



District Governor Al Kroell 2016-17



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Are you getting excited?

I am, and so are all the District Officers for this up-and-coming year. We are all working hard in preparing to support our clubs. We are all devoted in helping you become the super Lions that I know you are. I would like to thank all the Lions who voted for me as the new District Governor.

I would also like to thank all the Lions who stepped up and took leadership roles for this year. We all know that there will be a lot of work, but there are no shortcuts to any place worth going. Lastly, I would like to thank in advance all the Lions who are ready to charge into this New Year, and who are leaving their legacies for us to follow.

We all have a responsibility to our communities, we are all heroes to somebody. It does not matter what you do as a Lion, people know you as a hero. Any time you help in correcting eyesight or hearing loss, curing diabetes, and raising funds for those hit by disasters, you are changing for the better the lives of people. You are their hero. I could have gone on and on with things that we do as Lions to changed their lives.

I was thinking about our past and why the Lion was chosen for our symbol. The lion symbol has been use throughout history for several different meanings. Crusaders use the lion on their shields as a sign of bravery, standing up for those who were in need of their help. It was used in the Bible as a symbol of strength. The saying lionhearted first started with a king who had worked hard for the people around him; he wanted to make their lives better than how it was. A lion is known for leadership, such as the king of the jungle. And our Lions International have been known for all of those things – courage, compassion, strength and leadership – from communities around the world for almost 100 years now.

This is our year to make a difference and our year to lay the foundations we need to pave way for future growth. This year, I am asking all of the club presidents to have a goal for their year in both leadership and membership. I'm asking our leaders to have a legacy for your year. I'm asking you as a fellow Lion to let everyone in your club know what your goals are. If you do not take risks, you cannot cherish the fruits of your successes. If your members know

the direction in which you are leading them, they will easily reach their destination. Make a difference; your efforts would have an impact to everyone around you. Be the change that you would like to see; your goals are your road map to the success of your clubs. I will be publishing my goals and action plans in the following newsletter and on our District website.

One of my goals is the very much needed cleaning up of our district’s constitution and by-laws. They are in desperate need of revision and to be compliant with Lions International and MD-4 PDG. Hon. Judge Fred Dupras has been diligently working with his committee to make certain our constitution and by-laws are up-to-date and compliant. There will be a constitutional convention to be held to vote for our new constitution and by-laws. More about this soon.

We are putting together a district bowling league. Linda Dawyot has been working very hard on the rules and regulations for our district. There are other districts that are following our lead and I won’t be surprised if there will be a statewide competition starting from this district. Thank you so much, Linda.

Van Vanlandingham, and David Beeman have been constructing the first district online orientation for new members. This is to allow every new member in our district to know what our district has to offer for them.

Also, if that is not enough of a peek into the future, we will also be having a canned food drive at every district meeting. This will allow any club attending the district meeting to be able to claim for three of the Centennial challenges. All we would have to do is to bring eyeglasses for site pull tabs for youth, and food for the hungry. Thank you, Bob Casas.

Last, but not least are the superheroes that have been leaping tall buildings and running as fast as a bullet, and to their valuable guidance, to our district Sec. Cindy Copner Aguilar, my mom PDG Judy Woolley, and Van Van Caster a special thanks to all of you. There is so much to talk about that one newsletter will not quite cover it all. We have special people from our multiple district who will be helping out clubs in membership growth. Like I mentioned in the beginning, we want you to be the superheroes that you are.

Thank you leaders of 4-A2.

Thank You, Superheroes.

Thank You, Lions.



A Life That Makes A Difference:-

Compiled by 1st VDG MJF Lion Chiragkumar “Kevin” Patel

“How do you account for your remarkable accomplishment in life?” Queen Victoria of England asked Helen Keller. “How do you explain the fact that even though you were both blind and deaf, you were able to accomplish so much?” Ms. Keller's answer is a tribute to her dedicated teacher. “If it had not been for Anne Sullivan, the name of Helen Keller would have remained unknown.” Speaker Zig Ziglar tells about “Little Annie” Sullivan, as she was called when she was young. Little Annie was no stranger to hardship. She was almost sightless herself (due to a childhood fever) and was, at one time, diagnosed as hopelessly “insane” by her caregivers. She was locked in the basement of a mental institution outside of Boston. On occasion, Little Annie would violently attack anyone who came near. Most of the time she generally ignored everyone in her presence. An elderly nurse believed there was hope, however, and she made it her mission to show love to the child. Every day she visited Little Annie. For the most part, the child did not acknowledge the nurse's presence, but she still continued to visit. The kindly woman left cookies for her and spoke words of love and encouragement. She believed Little Annie could recover, if only she were shown love. Eventually, doctors noticed a change in the girl. Where they once witnessed anger and hostility, they now noted an emerging gentleness and love. They moved her upstairs where she continued to improve. Then the day finally came when this seemingly “hopeless” child was released. Anne Sullivan grew into a young woman with a desire to help others as she, herself, was helped by the loving nurse. It was she who saw the great potential in Helen Keller. She loved her, disciplined her, played with her, pushed her, and worked with her until

the flickering candle that was her life became a beacon of light to the world. Anne Sullivan worked wonders in Helen’s life, but it was a loving nurse who first believed in Little Annie and lovingly transformed an uncommunicative child into a compassionate teacher. "If it had not been for Anne Sullivan, the name of Helen Keller would have remained unknown." But if it had not been for a kind and dedicated nurse, the name of Anne Sullivan would have remained unknown. And so it goes. Just how far back does the chain of redemption extend? And how far forward will it lead? Those you have sought to reach, whether they be in your family or elsewhere, are part of a chain of love that can extend through the generations. Your influence on their lives, whether or not you see results, is immeasurable. Your legacy of dedicated kindness and caring can transform lost and hopeless lives for years to come. You can never overestimate the power of your love. It is a fire that, once lit, may burn forever **Helen Keller** has been a truly inspiring icon. Having lost sight and hearing ability at a very young age, Helen learned to grapple with life's small and big struggles. Her indomitable spirit saw her through her handicap.

