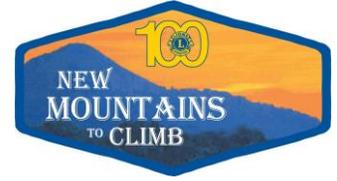




# ***DISTRICT 4-L2***

## ***THE LIONS' ROAR***



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### ***A Message from District Governor Manny Sanchez***



Hello Fellow Lions,

It is great to be back from the 2016 Lions Clubs International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan. I am honored to be your 2016-2017 District Governor for our Centennial Year. This is our year to celebrate 100 years of service. To start the celebration, we had the Cabinet Installation on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our District Directory is being finalized and it would be great to have every District club place an ad in the Directory for the Centennial Year. We will be promoting the Centennial throughout the year. The 100<sup>th</sup> Lions Club International President Bob Corlew gave all District Governors a banner to have every member of our District sign. These will be presented at the International Convention Centennial Convention in Chicago, June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

International President Bob Corlew's theme this year is "New Mountains to Climb". He states, "Climbing a mountain is used as a metaphor. It represents something that is difficult and arduous and takes a maximum effort to accomplish. But it is only by climbing those mountains that we can excel. Each mountain represents a new challenge, a new opportunity. As our world continues to change, each of us faces new challenges and new opportunities to serve and each can be viewed as a mountain. Climbing these mountains provides a chance for Lions to make the world better.

As we celebrate 100 years of Lions service, we honor our past and embrace our present. But it is our future for which we must plan. If we are to ascend our next mountain, we must lay out a trail in front of us, marking our trail for future generations of Lions who follow and preserving our tradition of service."

With that said, during this year we will support our new Lions with training and mentoring and support our clubs and members with new opportunities, training and promoting our club's fantastic service projects and fundraisers.

One opportunity is through the efforts of our IPDG Larry Wehage. I am proud to announce that four "Spot Vision Screeners" have been delivered to District 4-L2. IPDG Larry is the Chair of our "Lions Kid Sight USA" Project to screen our youth. These screeners were purchased with a matching grant from LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation). To fulfill the grant, Lions will be trained on the screeners. Training dates will be announced shortly.

This Centennial Year is your club's opportunity to "show off" your club history and current projects. You are all Centennial Lions. Congratulations and now let's have some fun!

### ***A Message from 1st Vice District Governor Theresa "Tessy" Prumatico***

It is with humility and gratitude that I accept the 1<sup>st</sup> VDG position.

I am pleased to see District 4-L2 always moving forward with great service to our communities and "Lions Volunteering From the Heart" in one common goal, Service. It is all of our clubs that make our District shine.

I am always proud to say I am a member of District 4-L2. We are a great District filled with Lions who truly enjoy helping those in need.

I look forward to a great year with DG Manny and the entire District and will be excited to learn of the many deeds our clubs will be doing. I am proud to be a Lion!



## ***A Message from 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor John Nelson***



Lions of District 4-L2 - "Pinch Me"! I am so happy and excited to be your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. Thank you for electing me at our Annual Convention in May at San Diego.

What about our 4-L2 Installation? What a great time everyone had that afternoon at the Rio Hondo Event Center. The event was well attended, not only from our clubs, family and friends, but what made it special was the dignitaries who attended. In attendance were District Governor of 4-L3 Carol Ann Emmitt and her husband Tom, DG of 4-L4 Bob Suseta and his wife, Lion Sharon, and DG of 4-L5 Rob Manning and his wife Lion Lucy, along with our MD-4 Council Chair David Radtke and his wife Lion Penny. There were also many of our District's PDGs who were presented gold jackets for their service. The installation was performed by no other than our International Director Howard Hudson, who put a spin on things and presented a special record to all Cabinet officers. IPD Howard's wife, Lion Lynn also attended. Congratulations to DG Manny, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Theresa and the entire Cabinet.

Lion Cheryl and I have been busy meeting our fellow Governors of MD-4 and their spouses/adult companions, including the other 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs. We attended our first COG (Council of Governors) Meeting in June in Redding and the one recently held in Concord. I will be a member of the Convention Management Committee.

