

## THE BUZZ

("B" in the KNOW!) August 31, 2015



Here is an extra edition of THE BUZZ! There are leftover articles from the 08/17 edition that needs to get out plus some Lions information that has gotten lost, forgotten, or not even



known. So let's start with the leftover information....

**CLUB VISITS** - Starting club visits in September – contact me at <a href="mailto:bebopp2002@yahoo.com">bebopp2002@yahoo.com</a> or phone (520) 954-0411 if you haven't already and let's set a date for the district governor to visit

## CLUBS ARE NOT AUTONOMOUS - 1

spoke about this at the Kickoff – The saying "oh the clubs are autonomous" .... We need to stop saying this as it is not true. Autonomous in the way each



club operates BUT not in the way each club reports to international. Each club is a part of the largest service organization in the world. As such, each club has obligations to pay dues, file monthly membership and activity reports, and to provide service to the community. Clubs also are required to protect the Lions logo and name. We Lions wear a lapel pin over our heart - not because we pay dues but because we are proud of what we are a part of – LCI and what it stands for – service. A district governor takes an oath to protect the Lions logo and the Lions name – that means that a governor is responsible to make sure that all areas of the district is being served. So how can we operate autonomously when we have awesome responsibilities as clubs and members – we can't and that's why we say "WE" serve! I have responsibilities to our organization and so do you as club officers and club members. You can check this

out for yourself on the LCI website, Board Policy Manual, Chapter V Clubs.

Let's just say there is a BIG difference between a "community" club and a "Lions" club. A community club could do as they please and not report to anyone. But since we all have the word "Lions" in our club name, we have an obligation to the organization to do membership and activity reports so they in turn can report what we as clubs do around the world.

#### **ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS - If**

you attended the 21-B Kickoff, you are entitled to get your registration fee reimbursed by the district (early fee only – if you paid a late fee, we will reimburse you only the early fee amount). I am offering this for all cabinet meetings this year. Please contact Cabinet Treasurer, Adrienne Ponce, for reimbursement. Email: <a href="mailto:ponce7670@gmail.com">ponce7670@gmail.com</a> In an effort to reduce meetings for club officers, we are integrating all zone meetings in conjunction with each cabinet meeting this year. We hope this reduces the amount of travel and meetings for you.

**THE "M" WORD!** - Another thing I spoke about at Kickoff – The "M" word!



I believe we do not have a membership problem – I believe we have a service and leadership problem. If we provide more service and leadership then the membership will come.

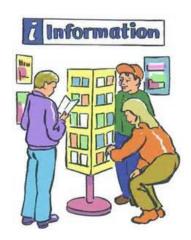
With this – I have banned the word "membership" this year – if we continuously beat everyone up about "we need more members – we have a membership problem" – well we aren't fixing the problem. So let's try something a bit different and let's focus on service and leadership this year and see how it goes! See page five for more on this.

## MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT (MMR) – ATTENTION CLUB

**SECRETARIES** - Request that all club

secretaries go online on the first day of each month and file a no change membership report. That way you are done - you make any necessary changes as they arise during the month. Then if you are called out of town or you get sick or what usually happens at the end of the month - the LCI system is overloaded or doing maintenance and the system is down – you are done and you have the report filed. This is a change from the LCI procedure - remember LCI procedures are "quidelines" as LCI makes procedures for worldwide use. It is the governor's prerogative to implement district procedures and processes. Please adhere to this so we are not spending an inordinate amount of follow-up on the reporting of required information. Yes, we are ALL volunteers but we are volunteers with responsibilities. Remember – Lions create real change – we need to let the world know what we do!

# Now for something different.... INFORMATION to share with all LIONS!



Let's chat about the differences of what we call the meetings we attend at the district and multiple district level. First let's define a district and a multiple district. A district is made up of at least 35 clubs and 1250 members. We have three districts in Arizona – 21A, 21B, and 21C.

A multiple district is

made up of two or more sub-districts. Our multiple district is MD21. At the district level we meet four times a year in what are called cabinet meetings. Two of those four cabinet meetings are held within multiple district meetings – one called the MD21 Mid-Year Leadership Conference and the other the MD21 Convention. The first cabinet meeting is also referred to as the Kickoff and the third cabinet meeting is held with the district convention.

