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Lions, family and friends:

Our Lionistic year has begun with sadness and some turmoil. The untimely and unfortunate passing of DGE Bob Hutton just prior to the International Convention in Chicago has given us an extremely difficult task in filling his shoes. District 21B has selected VDG1, Lion Bobbie Ravenkamp and appointed her as DG for the 2017-2018 year and she will do an excellent job in stepping up to this role! Welcome DG Bobbie to the MD Council with our complete support.

Another bit of turmoil was caused by the unforeseen resignation of CC Marc Paquette in late July. The three District Governors with counsel from PIP Joe Preston acted quickly in finding a new Council Chair. In regard to this I am incredibly humbled and honored to have been asked and been appointed to the CC position. With the support of all of our Lions we will overcome these difficult times and move forward to continue to grow our leadership, service and membership in the Clubs, Districts and Multiple District.

The Global Action Team will be at the forefront of our growth in all of these areas. This program is a new approach to establishing



the empowerment of all Lions beginning at the Club level through the District level to the Multiple District level. Every Lion in every club should be a part of this exciting time.

By working as a team we communicate, encourage and collaborate to create stronger Lions through the action of doing more service, growing and retaining members, and giving the opportunity of leadership. Your Global Action Team coordinator is your Club

President, District Governor and Council Chair person. Ask them about this process. More will be coming out soon.

The power of We will enable us to work together and grow strong and help more in our communities and world.

Yours in Service,
Lion Tom Simmons



OPPORTUNITIES IN LEADERSHIP

Learning is a lifelong process and Lions Clubs International believes all leaders can benefit from training. In support of this idea, LCI provides a variety of development opportunities where current and future leaders can enhance their leadership skills.

Please review the following LCI Institutes and see which category you fall into and please apply today – we've had a great opportunity to get many attendees into these institutes. You'll thank yourself for this learning opportunity. The MD-GLT will reimburse the participation fee for the institute that you attend. All you need to do is get yourself to Denver for ELLI/ALLI and to Atlanta for FDI. Good chance for your club to step up and support future leaders in training and help fund your travel costs – right?

EMERGING LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES (ELLI)

Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes focus on **building the skills of Lions members for leadership opportunities at the club level, including the position of club president.** Candidates must be Lions in good standing who have successfully served on a club committee and who have not yet attained the level of club president. Current charter club presidents are also eligible for this institute. Candidates must be willing to commit to all days of the institute.

Applications

Lions who meet the qualifications may apply to the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute. Applications will be available four months prior to the event. If you are interested in applying, please download the application from the list below or obtain a copy of the application from your Global Leadership Team District Coordinator. Because of the high number of applications received by the association, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed.

Cost of the Institute

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of **US\$125.00** will be required to offset a portion of these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than six weeks prior to the institute start date. **Please do not send funds until you receive a letter of acceptance to the institute.** Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site.

Date: November 11-13, 2017

Location: Denver, Colorado, USA

Language: English

Submission Deadline: August 28, 2017

[Application form](#)

ADVANCED LIONS LEADERSHIP INTITUTE (ALLI)

Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes focus on **building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at zone, region and district levels.** Qualified candidates are Lions that have completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of First Vice District Governor. Candidates must be willing to commit to all days of the institute.

Applications

Lions who meet the qualifications may apply to the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute. Applications will be available four months prior to the event. If you are interested in applying, please download the application from the list below or obtain a copy of the application from your Global Leadership Team District Coordinator. Because of the high number of applications received by the association, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed.

Cost of the Institute

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of **US\$125.00** will be required to offset a portion of these costs for all institutes.

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This fee will be due no less than six weeks prior to the institute start date. **Please do not send funds until you receive a letter of acceptance to the institute.** Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site.

Date: November 11-13, 2017

Location: Denver, Colorado, USA

Language: English

Submission Deadline: August 28, 2017

[Application form](#)

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (FDI)

The Faculty Development Institute program is dedicated to the development and expansion of Lions faculty. The curriculum focuses on techniques and concepts that will enhance the quality of training and overall effectiveness of Lions leadership development programs.