In July, I was an honored guest at District 4-L6 for their installation in San Diego. Lion Cheryl and I were invited by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Mercy Walters and her husband Lion Paul. I look forward to introducing them to all of you at one of our District Meetings. Also in July, I was invited by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Pete Badame to attend the District 4-L4 Installation in Yorba Linda. Unfortunately, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Pete became ill before the installation and passed away. His Celebration of Life was attended by many fellow Lions from throughout the state and he will be sorely missed especially by his spouse Lion Lorna. Lion Pete was also a cherished Veteran.

I have also attended many of the club installations in our District and could not be prouder of the clubs for their accomplishments this past year. I personally want to say "Thank You" to all outgoing officers and wish the best to the incoming officers. All Lions are to be commended for your service in our communities.

Lastly the District has some great training opportunities coming up on August 20<sup>th</sup> and after the District Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend. I will be doing the Region and Zone Chairs Training on the 27<sup>th</sup>. We will learn Lionism together.

I remain "Humble and Kind" in service to our communities.

### **REMINDER OF IMPORTANT DATES**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> – Training Classes – Applied Technology Center High School – 1200 West Mines Avenue – Montebello.**

**Training is from 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m. for Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and Club Treasurers.**

**Training from 11:30a.m. – 1:30p.m. for Tail Twisters, Club Budgets and Filing Club Taxes.**

**Training from 1:30p.m. – 3:30p.m. for Club Membership Chairs.**

**A light lunch (no cost) will be available for those who attend the morning and afternoon class (es).**

**RSVP to our GLT Gary Hall or CS Nancy McAfee.**

**August 27<sup>th</sup> – First Quarter District Meeting at PIH Health Hospital – 12401 Washington Blvd. – Whittier. Cost is**

**\$12.00 for a full breakfast if prepaid reservation is received by August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p.m.**

**Programs: Kid Sight USA and Lion Glenda Chan (past District Leo Pres.) on her vision mission trip to Peru.**

**After August 24<sup>th</sup>, cost is \$15.00 per person. Send checks to CT Ron Copley – 15352 Mar Vista Street –**

**Whittier 90605. Make checks out to District 4-L2.**

**Training for Region/Zone Chairs and Orientation for Members (five years membership or less) after meeting.**

## **“BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION”**

**Submitted by DG Manny**

Welcome to our first 2016 – 2017 District Bulletin. This is going to be a great year! We have a lot planned as we begin our Centennial Celebration. The 2016 Lions Club Convention was held in Fukuoka, Japan, and what an incredible experience. The trip started off with Governor Elect Training. Then right into the 2016 Convention.

The Lions from Japan were the most courteous, pleasant people in the world. They were well organized and ready to assist at a moment's notice. The sites were easy to find and all I can say is “incredible”, the history, the beauty, the simple details. Lion Lillian and I would go back to see more of the country.

We also had the honor of experiencing the International election. What a process. For the 2016 – 2017 year, addition to IP Bob Corlew from Tennessee, our 1<sup>st</sup> International Vice President is Naresh Aggarwal from Delhi, India, our 2<sup>nd</sup> International Vice President is Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir, a lady from Gardabaer, Iceland, and our 3<sup>rd</sup> International Vice President is Jung-Yul Choi from Busan City, Korea. It was truly history in the making!

Now about our mission for the year: we are to continue the Centennial Celebration and Centennial Challenge. As stated by LCI, “Environment – Lions help to keep our neighborhoods, streets, parks, rivers, green spaces, and water clean and safe for everyone. Youth – Lions tutor, teach, mentor, coach, and support young people with everything from math homework to dealing with personal crises to football and soccer tournaments. Hunger – We work on our own and with other agencies to stem food insecurity. Vision – Lions work on many levels to fight preventable blindness and provide much needed services to the blind and visually impaired.”

We must remind others about our rich 100 year history. Just like our emblem, we share the past and plan for the future. We truly have new challenges and new opportunities.

For 2016 – 2017 our District's motto is “Building a Strong Foundation”. The District Goals for this year are to focus on education. To teach new Lions and remind other Lions of our fantastic history. To provide all the classes we Lions need to be a member and to be leaders. An educated Lion is a happy Lion with the knowledge of our Association, the knowledge of the projects we have in this District and how to create a project. We must give our members the opportunity to become leaders. We will be providing these classes.

