# The Conzession

#### District Governor Bill Ridle



#### Strengthen the Foundation

Cabinet Secretary Darlene Ridle District Treasurer Nancy Miller

WHAT A YEAR By District Governor Bill Ridle

I want to start out by Thanking the Lions of District 4-C3. So proud of all of the service generated by our clubs.

We started this year with a plan to focus on service - Hunger. We dedicated our efforts to Food Banks and Food Pantries across the District. Thank you, Lions, for collecting and donating over 100,000 pounds of food-to-Food Banks and Pantries so far this lion year. Over \$15,000 to help buy needed supplies and purchase of

equipment so these groups can continue to serve our communities. "Lions Made It Happen"

Hit by COVID-19: We helped those in China by sending thousands of face masks.

Provided personal protection equipment to those that needed it in our communities (many of the most vulnerable) Thousands of face masks were made or purchased and distributed to First Responders and Frontline Hospital workers and Senior centers.

Drive through distribution sites setup to hand out PPE

Porterville Hospital Project. Super project, thank you Berkeley Lions and Disaster Chair Mike McDowell and all the Lions that supported this project whether it was through donations, goods, services and/or cards. Job well done!!

COVID was not the only challenge this year. Again, California was hit hard with wildfires. Thousands of homes were destroyed and 4-C3 stepped up to assist other Districts during their time of need.

Without the ability to have in person meetings, many clubs learned how to meet on Zoom. We had to develop new ways and updating existing ways to disseminate information with constant contact, our District website, Lionizer, emails and yes using the telephone to call on our club members to stay informed and engaged.

Thank you to my Cabinet. All stayed engaged and helped to make this a special year. Time and time again we proved that where there is a need, there is a Lion. We stepped up our Training, membership, and service with the help of the GAT Team (Membership Lion Barbara, Leadership Dr. Mo and Service Lion Ray) as well as Past District Governor Gary Wong and 1st Vice District Governor James.

We will continue to serve our communities every day. Thank you, "LIONS".

Thank you to the clubs for retaining your membership and bringing in new Lions.

Thank you, Lion Manil Shrestha, for bringing in Oakland Feed the Need Lions Club

Thank you, Lion Barbara Chambers, for her work to transition the Lioness club into the Martinez Lady Lions to be chartered in June.

Thank you 2nd VDG Linds Barbara for submitting the applicatin for the new CUB Club

I want to give a special thank you to 1st Vice District Governor James Varghese who arranged for our District to get thousands of pounds of fresh food each week for distribution throughout our District. Thank you, James!

HOLD on, THERE IS STILL MORE TO COME!!!



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# **James Varghese 1st Vice District Governor**

Be Part of the Lions Clubs Leadership and Make a Difference.

-James Varghese (DGE)

A New Year is approaching us in the Lions Club on 1st Jul 2021; it has been an unprecedented year as the world is still dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic. But, as they say, the show has to go on and with the vaccination drives going on in almost all countries, the message is clear.

We need to continue to take precautions, get vaccinated and learn to live with the virus. So, here at Lions Club, it is time for the Clubs and districts for electing new leaders for the next Lion Year starting July 1st. As the District Governor Elect, I am very excited to work with the new leaders to make a difference in the community, and as you all know, now more than ever, there is no dearth of opportunities for us to do so.

Great leaders of California District 4-C3 under District Governor Bill Ridle accomplished outstanding performance during the difficult time of pandemic year. Kudos to the entire team as they did all this, despite the odds of the pandemic, and never wavered from their goal.

The new District Leadership wants to focus on providing better training for the leaders at the Club Level, Zone Level, Region Level and District Level. The Lions Club Members and Clubs are the Core of the organization. So, the plan is to listen to the people who are serving the community and brighten the lives of the needy people around us locally or internationally. It is to be noted that each and every member and their suggestions or innovative ideas, are equally important to us and can help us better our services. We will, however, also take forward the learning from our past leaders through the best practices they have inculcated, as it contains their wealth of experience. Thus, collectively, we will contribute to building a better community around us.

The new District Leadership will also look for more family memberships and is keen to create a Lions family-friendly culture, as this will also help us bring forward more leaders to continue to serve the society. The new District Leadership will do everything possible to strengthen the following as four pillars Membership, Leadership, Partnership and Fellowship. The Lions in California District 4-C3 are kind, generous and awesome people. I am looking forward to work with you all, and firmly believe that together we can make a difference.

In closing, I would like to mention, Lions your interest, activities and support is the success of the organization, as an organization is made up of its people. I look forward to a great New Year at Lions Clubs and request your cooperation in making this year a stupendous success that can set new benchmarks in the service to society.

# **Linda Barbara 2nd Vice District Governor**

Linda Barbara 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor 4-C3



Hello Fellow Lions of 4-C3.

Can you believe it!! It is already April 2021. Remember April 2020? How can we ever forget!? It has been a year that most will always remember and tell stories about.

Disease, famine, joblessness and just general horror. All of that is true but Lions everywhere in the world have stepped up and provided much needed service to those in need. Virtual communication became a vital and necessary tool to stay and keep in touch with others. The entire world had to expand their knowledge of technology and various tools to see how friends and loved ones were fairing in the most tragic time of our lives. Medical technology and research kept us all hoping and praying that an end would come, and it finally did. In the form of yet another vaccine. Thankfully, it is here and becoming available to all those who want or need it. Life is looking a little better and soon I hope this is history.

District 4-c3 has been such a force in all manners of Lionism. Many clubs have collaborated and provide many services that have brought more members together to serve the needs of many. Glasses were sorted

at home when there was no way to gather, freezer was purchased by funds from 3 clubs, fundraisers were held by many means that were never thought of before. Whoever heard of a no show bake sale, or a drive up chili dinner or a drive up vaccine clinic? These are just an example of how the Lions of our great district stepped up their game to have fun and ......SERVE.

I applaud and thank you all.



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# From the Desk of Cabinet Secretary Darlene Ridle

#### What a Year - By Cabinet Secretary Darlene

This Lion year has been like no other. I look back to 2002 – 2003 when Bill took office as District Governor for the first time. I had been in lions about 7 years and was involved in my club, some activities at the District level and got my feet wet when I served as Cabinet Secretary to Past District Governor Neil. I was still green and had a lot to learn. Little did I know what challenges we would face.

In August, a month after Bill started his lion year as District Governor about 1400 pounds of ornamental iron fencing fell on him which left him with a torn ACL, several tears in his meniscus disk and the cartilage in his chest severely damaged. The doctor joked that it would heal in about 2 weeks if he did not breathe, otherwise it would be more like six months. He could not put weight on the leg at that time or use crutches, so it was a wheelchair. Once we got a

wheelchair it became a challenge to figure out how to continue to visit clubs. We managed at first with me pushing his wheelchair and then Past District Governor Tom LeMasney lent him a motorized scooter which he used for several months before and after his surgery. Bill's doctor said he could walk with a brace which was a mistake since it led to more damage.

He had surgery about three months after his injury. It was thanks to Past District Governor Walter who sat with me when Bill had surgery and later helped me to transport him home since we only had a pickup truck and a small car. Bill would later have to have another surgery to clean out the scar tissue, but he

managed to get around.

He was the first District Governor to endorse Matteo's Dream Playground for Children of All Abilities. It took five years to get the funding together and to build it, but he stuck with the project finishing off as the build manager of the playground. Bill often told me that you do not always get accomplished what you think or want to accomplish during your lion year, but it is your continued commitment to your District

and your fellow lions that is so important. Through the years we hosted exchange students, he cooked meals for the clients at the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired (LCVI) with help of his side kick, Lion John Bates, he is still serving as house and grounds at LCVI, he lead countless fundraisers, Down Syndrome Day activities, Camp Concord preparing for opening and closing, Special Kids Day just to name a few. The idea was to stay involved.

Fast forward to 2018 and Bill said he was approached to put his name in the hat for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and how did I feel about it. I was not sure how I felt. I thought maybe this was an opportunity to do some things he had not been able to do the first time around, and I was going to be retired so I could give him more support this time around.

Who would guess the second time around would start off with a Pandemic....really, did we have to top the first time around? I think he was the best person for the job, with his leadership and all your help, which has been unbelievable. I would not have traded this year for any other. It is true that difficulties / challenges can bring out the best and the worst in all of us. How fortunate for us and our communities that it was the best.

Our district is on a roll and we still have things to accomplish before June 30th. We will continue to charge forward as we approach the end of our term, but I want to tell you it has been an honor to serve with all of you this year. Remember to report your service in MyLion so we can celebrate our accomplishments this year in an Awards Ceremony after the installation of the new Governor team.

Thank you again for serving your communities despite many challenges.

# **Raymond Oliver Service Chairman**

Serving Through Any Challenge by Ray Oliver

We Serve

Lions Clubs all over the world have shown that Lions serve through any challenge. The last year has been particularly challenging but District 4-C3 rose to the challenge in a big way. The quarterly numbers in the table below show quantitatively how the Lions of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties served and reported throughout the year.

But the numbers don't adequately describe what you Lions did. You organized food drives, eyeglass collection, contributed to Cal-Fire for disaster relief, sponsored scholarships, held Student Speaker contests and served the community in more ways than I can list here.

All of our metrics were above the MD4 district average except funds raised. The efforts you could have made on fundraisers were directed instead to having boots on the ground serving the community with much needed hunger relief while attending to the other global causes as well. And you drew from your club treasuries to make significant donations to worthy causes.

Together, we have an opportunity to finish the year strong by continuing our service through the fourth quarter. It's shaping up to be a great year for service and I applaud your efforts.

District 4C3	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	<b>Grand Total</b>
Volunteer Hours	8,337	6,243	6,296	20,876
People Served	64,735	53,732	61,660	180,127
Funds Donated	53,024	51,147	30,535	134,706
Funds Raised	39,588	33,378	20,473	93,479



# **Barbara Chambers Membership Chairman**

Lionizer District GMT (Global Membership Team)/NAMI (North American Membership Initiative) Champion—Barbara Chambers



Here comes the Sun! Just like spring is emerging from its winter hibernation, so are we beginning to emerge from our pandemic hibernation.

Kudos to clubs who not only found new ways to provide service to our communities but also found ways to recruit new members. Our District is one of only a few districts in California with a net positive membership count (new members minus dropped members). We are only at plus 9 members, but it is a positive!!

Now that things are returning to a sense of normal, hopefully we can get out into our communities and find ways to recruit new members.

A few key actions to remember and practice

Talk it up—promote Lions and its projects both locally and beyond (local newspapers, social media, flyers) Invite friends, neighbors, business associates, church members and other acquaintances to your Lions meetings, social events, and especially service projects. Make sure someone is assigned to follow up with the potential members.