I have a special collection of **Helen Keller quotes**, which are truly inspirational. You will find that her words speak of the wisdom and strength that is the essence of her life.

On Love: It is wonderful how much time good people spend fighting the devil. If they would only expend the same amount of energy loving their fellow men, the devil would die in his own tracks of ennui.

On Optimism: Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows.

On Faith: Believe. No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new heaven to the human spirit.

On Power: It is for us to pray not for tasks equal to our powers, but for powers equal to our tasks, to go forward with a great desire forever beating at the door of our hearts as we travel toward our distant goal.

On Ambition: One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar.

On Optimism: Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.

On Companionship: Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.

On Ability: We can do anything we want if we stick to it long enough.

On Life: We would never learn to be brave and patient if there were only joy in the world.

On Self Confidence: What I am looking for is not out there; it is in me.

Thank-You!



John M. Burns 2nd Vice District Governor

Greetings fellow Lions and Lionesses of District 4-A2,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for their support in electing me the 2nd Vice District Governor for District 4-A2. I deeply appreciate your vote of confidence in me and will endeavor to fulfill the responsibilities and duties entrusted to me as the 2nd VDG to the utmost of my ability. I view this opportunity to serve each of you and the District as a distinct privilege.

Secondly, I am excited about getting back into an active role in the District again. I have been on the sidelines, so to speak, for the last couple of years primarily because of my job and travel. Being at the 3rd Cabinet meeting and the Convention reminded me of what I missed most the last couple of years—a chance to see old friends and make new ones, and interact with truly great Lions, Lionesses, and the future of our clubs, the Leos. It also reminded me of what a tremendous District we have. This past year has been phenomenal and District Governor Craig has done an absolutely terrific job in leading the District this past year, with a net increase in membership and a new club chartered. Knowing the District Governor as well as I do, I know he would be the first to say that none of that would be possible without the hard work and dedication of the Lions of District 4-A2. I concur except to point out that without great leadership you don't have great results. Thank you District Governor Craig for your hard work and great leadership this past year.

Lastly, with the changing of the guard for our District to District Governor Al and his Cabinet, it provides new opportunities for many of our Lions to step up into District leadership roles. I would ask each of you to support them with the same dedication and efforts that you continue to display year after year. No District is going to be successful without great leadership and equally great Lions who are willing to step forward and meet the needs of the moment. I look forward to this year as I begin my personal journey in the District Leadership and would ask each of you to make a point at some time this year to make a cabinet meeting. Until you do that, you won't realize what you are missing.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion John

"ROAR OF THE LION"

Lions Are

SUPERPEOPLE!



Join us in celebration and fellowship

*Governor Lion Al Kroell and First Lady Lion Christy
Officers and Fellow Lions*

District 4A2 Installation of 2016 - 2017 Cabinet Officers and Business Meeting

Piccadilly Inn Shaw, 3205 West Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA

Friday, July 22, 2016

No Host Social Hour 6:00 pm ~ Dinner 7:00 pm ~ Installation 8:00 PM

Dancing to Live Music 8:30 to 11:30

Saturday, July 23, 2016

REGISTRATION FORM					
NAME OF LION OR LEO			EMAIL ADDRESS		
ADDRESS		CITY		ZIP CODE	CELL PHONE
CLUB NAME		REGION:		ZONE	DISTRICT OR CLUB OFFICE HELD
NAME OF GUESTS OR OTHER LIONS					
WALK-IN MEALS ARE NOT GUARANTEED ~ PRE-PAID MEALS WILL BE SERVED FIRST					
NUMBER OF LIONS & GUEST REGISTRATIONS _____ @ \$10.00					\$
NUMBER OF LEO REGISTRATIONS _____ @ \$0					
PACKAGE PLAN INCLUDES: REGISTRATION, DISTRICT GOVERNOR PIN, INSTALLATION DINNER-DANCE & SATURDAY LUNCH			POST MARKED BEFORE July 8th \$80.00	POST MARKED AFTER July 8th \$90.00	\$
FRIDAY Dinner	# _____ New York Steak # _____ Grilled Salmon Teriyaki # _____ Vegetarian Dinner		CABINET DRESS UNIFORM	\$45.00 \$50.00	\$
SATURDAY	Breakfast is on your own				
SATURDAY Lunch	# _____ Asian Chicken Salad # _____ BBQ Tri-Tip Hoagie # _____ Vegetarian		CABINET DRESS UNIFORM	\$25.00 \$30.00	\$
EXTRA: DISTRICT GOVERNOR TRADING PINS (\$3.00 Each)				\$3.00 each	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT - INCLUDING REGISTRATION					\$
<u>CABINET MEETING REGISTRATION</u> MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: DISTRICT 4-A2 Mail to: Cabinet Treasurer Pat Neal 13909 S. Van Horn, Selma, CA 93662 (559) 891-0917 patneal127@yahoo.com			<u>HEADQUARTERS HOTEL</u> Piccadilly Inn Shaw 2305 West Shaw Avenue, Fresno, CA 93711 PHONE: 559-348-5520 FAX: 559-230-1090 www.piccadillyinn.com MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH HOTEL Rooms: Standard King \$87.00 or 2 Queens \$91.00 + tax If reserved by July 8th		



Hello Lion family!