When Lions serve and know that they make a difference, they will stay a Lion. We will retain members and grow. This is YOUR year, the Centennial year. This is YOUR District and with that said, if you have an idea, let me know.

Let us all enjoy this year together. I am proud to be your District Governor.

**Together we will “Build a Strong Foundation”.**

### ***DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITATION SCHEDULE***

*District Governor Manny is working on his schedule for visitations to the clubs in our District. The visitations will begin in August and club presidents will be notified of the dates by our Cabinet Secretary, Lion Nancy McAfee.*

*They are also listed on the District Governor Calendar on our website.*

**“SERVICE TO  
OTHERS IS THE  
RENT YOU PAY FOR  
YOUR ROOM HERE  
ON EARTH.”**

**MUHAMMAD ALI**

## NEWS FROM OUR CAMP – LIONS CAMP AT TERESITA PINES

Submitted by Lion Gary Hall, Camp Board Member

The Board of Directors has recently brought on board a new Resident Camp Manager. With the impending retirement of long time manager, Lion John Bauer, a nationwide search was implemented in April of this year for a qualified replacement for John.

In June of this year the decision was made to hire David Rudie who at the time was managing a Boy Scouts of America camp in the Hood Canal area in western Washington State. David started on July 1<sup>st</sup> and will work with John Bauer until John retires at the end of September. David, along with his wife and three children, are getting settled into their new environs and housing provided on site at Teresita Pines. We all wish David the best and support him in this major change in his life and that of his family.

Many other great things are going on at the Camps as we continue to expand our housing capacity for campers and staff. Improvements of the properties, with new structures and retrofitting and remodeling of existing ones are ongoing.

Please join us at our annual “**Open House and Lions Appreciation Day**” Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. This event is hosted by Lions Camps at Teresita Pines and is open to all Lions, Lionesses, Leos and any other interested individuals. For more information about the Open House or about the Camps, please contact the Camp at 800-585-3245 or go to [info@campteresitapines.org](mailto:info@campteresitapines.org)

### **Our District 4-L2 Family Is Saddened by the Loss of these Lions:**

**Lion A. B. Paulson a fifty-six year member of the Arcadia Host Lions Club**

**Lion Jerry Miller a thirty-nine year member of the Bellflower Noon Lions Club**

**Lion John Potter a sixty-one year member of the West Covina Lions Club**

**Lion Glen Welch a forty-three year member of the West Covina Lions Club**

*Sincere sympathy to their families. They will be missed.*



### **Sunshine Report from Lion Lorraine Magner**

**Get Well Cards to:** Lion Leslie Drag (Downtown Long Beach)  
IPDG Larry Wehage (Bellflower Noon)  
Lion Greg Gunter (Whittier Host)

**Sympathy Cards to:** Family of Lion Jerry Miller (Bellflower Noon)  
Family of Lion John Potter (West Covina)

**Congratulations Card to:** Lion Emelia Alvarez (Montebello) New grand baby

Contact Lion Lorraine at [lorrainemagner@yahoo.com](mailto:lorrainemagner@yahoo.com) if you know of a Lion who should receive a card.