Qualified candidates are those Lions who have some experience as faculty members at Lions training events, have demonstrated basic instructional skills, and have a keen interest in further developing those skills. Lions with extensive experience as Lions faculty or as professional trainers are not recommended for this institute but are welcome to apply. Participation is limited to Lions from the Constitutional area noted in the schedule below.

Lions participating in this four-day course will be required to conduct a training event within 6 (six) months of the institute, in order to be considered a graduate of the FDI program.

Applications

Lions who meet the qualifications may apply to the Faculty Development Institute. Applications will be available at least four months prior to the institute. If you are interested in applying to the institute, please download the application for the institute you are eligible to attend from the following list of institutes or obtain a copy of the application from your Global Leadership Team District Coordinator. Because of the high number of applications received by the association, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed.

Cost of the Institute

Lions Clubs International will provide meals and lodging according to the dates and schedule of the institute. Please note that a non-refundable participation fee of **US\$150.00** will be required to offset a portion of these costs for all institutes. This fee will be due no less than six weeks prior to the institute start date. **Please do not send funds until you receive a letter of acceptance to the institute.** Participants are also responsible to pay for their own transportation and related travel expenses to and from the institute site.

Date: January 26-29, 2018

Location: Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Language: English

Submission Deadline: November 12, 2017

[Application form](#)

If you have any questions about attending the institutes, please contact PDG Barbara Daily, bebopp2002@yahoo.com or call me at 520 954-0411.

A Special Thank You from PCC Lion Jim Sterenberg

I would like to thank PCC Lion Sally Hanson, PDGs Lion Jack Buckles, Lion Jim Whelan and Lion Rosemarie Gabriel, ID Lion Alan Lundgren, and my convention committee Parade Chairman PDG Lion Les Daviet, Breakfast Chairman PCC Lion John Hart and wife Dorie, Plenary Floor Chairman PDG Lion Jim Whelan, and Parade Shirt Chairman PCC Lion Richard O. Brown for a job well done.

You all helped to make the 100th Lions International Convention a great success for the lions of Arizona.

Arizona International Convention Chairman
PCC Lion Jim Sterenberg

UPDATE ON MELVIN JONES LIONS INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL

Submitted by President Ralph Williamson

On behalf of the MJLIM we thank all those who have donated funds to the memorial. I know some you hear this repeatedly but we are lacking funds to maintain the memorial. I also keep hearing that we do not do anything for the community. The board of director's primary job is to preserve the area where our founder Melvin Jones was born in Fort Thomas.

The following is a letter to the State Convention (Year Unknown) by the Safford Lions Club:

It has been suggested and pushed by the Lions of Arizona to have a memorial of some sort for our founder, Melvin T. Jones, West of Safford in Graham County. A tentative plan and artist's connection of a Memorial for Melvin T. Jones will be presented at the Cabinet meeting Thursday evening April 14, in Mesa during the State Convention. Melvin T. Jones wants this memorial in the valley where he was born—since the Safford Lions Club is the closest Club to the birth place, we are accepting the responsibility of getting the ball rolling at the State Convention in Mesa, April 14, 15, 16. Any suggestions that your club might have can be presented at that time.

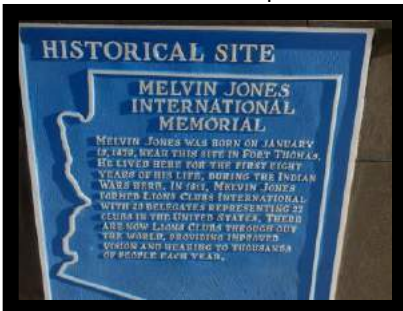
We have a picture of Melvin Jones standing at the location of the memorial in 1955 stating this was the place he was born. He visited Graham County several times in connection with the proposed Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial.

There are other articles in the museum which state that Melvin wanted the memorial in Fort Thomas, so please read them when you visit the memorial.

Below is what the State of Arizona wrote on the historical marker placed below the Spire.

If possible, let us understand that this is the location of the memorial and that we need to preserve the birth place of our founder.

On June 7, 2017 the MJLIM had the honor to fly the official Lions Flag in honor of PIP Joe Wroblewski, which was sent back to LCI for the presentation to PIP Joe Preston in honor of LCI's 100th Birthday.



