

THE BUZZ

("B" in the KNOW!) July 20, 2015



DISTRICT 21-B KICKOFF



It's time to get those great Hawaiian shirts out of your closet and wear them to the kickoff. The picture above shows the MD21 district governors – 21C DG Linda Vawter, 21B DG Barbara Daily, and 21A Paul Yopps – in the shirts we wore to march in the

international parade. It is Arizona, it is hot and we are going to work at the kickoff so get that Hawaiian shirt out and let's have a great time. Even PCC/PBA Alan Lundgren is wearing his Hawaiian shirt when he installs the cabinet. If you don't have a Hawaiian shirt then wear your club shirt or any Lions shirt – NO JACKETS ALLOWED! We will be collecting jackets at the door!

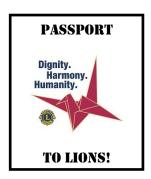
Hope to see you all there as the goals and plans will be rolled out with a little bit of fun thrown in. If you haven't done so, please take a minute to fill out the registration form and send it in before July 25th for the lower rate. We'll be introducing the team and talking about service projects – what we do and what more can we do. Remember it was PIP Joe who said we are "can do" Lions – there is no "can't" in our service. So if you're looking for a new service project or looking to get some ideas to add service projects in your club, join us at the kickoff when we'll all come up with ideas for you to take back to your club to implement.

Remember, Saturday, August 8th at Sun Bird in Chandler. Come and cheer with us for a great year in service and leadership.



CONTEST TIME!

Take a sneak peek of one of the rollouts happening at the kickoff that you'll want to be there to see – a districtwide contest – for each Lion; not by club. District Contest Chairperson Juliet Yardy will be talking about this special contest as well as others.



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FRESH FROM LCI:

We are pleased to share that Lions Clubs International is extending the *Involve a U.S. Veteran* pilot program through June 30, 2016. This program waives the charter or entrance fee for U.S. Veterans joining a Lions club in the United States.

Eligible veterans include retired U.S. military personnel or honorably-discharged members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard Services, Marines, National Guard, Navy or Reserves. Those currently serving in the National Guard or Reserves are also eligible. Lions Clubs International will provide an entrance fee waiver of \$25 (\$30 for charter members) to qualified U.S. veterans that join a local Lions club.

Veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. As service members return home from serving in the military, let's offer them an opportunity to get involved in their communities.

Visit the *Involve a U.S. Veteran* web page to download a fact sheet, promotional flyer, certification form and a sample press release.

Make plans now to reach out to veterans in your community and offer them the opportunity to make a difference and change lives as Lions.

Sincerely, Membership Development Division Lions Clubs International

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The Bob and Bobbie column

(Your district leadership and membership coordinators)

Wow! We're into our next year of Lionism! Hope that you and your club have had a relaxing summer and that you and your members are looking forward to attending the **21-B Kick-off on August 8**th at Sun Bird Resort in Chandler. Yes, all Lions and particularly club officers are strongly encouraged to attend. If you register before July 25th, registration and lunch is just \$10. Late registration and lunch is \$15. The registration form is available in the July issue of the *Canyon State Lion and attached to this message. Reminder: Registration fee for club presidents will be refunded after attending the Kick-Off if the president registers before July 25th.*

Our new 21-B District Governor Barb Daily will be presenting our 21-B goals for 2015-2016 and introducing the district leadership team and committee chairs as well as our calendar.

Cabinet Secretary (CS) Samantha Bossert sent your club the first 21-B newsletter, *THE BUZZ*, for your club secretary to forward to your members. For those without e-mail, please ensure that a printed copy is delivered to them – every Lion counts.

Our Region/Zone chairs, Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator PDG Bob Stagger, and Globe Membership Team (GMT) Coordinator Bobbie Ravenkamp will be keeping in touch with you to keep you informed about service and leadership opportunities. If your club officers haven't already done so, please encourage them to take the on-line courses for their office by logging on to

http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/training-resources/club-officer-training-orientation.php then select the training modules for

Club President:

Club Secretary; or

Club Treasurer

Also, there's a club Membership Chairperson guide information on

http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/strengthen-membership/club-membership-chairperson.php. If your club has a new club officer who may be struggling and need some help, we will be glad to send someone to help with training guidance and assistance.

You'll find that the leadership team will often reference the information filled LCI website. Please feel free to contact us for any questions you may have regarding leadership and membership.

Let's help make this Lion year about more hands with more hearts and more service as we make the connection to and for our communities. Our district is 43 clubs strong with over 1,300 members. What an opportunity we have to excel and make a difference!

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B is Abuzz with Big Boo Weekend!

(submitted by PDG Sally Hanson, MD-GLT)

WHAT?! Ok, the Big Boo Weekend is the chance to spend time with your fellow 21-B Lions at the 19th Annual Mid-Year Leadership Forum and Conference being held over Halloween weekend at the Arizona Golf Resort in Mesa. It's a new venue and lots of new ideas. Mark the weekend of October 30 - November 2, 2015 for the annual conference which will be full of FUN - A Halloween themed evening with costume judging, a decorated golf cart parade, with construction help from our Leos, over 18 leadership seminars and guest speakers, Pin Traders, state and district project tables, MD Council and District Cabinet Meetings, and lots of time to visit with your Lion friends from throughout the state. Mark your calendars now to come, and look in the August/September/October Canyon State Lions newspaper or from your Club Secretary for registration forms that will include substantial savings for those who register early.

Pick up new service project ideas for your club, news on new LCI initiatives and plans for the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs International. Attend your Zone Meeting during the weekend – no extra travel. Good food, good fun, good friends. "B" there!