Wow, this last year has gone by unbelievably fast. Here I am embarking on another chapter in my Lion life as Cabinet Secretary for District 4-A2. I am excited for this coming year as we get closer to our Centennial Celebration.

A bit about me. I have been a Lion since October 2008 and serving others comes very naturally to me and honestly I don't know why I didn't join sooner. Service has been a part of my life since I was a young child. I was a member of the International Order of Rainbow for

Girls, a service organization to help poise young women for leadership roles in their lives along with helping others and giving back to the community. I was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and Daughter of the Nile. Growing up in a Masonic home we were always helping whether it be serving dinner at a Masonic function or making tray favors to place on dinner trays to brighten the meal of patients in a convalescent hospital. I am a licensed funeral director and the manager of my dad's (Jim Copner) former business at Tinkler Funeral Chapel & Crematory in Fresno. My favorite Disney character is Tigger, my favorite colors are purple and hot pink. Between myself and my hubby, Israel, we have six children, I have three children, the oldest is my daughter Heather, 32, next in line is my son Matthew, 25 and my baby Jason, 23 and his wife Chelsea and of course my little love, granddaughter, 8 month old Storm and also my step-children Veronica, Christopher and Marissa.

I would **LOVE** to include pictures from our members that have been taken during this last year so if you or someone you know wants to submit photos for the new directory please email them to me at lioncindy128@yahoo.com ASAP! There is a very short window before I have to get it to the printer.

Here is some housekeeping...there are 13 clubs who have not submitted their PU-101 for the 2016-2017 year and 42 clubs who have not reported their membership for June. Also be sure that when you are reporting your clubs activities you are checking the box that corresponds to the activity type for the Centennial Challenge so you get credit.

Be sure and check out the new District 4A2 WEBSITE! All new and easy to navigate. Submit your club announcements and event flyers. The webmaster's ultimate goal is to make this a one stop source for what's going on in the District! We are able to accept the following formats: PDF documents - WORD documents - PUBLISHER documents We are NOT ABLE to accept the following formats: JPG files - JPEG files - Any other images formats. Aww come on now...don't be shy. Submit your flyers to copner@msn.com or if you have questions you can call Jim at (559) 355-3200.

In the Spirit of Lionism and a Servants Heart,
Lion Cindy Aguilar
Cabinet Secretary
2016-2017

RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE, FRESNO

1st District 4A2 Lions 2016-2017 Golf Tourney

WHERE: *RiverSide Golf Course
7492 N. Brian, Fresno*
TELEPHONE: *559-275-5900*
WHEN: *10 AM Friday, July 22, 2016*
FEE: *\$45 and includes Golf Cart*
DEADLINE: *July 22, 2015 (Golf Course requires
a guarantee)*



FORMAT: *4 Person Scramble*

#	PRINT NAME	EMAIL	TELEPHONE	CLUB NAME
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2				
3				
4				

Make Checks Payable to: Lion Bill Diltz, Golf Chair
And mail it with this form to: 4314 W. Nicholas Ave. Visalia, 93291
559-732-6897 or 559-288-2933 Email: bcdiltz@comcast.net



Riverside Golf Course is a favorite of our regulars... come see why and bring a friend.

The game is scramble so no pressure and everyone has a good time. Also a great place to introduce someone to Lions!

Come join in the fun.



Come join our District 4A-2

Bowling Tournament

***Form a bowling team in your club
and go all the way to District!***

***Clubs will bowl Clubs, Zones will
bowl Zones, and Regions will bowl
Regions***

For more information contact:

Lion Linda Dawyot 559 723-1184

“ROAR OF THE LION”

Lions of A-2, I would like to share with you, just a few of the things you did this year.

Along with the giving of your precious time,

You put glasses on over 500 children.

You helped over 35 high school students graduate and go on to college with financial assistance.

You helped at least 14 college students with their educational goals by providing financial assistance.

44 of you got on a bus, travelled to the City of Hope and helped deliver some of the over \$10,000 that was donated. Giving hope to many families in what may have been their darkest time. God Bless You.

You provided a forum where dozens of high school students could learn to speak their mind on topics important to us all, earn a little scholarship money, and in the process they learned a lot about themselves.

You provide donations, some of it from millions of pull tabs, to the Ronald McDonald house, allowing over 60 nights to be spent at no cost to a family.

You cleaned up nearly 28 miles of roadway. Not only making the environment a little better, but showing the world we're not afraid to put our paws in the dirt.

You donated your own blood, so that others' quality of life would be better, and often extended. One club alone donated 33 pints.