On July 9, 2017 we had the privilege of honoring the C-Kirby exchange students at the memorial. C-Kirby Smith is a Lions International Youth Exchange Program.

Starting from the left: Hilary Weijers-The Netherlands, Isabella Carboni-Brazil, Ingrid Skaland-Norway, Alexandre Rouyeras- France, Luke Canning- England, Riceke Marie Hackbarth- Germany, Rikke Jeppesen- Denmark, Kristol Fabry- Hungary, Astrid Ricquier- Belgium, Alexandr Savin- Russia. Their tour guides were Lion Jack Jackson from the Flagstaff Noon Lions Club and Lion Joe Osborn from the Tucson Downtown Lions Club. MJLIM Director Lion Jon Stewart, President Ralph Williamson and PCC Joan Williamson were also in attendance to greet the students.

ID Alan Lundgren presented International President Naresh Aggarwal with his Vanguard at one of the director's meetings in Chicago. Thank you ID Alan, and welcome to the Vanguard program President Naresh.

As I and other directors have reported in the past, we do not have any paid employees; all of our directors are volunteers.

We have openings for directors in the following areas: one 21-A director, four 21-B directors and five 21-C directors. The main duty of a director is to visit clubs in their area and promote the MJLIM. The only board meeting at the MJLIM is the annual meeting in January when we have our re-dedication to Lions. All other board meetings are either local or conference calls. Please contact me if you are interested. My phone number is 602-622-2401 or e-mail Ralph@ctcaz.com. Mark your calendars for our next Lions Re-Dedication Day, January 20, 2018 when our International guest will be Second Vice President Jung-Yul Choi.

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DISTRICT 21 A

DG Phil Whitaker

I hope we are all enjoying the balmy summer here in Arizona and those who are away, you are missing another special season in the sun!

Our 21-A Kick Off Convention is set for Saturday, August 26, 2017. Please try to have at least one member from your Club attend.

If your Club is unable to do so, or if you personally would like to attend but are unable, we are hoping to offer a video conference capability this year! Brian Woloshin (of the Phoenix Metro Club) is working on different avenues and we will inform everyone once the details are set!

Past District Governor Paul Yopps (of the Sun City Host Club) has taken the new position of Global Action Team Leader (GAT) for our District, and Rachelle Barrett (of the Peoria Sunset Club) is the GAT Leader for the Multiple District 21 (the State of Arizona). This is a new position being promoted by Lions Clubs International and is designed to help promote service projects consistent with our theme,

"We Serve."

Paul Yopps is heading up food drives throughout our District. This starts with a food drive at our Kick Off Convention. Please bring non-perishable food to the Kick Off! If your club cannot attend the Kick Off, please collect food and let us know and we will have it picked up and delivered to the food drive. This targets one of the main service platforms of Lions – hunger. The platforms, as recently adopted, are Vision, Hunger, Diabetes, Pediatric Cancer, and the Environment. Diabetes and Pediatric Cancer are additions – for more information, please check out this website link:

http://www.lions.is/static/files/myndir/NSR/Council_Meeting/nsr-2017-lions-next-100-years.-pid-berntsen.pdf

Finally, let me thank you and congratulate you for being a part of the world's largest volunteer humanitarian organization!



DG PHIL WHITAKER

Sun Ctiy Midweek Bell Lions Club Hosts Other Service Organizations

The Sun City Midweek Bell Lions played host to 9 various service organizations in Sun City and surrounding area. The purpose of this meeting was to present a check to those organizations to assist them with their missions. These 9 organizations received a total of \$6,000. Several other organizations were also recipients of the funds raised by the club but were not present for the event. Sun City Midweek Bell Lions Club works throughout the year to raise money to assist those in need, as well as to provide other service for various groups, persons, and organizations. Sun City Midweek Bell Lions Club is a part of the larger group of LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, who celebrated their 100th birthday last month. Lions Club International is the largest service organization in the world with over 1.5 million members.



Pictured in the photo are: back row (left to right): Jim Fox and Keith Deadman of the 'Sun City Fire Department'; Danny Moore from 'Sun City Posse'; Mike Will of the 'Sun City Prides'; Doug Wright representing 'RRR for the Blind'; Front Row (l to r): Sun City Midweek Bell Club President Lion John Bliss; Sandy St Clair representing 'Benevilla'; Linda Miskimen from 'CAN of Sun City'; Jeannette Russell from the 'Lions Vision Center'; Eddie Richardson from the 'Lions Foundation of Arizona'; Jesse Ramirez representing 'Valley View Food Bank'; and Immediate Past President John Dietz.



