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Harmony.
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THE BUZZ

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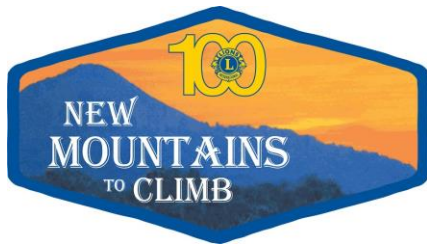
And the year is done – how fast time flies. And another year is just around the corner in a couple of days. The BUZZ continues next Lions year with DG Jim Whelan so communications will flow the same except the BUZZ will be published the second and fourth Monday each month. Another change will be all flyers will not be attached to the BUZZ, they will be available on the 21-B e-district page. There will be a list of "new" items that will be available on the page and a link so you can go to the page.



We had a year of Dignity, Harmony, and Humanity and that theme was so apparent while visiting the clubs this year. Our clubs truly bring dignity in service to their community and they do it with harmony and humanity. We

have truly caring Lions in 21-B – we have a very proud pride.

Starting in July we now move on to New Mountains to Climb. More about that in the next issue of The BUZZ on



July 11th. It sure will be a great year leading up to our centennial.

My year was dedicated to educating and informing the Lions of 21-B and hope you found some useful information in The BUZZ. This is for you – all Lions – who want to know more about the organization we all belong to. We are a part of something so much bigger

than us as individuals and like Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

We always say how fast time goes and yes a year ago I sure had the feeling that it was going to be a long year – I couldn't have been more wrong – it was over before I knew it. I named myself the head cheerleader and we did do just that – we cheered all year long at every

opportunity. I thank you for joining in the fun with me. I also have the belief that energy attracts energy in our meetings and in our service. Let's keep our energy level up to attract others to service with us. We begin each Lion year rebuilding our clubs and districts and this year will be no exception.



Let's look at our numbers as of today (District 21-B has 43 clubs):

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	This Month	This Year
Opening Balance	1,294	1,338
Added Members	13	195
Dropped Members	49	275
Closing Balance	1,258	1,258
Net Gain/Loss	-36	-80

You can look at the numbers and say WOW – but these numbers are fairly typical. Keep in mind a district in good standing needs 1250 members. As you can see – we have our work cut out for us. Now let's look at the service report:

My Service Activities

	This Month	This Year
Clubs with Activities	17	43
Clubs without Activities	26	0
2015-2016 Summary		
Number of Lion Hours		76856

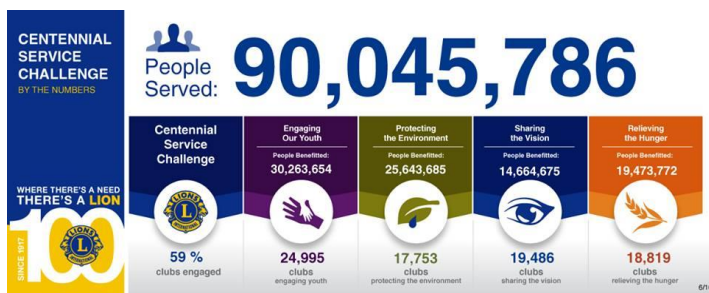
What do you think about the numbers? It is apparent that we are under-reporting our service – as I go all over the district I hear about all that is being done in our communities but they are not being reported. The above report shows that every club reported at least one activity this year – ONE..... really?

District 21B Service Activity Totals:

Activities 3,104
 Lion Hours 76,856
 People Served 1,048,691
 Participants 675

Just looking at how many clubs we have (43) and the number of Lions (1258) – the above numbers are extremely low. We really need to concentrate on reporting all service and all service hours. Don't leave it up to one person in the club – ASK your club secretary or whoever reports your service and hours – what did you report this week, this month..... and figure it out – does it add up? It is your responsibility to report to LCI what you did as part of the organization.

Here's how we are doing as an organization (LCI) towards the centennial service:



Remember our target is 100 million acts of service by December 2017 – I think we are already there!

Part of my year was about getting all the clubs to practice good basic club management. This means reporting membership and activities. Remember, processes and procedures coming out of LCI are written for world-wide distribution. The governor reviews and informs the clubs what their focus and initiatives are for

the year. This year was to file a no change MMR the first day of each month – then make any necessary changes during the month. That way no one forgets to file and we are not waiting until the last day trying to get everyone to file on time. Let's make that a priority this year and lessen the stress level of those who have the job to track the reports. Also report your activities as you do them – our memories are not as good as they used to be. If this is too much for one person – get a member to help you do the reporting. We all should be training our replacements. Oh and another thing – please don't get mad at the person following up on these reports – they've been asked to do so – don't shoot the messenger, just file the report please. Remember, we have 43 clubs to track each month – we are proud to have 100% reporting – and yes, it is important.

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The updated calendar will be included in the July 11th issues. Don't forget to go to the e-district page and get your registration form for DG Jim's kickoff on Saturday, August 6th.



