

# THE BUZZ!

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## Words of Wisdom! (WOW!)

**International Director N. Alan Lundgren**  
Our very own “Gem of the Desert”!



The next issue of the BUZZ will be the start of the WOW! column from our very own ID. In this issue is an introduction to ID Alan. Let’s find out a bit about Alan.

N. Alan Lundgren from Scottsdale, Arizona, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association’s 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

Director Lundgren is an accountant and asset manager.

A member of the Gilbert Lions Club, and a Lion since 1980, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, district governor, district GLT coordinator and multiple district convention chairperson. He was also a member of the Public Relations Committee as a Board appointee in 2014-15.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, Builder Key Award, Extension Award, two International President’s Awards, and the Ambassador of Goodwill. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Helen Keller Fellow and a life member of the Arizona Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.

Director Lundgren has three sons and 10 grandchildren. He is proud to say his family is a “three generation Lions family,” with two of his sons, and their wives, and two of his grandchildren being Lions members.

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(The following is a personal introduction of ID Alan – given by IPDG Barbara Daily at an event)

THIRTY-FOUR - there are only 34 directors who represent Lions to the world and we, the Lions of Arizona, have ONE of those 34. I don't know about you but that is very special indeed with just about 1.4 million Lions world-wide, we have ONE.

What can one say about an individual that hasn't already been said? An individual that has been everything to just about everybody. An individual that we now share with the world. An individual that Arizona Lions are so proud to know as a mentor, a leader, a servant, and most important - a friend – OUR Alan.

Now one can read the LCI bio and get a flavor of Alan's background and talent but - we, the Lions of Arizona, know the real person behind the bio - how many Lions can say that about a director? The Lions of Arizona can say that because the person behind the bio is our friend, Alan.

He follows a strong, proud list of those who came before him - those who have made us proud but none - and I mean none - have had to follow in the footsteps of an International President and Chairperson of our very own Lions Foundation - talk about having big shoes to fill. Well, we know Alan and we don't worry about filling those shoes - he's more of a shorts and sandal guy anyway - he doesn't do much in the way of following a path - he makes the path; he doesn't follow the lead - he takes the lead but he makes sure that everyone is with him as he leads.

Alan lives and breathes Lionism whether mentoring a club treasurer, assisting on a medical mission, chairing a committee, encouraging and inspiring a fellow Lion, or screening kids at a school - this is and always has been our Arizona go-to Lion.

Now in an honor-based society, honor means "a person is what he or

she is in the eyes of other people" – Alan certainly deserves to be honored because in our eyes he is our everything as he represents the Lions of Arizona. His smile radiates his perpetual enthusiasm about being a Lion and what Lions can accomplish together. He is truly OUR ambassador of good will.

This is Arizona's very own “**Gem of the Desert**”, the one, the only - International Director N. Alan Lundgren.

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**ATTENTION SECRETARIES  
AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> IS JUST AROUND  
THE CORNER – GO ONLINE AND  
SUBMIT A NO CHANGE MMR ON  
AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> – EACH AND EVERY  
MONTH – THEN YOU CAN MAKE  
ANY NECESSARY CHANGES  
DURING THE MONTH – THEN IF  
YOU GO ON VACATION AND  
FORGET OR GET SICK OR HAVE  
AN EMERGENCY – IT IS DONE –  
LET'S DO THIS EACH AND EVERY  
MONTH SO I DON'T HAVE TO  
HUNT YOU DOWN AND YOU  
KNOW I WILL – IT IS MY JOB SO IN  
TURN I ASK YOU TO DO WHAT WE  
ASK YOU TO DO – FILE THE FIRST  
DAY OF EACH AND EVERY  
MONTH – THANK YOU**

**ALSO – are you doing  
your Activity weekly so  
you remember to  
capture ALL of your  
activities?**



## DG JIM

The District 21-B Kickoff is just around the corner on August 6th. Please plan to attend as it will be a fun and informational time. Come meet your District 21-B leadership team for this year; we have a great one.

This year's theme is “Climb New Mountains” as we start our 100th year of Lionism. There are new and exciting things going on with the Centennial. Come to the Kickoff to hear and see what it is all about.

We will also have an all zone meeting to brainstorm both old and new ideas on how we as a district 21-B can become stronger and serve our communities even more.