District 21A Kick-Off Conference

Saturday, August 26, 2017 9 AM to 3 PM

All Saints of the Desert Episcopal Church

9502 W. Hutton Drive, Sun City, AZ

District 21-A Lions, Lionesses, and Leos are invited to join us for a day of information and planning for our 2017-2018 Lionistic year. Together we can accomplish anything!

Please complete one registration form for each person attending, indicate your club officer position held (if any), select your lunch item, and please indicate if each individual is a Lion or a guest of your club.

Registration (including lunch) is \$24.00 per person when received on or before 8/5/17.
After 8/5/17 (or at the door) the cost will be \$26.00 per person.

Name _____ Club _____

Street _____ Office Held? _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please Select ONE meal item below (all lunch items include drinks and dessert):

___ Baked Ziti w/Meatball (includes a small side salad)

___ Chicken Parmesan w/Spaghetti (includes a small side salad)

___ Italian Anti Pasta Salad

Any Special Needs? _____

Please send your registration form and check (made out to "District 21-A Kick-Off") to:
Lion Joyce Mayer, 8335 W. Audrey Lane, Peoria, AZ 85382

For more information please contact Lion Rob Mayer (Kick-Off Chair) @ 623-583-3254.

BUCKEYE LIONS CLUB VISION SCREENING

Submitted by Richard Hopkins

A multitude of thanks to 21-A DG Phil Whitaker, Dave & Ann Roberts, Gary & Cheryl Seat, and David & Karen Pryce for assisting us, and especially to John Lozano and Jim Cox who assisted all 3 days. In all, we screened 428 high school students (and some parents & younger siblings) in all three Buckeye Union High School District schools. 42 were referred for follow-up examinations.

As this was the first attempt at screening high school students during their registration process instead of taking them out of class, some bumps along the way were expected. Uncooperation, however, was not. That issue will be addressed with the appropriate person at a later date.

Students are in class for 180 days, and English is the only mandatory class each must take. As such, when testing hearing, vision, or other things required for all students, the English classes are used to catching all of the students. In discussing this with the new assistant principal (promoted from English

teacher) at one of the high schools, he said my estimation of students missing 12-15 classes a year was low. Some students, he said, have to miss additional classes for additional testing. When you combine those missed classes with 5 to 10 other absences, students miss 15% of English class time. Anyone wonder why reading and comprehension scores are down?

Overall, the feedback received was excellent, as almost all expressed gratitude for Lions providing this service to the students. This process is very viable and will become the preferred method for vision screening of high school students. We feel this was more successful than we thought it would be, thanks in great part to the volunteers from the other clubs and the willingness of most school officials to help. We would be remiss if we didn't give a special thanks to Youngker High School's new principal Rob Roberson and new Asst. Principal Joe Kenney, for it was a wonderful experience working with them.

As this was a great first attempt at this, it

is worth sharing. We will write up this process in a proposal to submit to the National School Boards Association so that we can present this during their National Conference in April 2018 in San Antonio, Texas. Our hope is that the school districts around the nation will reach out to their local clubs for vision screening services.

We also did screenings at the back-to-school backpack event on July 22 for Buckeye Elementary School District. We screened 125 people and referred 24. We screened a 3-year old boy whose results were so bad, I did it a second time to be sure. When I told his mother, she and the 9-year old sister looked at each other and said at the same time, "That must be why he is always running into things!" The mother said that he hadn't ever said he couldn't see. I explained to her that he did not know anything was wrong, as that is how he always has seen things. So to him, that was normal.

All told between July 21 & July 25, we screened 553 individuals and referred 66.

ORIENTATION - IS IT WORTH THE EFFORT?

"This is my second Lions Club meeting. At my first meeting they said the Governor was coming to this meeting – I was IMPRESSED! I sure was wrong. This is some Lion Governor and I haven't the slightest idea what he's the governor of!"