So at the district level we have the first cabinet meeting (also called the Kickoff), the second cabinet meeting held with the MD21 Mid-Year Leadership Conference,

the third cabinet meeting held in the district with the district convention, and then the fourth cabinet meeting held with the MD21 Convention. A convention means we vote for officers and board members for projects. Otherwise it is a conference as no voting takes place. Let's start calling these meetings with the right nomenclature – a cabinet meeting or kickoff, a conference, or a convention (where we vote).

2015 - 2016



LCI DUES: \$ 43/YR
DISTRICT DUES: \$ 7/YR
MD DUES: \$ 14/YR

### **ANNUAL TOTAL \$64**

It costs \$64 for each club member. The club then adds administrative monies on top of this cost to run the club.

BILLINGS ARE DONE IN JULY AND JANUARY (from June and December membership numbers, so club secretaries need to drop members by June 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> so you are not charged for the member)

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: LCI  $\frac{1}{2}$  DUES (\$21.50) FOR  $2^{\rm ND}$ ,  $3^{\rm RD}$ , AND  $4^{\rm TH}$  FAMILY MEMBER living in the same household.

LCI will suspend a club who is overdue 90 days.

### MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS

(MAR) - ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES - 2VDG Bob Hutton



Our Lions motto "We Serve", each day members of Lions serve our community in small and large projects and just go about our way upon completing a project. We ourselves are our worst advocate not sharing our

accomplishments as Lions. For example, in district 21-B we have 43 clubs but only 22 clubs have reported July activities. For August, 21 clubs have reported activities – why? Aren't we Lions each and every day of the year – do we take our Lions pin off in the summer and not do anything for others? Is it that old time saying of "well I don't do

service for recognition – but guess what – you are a part of a SERVICE organization that thrives on being able to promote what we do worldwide – it goes back to being OBLIGATED as members of a club to report everything that we do.

LCI suggests as soon as a project is completed, the club secretary goes online and submits the activity. As club presidents, you are the CEO and ultimately responsible to ensure that reports are submitted on time. Do you know if your secretary cannot submit the report on time – you should go

online and do the report – all club presidents have access and as a club president should follow-up to make sure your secretary and treasurer is doing the job they were elected to do. Don't know how to access MyLci?? Contact a GMT member to help you through the process.



An activity can be done by just one Lion. We all do things without thinking we are doing them as a Lion – you are a Lion 24/7 so if your neighbor needs assistance like going to a doctor's appointment, report that as service. We do a good job reporting when many Lions and money is expended on projects. As secretary, please remind your club members to submit every activity they do.

Remember LCI has created 100 million of acts of service for the centennial in four service areas - Youth, Vision, Hunger, and Environment. Clubs can earn banner patches supporting these service areas. We need to focus on reporting all activities – international can partner with many more organizations like Special Olympics because we can promote just how much we do worldwide.

## Lions Leadership Training and Development

Did you know that your dues to LCI pay for programs that come out of LCI for YOU? There



are so many valuable programs to assist the club and the members. If you haven't done so - go online and take a look at what they have to offer to you. Let's all become experts to grow our organization.

#### SERVICE LEADERSHIP ASSISTANCE

Two months completed for the 2015-2016 Lion year and clubs are gearing up for new (and old) service options and projects. So many of our district clubs slow down activities during the hot months but it's definitely time to recharge the energy and engage our enthusiasm for service!

Help is available for those club officers who were unable to attend officer training in May or the 21-B Kick-off and/or, perhaps, received little to no pass down from last year's officers. Don't struggle - if your club's officers need help, contact your zone chair or me.

21-B is fortunate to have many veteran leaders who are current SME's – Subject Matter Experts. Help is only a phone call or email away – JUST ASK.

Laurie Genz Club Secretary trainer/expert – all

things MyLCI lionlaurie@cox.net 520-266-1426

Carol Rosinke Club Treasurer trainer/expert

lioncarolr21b@hotmail.com

480-357-2664

John Marselis Club President trainer/advisor/motivator

lionjohnm21b@gmail.com

602-622-2401

Our district is all about "Making the Connection Through Service" to our communities and globally and promoting the Lions Club International President's theme of "Dignity, Harmony, Humanity" through service.

Remember, Leadership + Service = the "M" word with club success, retention and growth!

Bobbie Ravenkamp 21-B GMT 918-705-1227 bobbieravenkamp@hotmail.com

#### **VISION SERVICES**



- Su-Lin Trepanitis, Chairperson

If you or your club is interested in doing vision screening – here is a listing of upcoming screenings and the help that is needed. Please contact me below if you are interested in supporting these efforts.