You provided a time and place where hundreds of children forgot about their problems for a little while when they hunted for those colorful and tasty candy eggs. Along the way even a few adults forgot about their problems for a while.

You provided over 1,000 turkey dinners. And as IP Dr. Yamada reminded us, as you always do, you served those dinners with Dignity.

Several young children moved to another home on quick notice and you provided a suitcase with clean clothes, bathroom essentials and even a toy to try and brighten their scary night.

You raked piles and piles of pine needles, cleaned and stocked rooms and rebuilt several decks at the youth diabetic camp at Bearskin Meadows. Without your help this camp would not have been able to impact as many lives as it did.

At several homes you added a ramp to the front porch, helping a person new to a wheelchair with the ability to stay mobile and involved.

You provided financial support to an organization that works to better the lives and prevent suicide within the ranks of our Veterans.

You honored the sacrifice and commitment of all of our veterans when you picked up the



cost and sent 4 of them on an Honor Flight to Washington D.C.

Over 50 of you travelled to Ensenada, Mex. Where you set up a medical clinic and saw over 300 infants, children and adults. To many of them it was the first time or the only time someone cares to their needs. This is a perfect way to be Lions International, and working with the Ensenada Lions is a perfect way to honor Dr. Yamada’s wish to spread and grow Harmony.

You provided a safe place and an atmosphere free of discrimination where our youth and adults could express themselves as they are, without fear or regret. You counseled several along the way, who are with us still, because you cared.

Today, there are Lions in Ecuador serving the needs of the injured and displaced. They feel the support of the Lions of A2 through LCIF. At our recent convention you supported LCIF with over \$2,200 raised through the horse racing and the auction of a wonderful painting by a gifted Lion. Through LCIF you have saved hundreds of lives with your donations to the measles initiative and you have impacted thousands of others, close by, and around the world.

I think these last two examples clearly show that you, the Lions of A2, took to heart IP Dr. Yamada’s theme of Dignity, Harmony and Humanity.

I remember like it was yesterday, the day I grew my whiskers. It was at a White Cane Day in Reedley in 1995. But forever now, the greatest Lion moment in my life, will be witnessing of the spirit of Lionism at the A2 convention in Cayucos this past April. The participation of all, and especially the Parlier and Visalia Pride Lions, during the painting auction was just overwhelming to me. I witnessed thousands of lives changed in just 30 minutes. Thank you!

I told International Director Rod, that the Lions of A2 have served extraordinarily well this year and they are ready and eager for the next opportunity to put their paws on the ground. I told him, “They will be the first to show you,” Where there is a need, there is a Lion.” I will forever sing your praise and boldly state, “We’re Lions, Can you see us now?”

Lion Christie and I would like to thank each and every one of you, and a special thanks to those that served with the Cabinet. What a privilege and honor it has been to represent you this year.

Lion Craig

District 4 A2 Lions

Lions Clubs International Foundation is your foundation. When we as a district make our budgets for the next year, remember to donate to LCIF, not just for Melvin Jones, 100% Club, but also for support for disaster relief. When we donate to other organization in our community we should also look to support LCIF.

Last year we were 2nd on the bottom in donation from the 15 districts that represent MD 4. Our goal was to raise 30,000.00. We did not reach this goal. Thank you to Parlier Lions who at convention raised 567.30, and Visalia Pride Lions raised 483.00, and the fun horse race raised 858.00. Reedley Lions also donated 3,000.00. We raised 16,040.00 this year hopping next year's donations will be greater. It is up to you.

100% club is any club that donates \$20.00 per member to LCIF; your club will receive a banner patch and a LCIF pin for each member. This is done each year with a new pin and a new banner patch. This is a good way to get started to support your foundation. The clubs that did become 100% are Visalia Sunset, Fresno Pride, Visalia Host, and Fresno Host. We did have the largest number of clubs in MD4 at 100%, thank you Lions.

Grants come from monies donated to LCIF.

Thank you for letting me serves as your LCIF chair

PDG Judy Woolley



MJF Lion Chiragkumar “Kevin” Patel
1st Vice District Governor (2016-2017)



&



MJF Lion Falguni Patel
(1st VDG spouse)

Join us for the LCI Centennial Celebration (1917-2018)

Dear Lions, Lionesses & Leos,

Please accept my lionistic salute & Namaste!

Firstly, tons of thanks to all our District members by electing me as a First Vice District Governor & for putting confidence in me for the incoming lionistic year 2016-2017. During 2015-2016 I got several opportunities to visit as a 2nd VDG guest to other Districts in our Multiple District -4 and thank-you Lions to support in inviting the 2nd VDGs to our District meeting. It allows us to learn about the areas in which we might be lacking behind & to become much more efficient in all respects, let's hold- hand in hand, dear Lion, Lioness & Leos our life is very short and too many things to do for our community in this short time.

Secondly, I am looking forward to develop a Leo District in our District and in fact a Multiple District in our Lions District. To make this possible we will need your full support to encourage our young future leaders. Also, trying to introduce, especially in support to begin our LCI Centennial Celebrations through Multicultural Talent Shows, performances through Music & Dance, anyone from our Lion, Lioness & Leos individuals, groups or their family or friends can participate/sponsor this newly untouched wing to discover the hidden talents. This will bring a new life to support our district like Student Speaker Contest, Peace Poster Contest, etc. in coming several hundreds of years of our community services to support, maintain, respect our culture & heritage for better tomorrow.