Let's start by saying that the person who brings in the new member doesn't have

to be the one doing the basic orientation. Someone on the Membership Committee or even the Club President might be the right person for your club. Pick a time for orientation away from the regular meeting. Try and make it soon after the new member joins. Some clubs have orientation before the new member is sworn in as a Lion (not a bad idea).

Lions Clubs International (LCI) has a program where you can fill in the blanks with your club name, officers, events, etc. You can add pictures to make it more interesting. If

you contact me, I will send you an addition to this program with our state projects on it. I will also send you a hand-out sheet with basic Lion facts and the State Projects on it (LionAnnR@aol.com).

If your club is good enough to get new members, make sure you are good enough to keep them!

PDG Ann Roberts, Coordinator
21A Global Leadership Team



DISTRICT 21 B

Submitted by Bobbie Ravenkamp Acting District Governor

Those of us who count ourselves as friends of Bob send sincere thank yous to Lions, family, friends and especially the Lions of Mesa Leisure World who attended the Celebration of Life for 21-B District Governor Elect Bob Hutton. We all miss him, his ever-ready smile, positive outlook on every challenge, and his friendly hugs. Bob was a Lion's Lion who truly cared about making a difference in the lives of those who cannot help themselves. He lived a life of service and kindness to others.

Those of us in what would have been his cabinet know that he would expect us to take the next step and carry on with his goals and expectations, and we will.

It's an exciting time to be a Lion as we enter our next century of service! The Chicago LCI

Centennial Convention celebrated our past while also presenting the strategic plans for the goals of our Lions brand and our WE SERVE motto to continue to be recognized as the world's leader in philanthropic service. Diabetes and Pediatric Cancer are now part of our major areas of focus, along with Hunger, Vision and the Environment, and the Centennial Service challenge continues.

The LCI Forward initiative emphasizes an approach of innovative leadership. It's called the Global Action Team. The frontline members are the clubs Membership Chairperson for the clubs Global Membership Team (GMT), the club's First Vice President for the clubs Global Leadership Team (GLT), the club's Service Chairperson for the club's Global Service Team (GST), all reporting to the club president as the leader of the club's Global Action Team (GAT).

We have new club officer positions identified on our MyLCI club officer rosters - Club Service Chairperson, Club Communications Marketing Chairperson as well as LCIF Coordinator. All of these new positions will be included to update to our governing documents and will be included in updates to the e-books in the near future. Because they are club officer positions, including the Club Membership Chairperson, they are elected and are included as members of each club's Board of Directors.

Wow – if Melvin Jones only knew what a young boy from the humble beginnings of Fort Thomas in the Arizona frontier would foster and build into the world's largest service organization! We've just begun! Roar!



Lion Bob Hutton and Acting DG Bobbie Ravenkamp



VISION SCREENING TRAINING IN SOUTHERN 21-B

By Lion Richard Stevenson, Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation

Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of Arizona sponsored a State Vision Screening Certification class for Lions of Southern 21-B and their clients. We received the support of Tucson Unified and Sunnyside Unified for the materials and classroom, with Kim Fenderson, RN, from TUSD teaching the class. This is an example of the benefits of partnering between Lions Clubs and our client school districts to serve our children. 17 Lions from Casa Grande, Catalina Oro Valley, North Tucson, South Tucson, Safford and Sierra

Vista as well as 7 staff members from client schools attended the training. This 6 hour class, including a written exam, is required to become a State Certified Vision Screener to screen in Arizona Schools. Additionally we provided hands-on training with the Plusoptix and SPOT vision screening devices. Lions Sight and Hearing is working with the Catalina Oro Valley Lions and the Sierra Vista Lions to vision screen in their local schools. If your club would like assistance in vision screening, contact Lion Richard Stevenson

at 520-373-2090 or ki6baq@me.com
Thank you,

We Serve

Richard Stevenson
South Tucson Lions Club
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A Ben's Bells of Tucson Project
A TUSD Community Partner
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HOW CAN LIONS SERVE A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT COVERS 1/3 OF ARIZONA?

By Lion Richard Stevenson, South Tucson Lions Club

The Tucson Catholic Diocese School District, with 26 schools and 7,000 students, stretches from Yuma in the West to Douglas in the East, and from Nogales in the South to San Carlos in the North. How can a Lions Club vision screen this district? The South Tucson Lions tackled this challenge, and the answer is to work together as a team with other Lions Clubs.

