issue. Previous steps in this effort for transparency consisted of informational reports made at the last 2 Council of Governors meetings in 2016-2017, the 2017-2018 district kick off meetings, and a presentation at the 2017 Mid-Year Leadership Conference. This report will also be printed in the Canyon State Lion March, 2018 issue. We are aware that there are Lions who do not review the on-line version of the Canyon State Lion. To make sure all Lions can view the information, this report is being sent to each club to each Lion Club President.

A vote on the decision to redistrict will take place at the MD 21 State Convention in Ahwatukee May 18-20, 2018. Each club is apportioned delegates according to its membership according to the constitution and bylaws of MD 21. Clubs voting must be in good standing, meaning all club dues paid to the district, multiple district and Lions Clubs International. If a simple majority of the voting delegates vote in favor, the proposal passes, and the process continues. If a simple majority of the voting delegates vote against it, the proposal fails, and no further action will take place.

As President it is your responsibility to make sure your club is informed. An informed club can make the decision about the way the Lions of Arizona are organized in the future. It is up to each club to decide this issue. There will be members of the Long-Range Planning Committee present at each district convention to answer questions you may have.

Respectfully,

*John F. Walker, PID*

MD 21 Long Range Planning Committee  
 Chairperson

# MD 21 Long Range Planning Committee

## FINAL REPORT TO MD 21 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS:

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### A. Background

The Lions of Arizona, MD 21, for many years, has undergone a significant decline in membership and loss of clubs. This situation has been a concern of many Councils of Governors. As membership declined, the prospect of changing the composition of MD 21 from 3 sub-districts to 2 sub-districts would have to be considered at some date should the trend continue.

The 2014-2015 Council of Governors appointed a MD 21 Long Range Planning Committee and charged the committee with developing a proposal to redistrict MD 21 that they could possibly work from should the need for redistricting MD 21 arise in the future. This committee's work was done in the background working as a study group. In January 2015 the MD 21 Long Range Planning Committee submitted their report to the Council. The Council held the report and did not take any action on the report.

The Multiple District continued to see overall decline in membership\*\* (See Membership History in Addendum). The 2016-2017 MD 21 Council of Governors authorized a new MD 21 Long Range Planning Committee at the July 2016 council meeting. PID John Walker, District 21 A, was asked to be Committee Chairperson. The other committee members were to be selected according to provisions of the MD 21 Constitution and By-Laws and Procedures Manual. The committee was not given a specific charge however, Council Chairperson Sally Hanson indicated the committee would not have a problem determining issues to examine.

The respective District Governors appointed the following members;

- 21 A PID John Walker (Chairperson) and PCC Debbie Vine
- 21 B PCC Jim McCown and PDG Larry Palmer
- 21 C PCC Bill Menard and PDG Robert Jones

### B. Committee Work

The committee began its work in September 2016 with a meeting at L.F.A. The focus of the Committee was to review the work of the previous committee on a redistricting proposal being mindful of the continuing membership losses. It was apparent to the committee the MD and sub-districts needed a comprehensive membership growth program. The committee felt if membership and club growth could be increased significantly the need for redistricting would be a mute question. However, the committee recognized if the increase does not occur redistricting should be considered by the Lions of MD 21. With these two points in mind the committee prepared this redistricting proposal. The committee used the Lions Clubs International publication, "Guide for Consolidating Districts" as a resource going forward with its task. The Chairperson maintained contact with appropriate divisions at LCI headquarters during the process.

The committee unanimously agreed this proposal be shared with the 2016-2017 MD 21 Council of Governors. Further, the committee desired the work to be made public and that the MD 21 Lions have an opportunity to vote on the proposal at the MD Convention in May 2018, thus, allowing the process to have a culmination decided by the Lions of MD 21.

At that meeting resolutions were presented by the MD Constitution and By-Laws Chairperson. The Council of Governors approved resolutions. \*\*4 See RESOLUTIONS in Addendum

During the Council of Governors meeting held in Prescott, AZ on November 3, 2017 a motion containing ballot language for the proposition to be voted on at the May, 2018 MD convention was approved. \*\* See 5 BALLOT LANGUAGE in addendum. Following the ballot language approval the LRPC Chairperson asked LCI Legal Staff to review it to make sure it conformed with LCI standards. On January 4 \*\* 6 See LCI LEGAL RESPONSE, Amy Pena, General Counsel responded. It appears the ballot language should be reviewed and amended. CBL Chairperson Daviet was sent the correspondence on this matter. On January 2 \*\*See 7. Revised Ballot Language. CBL Chairperson PDG Les Daviet submitted revised ballot language to Council.

### **Working Points of the LRPC**

The committee established the following points regarding redistricting; the pro and con arguments relative to redistricting, distribution of clubs in geographical alignments, location of clubs within large cities, equity in members and clubs within districts, and district identifiers.

#### Committee Work

1. Pro Arguments
  - a.) Administrative tool to create 2 strong full districts meeting LCI criteria of 35 clubs and 1,250 members
  - b.) Full districts able to elect District Governors and receive financial support from LCI for DGE and adult companion
  - c.) Full district able to endorse candidates for international offices
  - d.) Stronger districts - membership, leadership
  - e.) Deeper leadership pools
  - f.) Increased financial resources for District Operations
  - g.) New enthusiasm and new energy from a new start
  - h.) Less overhead expenses with one less district governor team
  - i.) Stronger district committees
  - j.) Less stress with more hands to help, less reliance on only the few
  - k.) Increased service impact
  
2. Con Arguments
  - a.) Some district/club traditions may be lost
  - b.) Negative feelings/ apathy
  - c.) Larger district areas will increase costs
  - d.) Financial/Dues
  - e.) Storing current records/district property
  - f.) Does not solve membership problem – delays inevitable
  - g.) Longer distance to district meetings

3. Geographical Alignment

Committee members considered different geographical alignment proposals. After discussion the committee agreed by consensus to one geographical alignment. This alignment is mostly a north/south division following interstate roads, state highways and a topographical landmark. See MAPS in the Addendum.

4. Clubs within Large Cities

The committee agreed that all clubs within the larger cities; Phoenix, Mesa, Scottsdale should remain with all clubs in same city to eliminate clubs in same city being in different districts. Result would have all clubs in same city in same district. Currently that is not the case. See LIST OF CLUBS IN PROPOSED DISTRICTS in Addendum.

5. District equity members/clubs

The committee committed to having the proposed districts being as equal as possible in numbers of members and clubs. It would be impossible to have the same equal number of clubs within the proposed division of the districts without gerrymandering. See LIST OF CLUBS IN PROPOSED DISTRICTS in Addendum.

6. District Identifiers

When the committee proposed organizing the clubs in a north/south orientation it was easy to informally refer to the districts as North and South. After interactions with Lions within MD 21 this was not a desired outcome. In the beginning the committee thought removing the current labels of 21 A, 21B and 21 C would be in the best interest of the Multiple District because a new start could include new district labels.

Different suggestions for identifying the districts were made, such as

- a.) 21 AZ 1 and 21 AZ 2
- b.) 21 A and 21 Z
- c.) 21 A/C and 21 B
- d.) 21 N and 21 S

The committee by consensus recommends naming the districts 21 N and 21 S

**C. MD 21 Long Range Planning Committee Recommendations**

Your MD 21 Long Range Planning Committee makes these 3 recommendations.

1. MD 21 redistrict from 3 districts, 21 A, B and C, to 2 districts, 21 N and 2 S
2. A vote be held at the May 2018 Multiple District 21 Convention in accordance with rules and procedures adopted and used by Lions Clubs International and MD 21.
3. No matter what the outcome of the vote, there is a definite need to establish a comprehensive Club Development and Membership Growth plan within Multiple District 21.

Respectfully Submitted,

MD 21 Long Range Planning Committee

PID John Walker, Chairperson PCC Debbie Vine

PCC Jim McCown PDG Larry Palmer

PCC Bill Menard PDG Robert Jones

January 31, 2018

Addendum**MEMBERSHIP HISTORY**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>CLUBS</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>21 A</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1,249</b>
	<b>21 B</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1,482</b>
	<b>21 C</b>	<u><b>57</b></u>	<u><b>1,337</b></u>
		<b>152</b>	<b>4,068</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>21 A</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1,076</b>
	<b>21 B</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1,430</b>
	<b>21 C</b>	<u><b>51</b></u>	<u><b>1,212</b></u>
		<b>138</b>	<b>3,718</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>21 A</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>880</b>
	<b>21 B</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1,290</b>
	<b>21 C</b>	<u><b>45</b></u>	<u><b>1,074</b></u>
		<b>125</b>	<b>3,244</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>21 A</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>660</b>
	<b>21 B</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1,222</b>
	<b>21 C</b>	<u><b>45</b></u>	<u><b>1,125</b></u>
		<b>120</b>	<b>3,037</b>

**SINCE JUNE 2002 - Net LOSS 32 CLUBS (21%) AND 1,031 MEMBERS (25.3%)**

- Membership as of December 31, 2017

**1. MEMBERSHIP****2. MAPS**

Description: Boundary Line

From East New Mexico border near Alpine, AZ, east to AZ 87 near Rye, AZ, proceeding down AS 87 to the Salt River, Proceeding along Salt River to 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue. North on 75<sup>th</sup> Ave to Interstate 10, proceeding west on Interstate 10 to Colorado River. District 21 N is north of the line, and 21 S south of the line.

2. MAPS

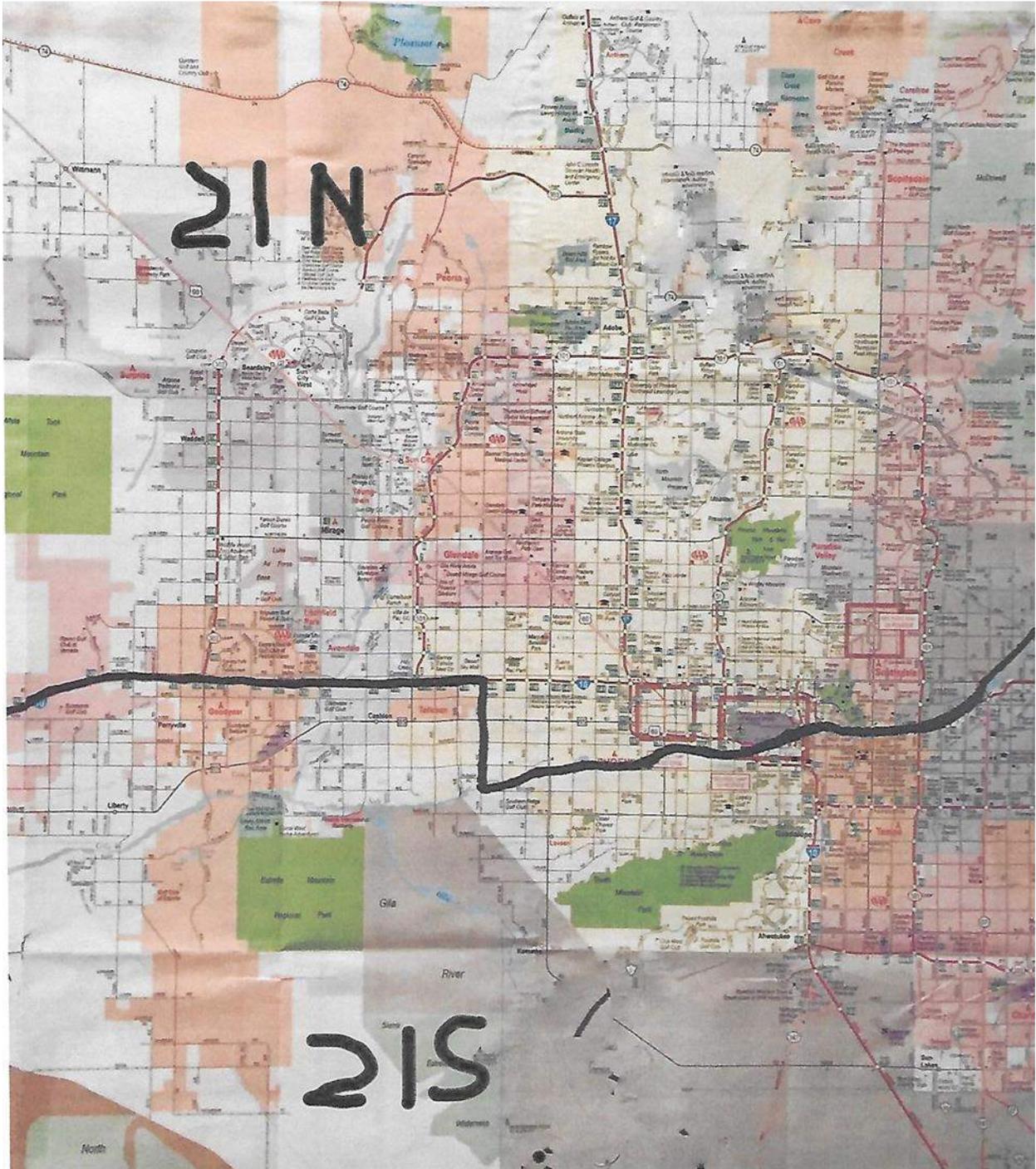
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## Cont. 2 MAPS

## B Greater Phoenix Area



## Description:

Boundary Line on AZ 87 in east, running to Salt River, along Salt River to 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue. North on 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Interstate 10. West on Interstate 10 to Colorado River. District 21 N is north of the line, and 21 S south of the line.