I will lay out the goals for the year and tell you about a mystery contest that all clubs can participate in. We all need to think about those members we dropped last year and understand WHY they CHOSE to leave lions. Is there anything we could have done to entice them to stay if they were just lions in a club that had no responsibility and just attended meetings.

Make sure you have representation of your club – this is your district – come and be a part of the excitement leading up to our centennial. We are proud to be a part of the largest service organization in the world – we are ONE!

## CLUB OFFICERS

Please don't struggle out there over anything – we have continued the SMEs from last year – they are dedicated Lions who are there to help you have a great year – give them an email or a call – THEY SERVE!

### 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.

Laurie Genz - Club Secretary - trainer/expert – all things MyLCI  
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[lionlaurie@cox.net](mailto:lionlaurie@cox.net)

Carol Rosinke - Club Treasurer - trainer/expert  
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John Marselis - Club President - trainer/advisor/motivator  
602 574-3030  
[lionjohnm21b@gmail.com](mailto:lionjohnm21b@gmail.com)

## 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:

John Marselis – 21-B GLT (Leadership)  
602 574-3030  
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21-B 2nd VDG & GMT (Membership)  
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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!



### Important Note to All Club Treasurers

Hello District 12-B Club Treasurers. We are off to a great start for this 2016-2017 Lions year. Hopefully you have closed out last year's books and ready to start this year anew. A big thank you to those clubs that have paid their dues already, and a reminder to those that haven't, that dues are due and payable upon receipt and do not require board approval to pay. I especially want to remind you that your 990 IRS filing will need to be completed prior to November 15 if you file on the Lions fiscal year as most of you should. There are several Lions in the district that would be more than happy to help you or answer any questions you may have. Please let me or your zone chair know if you need assistance. I can be reached at 520-401-9554 or [mwitt4@msn.com](mailto:mwitt4@msn.com). Thank you to all treasurers for your service to your club and your communities.

Lion Mimi Wittenborn,  
Cabinet Treasurer 21-B

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## 990-N

Annual Electronic Notice (Form 990-N) for Small Organizations

The questions below relate to the requirement that small tax-exempt organizations file an annual electronic notice (Form 990-N, sometimes referred to as the *e-Postcard*).

1. Who must file Form 990-N (*e-Postcard*)?

Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, most small tax-exempt organizations whose gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less must file Form 990-N, *Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required To File Form 990 or 990-EZ*. Before this law was enacted, these small organizations were not required to file annually with the IRS. The first filings were due in 2008 for tax years ending on or after December 31, 2007.

1. When is the *e-Postcard* due? How often do I need to file?

The *e-Postcard* is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your tax year (usually the same as your accounting period). For example, if your tax year ended on December 31, the *e-Postcard* is due May 15 of the following year. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the due date is the next business day.

If you do not file your *e-Postcard* on time, the IRS will send you a reminder notice but you will not be assessed a penalty for late filing the *e-Postcard*. However, an organization that fails to file required *e-Postcards* (or information returns – Forms 990 or 990-EZ) for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax-exempt status. The revocation of the organization's tax-exempt status will not take place until the filing due date of the third year.

1. Can an organization file an *e-Postcard* for a prior year? You can file an *e-Postcard* for a prior year through one of our approved e-file service providers. However, you cannot file an *e-Postcard* for a prior year through the link on our site to the filing system. For example, if the organization's tax year ended on December 31, 2009, and you attempt to file your 2009 *e-Postcard* after the close of your 2010 tax year (December 31, 2010), the filing system only will allow you to file for 2010. While there is no penalty for late filing an *e-Postcard*, your tax-exempt status will be automatically revoked if you don't file for three consecutive years. Note: The requirement to file Form 990-N is an annual requirement.



### Hello Vision Screeners,

Well, the first vision screening training class was held a couple of weeks ago. Now we are onto the actual screening events. Some are public events where other agencies will see the activity and the Lions in service and we have direct contact with families. Then the excitement gets ramped up when we begin in-school screenings. As has been the path the last several years, the very rural Red Rocks schools is first on the calendar.

Clearly the calendar will be very busy through the middle of November and maybe even into December. Know that the Green Valley La Canoa Lions organize additional screenings in the greater Green Valley area. South Tucson Lions are also working with the Sunnyside USD. Safford Lions have a very active screening program.

The early public events are a really good way to refresh or hone your screening skills. Please sign up early and often.