The first thing to do was to develop a plan and gain the approval of management of the Diocese and the Lions. This involved defining specific procedures and determining workable solutions with limited resources. Next we researched ways to ensure that all children would receive exams and glasses, if needed, and if the parents could not afford them. This involved making VSP vouchers available for some children and committing to pay for exams and glasses for others, as necessary, on a best efforts basis. Our use of the NASN/VSP program and a debit card to pay for exams and glasses ensured that we could do this at a low cost throughout the State. We then contacted local Lions Clubs near outlying schools to see if they could vision

screen the school. Casa Grande, Nogales and Sierra Vista accepted this challenge. In areas where local Lions could not do this, they were invited to participate as the host club. Next, we offered a vision screening State Certification class for school personnel to ensure that they could carry on after we leave. Lastly, we established Fall screening dates for 24 of the schools that requested us to screen them, where we will screen all of the children in each school. At the end we will provide a specific statistical analysis of our results to discuss with the District Health personnel, and adjust our program as necessary. Then, we will do it again next year.

We are Lions and We Serve

Anyone desiring information on our program can contact Lion Richard at (520) 373-2090 or ki6baq@me.com



SIERRA VISTA LIONS KICK OFF VISION SCREENING AT FORT HUACHUCA

Submitted by Lion Richard Stevenson,
Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation

July 17th was the back to school event for the schools at Fort Huachuca. Children from Colonel Johnson K-2, General Myer 3-5 and Colonel Smith 6-8 showed up to kick off the new school year and be vision screened by the Sierra Vista Lions Club. The administrators and school nurses were able to see the Lions Vision program and understand the value of using Lions for their vision screening requirements. President Mark Genz will now be coordinating school vision screenings at the three schools, as well as working with the Lions Clubs of Cochise County to expand the vision program to all schools in the County. Lions interested in starting their own vision program should contact Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation for more information. We Serve



Fountain of the Sun shows love for US Flag

Symbols of patriotism lined the entryway to the Fountain of the Sun community in Mesa from Flag Day through the Fourth of July.

In all, about 700 American flags were posted throughout the community, near 80th Street and Broadway.

About 30 volunteers from the Fountain of the Sun Lions Club put up the flags over two days, both at the entryway and in residents' yards. Residents can sign up to have the flags posted in their yards six times each year for holidays such as President's Day.

"It's a service to our community and it's a service to our country," said Judy Ahlberg, a Lions Club member.

Under the photo the caption read:

Judy Ahlberg (left) and Darlene Jones, chairman of the Fly the Flag project, plant a flag at the entryway to Fountain of the Sun in Mesa near 80th Street and Broadway.



DISTRICT 21 C

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DG Ken Leja

The first of July hits like an anvil dropped from the sky. Between holiday and heat, family commitments and work there was little time for details and debates. Suddenly, July was "gone" and August was here.

At the District Kickoff the final Saturday of July, the officers and cabinet members of the district were duly installed, setting in motion the business matters for the district: budget, reports, assignments, etc.

At the Kickoff, about 150-170 Lions, Leos and Cubs shared in a day-long cornucopia of activities, from learning about Diabetes, to orientation workshops for leaders at all levels.

Workshops included "Facebook 101", "Redistricting", and both Leos and Cubs interactivity sessions. A real "hit" was ID Alan Lundgren's "MyLion" app presentation for our phones.

We announced our vision for the year: "Make Your NetWork" Yes, it's a play on words – either 'net' as in safety net, or 'net' as in technology, or 'network' as in the Lions and friends we know – as we engage all to build on our district's many successes. I think I gave out all 150 "district governor" pins that I'd taken to the event.

Lion Laura Wonderly discussed the plan to create a "Club Service Expo" as a way for Lions to "toot our own horn!" This public event will coincide with our District Convention in March 2018, and highlight what each club is doing to "serve" its local community. The public Expo will allow the public to discover the scope of how Lions engage and share the "We Serve" message locally. More details next month.