Engage current members with interesting programs and exciting service projects.

Focus not only on recruiting new members, but also retaining our most valuable asset—our Lions Club members.

New Clubs—our District will also strengthen its membership numbers with new clubs. Our District is still in awe at the energy and dedication of the relatively newly chartered Oakland Feed the Need Lions Club. We are proud to announce the latest club to make application for charter—Martinez Lady Lions Club—a Lioness Bridge club. Two other potential Lions Clubs are in the works.

Let's finish our year strong and make our District grow. More members = more service we can provide.

LIONS—WE SERVE

# Mo Powers Leadership Chairman



Active Listening. Don't talk, but Listen to your club members and hear out their suggestions and comments

Engage your members in everything you do its good that they all know they're a part of the while club

Show your members your appreciation with acknowledgement by thank you's and even a special awards

After a club project or event talk about the success and opportunities to make it even better next time or for different future event Always have a back up plan

# **Gopa Kumar Pubblic Relations Chairman**

#### **Help Reduce Hunger**

Every year, around 9 million people die of hunger, according to the international relief agency Mercy Corps. That's more than the death toll of AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined.

The main cause of hunger worldwide is poverty. Millions of people around the world are simply too poor to be able to buy food. They also lack the resources to grow their own food, such as land and the means to harvest, process, and store food.

As Lions, what can we do to help? At least around us in our community...

You can help in many ways.

- 1) District 4-C3 can help you to get Food Boxes (no cost to you), if you are willing to deliver to deserving people. Contact Silicon Valley Indian Lions Club or District Governor Elect James Varghese at (510)512-2031
- 2) Support your local food bank by donating time, equipment or food.
- 3) Use social media to raise awareness about childhood hunger in your community and to inspire others to become involved.
- 4) Host a healthy eating event at your school, community center or place of worship. Invite a nutritionist as a keynote speaker.
- 5) Deliver nutritious, prepared meals to elderly, disabled or ill community members.
- 6) Serve meals at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter. Let's be true lions with helping hands.





# Collaborative Leadership Manil Babu Shrestha

Dear Fellow Lions

I am Lion Manil Babu Shrestha. Home Club Berkeley Annapurna Lions Club, currently District Administrative Assistant – Specialty Club for District Governor Bill Ridle of our District 4-C3.

I am writing this note to inform you that I have officially announced my candidacy for the year 2021-2022 as a 2nd Vice District Governor for our District 4-C3.

As a dedicated Lion I choose my theme "Collaborative Leadership" to serve in our community. I have decided to take up leadership role as a 2nd Vice District Governor to strengthen our Lions movement, enhance more community service projects and train Lions members throughout our District and focus on growth of Lions Volunteers by discovering the people of shares interest in our community who love to learn, lead and grow.

My commitment is to maintain and carry the legacy of our past officers and tradition of our District 4-C3, honoring the past and strengthening our effort to reach out to each individual member.

I will continue all the projects initiated by PDG and come up with new projects which will help in improving the lives of underprivileged people in our district.

I urge all fellow lions of our district to participate in the upcoming district convention in Embassy Suites by Hilton Walnut Creek which is going to be held from May 14-15<sup>th</sup> 2021. We are starting our District Convention Virtually from May 12<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6pm. Thursday May13th from 9am to 4pm online voting for certified delegates. Please support me and cast me a vote and elect me for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor for the year 2021-2022

I look forward to your cooperation.

Best Regards
Lion Manil Bablu Shrestha
Berkeley Annapurna Lions Club
2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Candidate 2021-2022
District 4-C3



#### United in Kindness and Diversity with International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Dear Lion,

When you connect with your club, amazing things happen. And even though the way we meet may have changed, what we've been able to accomplish together shows that our connection has only grown stronger. Let us always remember that even though there may be distance between us, there is no divide amongst us. No matter where we call home, we are united through service. And together, our Lions family will never stop working to make the world a better place for all people.

Regards.

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

International President Experience Virtual LCICon 2021



Celebrate your connection to Lions everywhere at the 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention—and this year, we're bringing the wonder of convention to you. Connect with fellow Lions, enjoy world-class entertainment and join us as we welcome Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai to share her incredible story of courage and hope that inspired the world.

Join Lions around the world—from wherever you are—and see how we're all connected through service. Visit Virtual LCICon 2021 for more information and details on how to register today.

Welcome Malala to Virtual LCICon 2021! – Virtual LCICon 2021 (lionsclubs.org)

You can also register for our LCICon Backstage Pass Registration (gotowebinar.com)

Webinar to find out more about this year's convention and the ways that you can get involved.

Read the Lions Blog The Lions Blog | Lions Clubs International

The Lions blog features extraordinary stories from around the world that will inform you, encourage you and inspire you on your Lions journey. And it's a great way to stay connected to your Lions family.

You'll find service project ideas, tips on how to serve safely and learn more about all of the life-changing things that Lions and Leos are doing to make the world a better place. Read how one Lion has dedicated his life to service despite his own challenges in Vision Without Sight. Vision Without Sight | Lions Clubs International

#### **Calling All Senior Citizens**

For every Lion, challenges are opportunities for developing new partnerships and innovative solutions. Just ask the Barkhamsted Lions Club in Connecticut, whose strong community relationships have helped them serve their town for more than 50 years.

Read Calling All Senior Citizens <u>Calling All Senior Citizens | Lions Clubs International</u> to learn how the Barkhamsted Lions have helped seniors schedule COVID-19 vaccinations and how they have worked with local officials and businesses to support their community during the pandemic.







MEMBERSHIP - Now is the time to bring in new Lions since THE ENTRANCE FEE OF \$35 IS STILL WAIVED THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021. Let us take advantage of the savings for NEW members. Ask your friends, neighbors, and colleagues. Ask someone that you are doing service with or for another group. Remember you just NEED TO ask. They are probably waiting for you to ask them; they will not ask you.

Every new member has at least 70 contacts, which is why when you bring in a new member and they are having fun they will bring others with them.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS**

that are the **FIRST CLUBS** to enter their Club Officers for the Lions Year 2021-2022

ALBANY
ANTIOCH RIVERTOWN VETERANS
BRENTWOOD
BYRON DELTA
CROCKETT
DAWN BREAKERS
HAYWARD SILICON VALLEY INDIAN
MARTINEZ, RODEO & Diablo Valley
NOW the rest of us need to get our
Club Officers entered by
MAY 15, 2021
for the Lions Year 2021-2022.

If you do not have access to MyLCl or just want to print the hard copy, click on the link for the PU 101 PDF File

Have a succession plan. Fill your roles of Vice President with Lions that are wanting to move up to President.

If you have someone who is interested in an officer role, but they do not think they are ready, have them shadow the Lion that is currently doing the role. Remember to mentor our fellow Lions. This is how we grow and develop leaders.

Consider partnering with other service organizations or non-profits on service projects. If your club wants to do a service project but you do not have enough members interested in a particular project, partner with another club or another non-profit to serve. More hands get more done.

## **Ear of the Lion Foundation Kathy Doty**

## EAR OF THE LION THE HEARING FOUNDATION "THE GIFT OF HEARING"

I am Lion Kathy Doty from the Byron Delta Lions Club. I am the District's contact for information regarding Ear of the Lion Hearing Foundation, also known as The Hearing Foundation.

I would like to share the opportunities the Ear of the Lion Foundation afford the hearing impaired.

The Ear of the Lion is a nonprofit, 501c3 foundation formed in 1982 and is supported by Lions Clubs throughout California and Nevada. It is a Multiple District Four (MD4) sanctioned Lions Program. Its purpose is to provide reconditioned hearing aids to qualified needy and low income persons that have been diagnosed with hearing loss and who are typically being supported on social security benefits.

Qualifying clients are referred to a hearing dispensary in their area for a fitting. The process may take 2 to 3 weeks. There is a fee of \$150 per hearing aid. If the client cannot afford the fee, often the local Lions Club will donate the amount...."A Gift of Hearing." Hardship considerations will be reviewed by the Foundations Board of Directors.

Donated Hearing Aids are collected from all sources, mainly Lions Clubs of California and Nevada, families and friends. They are sent to the Hearing Foundation in Clovis and stored in their warehouse. They are then sent to a cooperating Hearing Specialists Dispenser to be fitted and adjusted to the needs of the client.

The Foundation Warehouse services about 200 clients a year with hearing aids. To date hundreds of clients have received care and the gift of hearing, through the efforts of Lions Clubs and The Hearing Foundation, that otherwise may not have been available to them.

As Lions, we can support this program in the following ways:

- 1.Club Sponsorship. Make sure your club is participating in the Ear of the Lion as a "Member Club" Sponsor. Participating Lions Club are invoiced every 6 months per their membership. This entitles you to sponsor a client and keep the program alive.
- 2. <u>Have your club collect used hearing aids.</u> They can come from family, friends, hearing specialists' offices, etc.
- 3. <u>Donate to the Foundation</u>. There are many ways to donate to the foundation. The "Ear of the Lion Foundation" maintains trust funds where they deposit income from their in the name of Fellowships. The Fellowships are:

"Torch Fellows" (\$250.00), "Life Members" (\$500.00)," & "Alexander Graham Bell Fellowship" (\$1000.00).

Only the interest from the Trust Funds are used for operating the patient care program. So the trusts stay solid. And of course they accept general donations from the public.

4. <u>As Lions we should keep our "ears open" for those in need of hearing aids without resources.</u> It is a simple process. If you or your club receives a request, just send me an email including the name and email or phone number of the requestor and I will get the process started. (<u>kdoty2761@gmail.com</u>) or call me (925-980-6696)

If you have any questions or would like me to speak at your 4c3 Lions Club, via Zoom or in person, please call me at 925-980-6696.

DONATED HEARING AIDS CAN BE SENT TO: Kathy Doty, Byron Delta Lions Club 2761 St Andrews Dr. CA 94513 925-980-6696 Kdoty2761@gmail.com

The Hearing Foundation 850 San Jose Ave., Suite 115 Clovis, CA 93612 800-327-8077

Lions in Sight Warehouse 1404 Lemon St. Vallejo, CA 94590 707-563-1492

# **Lion Denny California Lions Foundation**

#### The 4-C3 Lionizer - April 2021

**Greetings District 4-C3 Lions . . .** The CLF "Feed the Hungry" program began with donations received during our campaign on "Giving Tuesday" where the Foundation received over \$15,000. With those funds and excess in our disaster account, CLF was able to offer each MD4 district \$2000 to "Feed the Hungry" in their district. District 4-C3 received a total of \$2,500 of the grants . . . **Well Done!** 

\$ 500 Antioch Riverside Lions Club - Purchase food for local food pantry
\$1,000 Byron Delta Lions Club - Buy and deliver food to local food pantry
\$1,000 Diablo Valley Lions Club - Provide food baskets for needy families
The total \$23,729 distribution under this program and the assistance it provided to Californians in need is exactly what CLF was intended to do!

