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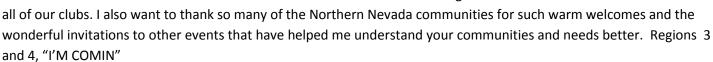
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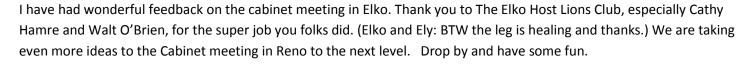
By DGE Barry Temple

It's been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon..... Nope wrong article.....

It's been a busy time in District 46; lots of visits, a great cabinet meeting and the excitement of the approaching Lions Clubs International Las Vegas Convention!

I want to thank the fantastic clubs in Regions 1 and 2 that have had such great questions and feedback during my visitations there. I think I have gotten some really good feedback to share with $1^{\rm st}$ VDG Al and $2^{\rm nd}$ VDG Barbara to continue to make District 46 a great home for





We have had many serious events in the last month nationally and locally. You have all heard by now about the flooding in Texas and Louisiana. LCIF had \$100,000.00 there almost instantly. It never hurts to send them more for the cause. Montana has a huge fire that, as I write this, is still not under control and has consumed some 600,000+ acres. Please keep our neighbors in your thoughts and prayers. Of course right here at home Northern Nevada and California have been plagued this summer with forest fires. There has been lots of lightning and dry grass. I have watched active fires from dinner in Sparks and gone through acre after acre of burned earth on the way to Antelope Valley. I know of 2 Lions members who were evacuated from their home due to the threat of fire. Thankfully they are home now, with no damage to their property. Remember LCIF and be ready to help, especially our neighbors and fellow Lions.

There may be some new awards to discuss at the Cabinet Meeting in Reno and a couple of Surprises as well. Hope to see many of you there.



1st VDG (our Pal) Al's Address

We recently chartered three new over the last four months. Please reach out and welcome them to our Lions District 46 family.

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Let's welcome all our new clubs and our new members to our pride.

We currently have 48 clubs in the district.

Don't forget to register for the November District 46 Cabinet meeting. Come see the new cabinet in action. Be part of the fun while learning about some new things going on in your district.

Secretaries are a very special group and keep the reports and history of the clubs. Be sure to report your community service to your club secretaries. They need this to input to MyLCI.

We should all look forward to the wonderful year in Lions District 46 under DG Barry's leadership. See you in Reno this November.





Installation of Officers at our first Cabinet meeting was one BIG Birthday party in Elko. Thank you Lion Gary Konakis for a fun and entertaining Installation.

By PDG John Holland

The Birth of Lions in Sight



So many Lions collect so many used glasses and maybe even go to the Blind center once a month to clean said glasses. But how many Lions really know what happens to those glasses after they are cleaned. I think most seasoned Lions know they go to Lions In Sight warehouse in Vallejo, California where they are sorted for the mission trips. What not many of our Lions know is the history of the beginning of Lions in Sight. PDG John Holland was the first President of the Foundation and here is the story.

October 1987 – John was just out of office as District Governor in 4-C7 CA. His club, the Vallejo Host Lions, made a visitation to the Valley of the Moon Lions Club to hear Dr. Wayne Cannon speak about his organization called *Help the World To See*. Dr Cannon had just returned from a clinic trip to Fiji. His presentation consisted of slides of his trip showing other doctors, technicians and locals doing the actual exams and placing glasses on gleaming happy faces. Dr. Cannon also explained how his small group collected used eyeglasses, having them cleaned and processed at San Quentin Prison. They were preparing them for his next trip which occurred every year. The thrust of Dr. Cannon's program was to ask the Lions for assistance in the collection of used eyeglasses and financial help. The Lions were impressed.

The Lions were already collecting used eyeglasses and really didn't know what to do with them, most just ended up in some ones garage. With Dr. Cannon's program they would now have a good reason to collect used eyeglasses, would now have a purpose and know the end results of their efforts. At the same time Dr. Cannon, looking for a way to expand his efforts found that with the Lions there was the possibility. Dr. Cannon and Lion John had several meetings talking about creating a foundation that would raise the funds needed and collect the eyeglasses. Dr. Cannon considered himself so blessed in his life and the way he felt he could give back as an Optometrist was to create *Help The World To See*. Now, the Lions have joined in his effort with the birth of *Lions Project 90* (the proposed foundation).

First PDG John took the message to his club and asked for their endorsement as a club activity. Passed! Then in May of 1988 PDG John arranged to have Dr Cannon to make a presentation to the District 4-C7. The votes were unanimously in favor of the project. The project was well on its way to becoming what you see today as *Lions In Sight*.