### 3. LIST OF CLUBS IN PROPOSED DISTRICTS

#### A. Clubs in District 21 N

Black Canyon City Bi-Centennial	Bradshaw Mountain of Dewey-Humboldt
Bullhead City	Camelback Mountain
Camp Verde	Chino Valley
Chino Valley Noontimers	Clarkdale-Jerome
Concho Valley	Cottonwood
Deer Valley	Flagstaff
Flagstaff NAU Campus	Flagstaff Sunrise
Glendale Evening Longhaven	Grand Canyon
Holbrook	Kingman Mohave
Lake Havasu City Daybreakers	Lake Havasu City London Bridge
Overgaard – Ponderosa	Parker
Payson	Peoria Northwest Valley
Peoria Pioneer	Peoria Sunset
Phoenix Asian American	Phoenix Barangay
Phoenix Biltmore	Phoenix Breakfast
Phoenix Downtown	Phoenix Metro
Phoenix Midtown	Phoenix North Phoenix
Phoenix Paradise Village	Phoenix Phil – Am
Phoenix Social	Phoenix Valley of the Sun
Pinetop	Prescott ERAU Campus
Prescott Evening	Prescott Noon
Prescott Sunrise	Prescott Valley Early Birds
Salome	Scottsdale Kachina
Scottsdale McCormick Ranch	Scottsdale McDowell Mountain Ranch
Scottsdale Pinnacle Peak	Scottsdale Pride of Scottsdale
Sedona-Oak Creek Canyon	Show Low
Snowflake-Taylor	Springerville
Sun City Early Birds	Sun City Host
Sun City Mid-Week Bell	Sun City Wes Sunrise
Surprise	Surprise Sun Village
Wickenburg	Williams

## 3 Cont., LIST OF CLUBS IN PROPOSED DISTRICTS

## A. Clubs in District 21 S

Ahwatukee	Ajo
Apache Junction	Avondale
ASU Campus	Benson
Buckeye	Casa Grande
Catalina – Oro Valley	Chandler
Chandler Sun Bird	Cochise Stronghold
Coolidge	Douglas
Eloy	Florence
Gila Bend	Gilbert
Globe	Gold Canyon
Goodyear	Green Valley
Green Valley La Canoa	Guadalupe
Haachuca City	Laveen
Marana Host	Maricopa
Mesa Dreamcatchers	Mesa Fountain of the Sun
Mesa Host	Mesa Leisure World
Mesa Sunland Spring Village	Mesa Thunderbird
Mesa Vietnamese American	Miami
Morenci	Nogales
Safford	San Luis
San Pedro Valley	San Tan
Sierra Vista	Sierra Vista La Salida del Sol
South Tucson	Sun Lakes
Sun Lakes Breakfast	Tanque Verde Valley
Tempe	Tombstone
Tucson Breakfasts	Tucson Downtown
Tucson Leones de la Noche	Tucson North Tucson
Tucson Rincon	Tucson Wilmot
University of Arizona Campus	Yuma Quartermaster Evening

#### 4. RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was adopted.

**MD21 REDISTRICTING PROCESS RESOLUTION  
FOR PRESENTATION AT  
MD21 COUNCIL COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
MAY 19, 2017 --- AHWATUKEE, ARIZONA**

**WHEREAS** MD21 has been experiencing a decline in Lions Clubs and in Lions Membership for over a decade and efforts to arrest the decline have not been successful:  
and

**WHEREAS** in July 2016, the MD21 Council of Governors reactivated the MD21 Long Range Planning Committee and commissioned the Committee to reassess the alternatives for redistricting MD21 as an initial step to resolving the membership issue;  
and

**WHEREAS** in February 2017, the MD21 Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) presented a report to the MD21 Council of Governors (Council) with the following Recommendations:

- The MD21 Council of Governors review the work of the LRPC
- The Council take action to proceed with the redistricting process for the Multiple District to create two (2) Sub Districts, D21-N and D21-S, each containing approximately 60 Clubs and 1500 Members
- The delegates of MD21 Lions Clubs have the opportunity to vote on the redistricting proposal and decide the issue at a MD21 Annual Convention
- A comprehensive, dynamic approach to club growth and membership growth must be instituted and promoted by all Lions of Arizona whether the redistricting proposal is approved or not; and

**WHEREAS** the Timeline to accomplish the Redistricting Process will span three (3) fiscal years as follows:

- FY 2016-17 -- In May 2017 Council acts on Recommendations presented by the MD21 Long Range Planning Committee by Resolution at its fourth meeting
- FY 2017-18 -- A formal written Action Plan for the successful implementation of the redistricting process and the plan for ongoing club growth and member growth in the two new Sub Districts is prepared including all items required by the Lions Clubs International Bylaws, Article 8, Section 3, and Board Policy Manuel, Chapter IX, Paragraph H

1. Information sessions for all MD21 Lions to be publicized and held Lion Venues (Kick-off Conferences, Conventions, Individual Club) to inform the membership on the process and gain input.
  2. MD21 Delegates vote to approve the redistricting proposal
- FY 2018-19 --
    1. Sixty (60) days prior to the October 2018 LCI Board Meeting the Redistricting Proposal and Action Plan is forwarded to LCI for consideration and approval at the October 2018 Board Meeting
    2. New Multiple District and Sub District Constitution and Bylaws are prepared for adoption by the Delegates at the May 2019 MD21 Convention
    3. FY 2019-20 District Governor, First Vice District Governor, and Second Vice District Governor are Elected for each New Sub District and FY 2019-20 Council Chairperson is selected
  - FY2019-20 -- MD21 and its two Sub Districts Function as Redistricted

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the FY 2016-17 Council of Governors, and by their vote and signature hereto, those to be in the office as the Council of Governors in FY 2017-18 and in FY 2018-19 adopt and commit to the implementation/ execution of the MD21 Redistricting Process and Proposal as presented in this Resolution, and charge the MD21 Long Range Planning Committee, MD21 Constitution and Bylaws Committee, MD21 Nominations and Election Committee, MD21 GLT, MD21 GMT, and any other MD21 Committees and/or Others as may be needed to perform their roles and responsibilities as required to ensure time and proper completion of the task assigned.

**ADOPTED AND SIGNED** this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2017

	FY2016-17	FY2017-18	FY2018-19
CC	_____	_____	
	Sally Hansen	Marc Paquette	
D21-A	_____	_____	_____
	Jack Buckles	Phillip Whitaker	Tom Price
D21-B	_____	_____	_____
	James Whelan	Robert Hutton	Roberta Ravenkamp
D21-C	_____	_____	_____
	Rosemarie Gabriel	Kenneth Leja	Doug Harris

## 5. Ballot Language adopted November 3, 2017

### Ballot language approved by MD 21 Council of Governors, November 3, 2017

#### Ballot Measure for Redistricting

Shall the current three-district configuration of Multiple District 2 (21-A, -B, and -C, respectively) become realigned into two districts with a north and south configuration of approximately equal numbers of members and clubs?

Yes       No

A simple majority of "Yes" votes will result in the redistricting proposal being sent to the LCI Board of Directors for consideration at its next available meeting; a less-than majority of "Yes" votes will result in the current three-district alignment remaining unchanged.

## 6. LCI Legal Response

Dear Past Director Walker:

Thank you for your email. I apologize for the delay in responding. First, about the vote required for redistricting, the International By-Laws were revised to permit a vote at the Multiple District Level by a majority of the convention at the multiple district. Note this is the standard for when a multiple district is consolidating to fewer sub-districts. With regard to the ballot language. The language provided by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee is more specific – which what is generally you would want in a ballot question. However, I understand the naming issue and agree that it be better for that to be left open. My only concern is that the International Constitution and By-Laws requires that the multiple district approve the redistricting proposal, so the language on the ballot should reflect a proposal (more specific division) that is distributed and can be referenced in the actual ballot language.

Something like the following:

Shall the MD21 Long Range Planning Committee's proposal to redistrict MD 21 from three (3) sub-districts consisting of District 21-A, District 21-B and District 21-C into two (2) sub-districts with a north and south configuration of approximately equal numbers of members and clubs, as published in the March 2018, April 2018 and May 2018 issues of the Canyon State Lion and sent to the secretary of each Multiple District 21 Lions club be approved?

Yes       No

A majority of "yes" votes will result in the redistricting proposal being sent to the LCI Board of Directors for consideration at its next available meeting. I hope this provides you with guidance in this matter. Please let me know if you would like to discuss further.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year,

**Amy J. Peña**

**General Counsel**

Lions Clubs International

## 7. Revised Ballot Language For May MD Convention

Constitution and Bylaws Chairperson PDG Les Daviet prepared revised ballot language to reflect suggestions made by LCI General Consul Amy Pena. The effect of this revision was to specifically name two new districts, reflecting the recommendation of the Long Range Planning Committee.

The MD 21 Council of Governors met on January 21, 2018 to review the following revised ballot language.

“Shall the MD 21 Long Range Planning Committee’s proposal to redistrict MD21 from three (3) sub-districts consisting of District 21-A, District 21-B and District 21-C into two (2) sub-districts, D21 N and D21 S, with a north and south configuration of approximately equal numbers of members and clubs, as published in the March, 2018, April 2018 and May 2018 issues of the Canyon State Lion and sent to the Secretary of each Multiple District 21 Lions Club, be approved?”

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

A majority of “Yes” votes will result in the Redistricting Proposal being sent to the LCI Board of Directors for consideration at its next available meeting”

The Council of Governors approved the ballot language. This vote will be ratified at a special meeting scheduled for February 24, 2018 at the location of the D 21 A Convention in Avondale

## Arizona Lions Vision Center and Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation Talk About Combining As One

The Arizona Lions Vision Center and the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation would like to combine into one. The Arizona Lions Vision Center is currently a club project of the Phoenix North Phoenix Lions Club and has given their permission for the union to proceed.

The Arizona Lions Vision Center and the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation share many of the same ideals. The Arizona Lions Vision Center performs eye exams and

manages the mobile Vision Van. The Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation take care of eye surgeries and hearing needs. We both take care of vision screenings using the Spot Machines. In addition, we both compete for the same type of grants and feel that if we were a combined entity it would be much easier to obtain grants to better serve the less fortunate in our communities.

Committees have been set up and

discussions have begun. We would like to modify our names and we seek your approval at the MD-21 State Convention in May 2018.

PCC Lion Jim Sterenberg, O.D.  
President Arizona Lions Sight and Hearing

Lion Tony McLain  
President Lions Vision Center



Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is 50 years old this year. Lets celebrate by recognizing at least 50 new Melvin Jones Fellows and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows for this year at the MD Convention in May.

Please notify PDG Fred Garmeson of the Lion's name when your club presents a Melvin Jones Fellowship or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. If a member earns enough credits for a MJF/PMJF please encourage them to request it. If you want the MJF/PMJF presented at the MD Convnetion, please let Lion Fred know. If you have any question, feel free to contact him. Lion Fred can be contacted by e-mail at [garmesonfaz@aol.com](mailto:garmesonfaz@aol.com) or phone number 480-895-9363.

## International Convention Las Vegas Volunteers Needed!

The 101<sup>st</sup> Lions International Annual Convention is rapidly approaching and volunteers are still needed to support several Host Committee functions. Many thanks to the MD21 Lions who have already registered to volunteer in functions such as Hospitality, Parade, Souvenir Sales, Ambassadors and more. We greatly appreciate the support of

our neighboring state.