MD21 State Convention – May 20-22, 2016

We had a great turnout for convention last month and we had lots of surprises too! First off the three district governors had an opportunity like no other – we were given the opportunity to name seven Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients for each district – a total of 21 MJFs! I did not make the decision myself but included my 2 VDGs in the process – the criteria – had to be the initial MJF not a progressive and had to be from small clubs who don't have the monetary opportunities to recognize their members with a fellowship. The multiple had a record attendance of about 240 for lunch when the

presentations were made. Talk about shock and awe – no one knew this was going to happen and it was all done in a matter of three weeks.

21-B had five of the seven in attendance at the luncheon. It was a feat in itself to get our new MJFs to the luncheon! Our newest MJFs are:

Marge Legler from Huachuca City Lions Club;
Joann Blatt from Casa Grande Lions Club;
Mary Schaefer from San Tan Lions Club;
Karen Torgersen from Mesa Sunland Springs Village Lions Club;
Andy Cruz from Tucson Leones de la Noche Lions Club.

Two more will be awarded as soon as I can track them down and I'll let you know after they have been presented their plaque. I have to say that this was the highlight of my year – an amazing opportunity that we probably will never, ever see happen again.



Five of the seven MJFs awarded in 21-B.



Sixteen of the 21 MJFs awarded in MD21

Also awarded two Presidential Certificates, one to BJ Jeffrey of Sierra Vista La Salida del Sol Lions Club and to a non-Lion, Joan Garmeson, wife of PDG Fred of the Chandler Sun Bird Lions Club.

The Presidential Medal was presented to PDG Ron Rosinke of the Gilbert Lions Club. Two Leadership Medals were presented, one to CCD Sally Hanson of the Sun Lakes Lions Club and one to 2VDGE Bobbie Ravenkamp of the Globe Lions Club.

The Presidential Certificate is the fourth highest recognition in Lions. The Leadership Medal is the third highest recognition and the Presidential Medal is the second highest recognition that we can bestow upon our very worthy volunteers.

The recipient of the PDGA Grassroots Lion Award was to Lion Audrey Opitz of the Globe Lions Club.



The 21-B Lion of the Year is PCC Jim McCown from the Mesa Leisure World Lions Club.



Also, we did something different for the District Awards Breakfast. We went "green" by giving "green"! In lieu of certificates and plaques - \$50 donations were given to seven Lions charities and projects by 44 deserving Lions from 21-B. The recipients of these donations were: LFA, LS&HF, Tatiyee, MJLIM, CKS, ALERT, AZ Vision Center, and LCIF. A total of \$2,200 was given to our very own charities. The recipient determined who got the donation and it was great that every designated Lions charity got something.

Thank you for your hospitality this year and for all that you do for your community. WE SERVE – loud and proud – don't forget to cheer!!

Please check this out from PDG Fred Garmeson, MD21 LCIF Chairperson:

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Supporting this vital initiative has never been easier! It doesn't cost you anything except the time to download the app and turn it on and off each day. Download the app right now.

DISTRICT 21-B ENERGIZER BUNNY Lion Gary Gjerstad

Greetings from the Energizer Bunny:

It has been awhile since I've written something for 21 B. I confess that I've kind of lost track as to when these things go out; but hopefully I'll get back on track & bring about the positivity for which your Energizer Bunny is known for.

I need to let you & the District know, that I've seen a Cancer Specialist, twice since I've been back in Iowa. The first time was on February 1. Mainly we got

acquainted, & went over my Lymphoma Cancer in the marrow; & how Ironwood Cancer & Research Center was able to treat it.

I saw the Specialist again on May 6. Before that visit, I had lab work done on May 3, as well as a cat-scan done of my chest, abdomen, & pelvis. When I saw the Specialist on May 6, she said that something showed up on this scan that hadn't been on previous scans. She didn't think that was any problem, but as a precaution, I had an MRI done on May 27.

Once again, the result was the same as the cat-scan. Nothing conclusive or definitive. I learned this in a phone call I made on June 7.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 15, I was to have a biopsy done on my liver. I couldn't go through that process because someone at the Cancer Center in Mason City forgot to tell me that I needed lab work done ahead of that. The doctor did come in, & after doing some checking, found the area in question. He said it would be difficult to get to; because it was at the top of the liver near the heart. He thought he'd be able to get enough samples, however. I was able to get lab work done before leaving Mason City.

This brings me up to the present. Yesterday, the biopsy was done; but with a slightly different twist. They couldn't get at it via ultra sound, so I was taken to CT where the biopsy was done there. The doctor was able to get enough in way of samples, so now I wait until Monday afternoon, June 27 to get those results.

Am I worried or concerned? I'm concerned, but not to the place where it will keep me from loving life. Worrying about it, is not going to solve anything. I got some good advice yesterday from Derrick Hall, President & CEO of the Arizona Diamondbacks. He told me in email to keep that faith, & don't fret about the results to come. Even after what took place yesterday, I felt well enough to go to our Lions picnic; to end our Lion's year. The wives were there; & there was plenty of food & fellowship. My spirits are great; & I'm cautiously optimistic. It's in the Lord's hands. He'll know what's best, & he'll direct those on my case. Whatever happens, 21 B will know.

Your Energizer Bunny, Lion Gary