In mid 1988 the then International Second Vice President Don Banker was headed to Singapore for a meeting with the International LCI Board to explore eye care programs. Dr Cannon and PDG John put together the proposal and sent it with 2nd VP Banker with the hopes it being accepted which would be a good boost to Dr. Cannon's ultimate goal. The board decided on cataract surgeries instead and *Sight First* was born.

So, the clubs and the District have accepted the program. The next hurtle was MD-4 (all of California and Nevada's 16 Districts). In November of '88, PDG John made the presentation to the Council and Lions Project 90 was endorsed as an MD-4 activity. Next came the hours putting together all the necessary documents which included the by-laws. As examples, they used the constitution and by-laws from the Cal/Nev Eye Foundation as a guide for memberships and general operations. Lions International had several issues to settle before they would even consider endorsement, the biggest of which was the Foundations name, *Lion Project 90*. It really did not describe just exactly what this Foundation was about. Letters flew back and forth negotiating differences.

In 1989 Chip Rosenthall (a protégé of Dr. Cannon's) joined the forces to move the Foundation forward. PDG John was selected to be the President of the Foundation and Dr. Cannon and Chip Rosenthall joined the Sonoma Lions Club. Lion Chip was on both *Lions Project 90* and *Help the World to See* boards. PDG John was transferred to Southern CA by his employer but still made trips up north for meetings. Lion Chip made three trips to Oakbrook to argue our case and negotiate issues. Finally in mid 1990 with our new name *Lions In Sight*, Lions International approved our Foundation. One other major concession was that the Foundation must head up and sponsor all clinic trips.

A bit of history, which hopefully will give our membership some insight into the birth and early struggles of *Lions in Sight*. We have come a long way, but the road ahead is just as important and we must continue to strive for growth and excellence of service to those less fortunate. Keep up the good work Lions.

PDG John is still on the board as Director at Large. PDG John said, "Would I do it again? You bet your sweet bippie. This Foundation has developed into one of the finest in Lionism, for which a lot of Lions in Cal/Nev should take a bow."

INTERVIEW WITH LION SANDIE GIROGI

When and why did you join Lions? I joined Lions in 2004. Had a friend that was a Lion and decided it would be a good thing for me to do.

What position do you currently hold in Lions? I currently am the first Vice President of the Antelope Valley Lions Club in Walker, CA and we have belonged to the Nevada district for six years now.

You were also with the club at the time it moved to District 46 in Nevada from California and were Instrumental in doing the transfer. Yes, along with my husband Baldo who has been a Lion for 26 years.

I understand that it was because of a Lion meeting that you met Lion Baldo? Yes, I went to my first cabinet meeting in Lancaster, CA with a couple of friends. I met Baldo there and we just kind of clicked. Met on Friday and on Monday he asked me to marry him. People our age just can't wait around.

And It seems to have worked quite well. So how long have you and Baldo been together now? We have been married a little over 10 years.

What is your favorite Lions project? Lions Project for Canine Companions. I have loved it since I was first a Lion.

What other positions have you held in Lions? I was Zone Chair and Region Chair in CA. I have done the same here in Nevada. I have been President of our club and since I am the first VP this year, I will be Pres again next year.

So you will be President the same year that we will have our very first Female Lions Clubs International President, President Gudrun Yngvadottir. I have always enjoyed Lions every way, shape and form!

Most of us know you are a fantastic Lion but most don't know about LAPD Officer Sandie. How old were you when you became a LAPD Officer? What made you decide to join the Los Angeles Police Department?

It was 1963 and I was in my early 20's. I had two children and I needed to go back to work and an opportunity came my way to join LAPD. Fortunately, I passed all the requirements and started my new career as an officer.

It was quite different then being a female officer compared to now. It was very exciting to me, I got to learn a lot of things that I never would have learned. I learned there was some things I was really good at and others just OK at. We were considered "Police Women" and that is what my badge said, Police Woman in 1963 when I graduated the academy. It was totally different than it is now. We were like a strange creature out there. The Officers we worked with did not know what we could do or couldn't.

Most fellows were able to handle having a woman partner, but I did have one that couldn't handle having a woman with him. Most were fine with it. I had passed all the tests and was qualified so they accepted me. Many of the men were a little over protective. I qualified as well as most of them and better than some. After they didn't feel I would be a crying baby behind them, they accepted me.

Speaking of your weapon, did you have a holster for your gun like the men? Yes I did but there were some of the places that I was required to have my gun in a purse. They quit using that a long time ago. You were issued a snub nose 38. Anybody that knows guns, knows those are not the most effective and accurate unless you are right up close and I didn't want to be that close. No I carried a Smith and Weston special and it was 8 inches.