I encourage those who have not registered to volunteer to visit the Host Committee website at [www.lions2018lasvegas.org](http://www.lions2018lasvegas.org) to register online. You may select your preferred functions and the days and time periods best suited to you. As an additional incentive we can offer a reduced convention registration rate for volunteers who have not yet registered. Simply register as a volunteer, then email [lcicon2018@gmail.com](mailto:lcicon2018@gmail.com). State you have registered as a volunteer and would like the

Volunteer Registration form. We will send you a registration form that provides the early registration rate of \$150 rather than the current \$200. You can't go wrong. Convention volunteering is fun and rewarding.

I look forward to seeing our Arizona friends in Las Vegas. Please consider helping out and together we will make this an unforgettable event.

PID Jack Epperson  
Host Committee Chairman



**NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL MD-21 CONVENTION  
MAY 18-20 - 2018**

**FOUR POINTS by SHERATON PHOENIX SOUTH MOUNTAIN HOTEL  
10831 S. 51<sup>ST</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ 85044  
480-893-3000 x 1**

**REGISTRATION FORM - PLEASE USE ONE FORM FOR EACH LION  
'CONVENTION REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ANY & ALL ACTIVITIES, MEALS OR TO VOTE'**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NON-LION GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DISTRICT: (circle one) 21-A 21-B 21-C CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DISTRICT/MD OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

**(POSTMARKED BY APRIL 20, 2018) Please check meal selections where applicable**

Registration Fee (Lions)	_____ @	\$30.00 \$ _____
Registration Fee (Non-Lion Guest or Leo)	_____ @	\$ 5.00 \$ _____
Registration Fee Campus Lions	_____ @	\$15.00 \$ _____
Friday Casino Fun Night (Sun Lakes Lions)	_____ @	\$15.00 \$ _____
(Hamburgers or Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Dessert)		
Saturday Luncheon (Guest Speaker)	_____ @	\$22.00 \$ _____
<b>Select:</b> Grilled Chicken Pesto Sandwich _____ OR Ham & Cheese Wrap _____		
Saturday Evening (Black & White Ball-Int'l Director N. Alan Lundgren Speaking)	_____ @	\$35.00 \$ _____
<b>Select:</b> Chicken Piccata _____ OR Southern Belle Pasta w/Bacon & Shrimp _____		
Sunday District Breakfast, Awards/Cabinet Meeting	_____ @	\$22.00 \$ _____
ANY DIETARY NEEDS OR ALLERGIES: _____		

**TOTAL REMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**(POSTMARKED AFTER APRIL 20, 2018) Please check meal selections where applicable**

Registration Fee (Lions)	_____ @	\$35.00 \$ _____
Registration Fee (Non-Lion guest or Leo)	_____ @	\$10.00 \$ _____
Registration Fee Campus Lions	_____ @	\$20.00 \$ _____
Friday Casino Fun Night (Sun Lakes Lions)	_____ @	\$20.00 \$ _____
(Hamburgers or Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Dessert)		
Saturday Luncheon (Guest Speaker)	_____ @	\$27.00 \$ _____
<b>Select:</b> Grilled Chicken Pesto Sandwich _____ OR Ham & Cheese Wrap _____		
Saturday Evening (Black & White Ball-Int'l Director N. Alan Lundgren Speaking)	_____ @	\$40.00 \$ _____
<b>Select:</b> Chicken Piccata _____ OR Southern Belle Pasta w/Bacon & Shrimp _____		
Sunday District Breakfast, Awards/Cabinet Meeting	_____ @	\$27.00 \$ _____
ANY DIETARY NEEDS OR ALLERGIES: _____		

**TOTAL REMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make Checks Payable to: "MD-21 CONVENTION" **NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 26, 2018**

REMIT TO: PCC Debbie Vine - 15638 N 109<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Sun City, AZ 85351-2628 \* 602-390-0656 \* blueyaz@cox.net\*  
 You may use a credit card for an additional 5% charge. Email form & call PCC Debbie to give cc# over the phone.

**ROOM RESERVATIONS:** Room type reserved based on hotel availability. King Suite is a 1 bedroom or Studio layout.

**FOUR POINTS by SHERATON PHX SOUTH MTN HOTEL 480-893-3000 x 1 ("2018 State LIONS")**

Room rate guaranteed through **April 26, 2018** Guest Room (K or 2Q): (\$79 plus tax) OR King Suite (\$99 plus tax)



# LIONS CAMP TATIYEE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Camp Tatiyee Board of Directors provides the legal and final approval for the Operations Budget, the composition and makeup of the Board of Directors, and all other Board actions that effect Multiple District 21 and Lions International.

The primary responsibilities of a Director for Lions Camp Tatiyee are fund raising and communication with Lions Clubs and the community. A Director shall receive no financial benefit from serving and will identify if there are areas of a conflict of interest. To assure an active and effective member, a

Director for Lions Camp Tatiyee must fulfill the following qualifications and responsibilities.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Be a member of an Arizona Lions Club in good standing

Be elected at the Multiple District 21 Convention OR appointed by the Camp Executive Board to fill a vacancy.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Be responsible for at least one Board fund-raising project annually and for a Strategic Project as assigned.

Attend and participate in Camp fund-raising events and identify/pursue community opportunities for promoting Camp.

Actively participate in identifying and pursuing sponsors for Camp.

Make a financial contribution to the Camp.

(You can't ask if you don't give)

Attend all scheduled meetings of the Board (75% minimum required).

Make an on-site visit to Camp and attend/complete a Board training seminar.

Review financials and minutes and provide feedback.

Abide by the bylaws and rules of the Board, MD21 and Lions Club International.

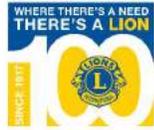
Be informed about the Mission, Vision and Values of Camp.

Help to identify potential Board members as needed.

Annually complete a self-evaluation of year's activities and Board participation and give to the Board President on request.

Visit assigned Lions Clubs at least once annually.

Other duties as agreed.



## Arizona Lions Parade Shirt

To order the Official Parade Shirt, please use the following order form:

_____ X Small Shirts	@	\$ 32.00	\$ _____
_____ Small Shirts	@	\$ 32.00	\$ _____
_____ Medium Shirts	@	\$ 32.00	\$ _____
_____ Large Shirts	@	\$ 32.00	\$ _____
_____ X-Large Shirts	@	\$ 32.00	\$ _____
_____ XX-Large Shirts	@	\$ 35.00	\$ _____
_____ XXX-Large Shirts	@	\$ 39.00	\$ _____
_____ XXXX-Large Shirts	@	\$ 45.00	\$ _____

Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping 2 = \$7.50  
Shipping 3+ = \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: This official parade shirt will be used for the next 4 Int'l. Conventions.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDERS TAKE 2 TO 3 WEEKS TO PROCESS. CHECKS MUST ACCOMPANY ORDERS, AND THERE WILL BE A \$7.50 MAILING CHARGE FOR 1 OR 2 SHIRTS, \$10.00 FOR 3 OR 4 SHIRTS THAT ARE MAILED.

Make Checks Payable to: MD21 LIONS PARADE SHIRTS

And Mail to: PDG JAMES WHELAN  
 2871 N. Melpomene Dr.  
 Tucson, AZ 85749  
 520-975-4673

Paid by: \_\_\_\_\_

Order Filled \_\_\_\_\_

## LIONS CAMP TATIYEE BOARD OF DIRECTOR OPENINGS

21A - 2 three years, 1 two years and 1 year

21B - 2 three years and 2 two years

21C - 2 three years and 1 two years

# Nomination to the Board of Directors

LIONS CAMP TATIYEE SECRETARY  
Dr. Carolyn Stewart

2635 Via Corona  
Bullhead City, Az 86442

**Must be submitted to the above name and address  
No later than March 20, 2018**

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Was nominated by our club and approved by our Club's Board of Directors to serve on Lions Camp Tatiyee Board of Directors.

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in Candidates personal information .....

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Summer Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief history of the Candidate:



## **Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Foundation**

**PCC Ralph Williamson**  
**3930 W. Camino Acequia, Phoenix, AZ 85051**  
**602-622-2401 Email: [Ralph@ctcaz.com](mailto:Ralph@ctcaz.com)**



**February 01, 2018**

**It's time once again to nominate strong, motivated Lions to run for positions on the Board of Directors of the MELVIN JONES LIONS INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL FOUNDATION.**

**This Foundation is the birth place of our founder, the Spire and the Museum maintains the legacy of Melvin Jones who was born in Ft. Thomas, Arizona.**

**There are**

- **5 openings in D21-A (2-3 Yr. Terms, 2-2 Yr. Terms, 1-1 Yr. Term)**
- **5 openings in D21-B (2-3 Yr. Terms, 2-2 Yr. Terms, 1-1 Yr. Term)**
- **6 openings in D21-C (2-3 Yr. Terms, 2-2 Yr. Terms, 2-1 Yr. Terms)**

**We need Lions who are willing to devote time to actively assist the Foundation in its work to continue giving the best possible service to the Lions of the World by memorializing the birthplace of Melvin Jones.**

- **Directors are expected to attend all scheduled board meetings, normally three (3) held telephonically each year and one (1) face to face held at Ft. Thomas in January during the Annual Lions Re-dedication Program gathering.**
- **Actively participate in working on a committee.**
- **Devote their fund-raising efforts among the Lions Clubs.**
- **Visit Lions Clubs to educate the members to our needs.**

**If your Club has such an individual please submit his/her name by April 9, 2018 after your Club has formally nominated him/her (duly noted in the official minutes of your Club) by using the form provided in this issue. The election will be held at the Multiple District Convention in May of 2018.**

**If there are any questions regarding our work or the mission of our Foundation please call our office. Should you like us to present our program at your meeting or event please call the office to make the arrangements for one of our Directors to attend.**

**Yours in Lionism and Service,**

**Lion Ralph Williamson, PCC**  
**President**

# Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Foundation

PCC Ralph Williamson

3930 W. Camino Acequia, Phoenix, AZ 85051

602-622-2401 Email: Ralph@ctcaz.com



## Nomination to the MJLIM Board of Directors

**Deadline for nomination is APRIL 9, 2018. Mail to address above.**

We, the \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club, wish to nominate Lion \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to run for the Board of the Melvin Jones Lions  
International Foundation. Lion \_\_\_\_\_ has been approved by our Lions Club and our  
Board of Directors and we feel he/she will be an asset to your Board.

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary District \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: THE NOMINEE MUST SELECT THE TERM OF OFFICE HE/SHE IS SEEKING FROM THE LIST BELOW. SELECT ONLY ONE TERM OF OFFICE.:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 3 Year Term      \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Year Term      \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Year Term

Please give a brief history of your Nominee, i.e. family, work and club involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

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## LIONS SIGHT &amp; HEARING FOUNDATION

3427 N. 32nd Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85018  
Phone: (602) 954-1723 FAX: (602) 954-1768  
board@ls-hf.org  
[www.ls-hf.org](http://www.ls-hf.org)

It's time once again to nominate strong, motivated Lions to run for positions on the Board of Directors of the LIONS SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION.

This Foundation provides vision and hearing restoration throughout the entire State and represents the heart of Lionism. There are

- 2 openings in 21A (2) 3 Yr.
- 3 openings in 21B (2) 3 Yr., (1) 2 Yr.
- 2 openings in 21C (2) 3Yr.

We need Lions who are willing to devote time to actively assist the Foundation in its work to continue giving the best possible service to those in need.

- Directors are expected to attend all scheduled board meetings, six (6) each year.
- Actively participate in working on a committee.
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Yours in Lionism and Service,

Lion Jim Sterenberg, PCC  
President



***Lions Foundation of Arizona, Inc.  
Request for Board Nominations***

Dear Lion President:

Please inform your Club members the Lions Foundation of Arizona, Inc. is seeking nominations to its Board of Directors. There are (10) vacancies on the Board as follows 21A District (2) 3 years, (1) 2 year, (1) 1 year, 21B District (2) 3 years, 21C District (1) 3 years and (4) 2 years for the fiscal year effective on July 1, 2018.

The Lions Foundation provides physical facilities to organizations serving the blind, deaf, and physically handicapped of Arizona. It is also the Information Office for the Lions of Arizona located in Phoenix. The Board meets monthly. The Board is looking for Lions members who have a background in real estate, insurance, money management or general business skills to help shape the direction of the Lions Foundation.

On the following form, please submit candidates' names, addresses, and a brief resume as soon as possible. All nominations must reach our office no later than April 6, 2018.