### JULY 2016

1. Saturday, July 30 11:30 - 3:00, Palo Verde High School, 1302 S. Avenida Vega, 85710 Back to School Event **NEED 6 PEOPLE**

### AUGUST 2016

1. Thursday, August 4 6 - 8 PM, Rincon Vista Middle School, 10770 E. Bilby Rd, 85747 Back to School Event **NEED 4 PEOPLE**

2. Saturday, August 6 8:30 - 2:30; or 8:30 - 11:30 or 11:30 - 2:30, El Rio Healthcare Center, 839 W. Congress, 85745 Back to School Event **NEED 8 PEOPLE**

3. Tuesday, August 23 7:30 - 11:30, Red Rocks Pre-K-8 School, 20854 E. Homestead Dr, Red Rock, AZ 85145 First School Event **NEED 8 PEOPLE**

4. Thursday, August 25 7:30 - 11:00, Coronado School, Amph PSD, 3401 E. Wilds Rd, Catalina Az, 85739 **NEED 8 PEOPLE**

**SEPTEMBER 2016** *As school comes back into session (Aug - Aug 10), there will be many additions.*

1. Tuesday, Sep 6 7:30 - 11:30, Walker Ele Sch, Amph PSD, 1750 W. Roller Coaster, 85704 **NEED 8 PEOPLE**

2. Monday, Sep 12 7:30 - 11:30, Prince Ele Sch, Amph PSD, 125 E. Prince Rd, 85705 **NEED 8 PEOPLE**

3. Monday, Sep 19 7:30 - 11:30, Donaldson Ele Sch, Amph PSD, 2040 W. Omar Dr, 85704 **NEED 8 PEOPLE**

4. Thursday, Sep 29 7:30 - 11:30, Davidson Ele Sch, TUSD, 3950 E. Paradise Falls, 85712 **NEED 8 PEOPLE**

### **Many Thanks,**

Su-Lin Trepanitis  
Lions Vision Services  
[azlionrn@gmail.com](mailto:azlionrn@gmail.com)  
520-661-4909



If you have any club flyers for events – please send to 2VDG Bobbie Ravenkamp so she can post on the calendar on our e-district website.

Want to see information on a Lions topic – please email me: IPDG Barbara Daily – [bebopp2002@yahoo.com](mailto:bebopp2002@yahoo.com)

Please make sure ALL of your members receive the BUZZ – it is the governor's communication. Email to each of your club members – if no email, then as club secretary – mail it to those who do not have email.





## OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND FOR ALL!

(Synopsis of what's available)

### Advanced Lion Leadership Institute (ALLI) - Lions that have

completed a successful term as club president, but have not yet attained the position of First Vice District Governor.

Date: November 12 – 14, 2016  
Houston, TX  
Submission Deadline: August 29, 2016

### Faculty Development Institute (FDI) - 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.

Date: November 11 – 14, 2016  
Houston, TX  
Submission Deadline: August 28, 2016

### Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) - Lions in good standing

who have successfully served on a club committee and who have not yet attained the level of club president.

Date: January 21 – 24, 2017  
Chicago, IL  
Submission Deadline: November 7, 2016

**WHO?** Anyone wanting an opportunity for growth in Lions

**WHAT?** Emerging Lions, Advanced Lions, and Faculty Development

**WHERE?** Houston and Chicago

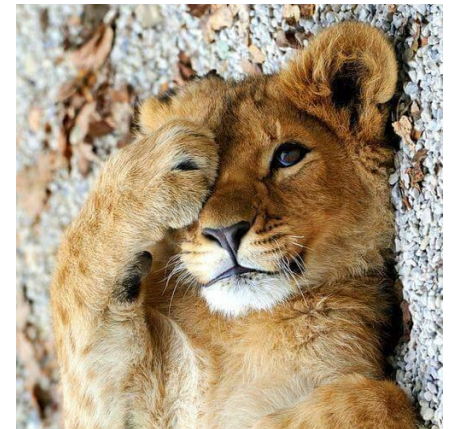
**WHEN?** November 2016 and January 2017

**WHY?** We need more leaders; we need new ideas; why not?!!

Applications are online - Contact your district leadership coordinator or go here for more information:

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/development-programs/index.php>

**Have you hugged a Leo today? Need help starting a Leo Club? Have you planned for your replacement to carry your club banner in 2050? Doubt it will be many of us – you better be concerned for the legacy you leave behind – need help? We've got help for you. JUST ASK!**



**Something to think about.....**