Tu, Sep 8 at Los Amigos -- need 12
Tu, Sep 22 at Santa Clara -- need 12
Thu, Sep 24 at Elvira -- need 6 more
Mon, Sep 28 at Mesa Verde -- need 12
Tu, Sep 29 at Harelson -- need 8 more
We, Sep 30 at Holoway -- need 5 more
Mon, Oct 5 at Rio Vista -- need 12
Tu, Oct 6 at Donaldson -- need 12
Tu, Nov 3 at Warren -- need 6 more

Su-Lin Trepanitis, azlionrn@gmail.com, 520-661-4909

### **21-B WE SERVE** - Lion Richard Stevenson

<u>WE SERVE 21-B Facebook Page</u> - Our new Facebook Page celebrating Service in our District has been up and running for 3 weeks now and we have over 350 followers and have reached over 8,000 people. This is just a beginning. Make sure that you check it out and "Like" it to stay in touch.

Click here to see the page, click "Like" under where it says Birthplace of Melvin Jones to follow it. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/WE-SERVE-Lions-Clubs-of-District-21-B-Southern-AZ/1487382568194138">https://www.facebook.com/pages/WE-SERVE-Lions-Clubs-of-District-21-B-Southern-AZ/1487382568194138</a>

Our plan is to take your Club's postings from your club Facebook page of your Service Projects and post them to our We Serve page. So be sure to post your projects with a photo and a brief description of the project on your Club's Facebook Page. (A little Facebook message to me will insure that I will see it and share it.) If your club is not on Facebook, email a photo and a description of the project and I will post it. Any club desiring help with Facebook can contact me for assistance, whether to start a page or just for some help. Want more followers for your page, contact me and we will make that happen.

#### **CURRENT 21-B CLUB PROJECTS FROM OUR**

KICKOFF - In our previous article we went through our Signature Project, Vision. Today we will look at a Youth projects that our Clubs are doing. These all came from you during our Kickoff work session.

#### YOUTH

Back to School supplies and clothes Christmas Shopping Scholarships Guardianship Advocacy

Peace Poster

Flags for school children Dictionaries for school children

Support of Robotics Club/STEM

Books for schools

Reading in schools

Reading Action Program

Student of the month from local schools celebrated at club meetings

Student Mariachi Fiesta to showcase student musical talent

Shoes for school children

Easter Egg Hunt

Toys for hospitalized children

Support for school sports programs/engaging student athletes in projects

Pen Pals with school children

Project Linus-making quilts for children

Get-away bags for children separated from their parents

Boys and Girls Clubs

**Bike Donations** 

**Special Olympics** 

Camp Tatiyee

Baskets for Juvenile Detention Center

Adopt a School - and ask what they need

C. Kirby Smithe Youth Exchange Adopt a Family / Food for Families Leos Club Adopt a Playground Halloween in the park

This is quite an extensive list of options available to a club to choose from. If you have an interest in knowing more about any of these, just contact me via email or on the Facebook page above and we will get you started.

HEY clubs – I know there are lots of activities going on out there and the best way to let the rest of the district clubs know about it is to submit your flyers or information to be included here in The BUZZ! The next issue will be going out on Monday night, September 7<sup>th</sup> – so send them on to me to be included. bebopp2002@yahoo.com

The MD director just came out this week as a pdf file and online – the printed version will be available in a couple of weeks – if you haven't gotten the link to it, please let me know and I will make sure any and all Lions have access.

This is from 2VDG Ken Leja: Attached is the electronic version of the Multiple District Directory set-up for loading onto your computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

I have also created a website: <a href="lionsdistrict21c.com">lionsdistrict21c.com</a>
On this site, ANYONE can download the individual district directory. May I suggest you go to the site and check it out. By "clicking" as instructed, the PDF is downloaded for each individual district. It includes an abbreviated "white pages" from the multiple, the entire district, plus the multiple Lioness directory.

To download the entire multiple directory, "click" on the word "MULTIPLE" in the purple band... yes, it's deliberately 'hidden.'

Print production on the entire directory has already begun, and half the binders have been received.

Beginning Sept. 5, we'll begin developing the replacement pages based on end-August changes published to LCI... and monthly thereafter. You'll receive a revised electronic directory with the updates integrated later in the month. IN THIS WAY, the electronic directory will be as "current" and accurate as possible.



Please let me know if there is anything you'd like to know about Lions – we have a team and we'd be glad to research it and put it in here for all to see – someone else may have the same question too.