The evening before the Kickoff, we reconstituted the Presidents' Advisory Council and had a successful dinner event whereby district leaders – from cabinet to club – had a chance to

establish priorities, redefine our local mission to serve, and focus our attention on collectively solving our challenges.

At least 15 Club Presidents attended, plus all levels of district leadership, from zone chairs to PIP Joe Preston, as our special guest.

What impressed me most about the event was the commitment of all to work together cooperatively as we embrace all the new changes on our horizon – which includes the new LCI Forward initiatives, the five focus areas of service, the new organizational changes at the club and district levels, the redistricting initiative, and the engagement of youth into our ranks.

Yes, I mentioned five service 'focus' areas – the added being Diabetes.

LCIF Grant for Diabetes projects...

District 21-C was awarded an LCIF grant to initiate a series of pilot projects for diabetes awareness, the fifth focus area for Lions globally for the new year.

Specifically, these projects involve developing and implementing a series of support group programs throughout the district. Local club members working in cooperation with the American Diabetes Association, Arizona-New Mexico chapter will be conducting this pilot program of information, education and mentoring with teens and adults who have contracted this disease (either Type 1 or Type 2).

This grant initiative is especially significant to Lion Karen and me because our 26-year-old son Jeff suddenly developed Type-1 Diabetes late last year. We were collectively and suddenly in a daze trying to cope... how did this happen, how does one deal with the disease and change one's lifestyle to manage it, where



DG Ken Leja

to get information, support, and counseling -- the entire gamut. A support group pilot project might have helped our son (and us) to better understand this overwhelming change. That's why our commitment is to make the service project available to every club in the district... and have all 45 participate in the grant.

Final thoughts...

We live in a technology-dominated society, but some of us are technologically challenged and have not fully embraced its opportunities. That's why I'm personally committed to helping every Lion in the district to "make our net work" – i.e., our network of service, our network of communications, and our net-based tools for working together cooperatively.

Delivering the Lions program to our communities is not a one-man-band approach. We need to work together as team players... all-the-while doing something we want to do. The district could utilize your knowledge, skill and attitude by being a part of one of the many project committees already instituted in Lions.

I'm not in the business of appointing people to be a committee-of-one. That doesn't build anything, regardless the credentials of individuals nor the promises to recruit others. If you have an interest in service at the district level, you're already an "expert"... let me know what projects you like and let me connect you with others of the same mindset.

Together and as a committee "of common interest" we can expand on the projects of the past as we build for the future. Take your pick from the list at left and email me at lionken@lejafamily.net, text me at 928-830-8236, or call me. I serve at your pleasure -- Lion Ken

SEEKING ACTIVE LIONS FOR DISTRICT COMMITTEES:

- ◆ Certification & Credentials (Nominations and Elections)
- ◆ Chaplain/Memorial
- ◆ Constitution & ByLaws
- ◆ Cultural & Community Activities
- ◆ Diabetes Awareness
- ◆ Environmental Awareness
- ◆ Family/Women's Membership Development
- ◆ Financial Planning & Review
- ◆ Global Health & Wellness Initiative
- ◆ Global Leadership
- ◆ Global Membership
- ◆ Global Service
- ◆ Hearing & Speech
- ◆ Information Technology
- ◆ International Relations
- ◆ LCI Foundation
- ◆ Protocol, Resolutions & Procedures
- ◆ Publicity, Communications, Marketing
- ◆ Service Dogs
- ◆ Sight Conservation/Preservation/Awareness
- ◆ Youth Programs (Flags for First Graders, Leo Clubs, Lions Quest, Peace Poster, Youth Camp and Exchange)

“There was never a woman like her, she was as gentle as a dove and brave as a Lioness.” -Andrew Jackson

