



# District Deeds

District 4-L2 Newsletter

“We Serve”

May 2015

*District Theme: “Working Together in Service”*

*District Governor's*

*Message*

Fellow Lions,

We just had our fourth and last District Meeting for my year as Governor. It was very well attended. We had over 120 Lions and more than 20 Leos. Thank you, Lions, for supporting me during my year and let's continue supporting our District 4-L2 in the years to come so that we may grow and become the best District in California.

During the last District Meeting, we inducted six new members who received the newest Centennial Lions Pin and the sponsor received a special Centennial Lions Pin. These were our first Centennial Lions Members. Congratulations and I wish everyone great success in your clubs.

We also had our first District Forum in which we had the two candidates running for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor for the year 2015-2016 present. Each candidate was asked a series of questions and the responses very informative. Thank you, Lion Region Chair Joe Corey, for an outstanding job as Moderator.

The Leos had their election and introduced us to the new Slate of Officers for the coming year. What a terrific group of young adults! They are the future generation in Lionism and, I have to tell you, we are in good hands.

Many great awards were presented to different Lions for outstanding dedication, commitment and service to the Multiple District-4. One of these awards was Lion of the Year presented to Lion Karl Burger. This award is chosen from the entire membership in California which consists of over 20,000 Lion members. What an honor it is for District 4-L2 to have been represented by Lion Karl Burger! It was great to see the support of his family who attended to see him receive this award. Thank you, Lion Karl, for your service and commitment to Lions International, MD4, and District 4-L2.



**District Governor**

**Alberto Montes de Oca**

And now let's go to our last event. Yes, it will be our District Convention in San Diego, May 15-17, 2015. **HAVE YOU REGISTERED?** This is where you will vote for the new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor (VERY IMPORTANT VOTE!) and also you will be voting to accept the changes and revisions made by the By-Laws and Finance and Oversight Committee. So, don't wait. Register today at [www.LIONS4L2.org](http://www.LIONS4L2.org) Remember, it is for the future of our District. If your club has not paid the dues with MD4 and International, it needs to be done so your club's delegate may vote.

Friday night, May 15<sup>th</sup>, we are having a Harbor Dinner Cruise with a 3-course meal on the Horn Blower with dancing and entertainment. Come and have fun with us and meet International Director Steven Tremaroli and his wife Marianne. This is the last party of my year.

Saturday night, May 16<sup>th</sup>, we are having the Governor's Banquet at which many awards will be given. Come and support all the Lions that are being recognized for a great year of service, and remember, you might be one. So don't miss it!

I would like to thank my entire Cabinet for the year 2014-2015. You have been amazing and very engaged. Your commitment has helped to leave the District in better shape than when we started. I hope you continue being a leader and role model for the District 4-L2.

Sincerely,  
Alberto Montes De Oca  
District Governor 4-L2  
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õWorking Together in Serviceö



## 1st Vice District

### Governor Remarks

Fellow Lions,

The time has come for the District Convention. Unlike years past, this convention is designed to be a family oriented vacation along with a bit of District business. The convention will be held from May 15<sup>th</sup> until May 17<sup>th</sup>, but you can spend additional time at the Crowne Plaza at a reduced rate from May 12<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see many of you enjoying the beautiful San Diego scenery, sharing stories at the hospitality suites, and finding time to relax from the stresses of daily life. I hope you can make it. My guest will be 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Craig Cooper and his wife, Lion Christie. Craig is from District 4-A2 and lives in Squaw Valley. He is a member of the Reedley Lions Club. He is a Lieutenant with California Fish and Game.

Those of you thinking about your future in Lionism, I suggest you take some of the online courses available to all of us. The courses vary in their substance, but I guarantee you will learn from each and every course offered.

I had the privilege of meeting with members of the newly forming City of Bell Lions Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Torres. Mr. Torres is an enthusiastic community member and wants to build a strong community based service club. What better choice than a Lions Club. He has assured me that he will have enough paid members to get chartered very soon. I truly believe his pledge.

I recently spent some time at Guide Dogs of the Desert near Palm Springs. I was the guest of 1<sup>st</sup> VDG David Radtke from District 4-L5. I was impressed with the facility and learned that the dogs are united with their new owners and spend about a month together at the facility before teaming up as lifelong partners.

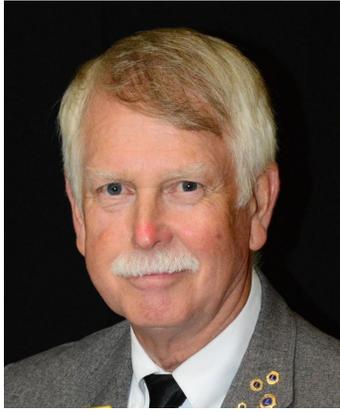
Regarding meetings next year, we will remain at PIH in Whittier. The location is centrally located and no one has to worry about food, drinks, etc. I believe the members like the location, so why change?

Finally, the District Installation of Officers will be held on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Rio Hondo Event Center in Downey. The price should be about \$30-\$35 and the buffet dinner should satisfy everyone. öMark Your Calendarö postcards will be sent out in late April.

