



District Deeds

District 4-L2 Newsletter

“We Serve”

April 2015

District Theme: “Working Together in Service”

District Governor's

Message

Fellow Lions,

We are almost done with one more year of service. Have you (“ASK ONE”) friend, family, co-worker to become part of the greatest service organization in the world? Yes, Lions International is the largest and greatest service organization in the world and we want to reach out to all the citizens in our communities that want to serve and to be part of Lions International.

We had our 58th Annual Lions Tribute Day at City of Hope and it was very well attended. We had approximately 500 Lions that came together from all over California to participate in the fantastic and very informative tour that was provided to all of the Lions present. If you have never visited the City of Hope and you would like to have a tour, you can call and arrange it and they would be very happy to accommodate you. You will be impressed. This is a great project to support personally or by your club with any monetary donation. You can go online and see how your District is participating and you can donate directly and it will be counted for your District. If you have any questions please call Lion Michelle Vigue at 626-218-6560. She is the Lionsø representative at City of Hope.

On April 18th, we are having our last District meeting under my leadership. Letø make this one the best meeting yet by attending and participating. We are having a Forum with the two Candidates for 2nd Vice District Governor. This is your time to get to know them and find out what plans and goals they have to continue making our District 4-L2 the best District in California. If you have any questions you



District Governor
Alberto Montes de Oca

would like to ask these candidates, please email them to me by April 10th to:

alberto.montesdeoca@gmail.com

On May 15, 16, and 17, 2015, we are having our District Convention in San Diego. The reservations and information are posted on the District website www.LIONS4L2.org You can make your reservations and pay for them online. We are having a Night at Sea on the Hornblowerø Dinner Cruise in the San Diego Bay on May 15th. This is a three-course dining experience aboard this elegant yacht with dancing and enjoying the spectacular views of the bay. Space is limited, so please donøt wait and be left out. For more information go to www.LIONS4L2.org

Cost: Adults \$100 per person, children under 12, \$50.00 per person. You can also contact the co-chairs of the Convention, Lion Treasurer Ron Copley, 562-693-8330 or Lion Tom Kester, 626-487-9339 or Lion 2nd VDG Manny Sanchez:

boldexplorers@yahoo.com or DG Alberto Montes De Oca at 562-698-3386 or

alberto.montesdeoca@gmail.com This will be a Convention you will not forget so make your reservations today!

Thank you for all of your support that you have given me during this year. You have helped to make our District 4-L2 the best District in California!

Sincerely

District Governor 4-L2 Alberto Montes De Oca,

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1st Vice District

Governor Remarks

Fellow Lions,

I hope all of you are doing well and succeeding at whatever you attempt. Your dedication continues to be the backbone of this fabulous team of nearly 1,500 Lions.



District Governor Alberto continues to move the District forward using great organizational skills, dedicated volunteers, and a push toward the future. My theme, "Working Together to Create the Future," will continue to move the organization forward by attracting younger members and asking the long-term members to re-dedicate themselves to service. We are nearly 100 years old as an organization and I often wonder how many groups formed, but due to various reasons lost their focus and faded away. I believe we are not in that category.

I recently sent letters to all club presidents to pass along my GLT and GMT goals for the year. Briefly, the leadership goals include training, training, and more training. We also have to identify and mentor the future leaders of this District. Regarding the membership goals, I (no, we) have an opportunity to start clubs in many cities whose Lions club folded years ago or have never had a club. The plan includes two goals: first, charter a new club each quarter, and second, bring at least five clubs back to the minimum of 20 members. The second goal sounds easy but sometimes we get comfortable with our present situation and don't remember to ask qualified people to join Lions. Let me refer to the second sentence of this article, "Your dedication continues to be the backbone of this fabulous team of nearly 1,500 Lions." Dedication is the answer.

I mentioned in my letter to the club presidents that the District directory was being developed. The cost for the directory is determined by the amount of money (yes, money) that is provided for advertising. Discuss this subject with your club members.

The installation will be held on Friday, July 17th at the Rio Hondo Event Center in Downey. It is located at 10627 Old River School Road. The staff at that location is extremely helpful and generous I might add. The cost should be in the \$30-\$35 range. For now, just mark your calendar.

Finally, I want to tell all of you how proud I am of this organization. I recently spoke to Sheriff Jim McDonnell and told him about our organization. He was well aware of the Lions and he asked how we were doing at bringing in younger members. I mentioned the campus clubs and, oh yeah, I asked him to join us at the installation on July 17th. Talk to you soon.

Yours in Lionism,

Larry Wehage, 1st Vice District Governor

Words from 2nd Vice District Governor



We have all seen on television or heard on the radio "Donate to a worthy cause." Well, we all know that we have the world's best foundation, LCIF. We are the world's best kept secret, we have made a difference, we are making a difference and we have the opportunity to make a difference to many more people in the world and also in our communities.