A woman that knows how to hold her guns!

You were a blonde at one time (as most will see in the picture). Tell us about that. I really was a brunette and it was quite shocking to everybody when I decided to go blonde. Most people didn't even recognize me. Had to have all my ID's changed. That's a woman's prerogative!!!

Anything else you would like to mention about being a police officer?

It was a very honorable profession and I

Only one cute little blonde in

It was a very honorable profession and I was glad I was able to do it.





ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

BY PDG BILL NEWYEAR, GMT COORDINATOR

Have you net one yet? The membership theme for this year is "Net One". The idea is that everyone should strive, like a fisherman with a fish on the line, to net one; bring 'em in. If a majority of us do that, our Clubs will end the year with a "net one" increase in membership, thus providing the District with a 50 member increase and putting us over 1200 members.

In order to encourage you to bring in new members, we're looking at some sort of District-wide contest with nice prizes for the individuals and Clubs who bring in the most new members and/or have the best net growth. Details to follow at the next Cabinet meeting.

Concerning membership, I offer up this poem which originated in District 4-C2

Ten Lion members standing in a line. No one talked to one of them, then there were nine. Nine ambitious Lions offered to work late. One forgot his promise, then there were eight. Seven loyal Lions got themselves in a fix. They quarreled over programs, then there were six. Six Lions remained, filled with spirit and drive. One moved to Idaho, then there were five. Five steadfast Lions wished there were more. They didn't start new projects, then there were four.

Four cheerful Lions would never disagree. One stopped attending, then there were three. Three eager Lions, what could they do? One went to the Pearly Gates, then there were two. Two charter Lions, my rhyme is nearly done. One joined Kiwanas, then there was one.

But the poem doesn't have to end there. Here's what that one Lion did.

One faithful Lion was feeling very blue. He asked a neighbor to join him, then there were two. Two earnest Lions, each signed up one more. They doubled their number, then there were four. Four determined Lions just could not wait. Each brought in a new member, then there were eight.

Eight excited Lions signed up eight more. In another six verses, they'll have a thousand twenty-four.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.



MABETES AWARENESS

By RC Bill DePew

My fellow lions in 1925 we were given a challenge by Helen Keller to become the knights of the blind.

In 2017 in Chicago at the International Convention, Helen Keller's niece gave us a new challenge and LCI has taken up the challenge to be the knights to take on the epidemic of diabetes. District Governor Barry has asked me to chair this challenge for District 46 this year.

I am asking all of you to step up in your club's programs to take on this problem.

We will:

Support efforts leading to control and treatment of diabetes and its complications.

Promote diabetes awareness, education and prevention.

Provide programs and assistance to underserved children and adults who are living with Diabetes.

I know that many of our clubs have projects that take on the battle of diabetes. What I am asking you to do, is if your club has a project, t let me know so that we can spread the word throughout the district.

Lions are known for our dedication to projects.

Let us pick up on this challenge and create projects and take on diabetes in our second hundred years as we have taken on blindness in the first hundred years.

Thank you for being not only a Knight of the Blind, but also a Warrior against Diabetes.

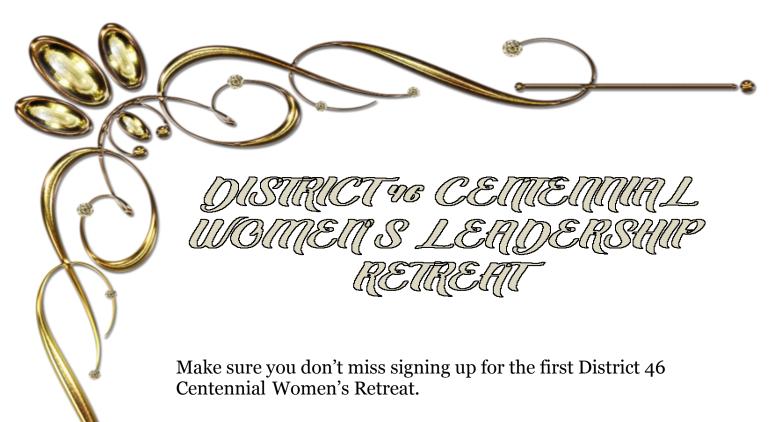
If I can be of any assistance in projects or spreading the word contact me at wdepew55@gmail.com

Having difficulty reserving your room at Harrah's for November's Cabinet Meeting? Haven't decided to reserve your room at Harrah's for November's Cabinet Meeting? Can't remember the fun you had at the Convention in Reno?

Reno Host has provided the following link to make it very easy to reserve your room(s) for the Fall Cabinet Meeting.