District Friends & families, we want to pass our deepest condolences to all those fellow Lions who are not with us today or those who have lost their loving family member for whom we pray to the Almighty God to rest their soul in eternal peace & give us the strength to bear this great loss which cannot be replaced by anyone.

Last but not least, once again congratulations on your last year’s accomplishments & best wishes for the incoming year to all the newly installed officers and all our precious club members without them & their support nothing is possible...

Sincerely with best lionistic regards and warm welcome from,

MJF Lion Chiragkumar “Kevin” Patel

1st Vice District Governor (2016-2017)

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By 2017-2018 Lions of the World target to serve 100 Million people: -



Please do not forget to send your application for the lionistic year 2015-2016:-

The Club Excellence Award:-

The Club Excellence Award has provided clubs with guidance and goals that expand their service and strengthen the effectiveness of club management. It is more than an award...it helps our association build stronger clubs and stronger communities!

Qualifying clubs will receive a Club Excellence Award pin for the club president and a handsome banner patch.

Elements of Excellence

1. Service – Complete three service projects

Humanitarian service, whether in your local community or globally, is what Lions are all about. Your club may have existing projects that have become a tradition, or perhaps you are ready to try something new, either way, when your club has completed three service projects, your club has fulfilled the service requirement for the Club Excellence Award!

Ideas to consider!

- [Centennial Service Challenge Campaigns](#) - Four global campaigns focus on youth, vision, hunger and the environment. This link provides project ideas, planning guides, press releases and call to action materials.
- While participating in the campaigns, you may wish to consider providing assistance to children in need by donating basic necessities such as food and clothing, conducting vision screenings, doing repairs at a children’s shelter or implementing a [Reading Action Program](#) project such as reading to children or providing children with new books.
- [Planning Projects](#) – There are many needs that are unique to your community. Discover them by utilizing the [Community Needs Assessment](#) or [Making It Happen](#) publications to rediscover the service your club can provide!

2. Donation to LCIF – Expand your club’s humanitarian reach!

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) provides Lions clubs with an opportunity to make a global impact. Grants support both local and global humanitarian initiatives that are too large for individual clubs or districts to undertake themselves. A donation, large or small, fulfills the donation requirement for the Excellence Award. Making a donation is easy. Visit the [LCIF website](#) to choose an area that your club would like to support and make a donation on-line.

3. Membership Development – Have a net increase of one member!

Of course members are needed to support projects and events. To qualify for the Excellence Award, your club needs a net increase of only one member or sponsor a new Lions

club. Establish a Club Membership Development Plan to help your club reach new membership goals and utilize the tools below to help your club recruit members and keep them involved and engaged.

- [Just Ask](#) – Encourage your members to “just ask” by applying these simple but successful techniques for recruiting enthusiastic new members!
- [The Club Quality Initiative](#) – Helps your club reach its potential through exercises designed to refresh and refocus your club to increase participation and activity.
- [Membership Satisfaction Guide](#) – Are your club members satisfied? This guide has helpful tips for reaching your member’s expectations.
- [Start a New Club](#) – Resources to help charter and support new club development.
- All new members must be offered timely and meaningful new member [induction ceremonies](#) and attend a [new member orientation](#). A proven step to better member retention.
- [District Assistance](#) – Contact your District Governor Team or Global Membership Team Coordinator for more information about local membership initiatives.

4. Communication – Complete any of the following!

Keeping your members and the public aware of your activities increases participation and visibility. There are several tools available to assist your club, including a free web-site! Take advantage of any of these ideas, or develop your own strategies, to fulfill the requirement for the Excellence Award.

- [Club websites: e-clubhouse](#) – Launch or maintain this free website (or one you designed on your own) to keep your members connected.
- [Public Relations Guide](#) – Apply the ideas provided in the guide to help your club get the recognition it deserves. The guide includes sample press releases, public service announcements and more.
- [Brochures and materials](#) – Promote membership and involvement by distributing professionally designed brochures and materials. Great for special occasions and community events.

5. Leadership Development – Proper elections, attend officer training and attend zone meetings!

To qualify for the award, all officer positions must be filled by qualified Lions in accordance with the constitution and by-laws. The club must also be represented during zone meetings and a majority of the club officers must have participated in a leadership training program. The training could include training offered at a zone, district, multiple district or International event, courses offered online from the Lions Learning Center, participation in a Club Quality Initiative Workshop or completion of the Certified Guiding Lion course. Additional offerings are mentioned below. Establish a Club Leadership Development Plan to make sure your members take advantage of the training that is available.

- [Lions Learning Center](#) – The online resource offers vital information for developing personal leadership skills. Topics include managing others, achieving results, and excellence in communication. These courses can be applied to the Leadership Development requirement for the Club Excellence Award!
- [Officer training](#) – Online officer training counts toward the award too! Officer specific training helps make serving as a club officer easier by demonstrating how club leaders can accomplish their tasks effectively.
- Zone Meetings – Quarterly zone meetings feature personal support and provide a forum for exchanging practical and locally adapted service and management ideas.
- Conventions – District, multiple district, and International events bring a new perspective from a broader range of Lions that add to the fun and fellowship that are natural to Lions.
- District Training – Be sure to contact your District Governor Team and your Global Leadership Team Coordinator to find out more about local events.