There is nothing better than being a Lion because we make a difference in people's lives. Yes, we have the best fundraisers and the best projects but as a Lion, a Club member and a District, we collectively have the power to stand up and support our International Foundation.

Let us all mentor our new members about the purpose of LCIF, that is, that we can donate to the greatest need. We rebuild after a disaster. I have personally seen this at Hurricane Sandy where groups of Lions were going into neighborhoods with tools to help clean up. We donate for the sight programs. Our District's Eyemobile was created from a LCIF grant and our proposed Spot Screener is the current project. In the past, we have requested grants to support our youth. The van for the Blind Children's Institute and the van for the Whittier Boys and Girls Clubs to transport children are examples. We contribute to humanitarian projects whether it is measles or river disease or long term rebuilding after a disaster. We have done a great job, but we need to do better by supporting LCIF.

We want to continue to remind clubs and educate new members that each member can contribute to LCIF. The Contributing Membership program is an annual program that recognizes three levels of donations. Donors contributing \$20 receive a bronze pin, a donor contributing \$50 will receive a Silver pin and donating \$100 will receive a Gold pin. Clubs can be earn the 100 percent Member Support banner patch and chevron. For small clubs, this is a great opportunity to be recognized by simply having each member donate \$25 then sending it to LCIF at one time.

To my surprise and gratitude, I was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship by our District Governor Alberto Montes De Oca at the Melvin Jones dinner. The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) recognizes donations of \$1,000. It is the funding source of Lions Clubs International Foundation. It provides 75 percent of the foundation's revenue. Personally it was a great honor to receive the humanitarian award.

To date (from the LCI March Club Health Assessment Report), 18 out of the 53 Clubs in District 4-L2 have made donations to LCIF. Let's see if we can make it 100%. The donations don't have to be large but every penny counts. Strength comes in numbers and we are the world's largest service organization. So let us support our foundation. One Lion can make the difference, one club can make the difference, let us all work together to support the Lions Clubs International Foundation to show the world we care and we serve. I am very proud to be a Lion.

Your in Lionism,
Manuel Sanchez
2nd Vice District Governor

LAST DISTRICT MEETING!

Saturday, April 18, 2015 is our last District Meeting at PIH Health 12401 Washington Blvd., Whittier. Breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m. and the business meeting at 9:00 a.m.

We are having a Forum for the two candidates running for 2nd Vice District Governor. Let's show our support and let's find out what plans they have for the future of 4-L2.

Have you registered ? To register, please e-mail District Secretary Drew Sones at: d.sonesconsulting@verizon.net or call 562-696-5200.

Let's make this District meeting one to remember !!! Invite your friends, co-workers, and yes, your club members to be part of this meeting.

Come and celebrate the great year that District 4-L2 is having. You have made this possible. Show your support by attending.

Remember it will cost more at the door. Reserve now. It is only \$12.00 per person but \$15.00 at the door. We have to order the food by Wednesday, so don't wait. Thank you for your support!

District Governor 4-L2 Alberto Montes De Oca,

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Our condolences to Lion Tom Ward (Pasadena Host) who lost his brother.

Get well wishes are extended to Lion John oMacö McFarland (Whittier Host) who had a knee replacement, Lion Dan McMillan (East Whittier) who had back surgery, and Lion Mary Jane Patton (East Long Beach) and Lion Dolores Divine (Uptown Long Beach) who have been ill.

Congratulations to Lion Krystal Uribe (Montebello) on her recent engagement!



The District Newsletter can be accessed under the *District Documents and Forms Library* link which is listed on the column to the left on the website homepage.

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District 4-L2 Holds Student Speakers Contest

The District's Student Speakers Contest was held on Saturday, April 11th. Four excellent students were the contestants: Andrew Chau - sponsored by Arcadia Champion Lions, Milla Anderson - sponsored by Maywood Lions Club, Kristie Sham - sponsored by Monterey Park Lions, and Avery de la Cruz - sponsored by Paramount Lions. The topic this year, a very timely one, was "Water Conservation - How Can We Reduce, Recycle and Reclaim?"

Milla Anderson was the winner and received a \$4,500 scholarship. She will compete in the Area Four Contest on May 9th at 2:00p.m. at the University of Redlands. The winner of the Area Contest will receive a \$6,500 scholarship and compete in the Final Contest on June 6th in San Jose. The final winner receives an additional scholarship of \$10,000.

All 4-L2 Clubs and Lions are asked to contribute to the Student Speakers Foundation. Please consider placing an amount in your club's budget for an annual donation. No donation is too small. The Foundation needs YOUR support. The Foundation will give "\$103,500 in scholarships this year. All money contributed to the Foundation goes for scholarships. Please contact PDG Chris Ohrmund or PDG Dennis Drag to learn more about giving to our Foundation