"Thanks" to the following clubs for using CLF to enhance their service projects:

- \$ 3,500 Disaster Grant Hayward Silicon Valley Indian Lions Club
- \$ 2,000 Designated Grant Crockett Lions Club Contra Costa Food Bank
- \$ 500 Designated Grant Crockett Lions Club Travis AFB Fisher House
- \$ 5,000 Matching Grant Berkeley Host Lions Club
- \$ 1,350 Matching Grant Byron Delta, Brentwood & Discovery Bay Lions
- \$ 1,200 Matching Grant Moraga Lions Club and the Campolindo Leo Club

#### CLF's current assets include:

\$ 85,515 designated for Wildfire and Emergency disaster relief \$ 10,160 designated for Covid and "Feed the Hungry" disaster relief \$109,380 for future matching grants \$212,195 as endowment funds.

The Foundation continues to prosper and assist the Lions of California in their service efforts. CLF is receiving more grant requests as the word gets out about the work we enable, and we've recently updated the Foundation website:

Check it out: <a href="https://californialionsfoundation.org/">https://californialionsfoundation.org/</a>

Grant Applications: <a href="https://californialionsfoundation.org/grants">https://californialionsfoundation.org/grants</a>

Donate: <a href="https://californialionsfoundation.org/donate">https://californialionsfoundation.org/donate</a>

Please encourage your clubs to include CLF in their upcoming budgets and to participate in our Reginald C. Harris, KK Fukushima, club and district CLF recognition awards



# **Lions Club International Foundation**

Since 1974, District 4-C3 LIons have donated a total of \$1,293,000.00 to Lions Clubs International Foundation. In 1974, the Lions donated \$1989 and that amount has grown to a high of \$60,000. Congratulate yourselves for being a supporter of "our" foundation.



The District has benefitted by receiving grants for the renovation of the Lions Blind Center of Oakland (Opal Street) and Lions Center for the Visually Impaired (Pittsburg), disaster relief after the earthquake, the building of Matteo's Dream Park (Concord), the establishment of established eye clinics in Mexico and South America and the purchasing of SPOT cameras to do vision screenings.

As the 2020-2021 Lions year is coming to a close, one of the ways to honor District Governor Bill Ridle is to be able present him with a 100% District Participation Award. As the District 4-C3 LCIF chairmen, we are asking for your support. This can easily be accomplished by every club in the District donating a minimum of \$50.00 before June 15, 2021. **Can we count on you?** 

Donations can be made online at Make a Donation | Lions Clubs International or they can be sent to LCIF. If you are making a personal donation include your member number or if a club donation your club number. Mail checks to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation Department 4547 Carol Stream, IL 60122

If you have questions or need more information contact District 4-C3 Lions Clubs International Foundation Coordinators
PDG Linda Wagner-Griffin pdglindagriffin@sbcglobal.net
and Lion George Fosselius gfosselius@gmail.co

Lions Clubs International Foundation LCIF 4 C3 CALIFORNIA 41 clubs 15 clubs participating = 36.59% We're \$6000 ahead of last year If the 26 other clubs could kick in \$50 we could hit our 2021 goal.

								Monthly Increase		
CA	MD	District	LCIF District Coordinator	Total Funds Raised FY: 2019-20	Mar - 2020 Total Funds Raised (YTD)	Mar - 2021 Total Funds Raised (YTD)	Increase/ Decrease	Jan - 2021 Total Funds Raised	Feb - 2021 Total Funds Raised	Mar - 2021 Total Funds Raised
1	4	4 C1	Margaret Robeson	\$17,883.00	\$17,369.00	\$12,830.00	(\$4,539.00)	\$1,388.00	\$938.00	\$1,353.00
1	4	4 C2	Phyllis Rogers	\$12,398.60	\$9,796.20	\$11,995.40	\$2,199.20	\$1,800.00	\$3,650.60	\$1,851.20
1	4	4 C2	ROBERT REUTHER	\$12,398.60	\$9,796.20	\$11,995.40	\$2,199.20	\$1,800.00	\$3,650.60	\$1,851.20
1	4	4 C3	George Fosselius	\$33,816.66	\$19,661.66	\$25,633.10	\$5,971.44	\$1,085.00	\$1,045.00	\$1,270.00
1	4	4 C3	Linda Wagner-Griffin	\$33,816.66	\$19,661.66	\$25,633.10	\$5,971.44	\$1,085.00	\$1,045.00	\$1,270.00
1	4	4 C4	Amy Fink	\$48,040.66	\$41,904.66	\$23,062.90	(\$18,841.76)	\$11,180.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,300.00
1	4	4 C5	ANDY ANDERSON	\$50,540.06	\$33,131.06	\$30,883.50	(\$2,247.56)	\$1,470.00	\$4,120.00	\$3,739.50
1	4	4 C8	Sue Szucs	\$38,709.84	\$21,970.84	\$23,598.53	\$1,627.69	\$1,385.00	\$2,380.00	\$3,675.00
1	4	4 A1	Kent Christensen	\$21,025.55	\$10,727.44	\$6,750.26	(\$3,977.18)	\$345.00	\$545.00	\$645.00
1	4	4 A2	Vicki Beeman	\$13,561.82	\$10,210.57	\$4,966.64	(\$5,243.93)	\$125.50	\$1,245.50	\$425.50
1	4	4 A3	Howard Hudson	\$29,041.66	\$19,866.66	\$8,226.50	(\$11,640.16)	\$1,195.00	\$3,670.00	\$1,870.00
1	4	4 L1	FREDY PEREZ	\$9,730.00	\$7,965.00	\$10,900.00	\$2,935.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,000.00
1	4	4 L1	TRUDY NODOHARA	\$9,730.00	\$7,965.00	\$10,900.00	\$2,935.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,000.00
10	4	4 L2	Manuel Sanchez	\$75,675.66	\$41,191.66	\$92,909.00	\$51,717.34	(\$2,072.00)	\$28.00	\$278.00
1	4	4 L3	Andrea De Guzman	\$26,481.66	\$24,456.66	\$8,935.00	(\$15,521.66)	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$100.00
1	4	4 L4	Alan Sasser	\$63,995.17	\$42,496.00	\$39,590.00	(\$2,906.00)	\$4,260.00	\$2,170.00	\$3,630.00
1	4	4 L5	Stephanie Gwinn	\$17,473.87	\$13,647.87	\$6,492.26	(\$7,155.61)	\$370.00	\$390.00	\$880.00
t	4	4 L6	Scott Leslie	\$36,215.00	\$34,465.00	\$13,515.00	(\$20,950.00)	\$1,195.00	\$175.00	\$315.00
			MD 4 Sub Total:	\$494,589.21	\$348,860.28	\$320,288.09	(\$28,572.19)	\$29,026.50	\$23,307.10	\$23,332.20

## **Ray Oliver Lions Eye Foundation**

The Lions Eye Foundation—

Protecting and restoring the gift of sight

Pterygium, what is it? A pterygium (pronounced te-'ri-jē-əm) is a type of non-cancerous growth on the eye. It is often only a minor problem, but if it starts to

cover the cornea, it can interfere with vision. At that point, it usually must be resolved with surgery.

Currently, the Lions Eye Foundation clinic is facing a backlog of 60 pterygium cases requiring surgery. One of the clinic attending physicians and friend of LEF, Dr. Bernd Kutzscher, has graciously offered to coordinate and be the attending surgeon for pterygium surgeries with the goal of reducing the backlog. The first surgeries will take place on 13 May and will continue month to month over 5-6 months.

But that's just part of the story of how the Lions Eye Foundation (LEF) is fulfilling its mission of preserving and restoring the gift of sight for the less fortunate in the community. LEF Program Coordinator Mark Paskvan reports that in March 2021, the Lions eye clinic experienced a notable increase in patient referrals, surgeries and visits to the clinic for different kinds of eye problems, not just pterygium, that mirror the pre-COVID stats from March 2019. For the third quarter, there were 71 surgeries, 33 performed in March alone. Mark says "I think it is safe to say the clinic is back to pre-COVID numbers for patient referrals, surgeries and visits."

We can continue to leverage excellent ophthalmic care for the less fortunate, but we depend on donations for program operating costs and equipment and we also depend on referrals of patients from member clubs. Referral forms can be found at http://www.lionseyefoundation.com/

Donations can be made online at http://www.lionseyefoundation.com/ or mailed to:

Lions Eye Foundation, P.O. Box 7999, San Francisco, CA 94120

You can reach me at rayo5823@gmail.com LEF Advisor Ray Oliver



LIONS EYE FOUNDATION

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## **Student Speaker Foundation Sue Langhorst**

The Student Speaker Contest is in full swing so . . . The Student Speaker Foundation needs donations.

Each year the Foundation provides the funds for the scholarships awarded at the District, Area and Final contests. That is a total of \$105,000! PLEASE, as a club or individual, consider a donation either by purchasing a Fellowship for yourself or to give someone or giving "just plain money."

Lions Fourth District
STUDENT SPEAKERS
FOUNDATION, INC.

If you have any questions about how to do this, please contact

Sue Langhorst, Student Speaker Foundation Director.

(susielanghorst@gmail.com)

THANK YOU



Everybody did a wonderful job especially under the pandemic protocols.

As you may know, the scholarships that are given to the District, Area and State contest winners depend on donations from the Clubs, individual Lions and others.

There are 4 fellowships available depending on the level of donation:

Fred W Smith Fellow - \$500

Donald E Snyder Fellow - \$400.00

Dwight E Stanford Fellow - \$300.00

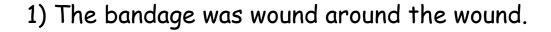
Harry J Aslan Fellow - \$200.00

All donations are tax deductible under 501(c)(3).

PDG Skip Zehnder

# Comic relief

Homographs are words with like spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym. You think English is easy?





- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) He could lead if he would get the lead out.



- 6) I did not object to the object.
- 7) They were too close to the door to close it.



- 8) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow
- 9) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 10) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.

Richard Grange LCVI



LIONS CENTER for the VISUALLY IMPAIRED

#### **Lions Center for the Visually Impaired**

#### In Appreciation of You!

The Lions Center for the Visually Impaired, under the leadership of Dr. Yolanda Braxton, Executive Director, would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to all the Lions and Lions Clubs of District 4C3 for their amazing contributions to the success of the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired (LCVI) over the past 67 years. Since 1954, legions of Lions have worked hard, donated generously, and lovingly nurtured the Lions Center to better serve blind and visually impaired people in our communities. Countless hours have been spent by generation after generation of leaders and supporters as they taught classes, held events,

planned outings, and created various activities for the clients, including visits to the county fair, Sports Jamborees, haunted houses, luaus, picnics, and barbecues and so much more. Thank you, District 4C3, for supporting LCVI over the years, and making a real difference in the lives of our senior clients.