PDG Ann Roberts, Secretary  
Lions Foundation of Arizona, Inc.  
3124 E. Roosevelt Street, Suite 3  
Phoenix, Arizona 85008

If anyone is interested in serving on the Board of Directors of the Lions Foundation of Arizona and would like more information, please contact Eddie Richardson at 602-244-9758 or email at [lfaaz@lionsfoundationarizona.org](mailto:lfaaz@lionsfoundationarizona.org).

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Mitch Rosenbaum, LFA Board President

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PDG Ann Roberts , Secretary  
Lions Foundation of Arizona, Inc.  
3124 E Roosevelt St., Suite 3  
Phoenix, Arizona 85008

**Subject: Nomination to the Board of Directors**

At the \_\_\_\_\_, 2018 meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Lions Club, our Club Member \_\_\_\_\_ was nominated by the Club,  
and approved by the Club's Board of Directors to be placed on the ballot for election to the Lions  
Foundation of Arizona's Board of Directors.

Below is pertinent information on this nominee.

Yours in Lionism,

Secretary - \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief employment history of the Nominee:

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## DISTRICT 21 A

### DG Phil Whitaker



A special thank you to all who attended the 21-A Convention!

We had a great turn out! We learned of opportunities for our clubs to become involved in new projects, such as School Connect, The Hart Pantry - Helping at Risk Teenagers, the State Library Talking Books, and Canine Companions for Independence. All enjoy support from local Lions Clubs and all are deserving of growing support from our Clubs!

One of the best parts was the fact not one zone chair was able to complete their report in the assigned time. This is a testament to the long list of projects each of our Clubs is pursuing! All of us should be very proud of the work we are putting forth on behalf of Lions each day throughout our District.

We had a very successful food drive. Paul Yopps did an outstanding job – we filled a panel truck from the Agua Fria Food Pantry! A whole truck! Thank you to all who contributed! The Phoenix Metro Club Foundation donated \$500 to the Food Pantry!

We also heard from the co-chairs for the State Convention, Linda Finley, Debra Vine, and Rachele Barrett about the plans in May. Please do your best to attend. We will hold a casino night and on Saturday night we will have a formal dinner – white coats and all! International Director Alan Lundgren, our own ID, will be the featured speaker.

We also will recognize our Life Members at the State Convention. Please encourage all of the Life Members from your Club to attend! As an aside, a local Lion asked me a few months ago if we could honor the Life Members – his suggestion put the wheels in motion. So, please, if you have a suggestion, let me know!

The co-chairs for the State Convention

have worked very hard and we should support them with our attendance. Plus, we will vote on the re-districting proposal. Please be sure all dues are current, select your delegates, and discuss how the Club wants to vote. This is an important issue and I encourage every Club to decide how to vote and to be present to vote!

If you have suggestions, criticisms, complaints, or compliments about the Convention (or anything else), please send them to me at [pwhitaker@skw-law.com](mailto:pwhitaker@skw-law.com). I will forward them to our next District Governor, Tom Price, for his consideration next year. We take the input of our members seriously, so if you have something to say, please say it!

And please thank ANN ROBERTS when you see her. She worked tirelessly to put on the 21-A Convention. She did a great job! She coordinated all aspects of the Convention with the hotel, the meals, the set-up, the speakers, registration, the raffle, and the entire day! The amount of work that goes into putting on the Convention is staggering and each of us should thank her for her hard work!

Does your Club offer scholarships? If so, please send the information to me ([pwhitaker@skw-law.com](mailto:pwhitaker@skw-law.com)) or Paul Yopps ([yopprs@aol.com](mailto:yopprs@aol.com)) so we can track it. We are losing great PR opportunities by not getting this information out but we need to know what we are offering and we need to have a centralized resource for interested students to investigate. Wouldn't it great if we had a Facebook picture of every scholarship recipient from our District and our State? Wouldn't it be great if we could have media coverage of these scholarships and these recipients? **Did you know hardly any clubs have sent in this information? Is no one reading this?**

**Which brings me to a very important point.**



Please please please encourage your members to read the Canyon State Lion. I am asking the President or the Secretary of each Club to print the Canyon State Lion and bring it to the Club meeting. Please pass it around. I am learning many of us are not receiving the Canyon State Lion via e-mail. I do not know why but those who are not receiving it via e-mail should be.

I am asking each Club Secretary to find out who is not getting the Canyon State Lion via email and to please forward their contact information to Eddie Richardson, Eddie Richardson <[eddie@lionsfoundarizona.org](mailto:eddie@lionsfoundarizona.org)>.

Please remember, The Canyon State Lion belongs to all of us! We are trying to bring all of our Clubs into a sense of belonging to one state wide group and Canyon State Lion helps us all learn what other Clubs throughout the State are doing, and we can learn what is up with each of our four state projects. Eddie Richardson works hard and does a good job getting it out each month, so let's support her efforts!

One more request. Please use an agenda for each meeting and please have as an item each time, "guest invitations." Each of us joined Lions Clubs International because we were asked to join (or told so by our fathers in some instances). During each meeting, please ask the members to discuss if they did invite a guest. Perhaps, just perhaps, making this an agenda item will spur all of us to start thinking about inviting guests.

We are having a great year!!! Thank you to everyone for your generous time, support, and care!

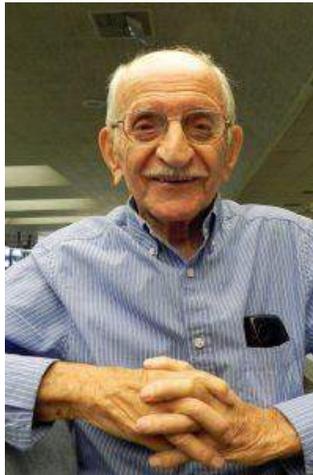
**21A Zone 4 Chair, Ellen Yopps, INVITES you to  
SAVE THE DATE and SIGN UP NOW!**

**MARCH 24, 2018**

**NATE BRICKMAN MEMORIAL BOWLING  
TOURNAMENT**

SPONSORED BY

***SUN CITY WEST SUNRISE LIONS***



***NATE BRICKMAN***

Nate & Ruth Brickman retired to Sun City West, AZ from Great Barrington, MA. Nate was a faithful and active member of the Lions Club for 60 years, actively supporting various Lions Club projects until his passing in 2015; just 2 months prior to his 100th birthday. Nate firmly believed in the mission of the Lions Club and for this reason his family has chosen to honor his memory by establishing the Nate Brickman Memorial Bowling Tournament to benefit the organization that meant so much to him.

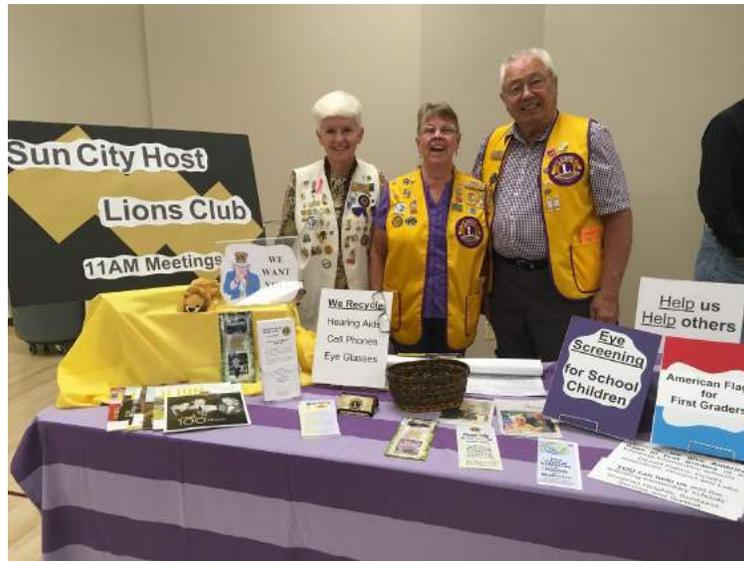
Please join us in supporting this worthy cause. ALL donations are welcomed.  
Use the entry form below to sign up for this fun event!

## Discover Sun City

Sun City Host Lions Club participated in "Discover Sun City" in January which highlights clubs in the Sun City area. We

gave out information on the club along with information about Lions Club International.

Pictured left to right: Lions Shirley Gerhart, Rhea Myers and Tony Alef



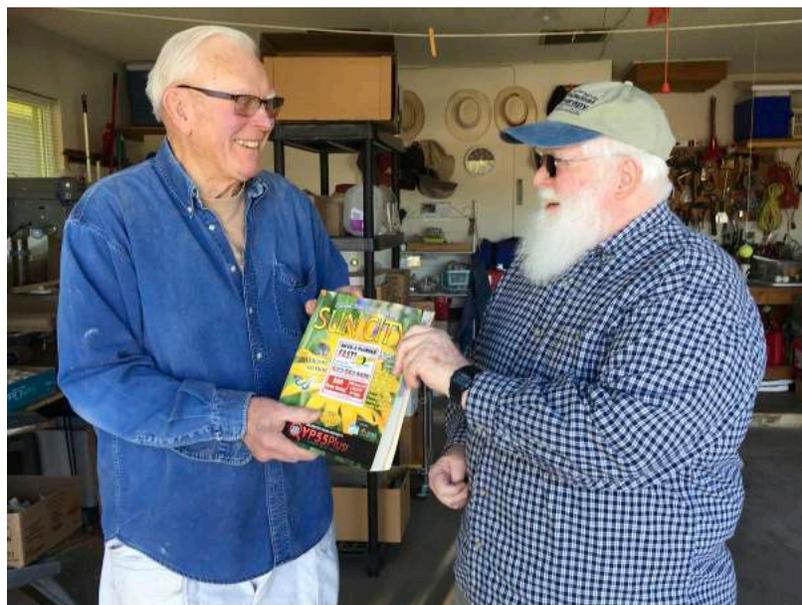
## Helping The Less Fortunate One Book At A Time

Delivering Sun City Phone books is one way the Sun City Host Lions Club fundraises to help the less fortunate. Ron, who is President of the club, says he gets some "double takes" when a homeowner sees someone his age delivering phone books.

As he approaches the hundred and fifty mark on one of the routes he and his wife take on, he reminds himself of the school children in the west valley that can see because Lions have helped buy their eye glasses. That thought always seems to put a smile on his

face and helps him complete the task!

Pictured is Lion Ron handing Sun City Resident, Iver Eliason his Sun City Phone book.



## Peoria Pioneers Lions give Flags to First Graders

Our February rain could not hold back the Peoria Pioneer Lions from their volunteer work of helping educate the first Graders of various grade schools in the Peoria and Glendale communities. One of the many service projects completed by the Peoria Pioneer Lions Club. Shown in the photos are Lions Linda Dexter and Martha Scott providing informative fun facts on the flag of the United States of America. Lions Paul and Ellen Yopps are playing a game called What's wrong with this flag? The students enjoyed observing a flag which was flown over the White House. Lions Ron and Betty Brown are shown answering some of the students questions. Each school was given flags for all their first grade students. It was time well spent with several smart first graders by members of the Peoria Pioneer Lions Club.

Lions Betty & Ron Brown



PDG Paul and Lion Ellen Yopps



Lions Linda Dexter and Martha Scott



**FLAGS FOR FIRST GRADERS**  
**DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE YOUR FLAGS READY FOR YOU?**  
**JUST CALL LION KAREN PRYCE AT 480-703-3097 OR**  
**LION BARBARA SHINE AT 602-725-0167 OR**  
**E-MAIL [PRYCEONE@AOL.COM](mailto:PRYCEONE@AOL.COM)**  
**AND WE WILL BRING THE FLAGS TO YOU.**  
**ONLY 25 CENTS PER FLAG TO SUPPORT 21A.**



## District 21A Convention Holds Food Drive For Agua Fria Food Bank In Avondale

Lions Clubs of District 21A came through again! A food drive was conducted at their February 24, 2018 convention which was held at the Hilton Garden Hotel in Avondale, AZ. A little over 1000 pounds of food was donated as well as money donations and clothing by Lion Clubs that attended the convention. The food went to Agua Fria

Food Bank in Avondale. Agua Fria Food Bank had their truck on hand so attendees could load their donations into the truck. This is the 2nd food drive organized by 21A GST Paul Yopps to benefit those in need. Pictured is GST Paul Yopps giving the cash donations received to Agua Fria Food Bank's Operations Manager, William Concentine.