### **MD21 Arizona Calendar**

2015			
Sep 17-19	USA/Canada Forum		Grand Rapids, MI
Oct 30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Council meeting	Arizona Golf Resort	Mesa
Oct 30 – Nov 1	MD21 Mid-Year Leadership Conference	Arizona Golf Resort	Mesa
Nov 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cabinet meeting	Arizona Golf Resort	Mesa

2016			
Jan -9	MJM Rededication Day	MJLIM	Ft. Thomas
Feb 5-8	21C Convention	Prescott Resort	Prescott
Feb 27	21A Convention	Wickenburg Community Center	Wickenburg
Mar 11	3 <sup>rd</sup> Council meeting	Radisson	Tucson
Mar 11-12	21B Convention	Radisson	Tucson
Mar 12	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cabinet meeting	Radisson	Tucson
May 20	4 <sup>th</sup> Council meeting	Mesa Hilton	Mesa
May 20-22	MD21 Convention	Mesa Hilton	Mesa
May 21	Club Officer Training	Mesa Hilton	Mesa
May 22	4 <sup>th</sup> Cabinet meeting	Mesa Hilton	Mesa
Jun 24-28	International Convention		Fukuoka, Japan

## BE A LION - BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION TO GROWING LIONS ASK ONE - KEEP ONE - GROW ONE



(Saying the word) **MEMBERSHIP** 



## (these words) SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

IT'S JUST A MATTER OF SOFTENING THE APPROACH TO FOCUS ON SERVICE AND BUILDING CLUB LEADERSHIP INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON MEMBERSHIP... REMEMBER IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME... (MEMBERS)

THIS YEAR – LET'S TRY NOT SAYING MEMBERSHIP AND START SAYING SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP – LET'S SEE IF IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

A DIFFERENCE WE NEED TO SEE – REMEMBER GANDHI SAID – "BE THE CHANGE THAT YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD"!

## A little something for you – Lions of 21-B...

### WHEN YOU ENTER A CABINET MEETING IN 21-B...

YOU ARE IMPORTANT

YOU ARE LEADERS

YOU ARE A FRIEND

YOU ARE THINKERS

YOU ARE CREATIVE

YOU ARE NEEDED

YOU ARE AMAZING

YOU ARE INSPIRATIONAL

YOU ARE LOVED

YOU ARE THE REASON

## **WE ALL GET TOGETHER!**

ATTENTION ALL LIONS OF DISTRICT 21-B – YOU ARE ALL PART OF THE DISTRICT 21-B CHEERLEADING SQUAD – REMEMBER TO GET AS MANY OF YOUR CLUB MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE MD21 MID-YEAR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE THE END OF OCTOBER – WE WILL HAVE A CLUB CHEER-OFF – THERE ARE PRIZES FOR THE BEST IN CHEER! THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES TO CHEER AT EACH CABINET MEETING ALL YEAR LONG – LET'S KEEP THIS PEP RALLY GOING. HERE ARE THE CHEERS FROM THE KICKOFF – BE READY TO CHEER ALONG. AND MAKE ONE OF YOUR OWN!

L I O N S L I O N S L I O N S

LIONS, LIONS, LIONS! WE SERVE!

To the tune of the Oscar Mayer Wiener song:

I'm so happy to be a Lions Club member
That is what I truly love to be
I need to get many more members
Then everyone will come and serve with me!

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To the tune of the Oscar Mayer Bologna song:

My Lions Club has a first name, it's MD21
My Lions Club has a second name, it's A R I Z O N A
Oh, I love to sing it every day and if you ask me why I'll say
Because Lions Club has a way with S E R V I C E

