



“We Serve with Love, Care, Respect & Peace”

Dear Lions & Leos,

Please accept my lionistic salute & Namaste!

Firstly, friends let us remember those Lions, Leos and family member who have aboard to heaven, our deepest condolences for them and their families praying the Almighty God to give them the strength to bear the great loss to recover resting their soul in eternal peace. None can replace them but their memories, love, blessings and services to the community will always remain with us and keep on inspiring us to join more hands to serve our community the best we can keeping up with our Lions motto & Lions Code of Ethics in practice.

Congratulations Lions & Leos on your achievements throughout this year!

We are planning to visit all the clubs in our District with executives. It has been very great experience until now to visit your clubs and the hospitality, love with respect we get is amazing for which myself and my wife Lion Falguni Patel don't have enough words to express our thanks. During my visit I insist please don't invite anyone else as a speaker because we will need time with you for questions you may have and share you some important facts about your club and the members. We request your club officers to keep following items ready like your club visitor's book, club roll call records, treasurer's current report with statements of administrative & activities or project accounts, Album or Scrap book if any, any kind of application to be forwarded which

requires my signature, club property records, any awards or certificates or MJF or Life Membership Certificates to be presented, your fundraisers & activities concerning records which might help me to give proper guidance or example to other Lions club to get idea of what they can do to make it better keeping club or that Lion name anonymous if you want. But friends it was unbelievable when I went to visit some clubs in last past to know about their successful projects and about the anormous activities, fundraisers which they do to help their community.

Our country is facing lot of hardships through natural disasters and loss of lives. Let us pitch in something at least because you know a drop by drop in a pond will make a bigger lake. Likewise no matter with whatever drop you donate big or small will add it to help the victims and the less fortunate and remember whatever you contribute will have the same importance because you contributed with your heart to support for the noble cause to help someone. Our LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) which is our owm foundation is rated the top 4 star for several times out of other non-profit organizations because whatever you donate goes 100% to the required needy victim or for whatever cause you donate. Likewise, our California State also have such foundation called as "California Lions Foundation" through which you can donate and in emergency disaster you can immediately get \$5000 like LCIF for emergency grant immediately within 24 hours or less sends \$10,000 for priority urgent priority help they need. Our new California Lions Foundation (CLF) has been approved by the IRS and State of California authorities as a non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) corporation for the purpose of providing assistance to California Lion Clubs. This new foundation will provide matching grants from \$500 – \$10,000 to California Lions Clubs for projects that serve their communities. They also have fellowship like Kay Fukushima to award for the one who contributes \$1000.00 and other awards. Please contact our LCIF Chair PDG Lion Judy Arribere Woolley for the same by e-mail judyarribere@aol.com or call (559) 916-2521.

We have exciting news from the Lions Clubs International who are keen to apply for Centennial Challenge for their Centennial project. I just received the patches for the legacy projects for our clubs to recognize. My fellow Lion & Leo friends please take advantage of this lovely offers & promotions by our LCI and complete Centennial Challenge and reporting by your club centennial chair or secretary is very neccessary. Please contact our Centennial Coordinator **Lion Lydia Martinez by phone (559) 859-3167 or e-mail at lionlydiam@gmail.com** for the details.

I request all the Officers please be aware to report your Centennial Projects and all other club activities along with proper membership number and club dues for the International dues, District + Multiple dues will be charged accordingly. So, please make sure your club officer report the correct membership. FYI, the Multiple District Dues are increasing by \$4.00 per annum, this increase in MD-4 dues was passed during the MD-4 Convention at Redding in February 2017 but our District dues will remain same for now. Please contact District Cabinet Treasurer Lion Jan Beatty by e-mail: jan@bridgesstreettax.com or call (559) 733-

4828 or our District Cabinet Secretary Lion Dick Piepenburg via e-mail: dpiepen@pacbell.net or call (559) 740-2860.

It was an amazing experience to visit you whether if it was at the meetings or during the club activities/projects. We were able to make several new friends, relationships, and have had great fellowship. We want to spread message of love, care, respect and peace to make this world a better place to live. Friends, remember we can't just call ourselves as super hero unless and until you really start doing something for your community as a true Lion & help your fellow Lion in real need in your Club and District for which you took oath while joining this great organization.

Our District Secretary Lion Dick & Joint Secretary Lion Eleanor have worked very hard to bring things together to give out the best directory as possible. In case, if your club is having any **updates** then please send that information to the 2017-2018 District Cabinet Secretary **Lion Richard (Dick) Piepenberg** at dpiepen@pacbell.net or to the joint Secretary **Lion Eleanor Gaie Perry** at ellen5973@yahoo.com & for **Club Visitations** please call **DG Administrative Assistant Lion William (Bill) Munoz** at munozbkpm@gmail.com or call **(559) 707-9062**

"Where there's a NEED, there's a LION!"

Our Centennial District Second District meeting is at Richgrove on Decemebr 1st & 2nd having Patriotic theme **and on** Decemeber 1st get ready for multicultural music, dance and fellowship. Please register asap to get discounts and visit our new District website www.4a2lions.org whose **webmaster is Lion Bob Patel** from Visalia Breakfast Lions contact him at visaliaweb@gmail.com and phone: (559) 909-1817. Friends we believe in simple living and high thinking and please no formalities especially when we are working together as Lions for the common motto. While visitations myself & my wife prefer mostly vegetarian meals **and chicken is ok except on Sarurdays but don't do anything special for us.** Friends, lastly my best wishes to you ending my article with a quotation: ***"Each one Bring one to serve more in our Community"*** and ***"Where there's a NEED, there must be a LION!"***

God Bless You All!

Sincerely with best lionistic regards with Love, Care, Respect & Peace from:

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