This money will be used by the food bank to purchase additional food and other items. Thank you to all the Lions Clubs in District. YOU made this another successful food drive for those in need.

WE SERVE!



The 2018 International Convention will soon be upon us.  
This year we are off to Las Vegas, and YOU and a guest are invited!

### The Phoenix Metro Lions Club

is proud to present our...

# Viva Las Vegas Raffle

Benefitting The Phoenix Metro Lions Club Foundation Projects

Grand Prize: 2018 International Convention Registration for two and four nights  
at a convention hotel  
*(travel expenses are not included)*

Just **\$25** per ticket! A maximum of 400 will be sold.  
Drawing will be at the **Dave Lambert Memorial Dinner, March 10, 2018**  
*(Dinner admission is separate)*

Contact **Lion Brian Woloshin** to purchase YOUR chance for a trip to the Convention  
[lionbrianw@gmail.com](mailto:lionbrianw@gmail.com) ☎ 602-717-6382

*Tickets are a tax deductible donation*



**PHOENIX METRO LIONS CLUB**  
 DISTRICT 21-A PHOENIX, ARIZONA  
*Serving Arizona Since 1974*



**ROCK!**

Invites you to join us for our annual

# Dave Lambert Memorial Dinner

Featuring

**\$30 Per Person**

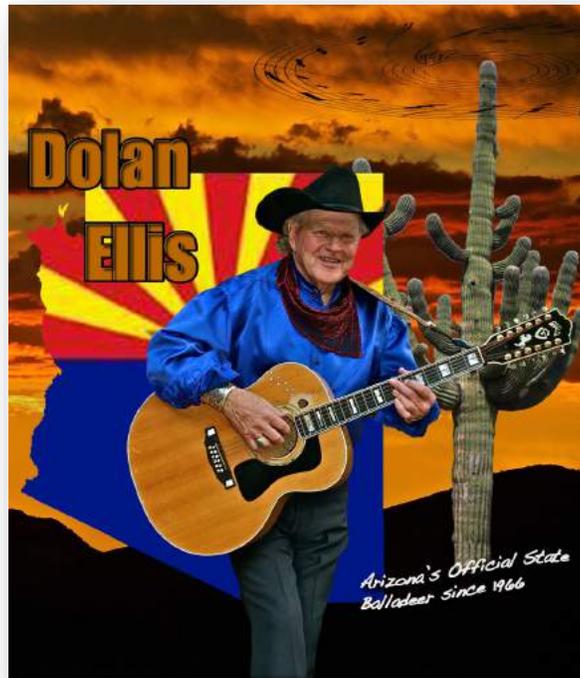
## Dolan Ellis

*Arizona's Official State Balladeer*

*Silent Auction*

*Split The Pot  
Raffle*

**Cash Bar  
Salmon  
& Chicken  
Buffet Dinner**



*Benefiting  
our  
"Pathways  
To  
Reading"  
Program*

**Original Member of "The New Christy Minstrels"  
 2011 Inductee—Arizona Music & Entertainment Hall of Fame**

***Saturday, March 10—Doors Open at 5:30 PM  
 Beatitudes Life Center—1610 W. Glendale Ave Phoenix  
 For Tickets, Contact Lion Brian Woloshin at 602-717-6382  
 or any other Phoenix Metro Lions club member***

## Over 75 Years of Membership In Lions



The two Sun City Midweek Bell Lions pictured in the photo have a combined total of over 75 years of membership in Lions. Sitting is Lion George Keyes who is 96 years young. He is a "Life Member". Standing behind Mr. Keyes is Lion Ivan Wilmschen who has been a Lion for 54 years and has perfect attendance. He is an associate member of the Midweek Bells Lions Club and a member in Rockford, WA. Congratulations and Thanks to both of them for their many

## Sun City Midweek Bell Lions Club Providing for Local Food Bank



Members of the Sun City Midweek Bells Lions Clubs are shown in photo with members' donations of food and paper products for the food bank. One of the five Lions Service Areas is "Hunger Relief". The other service areas are "Diabetes", "Vision", "Pediatric Cancer", and the "Environment". Throughout the year Lions do many various activities to meet these needs.



### GILA BEND LIONS 36th annual BIKE A THON

The Gila Bend Lions held their annual Bike A Thon on February 24, 2018 at the local high school track field. One of Gila Bend Lions, Lion Sylvia Artea, literally took to the track encouraging some of the younger participants to "Ride Like the Wind". Money raised at this event will go toward awarding a local high school student with a scholarship and providing eye glasses for those in need in the community. The club will be having a candy sale during the month of March. Certificates for a discount on a pizza will be added to the sale as well as an opportunity for a free pizza. Contact Lion Diane Dempsey for your opportunity to purchase some candy bars and win a free pizza!

PEORIA, ARIZONA

Saturday April 21, 2018

# Peoria Sunset Lions Club Foundation, Inc. Presents the 6th Annual Tee Off for Sight

Benefitting Arizona Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation & Peoria Sunset Lions Club Foundation



**Palmbrook Country  
Club**

**9350 W. Greenway  
Road | Sun City, AZ  
Phone: 623.977.8333**

**Saturday  
April 21, 2018**

Proceeds from this tournament will benefit vision projects of the **Peoria Sunset Lions Club Foundation** a 501(c) (3) volunteer organization serving those in the Peoria community since 1982. As Lions we strive to help those in need of vision and hearing screening, eyeglasses, hearing aids and surgery. We are also involved in working to eradicate preventable blindness at home and around the world.

Proceeds from this tournament will also benefit the **Arizona Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation**. The Foundation's primary goal is to restore vision and/or hearing to improve the quality of life of those with no other resources.

## *4 Person Scramble*



*Palmbrook Country Club Golf Course*

**Join Us on April 21, 2018 for fun, food and golf!**

**Registration deadline April 15, 2018.**

**Best Ball Tournament to benefit Peoria Sunset Lions Foundation Vision Projects as well as the Arizona Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, which will use proceeds to provide eye surgeries to those in need.**

**Registration 6:30am – shotgun start 8:00am**

**\$100 per golfer or set up a foursome for \$360.  
Fee includes golf, cart and lunch.**

**Sponsorships available.**

**Prizes for:**

**First Place Team  
closest to the pin  
Longest drive (men & women)  
Longest putt**

**More information and registration forms available on our website –  
[peoriasunsetlions.org](http://peoriasunsetlions.org)**

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501(c) (3)



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Phone: 623.977.8333

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Your registration includes an Awards Luncheon.

**Available for purchase:**  
Mulligans (3 for \$10)  
Paint Sticks (\$10/team)  
Raffle Tickets (6 for \$5)  
50/50 Tickets (\$5 each)

**Prizes awarded for:**  
First Place Team  
Closest to the Pin  
Longest Drive (Men & Women)  
Longest Putt  
**Marshmallow Mash** –  
benefitting Leader Dogs for the Blind

Proceeds from this tournament will benefit the **Peoria Sunset Lions Club Foundation** vision projects and the **Arizona Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation**.

## Fifth Annual Tee Off for Sight- 4 Person Scramble

Registration - 6:30am

Shotgun Start – 8:00am

Registration Deadline 4/15/2018

### Registration Information

- \_\_\_\_\_ Title Sponsor \$5000
- \_\_\_\_\_ Platinum Sponsor \$2500
- \_\_\_\_\_ Titanium Sponsor \$1000
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gold Sponsor \$700
- \_\_\_\_\_ Silver Sponsor \$400
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hole Sponsor \$200
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual Golfers \$100
- \_\_\_\_\_ Foursome \$360

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Foursome:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

### PayPal Payments are accepted.

peoriasunsetlions@gmail.com

### Credit card payments are accepted. Please give the following information:

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (MM/YY) CCV \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
(This information will be deleted after the charge clears)

### Please make your checks payable to Peoria Sunset Lions Club Foundation and return checks and forms to:

Peoria Sunset Lions Club Foundation  
PO Box 326  
Peoria, AZ 85380-0326

Questions? Call Rachele Barrett at 623-974-3239 - email rarebit@cox.net

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### 4 Person Scramble



*Palmbrook Country Club Golf Course*

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Title Sponsor.....\$5,000**  
Two foursomes, including lunch & reception. Four tee sponsorship signs. Company name & logo on event signage as well as in the event program. Verbal recognition at reception. Sponsor provided advertising materials will be included in event giveaway bags.
- Platinum Sponsor.....\$2,500**  
Foursome, including lunch & reception. Three tee sponsorship signs. Company name on event signage as well as in the event program. Verbal recognition at reception.
- Titanium Sponsor.....\$1,000**  
Foursome, including lunch & reception. Two tee sponsorships signs as well as company name and logo in the event program. Verbal recognition at reception.
- Gold Sponsor.....\$700**  
Foursome, including lunch & reception. One tee sponsorship sign. Company name & logo in event program
- Silver Sponsor.....\$400**  
Twosome, including lunch & reception. One tee sponsorship sign. Company name in event program.
- Tee Sign Sponsors.....\$200**  
Individual recognition at one hole. Name on tee sponsorship list.
- Individual Golfers.....\$100**
- Foursome .....\$360**

For more information, contact Lion Rachelle Barrett, Tournament Chairman, 623-974-3239 or rarebit@cox.net

## DISTRICT 21 B

### DG Bobbie Ravenkamp

## *Kindness Matters*



## Keeping up with Changes in 2018

Are we too comfortable with 'staying the course' of 'that's what we've always done' in managing our club's culture of service?

Are we reluctant to look at the reality of today's numerous choices that other cause-driven groups offer who compete for the same pool of volunteers in our communities?

Are we honest in recognizing what service projects our club members are capable of performing and the need to periodically regroup in our approach to meeting other unmet community needs?

Can we collaborate on service projects with another club?

Visiting clubs as a DG is enlightening, fun and in some cases it's also frustratingly revealing. It's 2018, not 1918, and yet some of our Lions seem to choose to happily retain yesterday's habits and practices about what it means to 'belong' to our service organization. (You know, the group that parrots "that's the way we've always done xxx", and, "we tried that before and it didn't work".) Some equate their membership is just to 'their' club alone and function in a somewhat myopic isolation from the rest of the district, let alone the rest of our global organization. They tolerate visits by zone chairs and governors but don't really care to deviate from their viewpoints. They're functioning as Lone Rangers of service, but are they merely using our brand? They keep

their service 'secret' by not reporting anything but will brag with a Facebook post!

When administrative and organizational changes happen within LCI, some of these Lions who've been members for years seem reluctant to 'turn the page' and embrace the opportunities of this second century of service in our rapidly changing and advancing digital age. Inertia sets in along with the real potential for loss of the club's relevance and support within their community, not to mention members whose recommendations may be ignored. In our internet age, LCI provides us with so many different ideas on ways to connect and help our communities, and each other, with website resource information, on-line training, webinars, YouTube, Facebook subject blogs as well as institutes, training for trainers, digital LION magazine and our new mobile connections with MyLION. We digitally share ideas about bringing it all together so that we can all be more effective in our service.

In the dawn of our second century this Lionistic year challenged us with the introduction and implementation of the Global Action Team (fondly known as "the GAT"). Our LCI revised standard Constitution and By-Laws for Clubs includes these new elements and we even have a terrific new reference source, the "Global Action Team Success Guide". That document alone is packed with links to the

many information tools for those new GAT guidelines.

The alphabet soup of abbreviations for the new terminology elicits an almost immediate reaction of "why?" Lions clubs have been functioning for a hundred years with a moderate, familiar type of organizational structure, some very loose concentrating on personal relationships – "it's your turn to be president" or, conversely, with definite expected succession leadership paths. The GAT provides guidance and the roadmap for implementing LCI Forward. In 2018 this is not our grandfathers' Lions club!

Every club in our district (and state) shares the same but different organizational climates where the official leadership structure serves in partnership with the actual but unofficial club leaders (those Lions who make things happen, or not). I urge each club to deliberately review just where they are in their service, where they want to be, and review our Lions Clubs Purposes and Code of Ethics on how to get there. Who will carry your club banner in 2030? Add that 12 years to your age today - how active you will be?

See all y'all April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> at our 21-B Convention at Apache Gold Casino Convention Center, San Carlos, (5 miles east of Globe).

Aloha – yes, it will be a tropical theme!