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Give me an "L" L

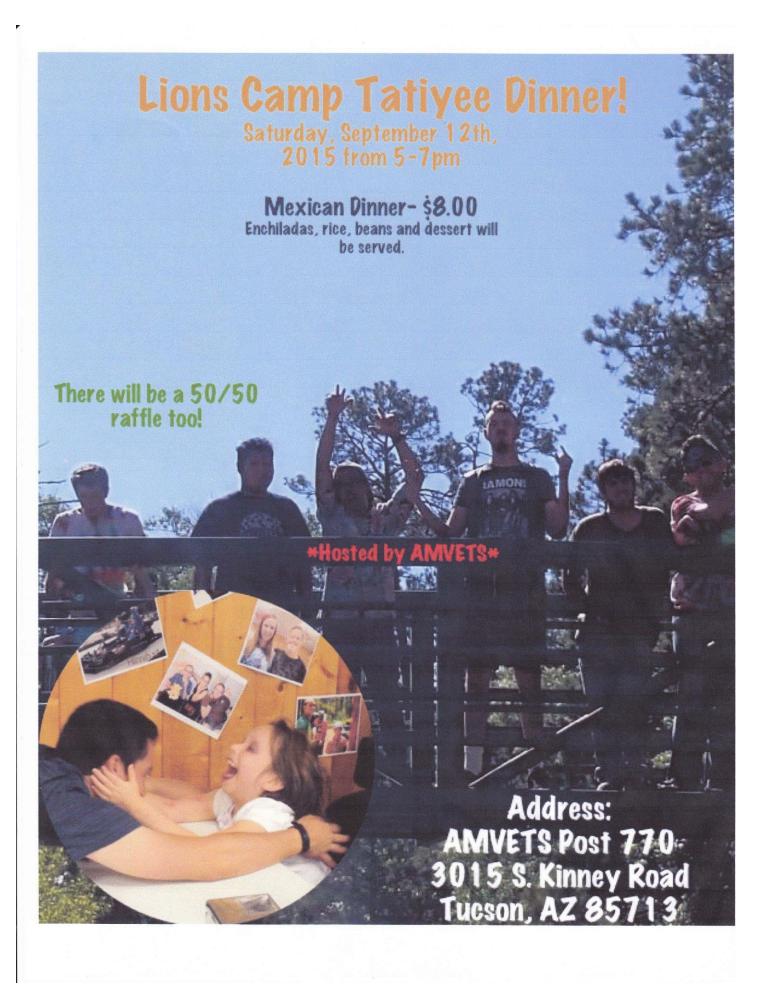
Give me an "I" I

Give me an "O" O

Give me an "N" N

Give me an "S" S

What's that spell? LIONS...... What? LIONS...... What? LIONS! WE SERVE!!!!!!









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### ATTENTION CLUB TREASURERS!!!!!!!!

I wanted to share what LCI shares with me so we are both knowledgeable as to the process.

Accounts Receivable & Club Account Services Department DG Check list for Club Account Status Review

- DG RECAPS are emailed to you at the beginning of each month, reflecting club aging.
- Encourage club officers to register online. Treasurers can pay online if the club approves.
- Clubs can pay online by visiting www.lionsclubs.org. Click the "submit reports" link, after logging in, click CLUB, STATEMENT followed by PAY NOW. You may pay by Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express credit. Debit cards are accepted.
- Club balances should be paid according to the terms established by the association; however, to avoid suspension, balances should be paid no later than 90 days after billing.
- Club balances outstanding beyond 120 days can cause clubs to be placed on suspension if balances are equal to or exceeding US\$20/member or \$1,000, whichever is less over 120 days.
- Anticipated high risk of suspension in November and May can be avoided with prompt club payments.
- High cancellation rates can be avoided in December and June if payments are received prior to the 29th of the month following suspension.
- Clubs can be reactivated within 12 months following cancellation, if eligible. Full payment along with a Reactivation Report is required, signed by you.
- Club Treasurers can view statements online and avoid mailing delays. Please encourage club treasurers to check the opt-out option on the association's website to discontinue receiving mailed club statements.
- Clubs in Good Standing are eligible to participate in local elections. The current dues billing must be paid leaving no International dues and fees greater than US\$10.00 unpaid and balances over 90 days must not exceed US\$50.00.
- Beginning **July 1, 2015**, clubs will automatically be placed on Financial Suspension if balances beyond **90 days** are equal to or exceeding US\$20/member or \$1,000 or greater, and cancellation will occur after the 28th of the month following suspension if full payment is not received. As a result, anticipated high suspension will be reported in October and April. Also, clubs canceled more than twice will be ineligible for reactivation.

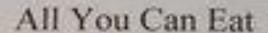
# 19th Annual Multiple District 21 Leadership Forum and Mid Winter Conference ARIZONA GOLF RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER \* 425 South Power Road, Mesa, AZ 85206 October 30, 31 & November 1, 2015 \* \* \* \* \* REGISTRATION FORM

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# Spaghetti Dinner

Includes salad, garlic bread & dessert

Fundraiser to help with Community Youth Activities & Eye Exams

> Sat. Sept. 12, 2015 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

> > at Huachuca City Lions Den

125 S. Huachuca Blvd. sponsored by Huachuca City Lions Adults - \$7.00

Opened to the public