A special thanks to all our past Board members, and our current LCVI Board of Directors, our Board President/Past District Governor, Charles "Duke" Dunham, for all the impressive work supporting LCVI services, and our current 2021 Outreach Campaign. We also are so grateful to District Governor Bill Ridle for making LCVI a prime focus for his 2020-21 term, and for his inspiring motto, "Strengthening Our Foundation" for a better tomorrow



National Volunteer Month

with Shell employees



Byron Delta Lions



LCVI Over the Years in photos – Clockwise, from top left: Volunteers paint at LCVI; West Coast Sports Jamboree; Neno E. Davi, Founder and Principal Supporter; 3 volunteers at Holiday Meal Delivery 2020, Volunteers at Holiday Party; Volunteers in front of LCVI (1984)

Darlene Ridle, Linda Barbara & Bill Ridle

## **LCVI Barbara Chambers**

Barbara Chambers, LCVI Public Relations Chair

Take a look oat an opportunity to help Lions Center for the Visually Impaired (LCVI) is doing a major postcard outreach campaign. We need everyone's help to get the word out.

How can you help?

Give out to people you think could use our help

Hand out postcards at your next event or service project

Ask local business (especially Chambers of Commerce and Senior Centers) if you can leave a supply of postcards for their clients.

Currently the postcards (sample below) are only in English, but we will soon have them in Spanish and Tagalog.

Call LCVI 1 800 750 EYES (3937) to make arrangements to obtain a supply of postcards.

Thank you



LIONS CENTER TO THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED
175 Alvarado Ave., Pittsburg, CA 94565

For more info. on aging and vision health, visit www.LCVI.org
1.800.750.EYES
(3937)

I am Lion Jeanine Healy, from District 4-C6, and would like to thank the Executive Board of the LCVI for accepting the inventory of the former Books Aloud, Inc. This email is to introduce you to the remaining Books Aloud staff so that you can coordinate the timing and movement of the 4000 audio tapes and CD recordings of their library. Books Aloud was a district-endorsed project for many years. Many of the 4-C6 clubs sponsored their events and readers over its 45 years. Their library reflects thousands of volunteer hours reading and recording for those who are sight-impaired. I am delighted that the patrons of LCVI will enjoy these books in the years to come.

As I understand, LCVI plans to remodel its facility this Fall before they can accept the Books Aloud inventory. Ed Pansullo, former Books Aloud President, and Deb Wible, former board member, and voice talent, will oversee the removal of the books from the Martin Luther King Library at San Jose State University. Ed will ensure the books are moved on pallets and properly wrapped. Deb and Ed will find a suitable storage location for the inventory until the time when LCVI can accept delivery.

Your primary contacts at LCVI will be Yolanda Braxton, Executive Director, and Shirley Schroth, Director of Operations.

This donation would not have been possible without the help and support of **VDG2 Linda Barbara of District 4-C3** and the **Byron Delta Lions Club**. Thank you for brokering this wonderful transaction for

these two organizations.

Your friend in Service, Lion Jeanine Healy GLTC 4-6C San Martin Lions Club (408) 210-5515





## Linda Griffin Lions in Sight



Lions, are you looking for a service project that can be done at home or with a group? The warehouse has received approximately 75,000 pairs of returned Zenni glasses that need to be taken out of plastic bags and sorted for transport to Avenal Prison. It is a great club or zone project until we are able to start work parties at the warehouse. Lions in Sight supported Multiple District Four "California Lions Cares – Vision" project

and took delivery of approximately 75,000 glasses, hearing aids, ink cartridges and cell phones during the month of March. Thank you District 4-C3 Lions! As regulations for optical offices and businesses opening up, please reestablish your contact with the locations you were providing eyeglass pickup. As the Lions year is ending, remember your Lions or a business partner with a Lions in Sight Fellow. If you have any questions or you want to sort the Zenni glasses, please contact Linda Griffin at 510.507.1080 or call 510.507.1080. Thank you for your participation and we look forward to having you back at the warehouse sorting and participation of clinic trips when we are able to travel. Lions in Sight: Brings the World from Darkness to Light







## **Mo Powers Lions Vision**

#### In case you didn't know

Our mission is to provide opportunities for those are visually impaired, including those with additional disabilities, to develop the skills necessary to lead a fulfilling life vocationally, personally, and socially. Our aim is to ensure that our members thrive within their communities by providing the best resources to help make that happen.

Our clients and others in the field have long recognized the value and exceptional nature of Center programs. LCB was known for not only being expert professionals, but for providing a level of personalized services that advances people beyond where previous trainings have taken them in terms of mobility, independence and employment. LVRN strives to be known for its philanthropy and resourcefulness in helping all persons who are blind and visually impaired achieve maximum quality of life.

Submitted by Michelle Strong helping out Maureen



<u>Lions Vision Resource Network: Resources for the Blind and Visually Impaired</u>

# Twenty-four hours in every day, Where can I go to give some away?

For my time is a gift, my experience is great, All I desire is a smile to make

A heart to mend, a spirit to lift, A person to tend to if they're in my midst

There's no need to celebrate what I choose to do I do it because, if not me then who?

I saved up some time to give away, To all those in need, to brighten their day

My time is my own
I give it for free
A volunteer I am
A volunteer I'll be

## Mac Coats Zone 1 Club news

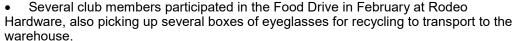
WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ZONE 1 over the last couple of months? By Zone Chair Mac Coates & Darlene Ridle

- Thank you, Club President Patricia, for your leadership and for your club members for all that you have accomplished. With the events of COVID, they had to get creative with their fundraiser and hosted a "SAVE the CRABs" event that brought in \$3,500 so that they could continue to support LCVI, Ear of the Lion, Lions Eye Foundation, LCIF, Food Bank and so many other wonderful charities.
- Congratulations to Albany Lions on the election of their next year club officers! I heard a rumor that you may be



soon bringing in a new member for your club. This will put you on the path for the Club Excellence Award!

- Special thank you to Lions Valerie Griffin and Victoria Redstone for making cards for veterans and nurses and healthcare workers in Porterville for the last few months. Their artistic talents and lovely words have brought cheer, laughs, and smiles to all.
- Lion Robert Nichols produces a great newsletter every week with information on the club and a cartoon to give you a chuckle. It is not easy to produce a newsletter weekly, hats off to you Lion Robert.



- Lions Kevin and Robert saved the day getting the Albany Cross lite in time for Easter. The Albany Cross and the benches that have been a service project for over 50 years.
- Thank you, Club President Patricia, and Lion Ken for attending LCVI meetings.
- Thank you, Club President Patricia, Lions Ken, and Lion Al for attending the Zone meeting and providing excellent feedback on their club officer nomination and election process.

#### **Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions Club**



- Thank you, Club President Jim for your leadership and for your club members creating new service and holding their first Student Speaker Contest thanks to Student Speaker Chair Lion Velma Wilson (six students). Their Student won the Zone competition and is on her way to the Region Contest!
- Thank you to Lion Darlene for starting the card program for the Veterans and nurses. At a high point, the group has produced over 230 cards monthly for the veterans, nurses, and the Porterville staff. The card angels as she calls them have been producing cards since last March every month, which started as a way to bring cheer to the veterans at a long-term care facility in Martinez that could not have visitors due to COVID. It started with just Lion Darlene and

Michelle Strong and grew from there to a group now of 10 (Lions from Albany, Antioch Rivertown Veterans, Crockett, Richmond-Pinole, and two non-lions Gloria Denton & her friend Patsy)

• Thank you for your donations to the Rivertown Veterans Thrift Store Pantry with the help of the Emergency Food Grant from California Lions Foundation of \$500 and donations of food through the Food Distribution program coordinated by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor James as well as food donated by Lions Darlene and DG Bill for Easter and easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt. Coming up Memorial Day preparations with possible grab and go lunch and then on to the Stand Down in September.

• Thank you for help with coordinating the Food Drive in Rodeo and donating food.

#### Crockett Lions Club

- Thank you, Club President Aimee, for your leadership and for all the Crockett Lions who have been active in their community. During their weekly meetings, Lion Cora provides valuable updates from Congressman Thompson's office on COVID-19, and they always have a joke from Lion Dr. Merv as well as great advice on COVID related issues.
- Congratulations to Crockett Lions Club for holding a Student Speaker Contest thanks to Student Speaker Chair Mary Rinaldi assisted by her sidekick Zone Chair Dan Rinaldi.
- Thank you for your donation of \$2,000 to the Food Bank in addition to \$1,000 received from the Emergency Food Grant from the California Lions Foundation.
- Thank you, Lions Darlene, Joe, Liz, Lefty, Bill, & Denny who donated food & assisted me at the Rodeo Food Drive.









- Special thanks to Lion Dayton for bringing and representing Lions with donations of food and money to the Fisher House.
- Thank you to Lion Nancy Miller for being a card angel and for the lovely cards she has prepared for the veterans and nurses. Lion Nancy always takes great care to craft a beautiful and thoughtful message in her cards.

#### **El Cerrito Lions Club**

Although El Cerrito has not been able to meet during COVID, they have remained in contact with their membership and have done a good job of maintaining their membership. They were able to honor the veterans by leading a Veterans Day Celebration. We are sure that El Cerrito will continue to support their community as we come out of COVID. Thank you for being a part of our District.

#### **Hercules Lions Club**

Hercules has always had a strong presence in their community but COVID and work schedules have prevented the club members from meeting. *Our prayers for Treasurer Herman* who lost his brother recently due to COVID.

#### **Richmond Pinole Lions Club**

Thank you, Club President John, for your leadership and the support of your lion's club members doing service that is focused on Hunger and Environment.

#### Hunger:

• Club members distribute food every Tuesday and Thursday to 50 people (food provided from the Food Bank and food donated by Target and Panera Bread) Great job on collaboration!







- Club members participated in the Food Drive at Rodeo Hardware by donating approximately \$400 of groceries.
- Congratulations Lion Audrey who started a newsletter this year for your club, great Job!!!
- Thank you, Lion Audrey for your attendance and support at the LCVI meetings every month.

#### **Environment**

 Club members are collecting bread tags and pill bottles to be recycled as part of District Environment Project, sponsored by the Oakley Delta Lions Club. The bread tags provide wheelchairs, and the pill bottles are used by a ministry to include in medical supply shipments.