## **DISTRICT 21-B LIONS GOLF OUTING**

**As part of the 2017 District 21-B Convention at Apache Gold Casino Resort, we have arranged special pricing for all Lions attendees who wish to play the acclaimed Apache Stronghold Golf Course.**

**On Friday, April 6, and again on Sunday, April 8, Lions who are attending the convention may play golf for \$30. This price includes green fees, cart and range.**

**Apache Stronghold Golf Course is the only Tom Doak-designed golf course in the Southwest and rated the 16<sup>th</sup> Best Course You Can Play in Arizona in 2017 by GolfWeek Magazine. It has large, rolling bentgrass greens and bermudagrass fairways. With five sets of tees and yardages ranging from 5535 – 7519 yards, everyone can find a distance that provides challenge and enjoyment. The expansive fairways are naturally routed through canyons and up ridges. While no water is present on the course, there are eight holes where shots must carry desert washes.**

**To make your tee times call (928) 475-7664 and tell the Golf Shop you are a Lion attending the District 21-B Convention.**



**DISTRICT 21-B LIONS CONVENTION April 6 – 7, 2018**  
 Apache Gold Conference Center San Carlos, AZ 85550



**REGISTRATION FORM**

(Separate form for each Lion, Lioness, or Leo)

Lion, Lioness, Leo \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (Non Lion) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Non-Package pricing before 2/21**

Registration ONLY	\$10.00	_____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____	
Friday Night Dinner		_____ x \$19.00 = \$ _____	
Saturday Luncheon		_____ x \$16.00 = \$ _____	TOTAL \$ _____

REGISTRATION: (After February 21, 2018 but before March 5th)	_____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	_____ x \$21.00 = \$ _____
SATURDAY LUNCHEON & Guest Speaker	_____ x \$18.00 = \$ _____
	TOTAL \$ _____

REGISTRATION: (After March 5, 2018)	_____ x \$18.00 = \$ _____
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER & Fun Entertainment	_____ x \$24.00 = \$ _____
SATURDAY LUNCHEON & Guest Speaker	_____ x \$21.00 = \$ _____
	TOTAL \$ _____

**.....VEGGIE MEAL – LET CAROL KNOW YOU NEED A VEGGIE MEAL.....**

Make check(s) payable to Dist. 21-B Convention and mail to: Dist. 21-B Convention, c/o Carol Rosinke, 3925 E. Forge Ave., Mesa, AZ 85206 .....call Carol 480 751-8320 or email: [lioncarolr21b@hotmail.com](mailto:lioncarolr21b@hotmail.com)

- Call Apache Gold Hotel for reservations before March 15, 2018. Room Rates: **\$85.00** plus Tax (Regular room); Reservation code: 180406Lion 928 475-7800 ext 3600
- RV Park spaces are available at \$27/night plus tax. Call (928) 475-7800 ext 3515 for reservations and tell them you are attending the Lions convention.
- The Apache Stronghold Golf Course was rated the 16th Best Course You Can Play in Arizona by GolfWeek Magazine in 2017. On Friday, April 6 and Sunday, April 8, a special golf rate of \$30 will be extended to those Lions attending the District 21B Convention. This rate includes your green fees, cart and range. Call (928) 475-7664 to book your tee time and let them know you are attending the Lions convention to receive the special offer.



# DISTRICT 21-B CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOK



REMIT check by mail: PDG Barbara Daily  
 8070 E. Calle de Camacho  
 Tucson, AZ 85715

Need other info – call 520 954-0411

- email ad copy to: [bebopp2002@yahoo.com](mailto:bebopp2002@yahoo.com)

Want to send a congrats out to a member, your club, anyone?  
 Want to advertise an upcoming event your club is doing? Want to  
 advertise your business? Consider sharing in the 21-B  
 Convention Program Book – great rates and your fellow Lions  
 would like to know what’s going on!

Please submit the cost and Ad that you want to place (by March  
 23<sup>rd</sup>) in the district program book (Book size 8 1/2 by 5 1/2) on a  
 separate sheet of paper or email (jpg, .doc, etc.):

Full Page	\$ 75.00	_____
One half page	\$ 40.00	_____
One fourth page	\$ 20.00	_____
Business Cards	\$ 10.00	_____
TOTAL:	\$	_____

## **BERNIE & RED ARE COMING TO SUNBIRD**

The musical comedy team of Bernie and Red will be appearing at Sunbird Golf Resort on March 10, 2018. Doors open at 6 pm and the show time is at 7. Tickets are \$10 in

advance and \$12 at the door. Advance tickets are available through the Sunbird HOA office.

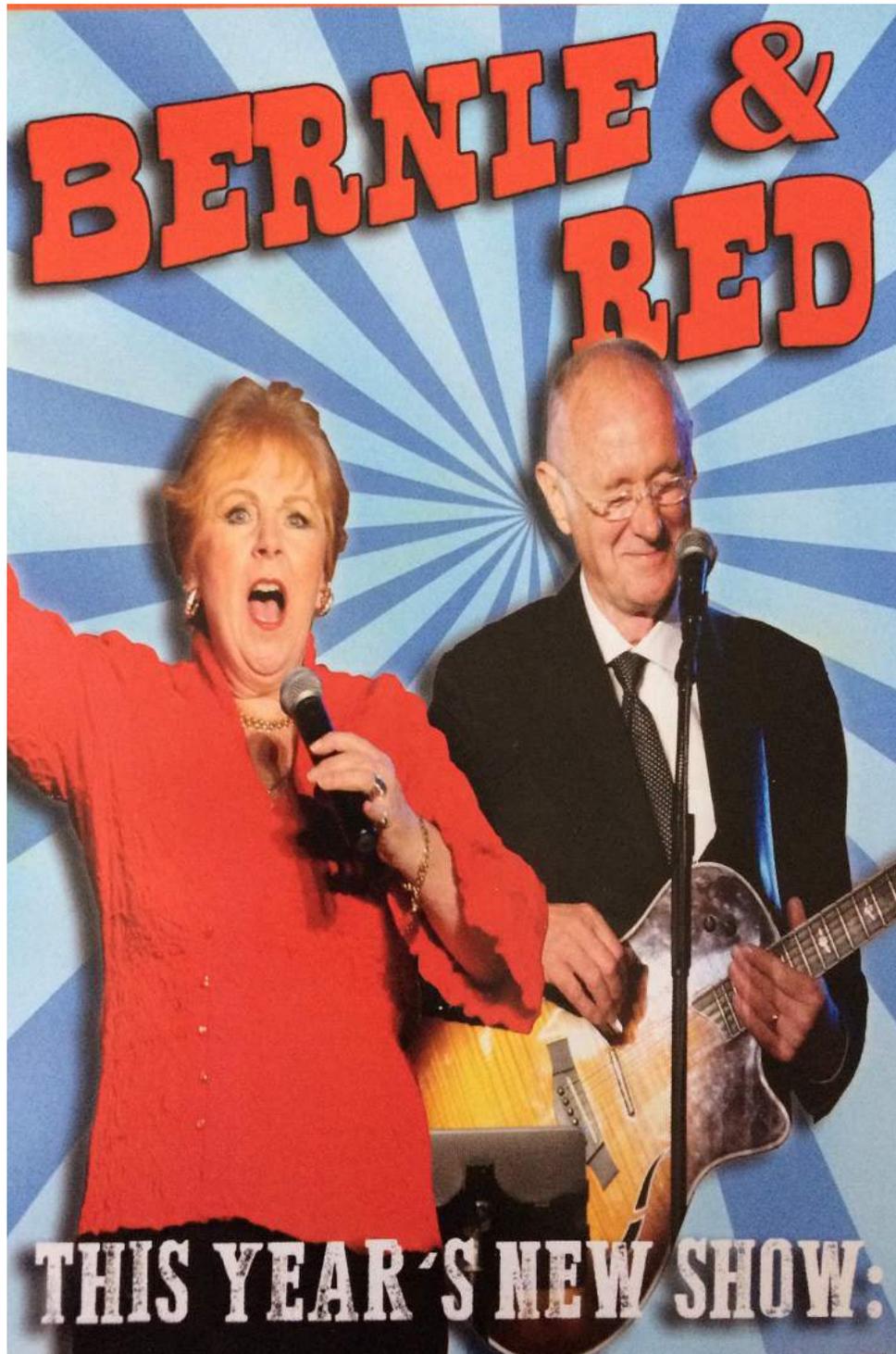
Bernie and Red have delighted audiences nationwide for more than 35 years. Veterans of the Arizona Winter Visitor scene they have appeared throughout the Valley. They have also been featured on numerous cruise lines and shows around the world. They are true originals, blending their English humor with observation about North America, the RV

lifestyle, family life and marriage.

The popularity of Bernie and Red is a testament to their funny material, exciting stage presence and their sharp delivery, which is often cheeky, but never offensive. This is a must see show.

Contact: Fred Garmeson

Phone: 480-895-9363



## LCIF DID YOU KNOW?

- LCIF is a 501(c)3 organization
- LCIF is OUR charity
- LCIF does not get any money from Lions member dues
- All donations to LCIF are tax deductible
- Undesignated donations to LCIF earn Melvin Jones Fellowship credits
- Individual Lions earn MJF credits for their donations
- Individual Lions' donations are included in their club's donation report
- You don't need to donate \$1000 at one time to earn enough MJF credits for a Fellowship. Small donations accumulate MJF credits
- After you have accumulated 1000 MJF credits, LCIF will NOT automatically send you a Melvin Jones Fellowship. You must request it and designate the recipient

How many, "I knew that's" did you have? How many, "Wow, I learned something new" did you have? Want to know more? Contact your LCIF District Coordinator or you MD Coordinator.



Tucson Breakfast  
Lions Club

*Drive 'FORE' Sight Golf  
Classic*



Benefitting  
Camp Abilities Tucson  
& Lions Camp Tatiyee



**Sunday, May 6, 2018  
Forty Niner Country Club**

**12000 E. Tanque Verde Rd.**

**Tucson, AZ.**

Registration 7:00 AM

Shot Gun Start 8:00 AM

[tucsonbreakfastlionsclub.org](http://tucsonbreakfastlionsclub.org)

[www.driveforesight.org](http://www.driveforesight.org)

Contact: Lion Pete -520-747-5957

Lion Dom -520-323-2522

## Casa Grande Lions Club Helping the Community in More Ways Than One

CASA GRANDE — The Casa Grande Lions meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at American Legion Post 8, 713 N. Park Ave. The meeting is open to Lions and those who want to learn how to help.

The Casa Grande Lions Club had a busy year in 2017 and members are looking forward to an equally busy 2018, club organizers said.

“Our motto ‘We Serve’ took many forms in 2017,” said Karyn Hayes, club organizer.

Together, the group provided vision screenings for more than 11,000 students and pre-schoolers in public and private schools as well as for children and adults at the Home of Hope, Seeds of Hope, Against Abuse, the Pinal County Probation Office and the monthly Stanfield Medical Clinic.

“We also gathered school supplies for the

Casa Grande Elementary School District, supported and took part in Casa Grande Fire Department’s smoke detector installation day, White Cane Day, the Electric Light Parade, the Street Fair and collected food for the Veterans Center,” Hayes said.

The group collected donated eyeglasses from several businesses in Casa Grande and conducted several work days in which glasses were sorted and washed.

The Lions Club earlier this year held a garage sale to raise monies to support its volunteer endeavors and charitable causes in the community.

“Some of our members traveled to Mexico at their personal expense, with other Arizona Lions Clubs, to serve children and adults who have no way to obtain the glasses they need,” Hayes said. “And we are still busy.”

Hayes said the club’s accomplishments would not be possible without the work of its dedicated members, associate members, Lions from other clubs who visit the area during the winter months and volunteers from the communities, including residents of Rancho Val Vista.

Cheryl L. Seat

Casa Grande Lions Club/ Vision Team Leader

AZ Certified Vision Screener/LionsKidsSight USA Certified

Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation of Arizona

C - 520-858-9777



## Chandler Lions Club Receives “Working Together Award”

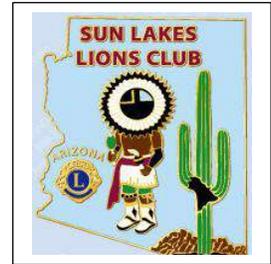


What a lovely way to start a Thursday morning (February 8, 2018) - surrounded by Chandler volunteers and City employees at the beautiful Chandler Center for the Arts. The Chandler Lions were honored for our

continued dedication to serve the community by receiving the Working Together Award at the Chandler Volunteer Recognition Breakfast.