Submitted by Christina Cantlin

On June 24, 2017, during the Lioness meeting, Marion Karstadt was present to induct our 2017-2018 club officers. We are pleased to introduce the Payson Lioness officers: Barb Straton- President, Pam Padilla Vice President and Dorine Prine- Secretary/Treasurer, that Marion didn't know about the celebratory ceremony of officers and the Payson Lioness secretly planned to award Marion with the Silver certificate from Leader Dogs. Leader Dogs for the Blind empowers people who are blind, visually impaired or Deaf-Blind with skills for a

lifetime of independent travel. In 2016, the Payson Lioness donated over \$1,000 to the charity Leader Dogs. The funds donated were from one of the Lionesses annual charity events, Dogs Day Out. We want to thank PAWS (Payson Area Woofers Society), for co-sponsoring the event with us. This event wouldn't have been as successful without the support of the community. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to designate the Silver Certificate plaque (awarded to the Payson Lioness for donating \$1,000 to Leader Dogs. As a club, we chose to honor Marion Kardstadt for her lifetime of dedication and loyal services to the Payson Lioness charter. Marion is credited for single handedly keeping the Payson Lioness charter afloat in the early 2000's when membership decreased to only one member. We thank you for your service.

We encourage everyone, in the Payson area to come out Saturday morning, October 21st, 2017 to Pet Club for our local charity event. We hope to see you there.



Pictured left to right; Lionesses Dorine Prine, Anna Church, Barbara Stratton, Emily Morton and Marion Karstadt

Incoming ASU Preparatory Academy Leos Club

Lion Steven Julian, the newest Lion from the Scottsdale Kachina Lions Club is the Leo Advisor for the incoming ASU Preparatory Academy Leos Club. Also pictured are Scottsdale Kachina Leo Joseph Julian, organizer with, the new prospective Leo Carmen Vela of ASU Prep. Here they are recruiting more Leos for the club at the ASU PREP school IOP Conference. They have many projects to get started on and are planning a big golf tournament on March 2018 at the Orangetree Resort. Contact Lion Steven and Leo Joseph at 602-540-4671 if you are interested in joining.

Pictured: Standing Lion Steve Julian, Leo Joseph Julian and Leo Carmen Vela





21-B Kickoff Cabinet Meeting

Saturday August 12, 2017

Sunbird Golf Resort Ballroom
6250 S. Sunbird Blvd.
Chandler, AZ 85249



Registration 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM ~ Cabinet Meeting to Start @ 9:30 AM

Registration deadline August 5, 2017

(If lodging is needed, the nearest Hotel is the Holiday Inn Express on Alma School Rd. & Ocotillo Rd., about 5 miles from Sunbird Golf Resort. Call 480-203-2121 for more information)

One Lion per Form

LUNCH & REGISTRATION:

Early Bird: Prior to July 28 **\$12.00**

Late: After July 28 **\$15.00**

Lion PDG PCC PID ID _____
(NAME)

(ADDRESS) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

(E-MAIL) (PHONE)

CLUB _____ CLUB OFFICE _____

DISTRICT OFFICE _____

DO YOU NEED AN EXPO TABLE? [] Y [] N

Name of Project: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____

MENU: Sunbird Chicken Club () Vegetarian Wrap () Special Needs ()
Chicken Breast, Lettuce, Tomato, Bacon & Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cucumbers
cheese, with special sauce on a bun Onion & Peppers in a flour tortilla

Registration questions: PDG Fred Garmeson garmesonfz@aol.com or 480-895-9363

Make checks payable to: 21-B Convention

Send Check with form(s) to Kick-Off Chairman: PDG Fred Garmeson
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Calendar of Events

2017

Aug	12	21B Kick Off	Chandler	PDG Fred Garmeson 480-895-9363
		1st Council Meeting 6250 S. Sunbird Blvd. 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Chandler	
Aug	26	District 21A Kick-Off	Sun City,	Bob Mayer 623-583-3254
Sep	21-23	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Portland	
Nov	4-5	Mid-Year Forum		
		2nd Council Meeting (following general sessions of Mid Year Forum)		
Nov	11-13	Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes (ELLI)	Denver	

2018

Jan	6-9	Area DGE School	Phoenix	
Jan	20	MJLM	Ftr. Thomas	PCC Ralph Williamson 602-622-2401
Feb	16-18	MD-21 DGE School	Phoenix	
Feb	24	21A Convention-Hilton Garden	Avondale	PDG Ann Roberts 602 618-9653
Mar	23-25	21C Convetion		
April	6-8	21B Convention		
		3rd Council Meeting (following 21B Convention)		
April	29	2VDGE/CS/CT School	Phoenix	
May	19-21	MD21 State Convention	Ahwatukee	
		4th Council Meeting	Ahwatukee	

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