• Special thank you to Lions Audrey, Laurelle and Pam who have been creating and writing lovely cards for the healthcare workers and veterans. Lion Darlene always looks forward to the cheeky little dogs or bunnies, that Lion Laurelle draws on her cards. Lion Audrey always has a beautiful message that means so much. Lion Pam just started with the group and already she has provided some lovely cards. This means so much!



Our Condolences on the loss of one great Lion, Jessie Battle.

#### Rodeo Lions Club

Hunger

Thank you, Club President Ed for your leadership and your club members for hosting a Food Drive in February and also contributing several boxes of eyeglasses for the eyeglass collection drive.



## Albany Lampoon Lions Club



Thanks to Lion Kevin Pope and Roland De La Torre with passing assistance from your editor, the Cross on Albany Hill was lighted for Easter. Pictured below is the very brave Kevin Pope climbing to the top of the Cross to correctly install the light bulb that illuminates the top portion of the Cross. Standing below holding a shaky ladder is Roland De La Torre with moral support being provided by yours truly. No sooner was the Cross lit, that we received our first thank you message from Jeanne Gray Loughman, an Albany resident and member of the Friends of the Albany Seniors, saying "Again, and over again, thank you so much for the

beautiful Cross now lighted this Holy Saturday up on the hill. I have a perfect view from my house. It is the highlight of the Christmas and Easter Seasons.

Lions Vickie Redstone and Valerie Griffin reported that appreciation cards have sent to staff and patients at the Veterans' Hospital in Martinez and a set of appreciation cards was also sent to the staff at the Porterville Covid Hospital along with Starbucks gift card. Albany Lions have made it possible for staff to enjoy a small break in their very busy life. Just our way of saying "Thank you." Lion Vickie has also been sending Birthday Cards to those Albany Lions who also need a little cheering-up.



The Albany Lions raised a substantial amount of money from club and personal contributions to aid the Porterville Clinic with its needs. We also

learned that Lion Stu and Valerie visited with Mike McDowell and received a tour of the location. The next project will be cards for the patients and staff. The Club voted to add \$5 Starbucks and Jamba Juice gift cart for staff to the support card.

#### Submitted by Michelle Strong from their Newsletter



In other news: Lions welcomed the community for Sunrise Easter Services. We were privileged to be joined by members of the community and members the Solano Community Church for the morning. Pastor Andrew Hoffman officiated at the services joined by a group of church musicians who put forth an outstanding program.

Albany Lions present were President Patricia Brown, 1st VP Kevin Pope, your editor, Vickie and Cliff Redstone, and Valerie and Stewart Griffin. We were

also privileged to welcome in attendance District Governor Bill Ridle and his wife Darlene. I was told how much everyone missed the coffee and doughnuts but everyone was understanding about the reason for their absence. Our since thanks to Reverend Hoffman who has leading the services for 16 years and the Solano community Church for their support.



Submitted by Robert Nichols



# Crockett Lions Club



Yes. Covid or not, In the last few months the Crockett Lions have continued to serve. As a group we joined the California Lions in collecting food for local food banks and supported the Fisher House with food and donations. Individually we have worked on eyeglasses, the feeding of the homeless, the collecting of bread tabs and medicine bottles, supported Student Speaker events, managed distribution of medical equipment - and more.

On an organizational level we have chosen the winners of our two scholarships, "rolled over" our present Club officers to this coming Lion year, and started the planning of our annual September Barbecue (Sunday, September 19th, Old Homestead). Please mark your calendars! It's always a fun event.

We also are looking in on having hybrid (Zoom and in person) meetings as soon as we can.

We continue to hold our Zoom meetings on Wednesday mornings, 9 a.m. We have almost as many members present as we did when we met in person. Plus we have regular visitors. You too could join us. Just contact our Treasurer Dan Rinaldi for the necessary invite. Our meetings continue to be a draw. President Aimee leads them with enthusiasm and skill. The meetings consistently have Mac leading us in song and prayer, Treasurer Dan updating us on our money situation, and the members honoring those celebrating birthdays. One of our new (and young!) members is Lion Cora who works with Congressman Mike Thompson. Weekly she shares updates on the Covid situation. This is supplemented by Dr. Merv's medical insights and observations. Lion Howard is masterful at giving us "sunshine reports", masterful because he researches the status of our absentee members and contacts them by phone or in person.

Our Leo coordinator, Lion Patti, then keeps us abreast of the Leo Club. By this time we are ready for some laughs. These reports are interspersed with humorous comments, especially by our jokester/Tail Twister Lion Lefty.

Adding to Lefty's comments is Dr. Merv's weekly "story" which also lightens our spirits - sometimes more than others. Then come Happy Dollars. No wonder we have fun.

Back to business with reports from our secretaries and Past District Governors. PCC Denny shares his international membership efforts, DG Bill keeps us current on upcoming District and MD4 activities, and Neil - well a little bit of everything.

Business is generally taken care of at our Board meetings but often does creep into the weekly meetings. Nevertheless we end promptly in an hour, happy to have been connected, informed and entertained. Thank you,

Crockett Lions Club!!

Submitted by Mary Desmond



## Govind Shahi Zone 2 Club News

# Berkeley Host Lions Club

The Berkeley Lions Club, celebrating its 102nd year of service to the Berkeley community, reports that Lion Mike McDowell has just concluded three months of working with COVID patients in a former state hospital in Porterville, California. In recog-

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The Berkeley Lions Club Presents

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nition of his administrative excellence, he was soon promoted to deputy logistics section chief. With financial help from Lions Clubs he able to help ensure that people had the equipment they needed to avoid infecting others with the COVID-19 virus. Upon the conclusion of his duties, the community recognized him and our Lions Clubs for their good work in supporting Lion Mike's life-saving endeavors. Because of the Lions assistance, visiting logistics officers from Sacramento, declared the Porterville Alternate Care Site, as it is officially known, as the best managed site in California.

The Berkeley Lions Club completed another successful Crab Feed, this one being a drive through event due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We sold 187 crab dinners netting over \$2500 for our Club's work, seeing many of our members we hadn't seen in over a year,

although they were wearing masks and sitting in their cars. There was joy and cheer in the distribution process and tummy-rubbing delight in eating the dinner.

A large Lion Thank You,

Submitted by , Lion Dirk Neyhart, President of Berkeley Lions Club

## **Alameda Yeti & Oakland Feed the Need Lions Club**



Fight for hunger project in collaboration with Alameda Yeti Lions club, Silicon Valley Indian lions club, Berkeley Annapurna, Berkeley Makalu and Oakland Feed the Need Lions club Lions Club of Sagarmatha, Fremont CERI (Center for empowering refugees and immigration)

March 20th, 2021 Lions Clubs Food Distribution today. Altogether, 12,500 pounds of Food Distributed across Alameda and Contra Costa County by District 4-C3 Lions. In an event in Oakland, Silicon Valley Indian Lions, Feed the Need Club of Oakland, Alameda YETI club, NJSSCA Chapter, jointly facilitated

the distribution of food.

Special Thanks to Sunilraj Karnikar, Prem Pariyar, Rohit Chetri, Raj Prakash Bandari, Koshy John, Ben Barientos, Alice James, and many others who were involved.

Mar 13, 2021. Food distribution in Oakland sponsored by Sewa USA Host of District 4-C3 coordinated by 1st VDG James Varghese. We are Honored DG Bill Ridle and Cabinet Secretary Lion Darline Ridle to support all our effort their presence makes the difference, It is our proud privilege to have them during Oakland Feed the Need Lions Club's feeding program titled Food Drive Hunger relief Project supported by 2nd VDG Linda Barbara, Guideline Lion Manil Shrestha ... Together we can make the difference to help the needy families Collaboration with President Rohit Chhetri Alameda Yeti Lions Club, President Koshy John Silicon Valley Indian Lions

Club, Prem Pariyar, Chair of NJSSCA hapter and Intern Social Worker of CERI empowering refugees & Immigrants, President Anjam Rizal Lions Club Berkely Makalu and President Raj Prakash Bhandari Lions Club Fremont Sagarmatha. Thanks to all Team members Lion Pasang Sherpa, Lion Prayeen Singh, Lion Kami sing Tamang and volunteer Ms. Laxmi Tikhatri for your kind support to make this Hunger relief Project success.

Submitted by Michelle Strong (Found on a Facebook post)

**Oakland FEED the NEED LIONS CLUB** 

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Apr 3rd, 2021. Phase 5 Saturday at10:00 AM. Food distribution sponsored by Sewa USA Hosted by District 4-C3 coordinated by 1st VDG James Varghese supported by DG Lion Bill Ridle, 2nd VDG Lion Linda Barbara, Cabinet Secretary Lion Darline Ridle, Guideline Lion Manil Shrestha, Food Chair Lion Laxmi Chaudhary and Environment Chair Lion Manohara Bogati for Oakland Feed the Need Lions Club's feeding program, titled Food Drive Hunger Relief Project. Together we can make a difference to help the needy families Collaboration with President Lion Rohit Chhetri Alameda Yeti Lions Club, President Lion Koshy John Silicon Valley Indian Lions Club, Prem Pariyar, Chair of NJSS Chapter and Intern Social Worker of CERI empowering refugees & Immigrants, President Lion Kesar Thapa Lions Club Berkely Annapurna, President Lion Anjam Rizal Lions Club Berkely Makalu and President Lion Raj Prakash Bhandari Lions Club Fremont Sagarmatha. Thanks to all Team members Lion Pasang Sherpa, , Lion Kami sing Tamang Lion Basu Regmi and volunteer Ms. Megan Ms.Kamardip Singh, Ms.Dani Martinez and Mr.Tobias Smith, for your kind support to make this Hunger Project grand success.

Mar 27th, 2021. Phase 4 Saturday at10:00 AM. Food distribution sponsored by Sewa USA Hosted by District 4-C3 coordinated by 1st VDG James Varghese supported by DG Bill Ridle, 2nd VDG Linda Barbara, Cabinet Secretary Lion Darline Ridle, Guideline Lion Manil Shrestha, Food Chair Lion Laxmi Chaudhary, Environment Chair Manohara Bogati and Region Chair Gopi Lama for Oakland Feed the Need Lions Club's feeding program, titled Food Drive Hunger Relief Project. Together we can make a difference to help the needy families Collaboration with President Rohit Chhetri Alameda Yeti Lions Club, President Koshy John Silicon Valley Indian Lions Club, Prem Pariyar, Chair of NJSS Chapter and Intern Social Worker of CERI empowering refugees & Immigrants, President Kesar Thapa Lions Club Berkely Annapurna, President Anjam Rizal Lions Club Berkely Makalu and President Raj Prakash Bhandari Lions Club Fremont Sagarmatha. Thanks to all Team members Lion Pasang Sherpa, , Lion Kami sing Tamang and volunteer Ms. Laxmi Tikhatri and Ms. Megan for your kind support to make this Hunger relief Project success

Submitted by Michelle Strong (found on Facebook)







## Koshy John Zone 3 Glub news

# Silicon Valley Indian Lions Club

Completed the Special Kids School Remodeling project in Kerala State of India (started previous Lion Year). This is in collaboration with the local Kalpetta Lions Club and the Kalpetta Municipality.