Above are a few pictures of the Chandler

Lions who attended, plus a peek at the awesome trophy. We’ll bring it to our February 20th meeting too! (More pictures on FaceBook)



## Sun Lakes Lions Club & Foundation

25601 N. Sun lakes Blvd

Sun Lakes, AZ. 85248

PO Box 13093

Ph: 480-510-1741

Lions Clubs International is celebrating their “Centennial Anniversary” this year. As Sun Lakes Lions Club is part of this celebration, the Club decided for our “Community Legacy Project” to make a visible gift with two “Kneeler-Wheelers” to the Sun Lakes Sheriff’s Posse. The Posse has medical equipment to lend to Sun Lake Home Owners as needed for a time period.

Shown in this photo making the presentation from the Sun Lakes Lions Club is (3<sup>rd</sup> from left in purple shirt) President Lion Larry Palmer, accepting, on a Kneeler-Wheeler from the Posse is Phyllis Swanson then Posse Commander Ron Burchett and Shirley Hutchins. Other’s in the background are members of the Sun Lakes Lions Club.



(Photo by PDG Lion Forrest Chevront)

## Cochise Stronghold Lions Club Helps Twin Boys

Cochise Stronghold Lions Club Gives Computer and Printer to Twin Brothers at Pearce Elementary School

In the Pearce/Sunsites community, the slogan "Where there's A Need, There's A Lion" has special meaning for twin brothers, Levi and Sid. The boys are seventh graders at Pearce Elementary School.

Although residents in this rural section of Southern Arizona have stunning views of the Chiricahua Mountains and Cochise Stronghold in the Dragoon Mountains, what they don't have is easy access to conveniences that many take for granted.

No big box stores. No bank. No gas station. No fast food.

What these residents do have is a K-8 school in the Ghost Town of Pearce and an active service-focused Lions Club. Some of the buildings in Pearce and at the school date back more than one hundred years. Pearce Elementary School enrolls approximately one hundred students each year.

Pearce Elementary Superintendent Kyle Hart also is a member of the Cochise Stronghold Lions Club that meets just two miles away in Sunsites.

When there's a need at Pearce Elementary or any of the other rural schools in the area, there are members of the Cochise Stronghold Lions Club ready with a solution.



In January, Club board members had their own need. They had a gently used laptop computer that was not being used, and now they wanted to find the best possible solution for passing it on to a new owner.

The Cochise Stronghold Lions Club turned to Lion Kyle Hart for advice. With this cooperative relationship, two needs were met. The Club found the perfect home for the computer, and two boys, Levi and Sid, without a computer at home, now had a laptop to use for homework.

Another Lions Club member, Larry Godek, had a printer he wasn't using. He contributed along with the laptop. Lion Mary Appel also

purchased Microsoft Office to install on the computer.

On February 1, Cochise Stronghold Lions Club members went to Pearce School and surprised Levi and Sid with the laptop, printer and software in a ceremony arranged by Lion Kyle Hart.

Other Lions projects for Pearce Elementary include student mentoring, purchasing books for all of the students at the annual book fair, and supplying teachers with additional academic resources.

## Why Support LCIF?

**Safford, Houston, Miami, Florida Keys, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, California, Nepal, Japan, Measles, Diabetes, Glaucoma, ECT.**

**Need I say more?**

**Contact: Fred Garmeson  
Phone: 480-895-9363  
E-mail: Garmesonfaz@aol.com**





## Cochise Stronghold Lions Club Donates Little Free Library to Community

The Cochise Stronghold Lions Club completed their Lions Club International Centennial Legacy Project by donating a Little Free Library to the Sunsites community. This legacy project celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lion Clubs International. The Cochise Stronghold Lions Club has provided outstanding service to the Sunsites/Pearce area for 52 years.

The dedication program for the Lions

Little Free Library was Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Stronghold Area Recreational Park on Treasure Road in conjunction with a community park clean-up day. The library is located next to the playground equipment and is flanked by two benches, also donated by members of the Lions Club. Lion Bob Weston designed and constructed the Lions Little Free Library and local artist, Denise Eggman embellished the signage.

So what is a Little Free Library? It is a small community library that belongs to everyone. There is an assortment of topics and books for all ages. Anyone can use it—neighbors, friends and passersby. The books are always free. If you see something you would like to

read, take it. When you are finished with a book, you may pass it along to a friend or return it to the Little Free Library. If you want to donate a book, leave it in the library.

Literacy is a service focus for the Cochise Stronghold Lions Club. The club purchases books for local elementary school students, provides student dictionaries for third graders in the Sulphur Springs Valley, mentors students that need extra attention, and provides support for teachers by purchasing curriculum and supplies. This Little Free Library complements our literacy program.

Photo Caption: Luck Leo and Sunsites Children Attend Lions Little Library Dedication

## Wow! 57 Years of Service to Lions Clubs International!

The Cochise Stronghold Lions Club honored Lion Arven Vondy for being a Lion for 57 years at our monthly club meeting. Lion Arven was a charter member of the Woodlin Lions Club in Colorado on January 1, 1961 and joined the Cochise Stronghold Lions when he and his wife Carol moved to the Sunsites/Pearce area in 2000. He has held many officer positions at Woodlin and has been an honorary director in our club for several years. Lion Arven was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship by the club.

Lion Arven's dedication to service was not solely as a Lion. He served in the National Guard and married Carol after his active duty was completed. He grew up on a farm and went back to farming and ranching after the National Guard. He was a 4-H leader for 25 years and was active in the Colorado Young Farmers Organization and served as Vice President.

He also served as a director and officer of the Morgan County Rural Electric Board for 13 years, and as an officer and board member of the Colorado FFA Foundation. His awards include the FFA State Farmer Degree and Honorary National Farmer Degree and in 2000, he was inducted into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame.

In addition to a decorated cake honoring Lion Arven, he was also presented with a longevity certificate and Stronghold Lions belt buckle. District Governor Bobbie Ravenkamp was also present for this ceremony and presented Lion Arven with a silver miner statue and praised him for his many years of service to Lions.

Picture Caption: Lions Arven and Carol Vondy



# DISTRICT 21C

DG Ken Leja

## I.D. Bruce Beck (MN) Featured At March D21-C Conclave, Expo

This month, the "Conference in the Pines" convenes in Payson - on Saturday, March 24. The district convention for 21-C will feature International Director Bruce Beck and his wife Erin from Minnesota.

Have you registered yet? Is your club participating in the EXPO? There's still time to register for the one-day event. Plan to participate in the Club Expo -- a chance to showcase your club's signature fundraiser, most impactful service activity, or most important community service effort.

The Convention is your time to network, share, make new friends, and learn new ideas for Lionism. PID Dick Sawyer will discuss Leadership Resources, ID Beck will talk about the Global Action Team, and club leadership training (position-specific) will be available through personal coaching.

Make a day of it and join us at the "Conference in the Pines" - Saturday, March 24, beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding about 5 p.m. at the Mt. Cross Event Center in downtown Payson. See the registration form in this issue of *Canyon State Lion*.



**Ken Leja**, district governor  
District 21-C, 2017-2018

<i>Tentative Schedule</i>	
<b>FRIDAY, MAR. 23</b> (pre-event special)	
7:30 p.m.	Fireside Chat with I.D. Bruce Beck and his wife Erin.
8:30 p.m.	"Women in Lions" with Erin Beck
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 24</b> - Convention	
7:30 a.m.	Registration opens
9 a.m.	D21-C Cabinet Meeting Zone Chair Reports
10 a.m.	Election of District Officers
10:30 a.m.	"Leadership Resources" with PID Dick Sawyer "Global Action Team" with ID Bruce Beck
11:30 a.m.	Lunch with the I.D. & awards
1 to 5 p.m.	<b>CLUB SERVICE EXPO</b>
3-5 p.m.	New-leader Orientation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pres./VPs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Directors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretaries & Treasurers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members/Membership
5 p.m.	Close Convention & EXPO
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.	Networking, Social Hour

If you and your club would like a visitation from the District Governor prior to the state convention in May, please contact me by email: LionKen@LejaFamily.net or call me: 928-830-8236. I'm happy to provide new-member inductions and club leader installations.



**Bruce Beck**, international director,  
chair, LCI Constitution & Bylaws, 2017-2018

# Redistricting.

## It's More than an Administrative Move

— Submitted by Ken Leja, D21-C, district governor, 2017-2018

Are you confused about this redistricting ballot measure? Voting takes place in less than 90 days, at the May State Convention. Think it doesn't affect you? Guess again! On Sunday, May 20, when delegates meet at the MD-21 Convention in Ahwatukee, they will have the opportunity to cast a ballot vote - either "Yes" or "No" - on a measure that WILL change Lionism in the state of Arizona.

Elsewhere in this issue of *Canyon State Lion* is the submitted proposal of the Long-Range Planning Committee -- 14 pages. When club presidents and secretaries of my district received this packet, many were STILL confused. I've had a chance to talk with many of them, and here's what I've been telling them:

### Background:

We've been here before. Decades ago, there were two districts in the state. Membership was robust with more than enough to field three districts each with almost 2,000 members.

Redistricting from two to three made sense -- like a pick-up game of football, allowing all three to have a full

team instead of only two with all the privileges available.

Over the years, membership numbers dipped, but there were still enough to shift some boundaries and bump a few clubs from one district to another. A little gerrymandering and all was good!

But times have changed. It's simply not possible to have 3,000 members in three districts, each "in good standing" with LCI. The math doesn't work!

After decades of declining membership, all three districts are on the verge of being less-than the 1,250-member threshold. The so-called solution was to re-form BACK to two districts.

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# Redistricting *It's More than an Administrative Move*

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A select group of Lions from each of the three districts was challenged to prepare an Action Plan should LCI mandate for the state to redistrict. Could it? Would it? Probably not. That was several years ago; that committee presented its report to the sitting Council of Governors. The plan was received and tabled -- no action taken.

About two years later, a second committee was convened; its members presented a new recommendation to the Council, but also demanded action.

Specifically, they wanted the question of redistricting be brought before the entire state membership -- not simply reviewed by the sitting council.

They convinced last year's Council to place it before Convention delegates for a vote, confident that it would pass. In the history of Arizona Lions, no ballot measure has ever been defeated.

Instead of tabling the "Plan," leaders chose to schedule a vote... and have the membership decide whether the solution is redistricting. A plurality of "Yes" votes results in the "Redistrict Proposal" being sent to the LCI Board of Directors for its endorsement.

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Should it pass? Or should it NOT? That's for members to decide. Is LCI forcing the state to redistrict? No. Does this ballot measure solve the membership problem? No... it doesn't address the issue at all, nor challenge us to do anything about it. Will redistricting change our status within the international organization? Nope.



If a "No" vote doesn't change anything, what does a "Yes" vote mean, besides changing the district boundaries?

Will it change our leadership structure, dues, or how we do "business" in the state?... who decides board realignment within the Lions projects?... how do we deal with each district's reserve funds?... who decides which clubs are reassigned where, and why?

If redistricting is for members to decide, shouldn't members also decide boundary lines? Why north/south? Why align based on population instead of simple geography? Will there be other issues?

ALL of these -- and more -- have been asked of me as I've visited clubs and attended events. I'm a district governor ...supposedly "in-the-know" with the answers. Sorry, I don't have 'em all, and neither does anyone else.

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And as long as questions are being posed, I have a few of my own:

Why is voting conducted only on the least-attended day of the Convention?

Why is it required the voter be both a certified delegate AND a registered attendee to the Convention (that is, one who must register and pay to vote)?

Why can't there be absentee ballots? We elect Presidents without going to an actual Electoral College. This is the 21st century. Why can't we use technology to do online balloting?

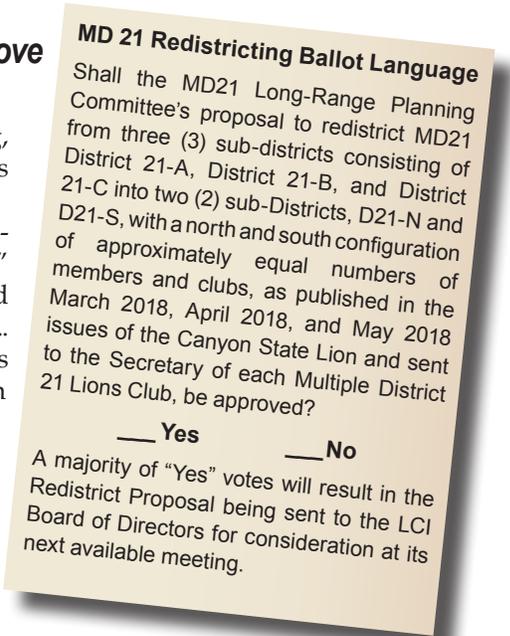
Wouldn't a more realistic "Will of the People" be identified with more than 120 votes being cast? Perhaps all 320?