Welcome to our Lions Family. . . . . (July, 2016)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Club</b>
Sandra Jimenez	Norma Damas	City of Commerce Evening
Johncito Peraza	Jaime Valencia	City of Commerce Evening
Jaime Valencia	Tony Gonzalez	City of Commerce Evening
Alfredo Palacios	Miguel Estrada	City of Commerce Evening
Laura Perez	Norma Damas	City of Commerce Evening
Abram Garcia	Anthony Santos	East Whittier
Eduardo Granados	Anthony Santos	East Whittier
Shirley Chen	Henry Liu	Industry Professional
Lily Yim	Brian Chow	Industry Professional
Jennifer Situ	Richard Chong	Industry Professional
Jerry Yu	Albert Siu	Industry Professional
Elroy Chen	Kaiser Mo	Los Angeles Diamond
Helen Koo Severson	Cecilia Wong	Los Angeles Diamond
Michelle Xiao	Kaiser Mo	Los Angeles Diamond
Angel Peil	Cecilia Wong	Los Angeles Diamond
Jenny Wang	Kaiser Mo	Los Angeles Diamond
Jung Tzu Amy Chang	Alice Loo	Los Angeles Overseas
Hsiao Chuan Anne Chao	Alice Loo	Los Angeles Overseas
Bo He	Michelle Hong Lee	Los Angeles Overseas
Gregory King	Sharon King	Los Angeles Overseas
Yu Chun Tom Chang	Alice Loo	Los Angeles Overseas
Yun Men May Cheng	Helen Wang	Los Angeles Overseas
Ann Hwu	Lily Ko	Los Angeles Overseas
Wayne Lin	Sharon King	Los Angeles Overseas
Molly Liu	Michelle Hong Lee	Los Angeles Overseas
Jennifer Pai	Ellen Wong	Los Angeles Overseas
Christine Wang	Sharon King	Los Angeles Overseas
Lucy Lu	Sharon King	Los Angeles Overseas
Shu Lan Helen Qi	Wayne Lin	Los Angeles Overseas
Jessica Wu	Sharon King	Los Angeles Overseas
Ana Valencia	Anthony Garcia	Norwalk
Denice Venegas	Maggie Cardenas	Pico Rivera
James Huang	None Listed	San Gabriel Taiwanese
Pinky Lee	Cici Lau	San Gabriel Vall. Entrepreneur
Weizhen Zhong	None Listed	San Gabriel Vall. Entrepreneur
Ellina Yao	Diana Chu	San Gabriel Vall. Entrepreneur

Please plan to attend the Member Orientation Class  
after our District Meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>.



## WHAT DOES THE 2016 – 2017 DISTRICT 4-L2 GOVERNORS PIN MEAN?



The Motto, "Building a Strong Foundation" means that this year we want to focus on the continuing education of new Lions with the knowledge of being a Lion, to promote new and current members to be leaders and expand our humanitarian work as stated in our Lions Clubs International Mission Statement.

The Lion Member in the pin is holding blueprints and documents symbolizing our Bylaws, Motto, Mission Statement, Purpose and our Code of Ethics. This is our Foundation on who we are as an organization.

Our Emblem as posted on our Lions Clubs International website and state by Halsted Ritter. "The name Lion stands not only for fraternity, good fellowship, strength of character and purpose, but above all, its combination of L-I-O-N-S heralds to the country the true meaning of citizenship: LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE, OUR NATION'S SAFETY."

The Globe symbolizes that we are the world's largest service organization with over 46,000 clubs all over the world. The Stars represent the Celebration of our Centennial Year.

The Colors are Blue and Gold, Black and White are Lions Colors along with Purple. We show them off with pride and dignity. I hope you, the members of District 4-L2, enjoy this year's pin design and motto.

Best Wishes to all,  
DG Manny



Centennial logos available on the LCI website.

### ***Let's Meet Our District Governor . . . .***

Manuel "Manny" Sanchez is a Native Southern Californian and was raised in Long Beach, California. He is married to Lion Lillian Gomez. He joined Lions Clubs International as a member of the Norwalk Lions Club in August, 2009. He was inducted into Lions by Past International President Kay K. Fukushima during the Installation Dinner of District 4-L2's Cabinet under the leadership of Larry Dicus, now a Past International Director. In January of 2016, he transferred to the Montebello Lions Club.

After joining Lions Manny was appointed Technology Chair in the same month and in the years since he has been Lions Alert, Public Relations, Fundraising, Membership, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Club President for two years consecutively 2012-2014.

District positions included Technology, Environment, Web/Social Media, Lions Alert, MERLO – Retention, Zone Chair, Global Membership Team Chair for four years, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG, and now District Governor. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

He is currently employed with the Los Angeles County Office of Education as the Production and Operations Engineer/Manager for the video production and 36 broadcast television industry and multimedia industry. Manny currently holds two Federal Communication Commission Licenses, a General Commercial Class for broadcast television and radio and an Amateur Radio Technician Class.

Manny is a member of the Los Angeles FBI's Infragard and Orange County FBI's OC Shield. In November of 2014, he proudly graduated from the FBI Citizen's Academy Los Angeles California and now is on the Board of Directors.

He also volunteers for the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Norwalk Station. He is both a member of Ham Watch (Amateur Radio) and Volunteers on Patrol, which assists with nonhazardous assignments which include DUI check points and traffic control.