Backpacks/School Supplies were given to more than 15 schools in Hayward Unified School District & outside.

Multiple Fund Raiser events were conducted with celebrities from India. Distributed many face shields and face masks to several medical organizations during the pandemic.

Financial Support to Tracy Interfaith Ministries for feeding the hungry.

Continuous Support every week to St. Mary's Dining Room, Stockton with an average of 40 boxes of food (1250 pounds). This is where they feed hundreds of starving people daily.

Supported California Fire Victims:

Worked with Shaver Lake Lions Club and supported the hundreds of fire victims with hundreds of blankets,

sleeping bags, beanie hats, shawls etc.

Supported the disaster-hit Shaver Lake area Sierra Unified School District. 350 backpacks sent to School District Office. 400 blankets and a couple of thousand facemasks directly delivered to Sierra Unified School District for distribution to children coming back to in-person classroom study.

Food Boxes were provided to poor families of Hayward Unified School District and the

Salvation Army, Hayward.

Groceries and other support for hundreds of starving Farm

Workers in Watsonville in partnership with EVA S. ROSA TRUST.

Financial Contribution to LCIF

Financially helped the musicians and other artists who are in financial difficulties in India.

Donated money to Alameda Food Bank.

Partnered with Milpitas Lions Club and provided

Food Distribution of 1500 pounds of Food.

The club has been involved in the weekly distribution of 14,000 pounds of food this year: The above are distributed by Lions Club members of District 4-C3. The main players of this service activities were District 4-C3

Officials, Silicon Valley Indian Lions Club, Oakland Feed the Need

Lions, Sagarmatha Club, Berkeley

Annapurna, Berkeley Makalu, We hope, St. Mary's Dining, Stock-

ton, Brentwood Club, Delta Food Pantry, and many others.

Submitted by Koshy John



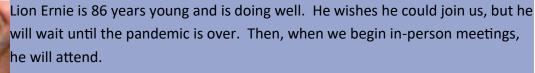




## Anthony Hong Zone 4 news

# Dawn Breakers Lions Club

What are these Dawn Breakers Lions up to?



His number 3 daughter - who is retired - lives with Lion Ernie, and together they maintain the house and the three-fourths-acre yard. Lion Ernie shared that he and his wife, Nancy were married for 65 years. It took him a year to get over her passing in 2018, but because his daughter is with him, he is much better. He says that he still drives his used car which he purchased in 2016 with 25,000 miles. Now in 2021 the car has 30,000 miles. Because of his age, Lion Ernie renews his driver's license every 2 years. He states that he has macular degeneration on his left eye, but the DMV requires that a driver be able to pass the vision test with one eye. Lion Ernie is able to drive to doctor's appointments and perform any small errands in Fremont.

Lion Linda Flores and her spouse Dave moved out of Fremont to Lincoln City, Oregon, which is on the northwest coast. They are doing fine, and they received their first doses of the vaccine and should be fully protected in the next few weeks. She wanted to join us for our April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, but they have a scheduled appointment on that date. They were mainly staying at home during the Pandemic, but because they are better "protected" and the infection rate is go-

ing down, they are now scheduling doctor and dentist appointments. The only time they could get in to one of the specialists is in the early evening of April 1. The doctor is located in Salem, which is 58 miles from Lincoln City. Hopefully, we will "see" Lion Linda in a future Zoom

Submitted by Rudy Kelly



# Danville Lions Club

September food drive: Prepping for Food Drive: contacting Food Bank, stores, Homeowner's Associations, and City of San Ramon. Collected 1547 pounds of food and about \$700 in Food Drive

Sent out fund raiser "Save Yourself from a cold evening Walk" and raffle

February food drive: Collected 1603 pounds food and \$340 from Food Drive

Agreed to Eagle Scout Project to collect glasses and stripe boxes of donated glasses. Had Scout, parent and Counselor at meeting to discuss and looped in Linda Griffin.

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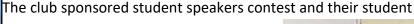
# Creek Diablo Valley Lions Club

This club has kept busy through out the last few months:

Michelle and Phillis attend the Crockett, Walnut Creek Ygnacio Valley and LCVI meetings regularly Michelle joined the team for Lion Manil's campaign for 2nd Vice district Governor and has had a great time learning about what a great person Manil is and had visited over 20 clubs with the team

John Bates, Jack Murphy and Phillis collect and sort glasses for Lions in sight (John Bates collects from local

facilities) Dave Larson and Jack both help in the pick up and drop ff of the glasses



not only won the Club Contest, but she went on to the Zone ,Region and District and won also. Mike (the host at the club level) and Michelle (the teller at the club level) have been at all the contests she





Michelle made approximately 70

cards for the Veterans at the care facility in Martinez and for the Nurses

that care for them.



The club had a hugely successful food dive in the month of February, joining in the District February food drive of course. They collected approximately 1,808 lbs. of food which equals 3,316 meals. They obtained a 1,000 grant from CLF (YAY) and purchased food. They also extended the food dive to the public, friends and family.

They received \$330 in monetary donations form various people. Submitted by Michelle Strong



#### Food collections Barrels at Lions Clubs members homes



As the last act of the Diablo Valley Lioness Club we are donating our remaining funds to the Delta Veterans and the District Homemade Card Project for the Veterans and their Nurses

## **Walnut Creek Ygnacio Valley Lions CLub**

#### "Being Actively Supportive in Community Service"

The Lions of Walnut Creek Ygnacio Valley have hit the year running and have not stopped. Even though we have not been able to meet in person we are using the ZOOM Platform. The club has been holding regular club meetings with speakers and a social hour afterwards, visitations from other clubs, board meetings and our 5th Tuesday Socials.

Of course, we have our monthly bulletin, "Fast Tracker" to keep everyone involved if they miss a meeting. We participated in the Peace Poster Contest with two (2) schools submitting posters.

We hosted speakers from Las Lomas and Heritage High School at our ZOOM Student Speakers Contest.

The club donated financially to the Portville Project, but more importantly we wrote cards and donated gift cards. At Valentines Day, we sent cards and candy to the many volunteers. And what volunteer does not like cookies 42 dozen were delivered.

Cloth masks were made and delivered to Refuge and pallets of water went to Trinity Center.

Eyeglasses have been picked up from various optical offices and neighbors. Zenni glasses have been removed from bags, sorted and gotten ready for delivery to Avenal Prison.

We continue our support of Scout Troop 282, the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired, Lions in Sight, Lions Eve Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation.

And in our spare time, we have attended the Leadership Summits, UN Day, webinars, training sessions, board meetings and foundation quarterly meetings.

Walnut Creek Ygnacio Valley Lions are on the "Fast Track" of providing service to our communities both locally and globally.

Submitted by Linda Griffin



### **Walnut Creek Rossmoor Lions Club**

What's Happening with Rossmoor Lions Club?

Things are starting to open up a little bit in Rossmoor. We still have a ways to go before getting back to 'normal', but we see progress. Amazingly for a 55+ community of roughly 9000 people, there have been very few covid cases. I give kudos to the residents for following pandemic protocols and staying safe. (Keep wearing your masks, Lions!)

For the past year, through our club email newsletters we have learned so much about our club members. Each month we highlight a club member's life experience. For example, we learned that our members: created a program for Special Ed children at a private school, volunteered for the Peace Corps in Kenya during retirement (and met Obama's grandmother!), volunteered in a U.S. hospital in Japan caring for US soldiers during the TET Offensive, volunteered as a CASA child advocate, emigrated to the U.S. from the Philippines, home schooled grandchildren during shelter-in-place, escaped a possible tsunami in Hawaii, did volunteer work in Haiti, swam in the Ganges River, and volunteered with the USO during the Vietnam War, among many other experiences. What an interesting group of Lions!

Early this spring, the Rossmoor Lions Club Foundation Board distributed the \$18,660+ raised during our Lions Campaign 2020. Below is the list of charities we supported with the funds. It's almost time to prepare for the Lions Campaign 2021!

Charter	Receiving Organization	Based In	\$ Amount
Vision	Lions Eye Foundation	San Francisco	2,000
Vision	Lions In Sight	Vallejo	1,000
Vision	Lions Center for the Visually Impaired	Pittsburg	1,000
Hearing	Ear of the Lion Foundation	Clovis	1,000
Hearing	Robert Shearer Preschool (for special needs children)	Pleasant Hill	1,000
Hearing	Center for Early Intervention of Deafness	Berkeley	174
Hearing	Hearing Loss Assoc. of America - Diablo Valley	Walnut Creek	100
Environment	Save Mt. Diablo	Walnut Creek	2,000
Environment	Ruth Bancroft Garden	Walnut Creek	1,000
Diabetes	City of Hope Lions Diabetes Innovation Fund	Duarte	700
Diabetes	City of Hope Diabetes Research Institute	Duarte	700
Diabetes	Dogs 4 Diabetes	Concord	900
Ped. Cancer	Kaiser Oakland Pediatric Oncology	Oakland	750
Ped. Cancer	UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Foundation	Oakland	750
Hunger	Loaves and Fishes	Martinez	1,000
Hunger	Meals on Wheels - Diablo Region	Walnut Creek	750
Other	Lions Student Speakers Scholarship Foundation*	Walnut Creek	500
Other	Lions Club International Foundation*	Oak Brook, IL	500
Other	Canine Companions	Santa Rosa	1,000
Other	East Bay Times Share the Spirit Campaign	Walnut Creek	1,000
Other	Hope Solutions	Pleasant Hill	1,000
Other	Bay Area Crisis Nursery	Concord	1,000

**Rossmoor Lions Club Bread Tag Collection** 

Tags recycled for cash used to purchase heelchairs for low-income children

\*The Student Speaker and LCIF donations were given in honor of Skip and Karen Zehnder for their lifelong devotion to service. Our club will miss them terribly, but we wish them the very best in their new home in Discovery Bay.

Our Zone 5 bread tag collection is going well. So far Rossmoor Lions have collected over 1600 tags along with our usual eyeglass and hearing aid collection. In March we brought 1500+ eyeglasses up to Lions In Sight.

In summary, Rossmoor Lions are doing well and are looking forward to meeting together again soon How cool is

Submitted bt Leanne Hamji

## Lilyan Sequeira Zone 6 Club news

# **Brentwood Lions Club**<sup>5</sup>

Where there is a need there is a Lion.