Yours in Lionism,

Larry Wehage,

1st Vice District Governor



## Words from 2nd Vice District Governor

At the April District meeting I spoke about the top ten reasons to volunteer. The point was to bring a humorous awareness as to why we volunteer. Community Service is our number one purpose. We are so successful as the world's largest service organization, now over 1.4 Million strong! Let's expand on the öTop 10 Reasons to Volunteerö. Keep these points in mind when you are talking to a potential new member.

10. *It's good for you.* Our Lions projects provide physical and mental rewards. For example, it reduces stress. It has been said that when you focus on someone other than yourself, it makes you feel good.

9. *It saves resources.* Lions Club projects provide valuable community services so that civic funds can be spent on other local improvements.

8. *Volunteers gain professional experience.* We Lions promote Leadership; all the great Lions are great leaders.

7. *It brings people together.* As Lions, we bring people together for a common purpose, to complete a project, and promote fellowship for other Lions, family and friends.

6. *It promotes personal growth and self-esteem.* As Lions understanding community needs, we find ways to help foster empathy and self-efficacy.

5. *Volunteering strengthens your community.* Each community is different but has the same basic needs: health, hunger, environment, youth activities and so much more.

4. *You learn a lot.* This is so true. Before becoming a Lion, I never knew about planting trees and eyeglass recycling. As Lions, we gain knowledge of local resources available to solve community needs.

3. *You get a chance to give back.* Lions support community resources to help the people they care about.

2. *Volunteering encourages civic responsibility.* As a mentoring Lions, we explain to new Lions that community service and volunteerism is an investment in our community and the surrounding communities.

1. *You make a difference.* Every Lion counts!

These are all great points to remember, to remind another Lion when he feels down and as recruiting points when asking one more person to join Lions Clubs International. We Lions are the most supportive, generous group of people I know. I am proud to be a Lion!

Your in Lionism,  
Manuel Sanchez  
2nd Vice District Governor



**District Events**

**May 2-Saturday.** Downtown Long Beach Lions Sight First Health Fair. 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Community Center Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon, Long Beach. Free eye exam and eyeglasses to first 400 people by California Lions Friends In Sight; 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Free health screenings for cholesterol, diabetes, dental, hearing blood pressure. Games and activities. Education and resources.

**May 2-Saturday.** Montebello Lions Rummage Sale, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Montebello Senior Center, 115 Taylor. Lower Level. Drop off items to donate Friday, May 1, 3:30-7:30 p.m. No large pieces.

**May 12-Tuesday.** Central City Boyle Heights Lions Club Cash Raffle. 1:30 p.m. La Costa Restaurant, 854 Garfield Ave., Montebello. \$10. (323)743-7287.

**May 20-Wednesday.** West Covina Lions òNight on the Town,ö 6:00 p.m. Regal/Edwards 18 Cinema, 1200 Lakes Dr., West Covina. \$25. Taste of the Town, Silent Auction, Choice of any movie, Entertainment. For tickets: (626) 922-0050.

**May 29-31-** Teresita Pines Lions Annual Work Weekend. We need help with raking, painting, cleaning, tree trimming, landscaping, light construction work and other jobs at the camp. Call to RSVP and/or make reservations. (Cabins available first come, first serve.) (800) 585-3245 or email

[teresitapines@hughes.net](mailto:teresitapines@hughes.net)

**HEALTH AND WELFARE**

Get well wishes are extended to Lion Grace Cox (Irwindale Lions) who was in a serious auto accident and is in intensive care and also to Lion Jeff Martin ( SOLA Lions) who underwent by-pass surgery and Adele Burger, wife of Lion Karl Burger (Bell Gardens Lions) who recently was hospitalized due to a heart attack.



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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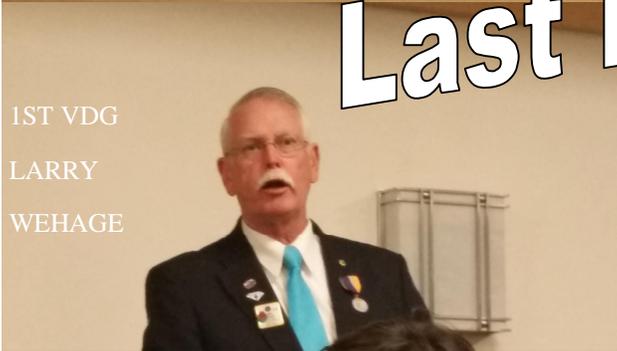
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# Last District Meeting



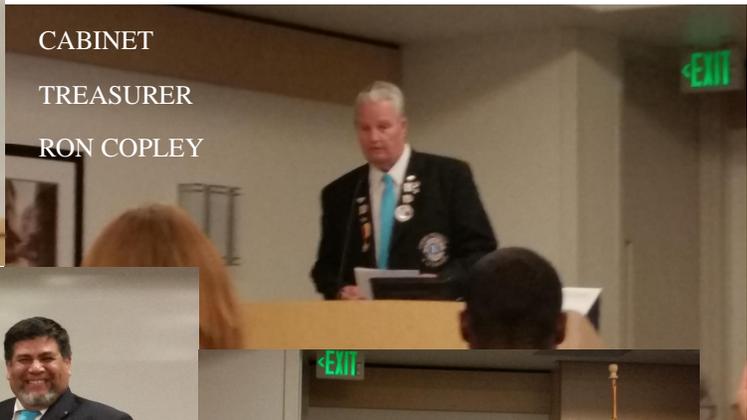
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