He is currently Co-Chair in the Red Cross Los Angeles Region Territory 4 over seeing the volunteers and disaster service for forty-nine cities. Manny is also a Government Liaison for the Red Cross which reports to the Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center or in the field operations. In 2012 he was sent to New York to help with the relief efforts during the Hurricane Sandy Operations. As an Emergency Response Vehicle Supervisor, his team served 1600 meals a day.

## A Word of Appreciation from the Student Speakers Foundation

A special thank you to all clubs and individuals who contributed to the Foundation in the 2015-16 Lions' year. Our District's total was \$7,358. Special kudos to these clubs: Norwalk, Montebello, Irwindale, Bellflower Noon, Downtown Long Beach, Arcadia Host, Pasadena Host, Bellflower Family, Lakewood, City of Industry, San Gabriel Taiwanese, Central City East Boyle Heights, Downey, East Whittier, East Valley, Rowland Heights, Paramount, Belmont Shore, Signal Hill, Covina Breakfast, East Los Angeles, and these individuals: Ed Pizzorno, VDG John Nelson, IPDG Larry Wehage, VDG Theresa Prumatico, DG Manny Sanchez, Ryan Rice, Maggie Cardenas, Merlin Thimlar, Leslie and PDG Dennis Drag, Bob Preston, Shirley Chiavetta, PDG Bill Walters, PDG Sally Torres, PCC Roger and PDG Judy Powell, PID Warren Greene, PID Larry Dicus, PDG Mike Brassard, Larry Sullivan, and PDG Chris Ohrmund.



### BLIND ETIQUETTE: SIX WAYS TO BE GRACIOUS AROUND PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

There's no "secret" to interacting with people who are blind. They just want to be treated like everybody else, with courtesy and respect. So relax and act naturally. Just be considerate of the fact that you can see and they cannot. Here are six suggestions that will make your next interaction with someone who is blind easier and more comfortable:

1. **If you think someone who is blind may need help navigating, ask first.** It's jarring for anyone to be unexpectedly grabbed or pulled, but especially so for someone who can't see who's doing the grabbing. By asking, you give the person a chance to say "yes please" or "no thank you."
2. **If your help is accepted, allow him or her to grasp your arm just above the elbow.** That makes it easier for the person to feel your movements and follow on their own terms.
3. **If you see someone who is blind or visually impaired about to encounter danger, be calm and clear when you warn the person.** Use specific language such as "there's a curb right in front of you" or "the door in front of you is closed" instead of "watch out!" Also, use directional language such as "to your left" or "directly behind you" rather than "it's over here." Think about what information you would want to know if you couldn't see.
4. **Identify yourself when approaching someone who is blind, or when entering a room with them.** Even if the person has met you before, he or she may not recognize you by your voice. In a group setting, address the person by name so they know when you're talking to them. And inform the person when you depart, so they don't continue the conversation to an empty room.
5. **Don't pet or distract a working guide dog.** These dogs are busy directing their owners and keeping them safe. Distracting them makes them less effective and can put their owners in danger.
6. **Use "people first" language.** No one wants to be labeled by how they are different. It's kinder, and more accurate, to say "a person who is blind" rather than "a blind person." We are all people first.

A little understanding and sensitivity goes a long way. By following these suggestions, you'll find that making a human connection is easy. It doesn't matter if one person can see and the other can't.

**Announcing the Student Speakers Contest Topic  
for the 2016 – 2017 Lions' Year:**

*“Is the right to privacy a threat to our national security?”*

**Clubs are encouraged to order their Contest Packet on line at  
md4lions.org**

**Deadline to order is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Late orders will result in a fee of \$25.00.**

**Remember your Club's dues must be current at the time  
you order your packet.**

**Any questions, contact PDG Chris Ohrmund, District Contest Chair  
R-909-598-0554 C-909-646-0673 [ohrmu@aol.com](mailto:ohrmu@aol.com)**

*Let's have another great contest year for 4-L2!*

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before our District Meeting.**

**Articles and announcements are welcomed and encouraged  
to be submitted by Clubs and Lions.**

**Please email to PDG Chris Ohrmund, Editor  
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Second Quarter District Meeting is November 12, 2016.**