Thank you Brentwood Lions for bringing three car loads of Food to the Food Pantry at Rivertown Thrift Store and VA Support Center. You are the best!!! Pictured Brentwood Lions; President David Ciruli and his wife, Virginia and Club Treasurer Laura Avila and 1st Vice President Phil Avila.

The Brentwood Lions Foundation donated \$1020.00 to the H.O.P.E. House food bank to benefit the residents of Brentwood.

Another donation of \$1020.00 was also made today from the Brentwood Lions Foundation. This one was to St. Vincent de Paul that's associated with Immaculate Heart of Mary.









And also donated about \$1000 worth of food to the Rivertown Veterans Thrift store in Antioch. We also have set aside another \$1000 to donate to homeless people in Brentwood. At our meeting this Wednesday (2/3) our guest speaker is Finance Director - Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano County - HuLynne Besharatpour.

Linda Barbara and Bill Ridle picked up the food in Milpitas dropped off some off at Anne's and then met us (Phil and myself) at H.O.P.E. House in Brentwood for delivery of 20 boxes of food. The person at the right in the group pix is Jerry Walton who runs HOPE House.







# **Brentwood Lions Club**

Phil, Billy and I (along with Billy's friend) picked up 35 boxes of food in Milpitas and delivered to H.O.P.E. House in Brentwood





Brentwood Lions members participated in a fundraiser for

Stop Soldier Suicide. Joining with Steve Lopez Todd through a Facebook fundraiser. Laura and I brought up the



fundraiser at the lions board meeting. Raised about \$1,050

#### **Student Speakers Contest**

Liberty High seniors, Wyatt Taylor and David Dove, both delivered truly memorable speeches at the Brentwood Lions' 84th Annual Student Speaker Contest held today. [Saturday, March 6 @ DeLuna Ranch] The topic: The Pros & Cons of Distance Learning. The judging criteria called for clarity, originality, enthusiasm and sincerity and both of these gentleman brought it all in their content-filled performances, offering real insight and new perspectives. Bravo, Liberty Seniors!



## Byron Delta Lions <u>Club</u>



Byron Delta Blood Drive - March 11 blood drive chaired by Madonna Leeper went very well. If I recall the signup was for about 36 volunteers to give blood (community and club volunteers); however, they were also able to take a few walk-ins. Next drive is for June 9 and Byron Delta will expand their search for volunteers via "Next Door." They are also looking to partner up with "sister club" Brentwood Lions (work in progress).

Drive-by Chili Dinner Fundraiser on February 26 chaired by Marilyn Senn and her "Red Hot Chili" team also went well. Many club members that hadn't been

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seen in a year participated! Some were serving and some were just driving thru to pick up their Chili dinner. Another great event hosted by Byron Delta!!

Money raised was about \$1300.

#### STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST

The contest took place on March 2 at Heritage High School live at 7:00pm. The contest was chaired by Lion S ally Jenkins. There were six students: Ayiana Johnson, Patrick Cruz, Alison Chu, Holly Ahlswede, David Web and Zachary Carroll –all from Heritage High School.

Congratulations to the winner Zachary Carroll who now goes on to compete in the Zone 6 Contest

## Ambrose Pittsburg Lions

Our Ambrose-Pittsburg Lions Club is adjusting to the current COVID situation. We haven't met in a while but we did participate in the last eyeglass sorting at the DeLuna ranch

and are planning on attending the next one as a zone project.

We are also scheduled for a community clean up day in Pittsburg later in April.

And, with everyone getting vaccinated, and California opening up, we're looking to start meeting again and plan some fundraisers and activities and pick up where we left off...

Submitted by, Duke

You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give. – Winston Churchill we have

done for ourselves
alone dies with us
what we have done for others
and the world remains
and is immortal

Albert Pike

## Discovery Bay Lions Club



DISCOVERY BAY LIONS – CONTINUED SUPPORT FEBRUARY 2021 Reminder: Request For Your Continued Support of Lion, Bev Rossi: "I am asking for samples of soap, lotion, hair supplies to be given to Veterans. Also, I am asking for all of you to save your "pull tabs" that you get off your soda pop/beer cans, etc. to be used for school art projects. I am always asking for eye glasses, hearing aids, and hearing aid batteries for the visually and hearing impaired. Also need ink cartridges and old cell phones. A Big Thank You to all the Discovery Bay Lions for everything and God Bless!" (For more info, call Lion Bev on her cell phone at 925-813-8491)



MARCH 28 - DB LIONS/LEOS EASTER EGG DELIVERY! WE ARE DOING IT AGAIN!!

No Lions Community Easter Egg Hunt again?
No problem! We are bringing the hunt to the children, we've got 10,000 pre-stuffed eggs intended for our annual community center hunt, and want to "Egg" your house with them!

The Easter Egg hunt went very well. Lions were up at the crack of dawn to distribute easter eggs in their community of Discovery Bay. Discovery Bay used their Leos too.

Excerpt from Facebook

#### Student speakers contest

This from Jean Pridgen, our local Speaker's Contest Organizer: "The Speaker's Contest was another success! Our club sponsored 6, very articulate, students from Heritage High School.

The topic this year was "Distance and Online Learning: Pros and Cons".

The student's speeches were well researched, organized and very informative. They had alot of insight into the issues related to their learning during the pandemic. Each speaker received an award of \$25, with the winner receiving a \$100.00 award.

Congratulations to the winner, Ify Chidi

#### Music at the Park, March 28

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Enjoy a day of live music, food trucks and fun, Sunday March 28 at Regatta Park, in Discovery Bay.

Local food truck faves and restaurants will be on site, along with Discovery Bay's own GSB band, playing crowd favorites – from the classics to today, something for everyone to enjoy.

The Delta Leos Club will provide some fun activities and games for attendees to enjoy at this, their "Community Day" event. Activities will be safely spaced for everyone's comfort and they hope the day will be a successful fundraiser to help



support their "Spotlight on Children" local youth service initiative:

- · LITERACY Free Tutoring Services within our community
- HEALTH Water Safety Education and skills for local children
- HUNGER Food Drive and School Lunch deliveries
- ACTIVITY & RECREATION Fishing Activities and Delta Wildlife identification/appreciation
- EDUCATION & OPPORTUNITY Helping local students access learning opportunities and scholarships, and providing emotional support to students feeling isolated, afraid, or discouraged.

Food trucks will be present from 11 AM-7 PM, with live music expected to begin around 1:00 PM. More details will be available closer to the date and will be posted by the Delta Leos Club @ DeltaLeos, GSB Band @GSBband, and on the Food Trucks On Your Street social media pages. Stop by the Delta Sun Times Giveaway table for a special treat!

# **Bethel Island Lions Club**

#### Bethel Island Lions Club



Benefitting New Covenant Church Food Pantry
Sunday 2/28/21
Noon – 3:00 pm

Bethel Island had a Drive-By Food Drive on February 28 at the Scouts Hall Parking Lot

At the end of the food drive, they collected 735 pounds of food.

Way to go Bethel Island Lions!

Scout Hall Parking Lot 3090 Ranch Ln., Bethel Island, CA 94511

Non-contact drive by donations

Accepting donations of canned foods, dry goods and shelf stable products



Information: Dave Lawler 925-595-1451

## Oakley Delta Lions C

OAKLEY DELTA LIONS -

DOLORES HICKS 14 February 2021 My house smelled so good from Joanne's pasta sauce and the garlic bread!

I'm so proud of all she & her family do for others and I'm happy that she asked me to help on this meal train, my part was on behalf of my Oakley Delta Lions Club.



#### Oakley Delta Lions

have started two projects that will help the environment. One is collecting BREAD tags Please look at the information below presented by please contact Environmental Chair anohara Thapa (E: manothapa@gmail.com) and we will also send out a Do Something, Something Happens, Do Nothing, Nothing Happens.

#### **DISTRICT ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS**

Presented by Oakley Delta Lions Club President is collecting Bread Tags and Empty pill bottles. To participate all you have to do is collect these items and forward to Oakley Delta Lions, Attention Remember to report your activities in MyLion. How many you collect and time spent collecting under the service activity for Environment.

Matthew 25: Ministries accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies and for shredding and recycling. Our pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment

Acceptable collection items include: Prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles Large and small pill bottles Pill Bottles with and without secure caps (child-resistant For more information behind the collection of pill bottles at Matthew 25 Ministries, click on the link below.

Pill Bottle Donations - Matthew 25 Ministries | Matthew 25:



Danielle

**Bread Tags for Wheelchairs** 

Danielle Cares for Chairs is a 501(c) non-profit in Indiana that collects and recycles plastic bread tags for funds to purchase wheelchairs for those in need. It was started by high school junior, Danielle Rothchild, after an upcycling challenge got her working with bread tags. She found an organization in South Africa to collect them to raise funds for wheelchairs. She was

inspired to take action. Taking an otherwise non-recyclable item and transforming it into something for social good is what we like to call a win-win here at SCARE. Daniele Care for Chairs agrees. "We are young and concerned about our planet and want to start by educating young people about sustainability.

Click https://daniellecaresforch.wixsite.com/daniellecareforchair





All articles from Zone 6 Submitted by Lilyan Sequeria

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I talk a talk that I don't walk

And miss the moments right before my eyes Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped Somebody with a hand that I could have held When I just can't see past myself Lord, help me be

A little more like mercy, a little more like grace A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith A little more like patience, a little more like peace A little more like Jesus, a little less like me