6. Club Activity – The club must meet regularly and submit the membership report, service activity report, and club officer report for the incoming year.

Submitting these reports are easy thanks to the advancement of [MyLCI](#). Utilize this advanced membership system to complete officer reports, membership reports and club activity reports.

7. Club Maintains Good Standing

To fully participate in Lions activity, your club must be in good standing at the end of the fiscal year. To be in good standing the club cannot be in status quo and all International dues billings and new member entrance fees need to be paid in full. No more than US\$50 in any other

expense due to LCI can be outstanding beyond ninety (90) days. To check your club's outstanding balance, go to [online statements](#) located on the LCI website. Instructions for [making payments](#) can also be found on-line.

Next Step!

Finish the above steps to excellence and you have reached the goals of the Excellence Award!

Please visit www.lionsclubs.org for the further details and search for club excellence Award.

Complete Form # **DA-1.EN 10/15**

Please Note:

The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or email to clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org, or fax to (630) 706-9273 to arrive by August 31, 2016. Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club shall be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at International Headquarters. The award will be mailed to the 2016-2017 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed to the coordinating Lions or directly to the 2015-2016 club president.

If you have any further inquiries or concern, then please do not hesitate to contact me. See you soon at our District Installation at Fresno. **God Bless All!**

Sincerely with best lionistic regards and warm welcome from,

MJF Lion Chiragkumar “Kevin” Patel
1st Vice District Governor (2016-2017)
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“ROAR OF THE LION”

2015-2016 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

To qualify the club must be chartered for 6 or more months prior to the end of the fiscal year, further the objectives of the association, adhere to the association’s constitution and by-laws and policies, and meet the requirements noted below during the fiscal year.

Club Number	Club Name	Date
2015-2016 Club President’s Name		Member Number

SERVICE – The club has conducted at least three service projects. Briefly describe the service activities that were conducted:

Date: _____	Activity: _____
Date: _____	Activity: _____
Date: _____	Activity: _____

CONTRIBUTION — The club has made a contribution to LCIF.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - The club achieved a net growth in membership (including branch club members when applicable) or sponsored a new club. New members attended an orientation and were properly inducted into the club.

Net Growth in Members: _____ Name of sponsored club or Branch: _____

COMMUNICATION – The club has publicized the club’s service activities to the public through local media and effectively communicated activities to club members.

Please explain briefly how the club service activities were publicized.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – All officer positions were filled in accordance with the constitution and bylaws by qualified Lions, the club was represented at zone meetings and a majority of the club officers participated in a leadership training program. The training program could include training offered at the zone, district, multiple district or International level. Online courses from the Lions Learning Center, participation in a Club Excellence Process (CEP) Workshop or completion of the Certified Guiding Lion course also count toward the award.

CLUB ACTIVITY – The club has hosted regular and meaningful club events and reported Membership, Service Activities, and the New Club Officers in a timely manner.

CLUB IN GOOD STANDING – the club is not in status quo and International dues and new member entrance fees have been paid in full. No more than US\$50 in any other expense due to LCI is outstanding beyond ninety (90) days.

Date	2015-2016 District Governor’s Signature*	District	Member No.
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* Applications received from the District Governor’s registered email address will be considered signed by the district governor. In undistricted areas the coordinating Lion or provisional zone or region chairpersons should sign the completed form.

The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or email to clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org, or fax to (630) 706-9273 to arrive by August 31, 2016. Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club shall be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at International Headquarters. The award will be mailed to the 2016-2017 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed to the coordinating Lions or directly to the 2015-2016 club president.

DISTRICT 4 A2 GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM COORDINATOR (GMT) PDG WALTER “WALT” JUAREZ



Greetings Fellow Lions

For those of you who are new to our District, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Walt Juarez and I was the District Governor in 2013-14. I have been asked by Governor Al Kroell to step in and to take on the challenge of being this years GMT, a position recently vacated by Past District Governor Dean Church. Past District Governor Fred Dupra initially declined the GMT position citing his busy workload as Chairman of the Districts Constitution & Bylaws Committee.

Governor Dean and I served on the Multiple District's GMT Committee during our years as Vice District Governors and District Governors. One of my last duties as District Governor, was to select PDG Dean Church as the GMT for our District. I am very pleased to say that PDG Dean Church has been outstanding in his role as GMT. In the last two years, through his hard work, Governor Dean has steadily increased our district membership and has added two new clubs to our District. Well done Dean!

In an effort to increase and retain our district membership, Governor Al Kroell has already secured some of the top Trainers in our Multiple District to assist me in not only increasing our district membership, but in retaining our district membership as well. The "T" in GMT stands for TEAM which means I will be working with our clubs and our membership to help our district grow. I look forward to meeting all of you at our first District Membership meeting which will be held in Fresno this July. Thank you.