The October 24th deadline will be here before you know it and then it will be too late.

http://www.totalrewards.com/ hotel-reservations?propCode=
REN&groupCode=S11LDC7



Place: Winnemucca Convention Center

Date: October 14-15, 2017

Time: Arrive on Friday evening (13th) – leave on Sunday

afternoon - (15th)

Hotels: Winners Hotel - \$49.95 per night double occupancy.

775-623-2511

\$59.95 or 69.95 depending on desired location.

Model T Hotel - \$65 per night double occupancy.

855-239-9223

Call or email PDG Marcia Newyear at <u>flash.newyear10@gmail.com</u> 661-406-8925

Save the Date

Carson City Host Lions Club is pleased to invite all Nevada Lions Club members to help the Host Club members Celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the clubs founding on:

Monday, October 16th, Cocktail hour 5:15 to 6 p.m.

Dinner 6-7 p.m.

Speeches and entertainment to follow

Nevada Room at the Governor's Mansion, 606 Mountain Street, Carson City, Nevada

More information to come.

Lion Terry Rubald

Club Secretary

TAXES

Please remember that all Lions Clubs, Districts and Multiple districts that have annual gross receipts less than \$50,000 and do not have to file Form 990 or 990-EZ, must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Please view the document at the link below for important information regarding your annual tax filing obligation.

Lions: Please remember that all Lions Clubs, Districts and Multiple Districts that have annual gross receipts less than \$50,000 and do not have to file Form 990 or 990-EZ, must file the ePostcard (also known as 990-N). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well. All filers must register at IRS.gov prior to filing their next Form 990-N. This is a one-time registration if the designated Lion files annually. If the designee changes from a prior year, the new designee must register with the IRS. Please refer to the following chart regarding annual filing requirements:

2017 Tax Year* Form to File Gross receipts normally less than \$50,000 990-N Gross receipts greater than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000, and total assets less than \$500,000 990-EZ or 990 Gross receipts greater than \$200,000 or Total assets greater than \$500,000 990 The e-Postcard is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions Clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1 – June 30, and the e-Postcard will be due by November 15th each year.

Please note that an organization cannot request an extension for filing the Form 990-N. If you do not file, you risk losing your tax-exempt status. Any Lions Club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years automatically loses its tax exempt status under the new law. A club may get reinstated if they complete an application for recognition of exemption even if they originally fell under a group exemption. Every Club and/or District (single, suband multiple) must have an employer identification number (EIN), even if it will not have employees. The EIN is a unique number that identifies the organization to the Internal Revenue Service. To apply for an EIN, you should obtain a Form SS- 4 and its Instructions from the IRS. You may also apply for an EIN online, by telephone (1-800-829-4933), or by fax (fax number at the location accepting applications from your state). It is important that the Clubs and Districts are using the correct EIN for their annual filing.

For frequently asked questions about tax issues and regulations affecting Lions clubs and leadership, go to the Lions Tax FAQ. Go to www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and while you're there sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, EO Update, to receive upto-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov.

LCI Legal Department

Prior to December 31, 2010, gross receipt limits for filing the 990-N was \$25,000.

LAS VEGAS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – 2018 VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

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Spanish Springs Lions Club

1st Annual Octoberfest

Saturday October 7, 2017

No host cocktails 5:00pm, Dinner 5:30 -7:30pm

American Legion Post 30

730 4th St., Sparks (next to Sparks Post Office)



Bratwurst & Knockwurst

Sauerkraut, Potato Salad & German Beer

Tickets \$20.00

Raffle Tickets ~ 6 for \$5.00





53rd Annual Antelope Valley Lions Club Deer Hunters Deep Pit Family BBQ



Secret Lions Recipe
Famous BBQ Ribs
Includes Trimmings & Dessert

Saturday, October 7, 2017
Walker Community Building
Hwy 395

Adults - \$15
Children under 10 - \$5
Additional Donations Accepted Graciously



Enter to Win a \$1,000 VISA Gift Card \$2 per ticket

Raffle tickets are \$1 each

Hunting Rifle
(with variable scope)
Donated by Topaz Lodge



"Raffle Tickets"
are available
from your local
Lions Club
Representative
or at the door

You Could Win:

Hunting Rifle (with variable scope)

Camping Gear

A Multitude of Door Prizes Donated by local merchants

Winner need not be present to win!

We Sincerely Thank you for Your Support!



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To the 85th Anniversary of the Club's founding on

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Nevada Room at the Governor's Mansion 606 Mountain Street, Carson City, Nevada

\$35.00 per person

R.S.V.P. No Later than Monday, October 2, 2017 to:

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Or

Terry Rubald 775-841-3601 terry4591@charter.net