### Leos news

**District Leo News:** 

By PDG Don Kiang, Leo District Coordinator

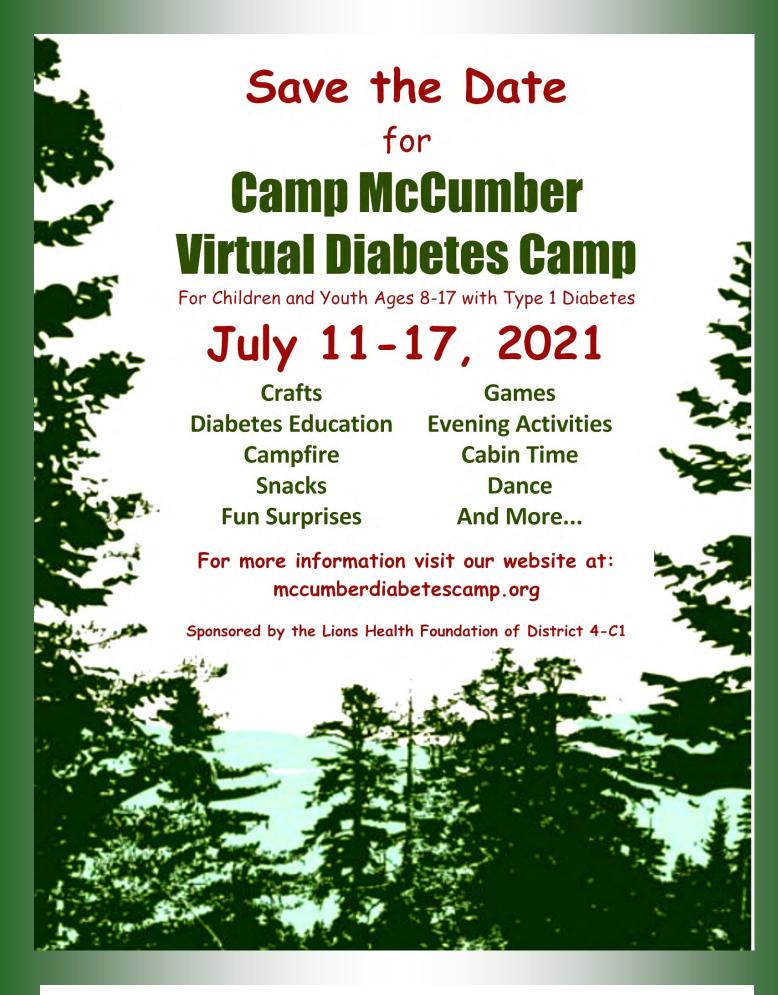
Oakland High School Leo Club President Dunia Saleh will be awarded the District Leo of the Year at our upcoming convention next month. Leo Dunia serves as an inspiration to all of us and is a true leader of her club. Sponsored by Lion Dr. Maureen "Mo" Powers and

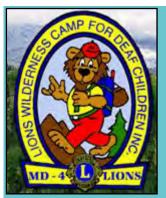
the Montclair Lions Club 12th grader Dunia had planned on going to Japan last summer as part of the Youth Exchange until the pandemic hit. She has also participated in the Student Speaker Contest. Despite the pandemic, Dunia maintained her leadership role by getting her club officers and members together by ZOOM including their club installation. She has stayed in touch with the Montclair Lions Club requesting service projects and volunteering Leo assistance with the restaurant walk. Here is a short biography penned by Leo Dunia:



"When I was 11 years old my parents decided to move to the United States from Jordan for a better life and education for their children. I rarely saw my mom at night as she worked to support my siblings and me. As the oldest my mom assigned me the responsibility of taking care of my younger siblings during the day. In the morning I would leave early to attend English language class before attending elementary school in Oakland. At school I initially never felt a sense of belonging as English was not my first language and was experiencing a huge change in

culture. I could only find solace in my academic work where my efforts could pay off in a more tangible way. While education is the means of survival for me and my family, pursuing an academic dream has become a way for me to grow into a high achieving person with resiliency. One way that makes me feel like I fit in has been volunteering with the Leo club at Oakland High School. Ever since I can remember I have always held an enormous interest in health care and community service. Volunteering at local shelters, hospitals, and community centers provided me with first hand experience serving the Oakland community. The smiles and appreciation shown by seniors and those less fortunate fill me with joy and I try to continually exude this passion with my peers. I sincerely believe that since I have succeeded in balancing multiple roles growing up I can fulfill my dream of becoming a medical practitioner as an advocate in helping people during these and other health crises."





# **2021**We **ARE** HAVING in person DEAF CAMP





#### **SCHEDULE**

JULY 11- 17 at Teresita Pines (Wrightwood, Ca) August 1- 7 at Lions Camp Ross Relles (Nevada City, Ca)

We are expecting 125 campers and really need YOUR SUPPORT

DEAF AND HARDING OF HEARING CAMPERS AND THEIR SIBLINGS (7-15)

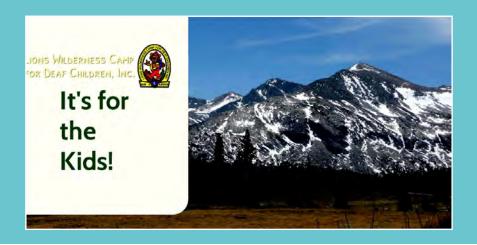
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THIS YEAR HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT FOR OUR CAMPERS.
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#### **REGISTRATION IS OPEN and WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

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Our Bakers will be baking the dessert of their choice for your pleasure and enjoyment ... Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Dessert Bars, Brownies or Cup Cakes.

Desserts will be delivered to the winners! Tickets – \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00 Drawing: Tuesday, June 8th, All monies raised will be used to support Lions cha

Drawing: Tuesday, June 8th. All monies raised will be used to support Lions charities Make your check payable to Walnut Creek Ygnacio Valley Lions Club and mail your check to David Williams, Treasurer 4101 Mifflin Ave. El Sobrante, CA 94803-2798

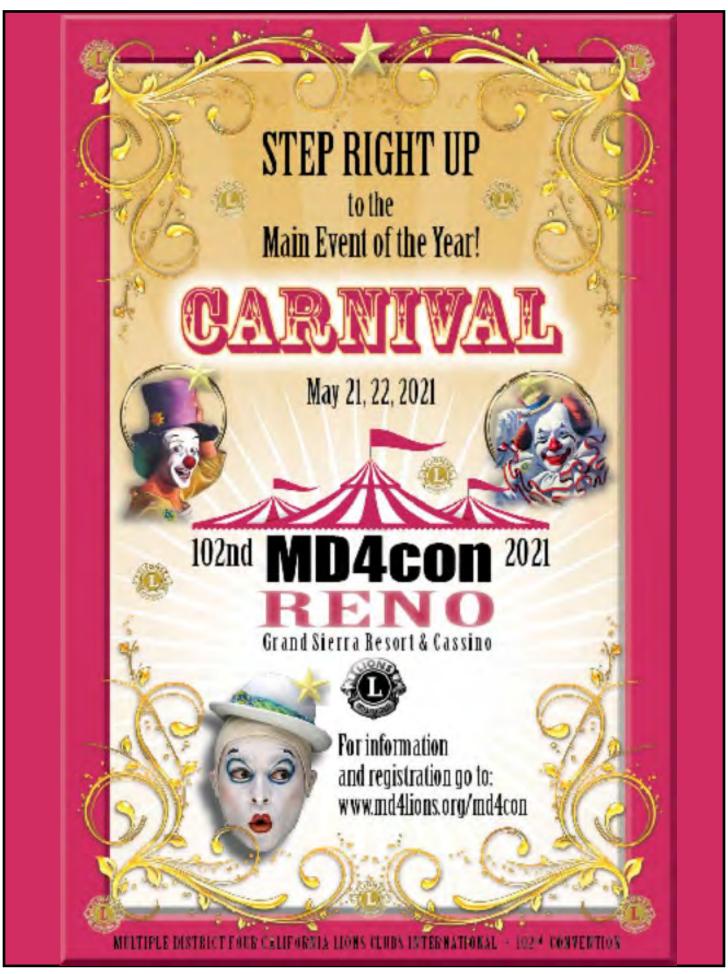
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For a \$50 donation you can order the dessert of <u>your</u> choice

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### Sheltering in Place Service projects And some honorable mentions

Although the Lions in Sight warehouse has been closed to volunteers during this pandemic that did not stop clubs from collecting glasses and taking boxes full home and sorting them.



Club Project during Shelter in Place we made Easter & St. Patrick's cards for veterans & their nurses



### litors Page, By

Year end poem:

As the threatening Clouds of Chaos" Gather in man's muddled mind, while he searches for an answer he alone can never find May God turn our vision skyward, so that we can see above, the gathering clouds of darkness and behold God's brightening love For today we're facing problems, man alone can never solve, for it takes much more than genius, to determine and resolve The conditions that confront us, all around on every side, daily mounting in intensity, like the restless, rising tide. But we'll find new strength and wisdom, if instead of proud resistance, we humbly call upon the Lord and seek divine assistance For the spirit can unravel many tangled, knotted threads, that defy the skill and power of the world's best hands and heads For the plans of growth and progress, of which we all have dreamed, cannot survive materially unless the spirit is redeemed So as another year dawns, let us seek the Lord in prayer and place our future hopes and plans, securely in his care. written by Helen Steiner Rice

Thank you to the Clubs and People who contributed all year to the creation of the Lionizer 2020-2021.

It was a fun, yet a big task. I literally had to Beg, Steal and Borrow to accomplish these editions to the best of my abilities. And with that combined effort. only 21 out of 41 clubs submitted articles (Mac, Darlene & Lilyan are champions for their Zone's submissions)

**Huge SHOUT OUT to my friend Lion Darlene Ridle this could not have** been accomplished in its entirety with out her contribution, backup and late night sessions

If you want to touch the past touch a rock If you want to touch the present touch a flower If you want to touch the future touch a life

A pessimist, sees a glass of water as being 1/2 empty ....an optimist 1/2 full BUT, A giving person sees a glass of water and starts looking for someone who may be thirsty

## Upcoming Events Mark your calendars

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**5/3** LCVI Advisory Board Meeting at 7PM Presentation by our Grant Writer Susan Fox (everyone is welcome to join)

5/5 Cinco De Mayo

**5/8** Richmond - Pinole Lions Club Spring Giant Parking Lot Sale. 8 AM to 1 PM. Sportsman's Club, 201 Pinon Ave, Pinole

5/9 Mothers Day

5/12 - District 4-C3 Convention 6 PM

5/14 - 15th District 4-C3 Convention

EMBASSY SUITES, 1345 Treat Blvd, Walnut Creek

MASKS ARE REQUIRED, Temperature checks at Registration (open at 2 PM)

Hospitality Open at 5 PM / Dinner 6:30 PM

**5/15** - DEADLINE TO ENTER YOUR CLUB OFFICERS IN MYLCI or SEND YOUR PU101 to LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, click on the link below for the form if you are unable to enter in MYLCI. If you need assistance, contact Lion Darlene Ridle at 510-253-5933 or email darlene58@yahoo.com

https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/v2/resource/download/79864516%20

**5/19 -20th** Joint Council of Governors Meeting in Reno, Nevada

**5/21 - 5/22** MD4 Convention in Reno, Nevada **5/31** Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions Club - Grab and Go Lunch for Veterans as part of Memorial Day Celebration
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6/17 Byron Delta Lions Club Installation 11 AM

6/17 Berkley Host Installation

**6/20** Fathers day

7/31 Incoming District Governor James Varghese and

Cabinet Officers Installation, International Guest; Past International President Joe

Preston @ Rossmoor Event Center



**8/21** Special Kids Day at Freedom High School (SAVE the DATE)



more information to come

9/10 - 9/13 Stand Down On The Del

Lions of District 4-C3 Lion Michelle Strong Lionizer Editor for the May 2021 edition



Please communicate with James Varghese for where to send information for
next years Lionizer submissions

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