Walter "Walt" Juarez
Past District Governor 2013-14
District 4 A2 Global Membership Team Coordinator

CHILDREN’S DIABETIC CAMP AT BEAR SKIN MEADOW *FANTASTIC WORK WEEKEND!!!*



What an amazing Work Weekend! I am so pleased and so proud of our Lions and Leos that spent the Memorial day Weekend at the Children’s Diabetic Youth Camp at Bear Skin Meadow! Because of last years devastating fire, work that had been scheduled to be completed last year had to be put on hold until this year. The Lions and Leos came and did not hesitate to tackle the renovation and the cleanup of the camp Memorial Weekend. A great Big thanks to the Roofing crew Lions Richard Garcia, Sequoia Lions, Billy Ladig, Sequoia Lions, Randy Perkins, Sequoia Lions and Lion Jim Witherspoon, Sunset Lions. These four Lions stripped and re-shingled twelve Sleeping Deck Locker Roof Covers in three days! That is like re-roofing three to four average size homes. When Lion Richard told me that they could do the job in three days, I was to say, a little skeptical. However, when Lions are determined to get the job done, they get it Done!

And the Lions came, and the Leos came from all four Regions of our District and they cleaned the cabins and they raked the Pine Needles away from the Sleeping Decks and the Cabins and they helped prepare the meals for the volunteers. Everyone pitched in and got the job done. I want to acknowledge and say thanks to all of the volunteers and Lions and Leos who helped Memorial Day Weekend and our four Leo clubs that worked so hard to make this Work Weekend a complete success!

ROOFING CREW

Lion Richard Garcia, Sequoia Lions
Lion Billy Ladig, Sequoia Lions
Lion Randy Perkins, Sequoia Lions
Lion Jim Witherspoon, Sunset Lions
Tom Matsuzsia, Oak Grove
Robert Ross, Richgrove
Raymond Ross, Richgrove

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BEAR SKIN MEADOW WORK WEEKEND



I also want to send a big thank you and acknowledge all of the Lions and the four Leo Clubs that worked hard raking and cleaning up the Bear skin Meadow Camp for the children to enjoy this summer. Outstanding work in getting the job done for the children’s Camp:

LIONS

Maxine Abe, CVLLC Leo Advisor
Beverly Cho, CVLLC
Mimi Cho, CVLLC
Tracie Tellez, CVLLC
1st VDG(E) Kevin Patel, Hanford Breakfast
Falguni Patel, Hanford Breakfast
PDG Vicki Beeman, Hanford Breakfast
Jim Boyd, Hanford Breakfast Leo Advisor
Susan Boyd, Hanford Breakfast Leo Advisor
Dee Baughman, Visalia Host Leo Advisor
PDG Walt Juarez, Visalia Host
Joy Witherspoon, Sunset Lions
Mary Andrade, Three Rivers
Manuel Andrade, Three Rivers
Irene Florezl, Richgrove Lions
Marty Rodriguez, Richgrove Lions
Roger Nelson, Richgrove Lions
Paty Ruiz, Richgrove Lions
Rose Rodriguez, Richgrove Lions
Joe Ross, Richgrtove Lions
Ray Delgado, Richgrove Lions
Bob Casas, Fresno Unlimited
Ever Casas, Lemoore Lions
Roland Reina, Riverdale, District Leo Advisor
Lieutenant Luke Betti, Salvation Army
Biem Alomia and Anthony Collier, Salvation Army
Youths

Thank you all for a job very well done!

Walter “Walt” Juarez
PDG, Grant Administrator

LEO CLUBS

Piri Lopez, Riverdale
Martha Lopez, Riverdale
Alan Estrada, Riverdale
Nagi Hussein, Riverdale
Karen Castillo, Riverdale
Viviana Ledesma, Riverdale
Mary Hernandez, Riverdale
Brianna Arellano, Riverdale
Tonya Garcia, Riverdale
Guadalupe Gonzalez, Riverdale
Esmeralda Goloria, Riverdale
Jocelyn Tapia, Riverdale

Hanford Leo Club

Dev Patel
Mannati Patel
Neha Nagavalli
Christian Arciga
Julian Zavala
Josue Zavala
Emma Gamez
Angelina Warnock
Demaree Medina
Anitesh Nagavalli
Josiah Ruiz
Enrique Torres

Central Valley Leo Club

Skye Edwards
Jocelyn Cho
Clarissa Ortega

La Sierra Military Academy

Agustin Basillo
Noelia Franco
Luis Sanchez

4-A2 Event Calendar July 2016 - June 2017

THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB OR LOOK ON THE 4-A2 WEBSITE FOR EVENT FLYERS. THIS CALENDAR WILL BE UPDATED AS WE RECEIVE INFORMATION.

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District Meetings

1st July 22nd/23rd Fresno, CA - Piccadilly Inn Shaw

Friday Installation Dinner/Dance

Saturday Business Meeting

October 20th - New Member Night – Laton \$12.00 for meal

2nd November 5th Central Region

3rd February 18th Southern Region

September 24th By-Law Convention (Voting Only) – Lampliter Inn, Visalia, CA
April 20th - 23rd 4-A2 Convention

