

SERVICE FIRST!

THE BUZZ!

COMING UP NEXT ISSUE

99 and counting!

by DG Jim Whelan

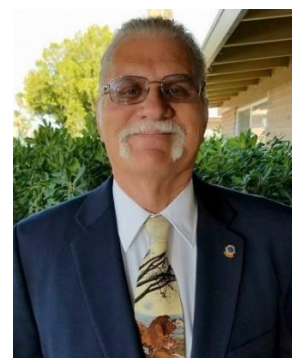
We are already in the middle of the first month of the new Lions' year and it sure will be a busy one. Mary and I just returned from the 99th International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan and we have so many stories to share – come up and say hello and ask how convention was, please!

This year like what was started last year is all about service. My theme "SERVICE FIRST" says it all. Come to the kickoff and get my governor's pin. It's pictured above.

Speaking of the kickoff – it will be held at the Chandler Sun Bird clubhouse. It has been held there the last three years. Only \$10, so don't delay, get your registration in for planning purposes.

Come hear about the International Theme – New Mountains to Climb and meet your district officers for 2016-2017. Come find out what we have in store for this year and take that information back to your club. Better yet, bring everyone with you.

In addition to the kickoff (really the first cabinet meeting), we will also hold the zone meetings in conjunction with the cabinet meetings (at least the first three, the fourth zone meeting is a celebration with the zone clubs).



DG Welcome to 2016-2017!

See what's in store for the year leading up to the Centennial in Chicago in June. Look for this and more in the July 25th issue!

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Club Secretary Time

Important information for all club secretaries.

CLUB SECRETARIES

MMR's: This year, just like last year, the membership reports will be filed on the first day of the month with "no change." Please put this on your calendar like a doctor's appointment – any changes can be done as they occur during the month. This way if you go on vacation or called out of town on an emergency of whatever comes up – like Mylci being down or overloaded at the end of the month – it is done and we have practiced good club management.

MAR's: OK, the centennial is right around the corner and this year our district will shine in reporting our service activities. Please report your service WEEKLY – because we tend to FORGET what we did yesterday – it is so important do report accurately. Unless you have a great written way to gather the activities your club members do – please report your activities weekly so you don't forget. This is a good way to grab that new member you just brought in and get them familiar with your club activities and help you, the club secretary, get your reporting done promptly and accurately. Remember, we are Lions 24/7 and that means anything that you do for anyone is reportable service. If you take your elderly neighbor to pick up their prescriptions – that is service; if you take your friend grocery shopping – that is service; if

you serve meals to shut-ins – that is service and reportable as a Lion.

MAR's year end for 2015-2016 – please make sure that you have input all of last year's activities by July 15th – that is the year-end reporting date to do so. So if you are a continuing secretary from last year – please make sure all activities have been reported. If you are a new secretary, please ask last year's secretary if all activities have been reported.

SUBJECT MATTER

EXPERTS (SME's): Please note that last year we created **SME's** for club secretaries, treasurers, and presidents. They will continue in this capacity this year – PLEASE USE THEM:

District 21-B supports the clubs and Lions by appointing **subject matter experts (SMEs)** to assist all clubs in club operations. No Lion should struggle with any duties of being a club secretary, treasurer, or president.

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For additional help on activity reports – please go to our e-district website <http://www.e-district.org/sites/21b/page-10.php> and go to Resource Documents, down to the bottom of the page and click on **Slideshow about Reporting Service Activities and Centennial Legacy projects**

MEMBERSHIP / LEADERSHIP ASSISTANCE

If anyone requires additional training on any position or needs help with leadership or membership issues, please contact our district officers for leadership and membership:

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Got New club members?

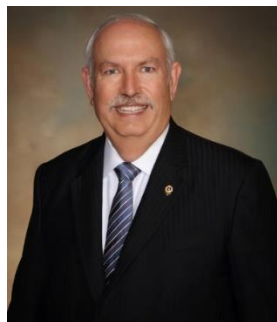
Got older club members who need a refresher (remember things change all the time)?

Want to arrange orientation? Call John or Bobbie – they'll get someone to your club to do an orientation for you!

And don't forget your Zone Chairpersons – they are they to help you too!

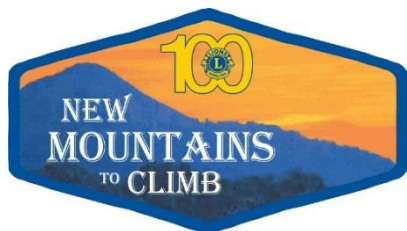
Let's meet our International President for 2016-2017

CHANCELLOR BOB CORLEW, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Chancellor Bob Corlew, from Milton, Tennessee, USA, was elected to serve as president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

President Corlew is retired as chancellor for the State of Tennessee and a professor of law.



A member of the Murfreesboro Noon Lions Club since 1978, he has held many offices within the association, including charter club president, zone chairperson, district governor, cabinet secretary and council chairperson. He has been instrumental in the chartering of a number of new clubs. Most recently, he worked to charter a new club comprised of lawyers and judges, which gained more than 75 members during its first year.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Leadership Award, the Builder Key Award, three International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Vanguard of the Melvin Jones Memorial, a Progressive Lindsey-Jennings Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, President Corlew has been active in the Boy Scouts of America, the Jaycees and the American Red Cross. He has also served as a councilman in Milton and was a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

President Corlew and his wife, Dianne, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have five children and five grandchildren.

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Numbers....the perpetual and traditional concerns by Lion leaders about membership numbers. They're constantly evaluated on several levels to determine success but also impact (or lack of impact) within our communities. Just who are we trying to find to keep our organization vibrant and strong?

Membership chairpersons throughout the district have been installed, charged and encouraged to find MORE and retain Lions so we can continue in our efforts to help those who cannot help themselves. Age old techniques are being dusted off but the bottom line remains that we need to tell our story about just why we're Lions and why it might

appeal to others in our communities who just want to give back something. We are all part of the membership team – we all can promote just why we are Lions. Your family members, neighbors, friends and acquaintances may have never been asked – tell your own story and ASK. Review what's been effective in service projects recently and work up a plan of action to find other unmet needs.

Each new IP's theme targets a specific concept and this year our new IP Bob Corlew is stressing the idea that we have "new mountains to climb". Yes, climbing up and forward but also resting a bit in Chicago July 2017 to celebrate our 100 years of success. 100 years of ever expanding help around the world. The Centennial Challenge provides four specific areas of concern: Youth, Vision, Environment and Hunger and also to take on three categories of potential Legacy projects. ***Lip service won't work – there needs to be active and deliberate planning by all of our clubs to tell our story and make a difference in our communities.*** I firmly believe we are limited only by our imagination in finding new service opportunities – everyone can do something! Take time to read and think about IP Bob Corlew's theme – it's on the home page, bottom, of our e-district.org/sites/21b website. Yes, it's a tad long, but you definitely get a better understanding of why and where we, a local and also a global service organization, need to be progressing.

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