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Every club has a vote; some as many 11 or more. More club members equals more votes. Historically, however, less than 40% of delegates attend and cast a ballot. There are 320 total votes possible -- 71 from 21-A, 127 from 21-B and 122 from 21-C representing 119 clubs. Why manipulate the voting to where only 61 individuals set the fate of 3,000-plus Lions in Arizona?

At 40% turnout, as few as 28 from A, 51 from B, and 49 from C would vote. A plurality could be achieved from as

*Map at left depicts basic division between north and south districts. Elsewhere in this issue of Canyon State Lion, a specific list of what clubs are assigned into which districts is published.*



few as nine clubs in only two districts. That's not a "membership mandate."

Suppose the referendum passes, LCI endorses the plan, and the redistricting boundaries set to take effect in July 2019. We're told we can choose to 'stop' this anytime prior. Who makes that call? Club Presidents, District Governors, another committee, or the Council? And on what basis?

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Before I became a Lion and a district governor, I was professionally engaged in a lot of voter initiatives as a political action consultant, former newspaper publisher and media relations expert. There are a lot of ways to stack the deck FOR or AGAINST almost any issue.

When seeking a specific vote, I knew NOT to seek a great voter turnout -- the fewer the better! I worked to keep it an unemotional, paper-pushing, party-line vote. Don't make it political, feisty or emotional. Try to obfuscate the issue in mountains of rhetoric and platitudes.

In my career, I've been involved with the equivalent redistricting process four times -- each time the outcome produced discord, did not change nor resolve the underlying root-cause issues, and did not change the course of decline that had prompted the initiative.

There's less than three months until the vote. Before YOU vote, understand the issues, the outcomes, what will happen regardless of which way the vote goes. Believe me, there's more to this than simply re-identifying some boundary lines on a map.



District 21-C Convention  
**“Conference in the Pines”**  
 Mt. Cross Event Center

Lutheran Outdoor Ministry of North Arizona  
 601 E. Highway 260, Payson, AZ

**Friday, March 23** - for early arrivals to the Conference

- 6:00 p.m. Early Registration opens  
 Early Delegate Certification
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner with I.D. Bruce Beck and his wife Erin
- 7:30 p.m. Early Registration closes
- 7:30 p.m. *Fireside Chat* with the I.D. and District Leadership
- 8:30 p.m. *“Women in Lions”* Lion Erin Beck
- 9:30 p.m. Social Networking

**Saturday, March 24**

- 7:30 a.m. Registration opens  
 Delegate Certification
- 8:30 a.m. Doors open to Cabinet Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. **District 21-C Cabinet Meeting**  
 Opening, Introductions and Protocol  
 Governor and Zone Chair Reports  
 Nomination of D21-C Officers for 2018-2019
- 10:00 a.m. Election (Voting) of 2018-2019 Officers
- 10:30 a.m. *“Global Action Team”* ID Bruce Beck  
*“Leadership Resources”* PID Dick Sawyer
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch with the I.D. and District Recognitions  
**Keynote Address** ID Bruce Beck  
 District Recognitions
- 1:00 p.m. **CLUB SERVICE EXPO** (continues until 5 p.m.)  
 Networking between clubs and presentations of  
 club service activities, club fundraising projects, and  
 signature club events and activities.
- 3:00 p.m. Lions New-Leader Orientation, round-robin format  
 Presidents & Vice Presidents Directors  
 Secretaries & Treasurers Members/Membership
- 5:00 p.m. Closing  
 Announcement of Election Results
- 5:30 pm Network and Social





Registration Form  
Lions District 21 C  
Spring Conference in the Pines

**SATURDAY,**  
**March**  
**24**  
**2018**

Lutheran Outdoor Ministry of Northern Arizona  
**601 E. Highway 260, Payson, AZ 85541**

Registration: 8:00 am    Convention: 9:00 am -5:00 pm

**A One-Day Convention Event**

...for Lions of District 21-C to showcase the BEST of what we do by sharing our Clubs' best projects, most successful events, finest fundraisers, and the how and what we do to provide Service in our communities.

Lion \_\_\_ Lioness \_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_

Please use one sheet per registrant

Print First Name

/

Last Name

2017/2018 Club/District/Int'l. office held: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Inclusive Pre-Registration: **\$30<sup>00</sup>** includes buffet lunch

**REGISTRATION ONLY: \$20<sup>00</sup>** - [late registration after March 10, 2018 - \$25<sup>00</sup>] - **Buffet Lunch: \$15<sup>00</sup>**

Cubs/Leos/Campus Lions: Registration is Free - but must register. Cubs/Leos/Campus Lions: Lunch \$7<sup>00</sup>

Make checks payable to: Lions District 21C

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# Lions of Yavapai Mobile Eye Care Van Program

## Purpose of The Mobile Eye Care Van

One of the primary missions Lions clubs around the country (and around the world) is providing eye care service on a local level. In Yavapai County there are rural areas that have no Lions clubs and little access to, or scant funds for, eye care. People in rural areas many times go without proper eye care, and are unaware of the availability of Lions assistance.

In Yavapai County we have a unique resource to remedy that problem. There is a fund, the Mel Clack Fund, set up as a result of vision services begun by a deceased Prescott Lion named Mel Clack. The specific purpose of this fund is to support eye care for financially needy persons throughout all of Yavapai County. That fund set the stage for this eye care van program. We now had a funding mechanism beyond what Lions Clubs can afford to pay, for more eye care including serving rural areas where there are no Lions clubs.

Based on the availability of this resource and its record of underperforming the service it could deliver, it seemed necessary to develop an organization of Lions to fully use the funds to serve eye care needs in our county. Lions of Yavapai is now here to make this happen.

Next we needed to determine how to provide Lions eye care to residents in the rural parts of this county. Based on talking with residents in many rural burghs, it was determined that the best way to service them was to bring eye care to them. These low income folks generally do not walk into eye doctors' offices due to their inability to pay, some are transportation challenged, and often Lions assistance availability is not advertised in their areas. It was also determined that this unique eye care delivery method should be run by the new Lions organizational structure, Lions of Yavapai – a coalition of Lions striving to deliver more vision service. Lions of Yavapai is a new organization whose members are Lions in all of the Lions clubs in Yavapai County that wish to participate voluntarily.

Lastly, we needed to find a way to actually deliver eye care to residents in the rural parts of this county. Through private and Lions club funding, we were able to procure a used mobile eye exam office set-up in an RV. This is now the Lions Of Yavapai Mobile Eye Care Van. This Lions moveable eye doctors office solves the three issues mentioned above that exist in the rural settings where many of Yavapai's financially challenged people with eye care needs live.

The Mobile Eye Care Van is a fully equipped mobile eye doctor examination room. The instruments in this unit are in very good condition. It is used by volunteer eye doctors to give eye exams and write prescriptions for eye glasses, and to refer clients for additional diagnoses when necessary. This mobile doctor's office can bring eye care services anywhere in Yavapai County, but is particularly capable for serving Yavapai residents who lack the means for or access to eye care services. In typical Lions fashion, there is no charge to the recipients of these services.

While individual Lions clubs could pay for the costs associated with clients processed through the eye care van, this rural service is typically outside their traditional S&H program. This "more service" is ideal for charging to the Clack Fund, and helps it better perform its mission. This non-traditional service is a good fit with the LOY working to fully use the Clack funds to serve eye care needs in our county.

The van can bring eye care services anywhere in Yavapai County, including towns with Lions clubs using specialized events in-town. But, its principal advantage is serving in rural areas such as: Seligman, Ash Fork, Paulden, Bagdad, Yarnell, Camp Verde, Mayer, Cordes Lakes and Black Canyon City.

## Planning An Event

An event location and approximate date are chosen to initiate an event. The location includes which facility within the town will be used. The approximate date is at least 8 weeks into the future. The selection process includes a newly formed process of determining which sites will be selected, which months are optimal for these sites for temperature, doctor's availability and other miscellaneous factors.

This begins a series of steps for planning that event. They are:

1. A doctor is selected and contacted to determine his/her availability and best days.
2. There is at each site, a local contact person (our agent) whom is also contacted to help determine the specific day and date based on the doctor's availability.
3. Once the date is selected, the local contact person begins the process of locating and contacting potential clients. That contact person is given the Mel Clack qualification forms and is trained by a Lion in having the clients fill them out so that the clients will arrive at the event pre-qualified.
4. The contact person is also visited a week or two before the event to resolve any questions about the qualification process and to sort out the mechanics of locating the van and where the clients will be interviewed and have their pictures taken. Also, a local restaurant is chosen for lunch and a menu is procured. This may be done in one or more visits.

## Running An Event

On the day of the event, volunteer Lions bring the Eye Care Van to the site and set it up for the eye doctor. We meet the eye doctor there and he/she familiarizes himself/herself with the equipment and supplies. We have a written procedure for processing clients through the various steps.

We generally start exams at 9:00 A.M. We plan approximately 4 screening exams per hour and try to service approximately 20 clients during the course of the day, although recent history has us running closer to 3 exams/hr. We always have no-shows and some walk-ins and usually need to juggle the schedule to assure that the doctor is not sitting there waiting for a client. Continued on next page

The scope of the event is that each client gets a screening exam and a prescription for glasses if needed. This is not a comprehensive eye exam, but will identify whether the client needs to have additional eye care services. In that case, the client will be referred.

We have a binder with a good selection of designer frames. The client picks out a frame, we take a picture of each client and that paperwork and picture are processed. The client will get a pair of glasses mailed to them. We schedule a lunch break and we provide lunch for the doctor and all volunteers. Below is listing of the general procedure as it is today.

### **General Procedure**

1. The client is first interviewed to review the Mel Clack qualification form
2. The client is then assisted in filling out the doctors form
3. The client is next examined by the eye doctor. There may be a tech assisting the doctor
4. A picture is taken of the client after seeing the doctor if eyeglasses are prescribed
5. Eyeglass frames are selected if eyeglasses are prescribed and written on the doctors form
6. If a referral is recommended, the client is advised of the next step
7. The client confirms that all paperwork is accounted for and is discharged

### **Follow-up Tasks After The event**

Our responsibility is to provide the client and opportunity to see the eye doctor, process the client's paperwork concerning financial qualifications and for sending in the prescription information. The specific tasks for doing this are:

1. After the event, the Mel Clack forms are aggregated and sent to the doctors agent for approval. This procedure is in the process of being changed, so that Lions will approve these forms in the future.
2. Doctors referrals are made for those clients that need additional eye care.
3. The client pictures are processed and put on a cd.
4. Once the Mel Clack forms are approved, the filled out doctors forms and cd with pictures are sent to Arizona Vison where the glasses will be cut and sent to the clients.
5. A pair of glasses will be cut and mailed to the client.

### **Eye Doctors**

Our biggest challenge is a shortage of volunteer eye doctors. In 2017 we had 4 eye doctors available and ran 4 events in latter part of the year. We are recruiting more eye doctors and have 9 so far for 2018 and are waiting to hear from one or two more.

We are asking our volunteer doctors to participate in one event per year right now. We are offering an optional stipend of \$500 for the day, although that stipend has been declined to date. We normally plan an event 8 weeks in advance and work with our doctor for that event, to help determine the actual date.

We do our best to match doctors to their needs based on their answers to a short questionnaire. When the date approaches for that event, we will contact the doctor provide him/her with the specific details for that event.

Our advisor for the van and for the eye doctors is Lion Dr. Jon Bundy.

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Mar	24	District 21C Conference in the Pines Club Service Expo	Payson	Laura Wonderly hiking102@wildblue.net
April	6-8	21B Convention 3rd Council Meeting (following 21B Convention)		Carol Rosinke 480 751-8320 lioncarolr21b@hotmail.com
April	21	Peoria Sunset Lions Club annual golf tournament, Tee for Sight	Peoria	Rachell Barrett 623 974-3239 rarebit@cox.net
April	29	2VDG/CS/CT School	Phoenix	
May	6	Tucson Breakfast Lions Club Drive 'Fore' Sight Golf Classic	Tucson	Pete 520 747-5957 Dom 520 323-2522
May	18-20	MD21 State Convention 4th Council Meeting	Ahwatukee	Linda Finley 602 999-5797 Debbie Vine 602 390-0656
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