COG Meetings

August 5th - 7th 2016 Concord

October 28th - 30th 2016 Burlingame

February 8th - 9th 2017 Redding

June 2nd - 4th 2017 Pasadena

Other Event Dates

September 15th - 17th 2016 USA/CANADA Forum - Omaha, NE

March 26th 2017 – Lions City of Hope Day

March 31st – April 2nd 2017 MD-4 Leo Leadership Institute

February 10th - 12th 2017 MD4 Convention - Redding

Club Events 2016

June 26th Lemoore Installation 6:00 PM Tri-tip/Chicken Dinner \$20.00 donation
July 1st – 4th Fresno Host Lions Fireworks Booth Blackstone and Clinton
July 1st – 4th Hanford Breakfast Lions Fireworks Booth
July 1st – 4th Fresno Pride Lions Club Fireworks Booth, East Champlain and Perrin
July 7th Visalia Host 90th Anniversary
July 30th Parlier Poker Run
July 23rd Selma Lioness fund raiser – “Elvis Night”
July 23rd Unlimited Tri-tip BBQ at Lions Park
August 13th Margarita Field - Best Margarita in Bakersfield
August 27th Lemoore Lions Brewfest 5 – 9 pm Lions Park in Lemoore
September 1st Three Rivers 69th Anniversary Party—Roping Arena 7:00 pm
September 13th Fresno Unlimited Installation—Yosemite Falls 6:00 pm
September 30th Porterville Golf Tournament
October 3rd – 16th Coalinga Lions Fresno Fair Booth
October 15th Visalia Band Review - Parade starts at 7:30 am
December 3rd Hanford Breakfast Lions Breakfast with Santa
December 20th Children’s Christmas Party (Club??)

Club Events 2017

March 18th Brewfest (Club??)
March 16th – 19th Operation Friendship – Ensenada, Mexico
February 18th - Visalia Pride Lions Club Valentine’s Dinner/Dance, Wyndham Hotel
April 1st Laton Parade and Rodeo
April 2nd Extreme Bull Riding - Laton
April 7th – 9th Three Rivers Jazz Affair
April 27th – 29th Three Rivers Roping
May 6th Exeter 22nd Annual Brewfest
May 14th Woodlake Rodeo
May 26th – 29th Coalinga Lions Beer Booth
Early to Mid-June – Hanford Breakfast Kings Fair
July 1st – 4th Hanford Breakfast Fireworks Booth

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“ROAR OF THE LION”

Dear Lions, Lioness, and Leos,

A new year is upon us. Our district Governor Lion Al Kroell has many new and exciting things he would like to see happen during his year as Governor. This year DG Lion Al Kroell has appointed me as the Pull Tab Chair. Along with the pull tab program DG Lion Al Kroell has set a new program to help clubs meet the Centennial Challenges of Lions of the World Target to serve 100 Million People in four categories, set for the 100th year anniversary. The new program will consist of collecting nonperishable and or can foods items to be donated to food banks and or charitable organizations throughout our district. The collection of the food will be done at our District meetings and during our Convention at the end of the year.

The Challenge Part of the food collection program is Relieving the hunger. The pull tab part of the program is Engaging our Youth since all the pull tabs collected go to the Ronald McDonald House which supports the Children’s Hospital. Also currently in place is the collection of eyeglasses which covers Sharing the Vision, and for the Protecting our Environment part of the program we all have been invited to help with the Bearskin Meadows cleaning of the camp to prevent and protect it from a forest fire. I Hope that we make this a great success by bringing pull tabs and nonperishable food items, and remember that these challenges were put in place to support a great cause. Thank You all and remember as Lions “We Serve”.

Sincerely
Lion Bob Casas
Pull Tab Chair

By 2017-2018 Lions of the World target to serve 100 Million people: -





JOIN THE

Centennial Service Challenge!



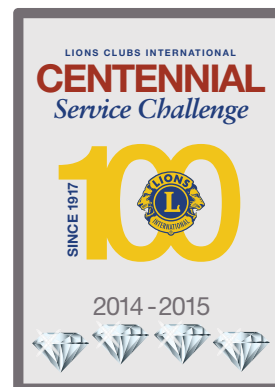
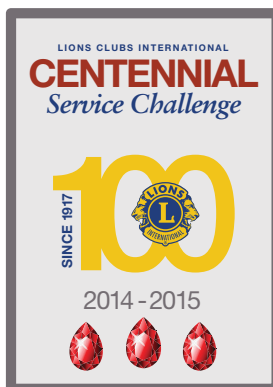
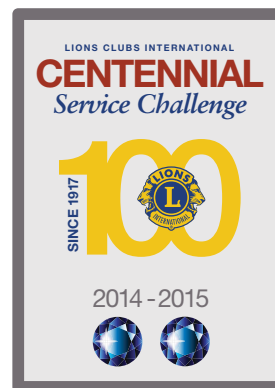
For nearly 100 years, Lions have served their communities and impacted millions of people around the world. In celebration of our 100th anniversary, we are asking you to help reach our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people by June 30th, 2018. Your club can play a part in reaching our goal, and you can earn special Centennial recognition when you serve!

Earn Special Centennial Recognition for Your Club

Your club can earn a Centennial Banner Patch with a special gemstone design each year you sponsor a Global Service Action project impacting Youth, Vision, Hunger or the Environment.

- Each gemstone represents the number of different Global Service Action Campaigns that your club participates in during the fiscal year.
- The more campaigns you participate in, the more gemstones you can earn for your banner patch.
- Earn a diamond-level Centennial Banner Patch by participating in all four Global Service Action Campaigns!

Your club can **earn up to four Centennial Banner Patches** by participating in each year of the Centennial Service Challenge.



All Centennial service activities must be reported through MyLCI's Service Activity Report to receive recognition.

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California



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