

Official Bulletin of District 4-C2 Lions

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LIONS **INTERNATIONAL**

TO CREATE and foster spirit of understanding among the people of

TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good

TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

TO UNITE the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

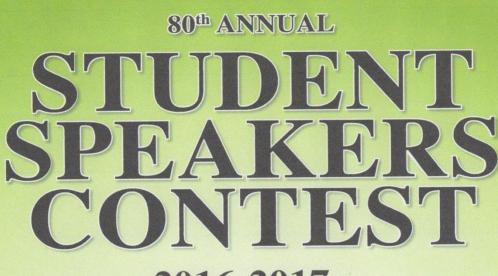
TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religionshall not be debated by

TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

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NOTE

March and April Blue Print will contain REPEATED INFORMATION on the MAY 25-28th District 4-C2 Convention.



2016-2017

Topic

"Is the Right to Privacy a Threat to Our National Security?



For the 80th consecutive year, the Lions Clubs of California will hold speech contests in local communities beginning in February 2017. Over \$103,500.00 will be paid out in scholarships to the winning students. Participating students must write their own speech on the subject given.

Sponsored by



15 District winners receive a scholarship of \$4,500 each 4 Area winners receive a total scholarship of \$11,000 each 1 Final winner receives a total scholarship of \$21,000 Additional cash awards to Region, Zone and Club winners.

For more information contact the

Lions Club.

Club contest will be held on _

Telephone:

e-mail: _

Additional information at: md4lions.org

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Cancellation Policy: Any cancellation after May 5, 2017 subject to review for refund. If you must cancel your reservations, notification must be received on or before April 30, 2017. Notice be effectively made by email sent to: <u>justmarjean@yahoo.com</u>, by telephone to 707-664-8511, or by mailed letter to Marjean O'Neill at 7592 Beth Court, Rohnert Park, CA 94928. Refunds will be paid 4-6 weeks after the cancellation is received.

THE FAIRFIELD HOST LIONS CLUB



 THE FAIRFIELD HOST LIONS CLUB STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

 PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONTEST WERE (L TO R)

 CALISTA LUM (FAIRFIELD HIGH), DANIEL ACUESTA (FAIRFIELD HIGH),

 LION RICK WOOD (CONTEST CHAIRPERSON), ERIC CORTES (RODRIGUEZ HIGH) AND

 BAILEY NORMAN (VANDEN HIGH & CONTEST WINNER)

 Our club will be hosting the Zone Student Speakers Contest on Wednesday March 1st.

 This contest will take place of our regular meeting that date.

STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST COMPLETION DATES

By, Monday February 20, 2017	CLUB CONTEST
By, Monday March 13, 2017	ZONE CONTEST
By, Monday April 3, 2017	REGION CONTEST
By, Monday May 1, 2017	DISTRICT CONTEST
By, Monday May 22, 2017	AREA CONTEST
On, Saturday June 3, 2017	MD-4 Final Contest

Please copy these dates for future use Contest over

80th ANNUAL STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST "Is the Right to Privacy a Threat to Our National Security? Topic

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Additional informa	ation at: md4lions.org

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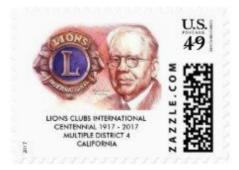
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This Private Issue US Postage stamp below was issued to celebrate the LIONS International Centennial for California Lions Multiple District 4.

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Centennial Coin Update

Dear Lion Douglas:

We need your help!

Our Centennial Commemorative Coin went on sale January 18, 2017. To date, approximately 38,000 coins have been sold. The first week of sales was encouraging, with a total of 30,456 coins sold. But sales for week #2 dropped considerably from week #1, to just over 8,000 coins. **If sales continue to decline in the first 60 days, the U.S. Mint may cease production** of our Centennial silver dollar as minting additional coins is based entirely on sales expectations.

We can't let that happen, and here's why. Once the U.S. Mint has surpassed the breakeven point of the program (approximately 200,000 coins), US\$10 is authorized to be paid to LCIF for every coin sold. If we sell all 400,000 coins of our planned mintage, **US\$4 million will be given to LCIF to support our global humanitarian initiatives.** Just imagine how many more people we could help!

We know that it takes time to get the word out to Lions, and that's where you, our Lions leaders, can make the difference. In your highly respected and influential position, **you can assist our marketing efforts by promoting the coin during your regular visits to Lions**—at district and multiple district conventions, club visits, etc.—and encouraging them to <u>purchase a coin</u>. If you have already ordered and received your coin, bring it to events so Lions can see the beauty and value of this limited-edition coin for themselves. You can also download our <u>Centennial Coin flyer</u> and <u>FAQ</u> to help promote the coin to Lions. With your help, we can make this program a success!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

REDDING, CALIFORNIA LIONS ROARING TWENTIES FOOD FAIR CATEGORIES

"Lions Roaring Twenties"



Hello Lions,

It is time to look forward to our 2017 Convention in Redding. Let's make our Lions food fair as successful as last year. The food fair is a fun time for all attendees. Our theme this year is "Roaring Twenties" so come in costume and have fun.

To make it a success we need club or individual participation. Please consider selecting a category and a food dish of your choice. You may choose an item of your own and more than one entry may be entered by club or individuals.

Portion size for each item entered should feed 20-30 people. The more entries and booths that are entered the more enjoyable our day will be.

Food fair packets with information will be mailed mid-February. At that time please fill out the entry form. Each club officer will receive a packet that can be duplicated and passed on to interested members.

<u>Categories/Examples</u> Salads

Meat, Poultry and Seafood Dishes

Baked/or Bean Dishes

Hors d'oeuvres

Desserts

Contact Info: Gil Medeiros (707) 363-2117 or gmedeiros310@yahoo.com





ROARING TWENTIES FOOD FAIR ENTRÉE

Lions Clubs International District 4-C2 Convention

	12 Noon on Saturday Registration	
Cook's Name:		
Entrée:		
Name of Lions Club:		
Address:		
City, State, Zip		
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Please complete your r	egistration form as soo	n as possible and <mark>email</mark> your form to me

or send by mail or call with your information



ROARING TWENTIES FOOD FAIR "Lions Roaring Twenties" Some tips for this event

- The crowd is the only judge of this event, and ballots are provided to the crowd when they are given samples of your Food Fair product. We suggest that you try to win the crowd's votes by decorating your cooking area and costumes if you wish. But mostly have fun.
- Judging for a crowd-pleasing entrée product is simple: the people try your product(s) and judge them with their votes. All ballots will be dropped into a peoples' choice barrel and the ballots will be counted, at a preset time. This will provide the winners as judged by the crowd.
- Since the crowd is your judge, you might wish to have something special to sway their votes such as costumes, songs, or props. Be as creative as you wish.

Booth

- Your entry will be allotted a 10 foot by 10 foot square for your booth, and you can use any form of tent or canopy that will fit in that area. All signage and advertising must stay in your booth area. Please be respectful to others no offensive displays, excessive noise or music.
- The use of firearms, explosives, or pyrotechnics is prohibited. Remember we are in a hotel area, and the fire danger is always high at this time of the year.
- Interfering with other contestants is prohibited, (other than what Lions consider to be in good humor.)
- The people that are eating your entrée food booth dish will also be choosing the best costume.
- Above all, HAVE Fun!



LIONS ROARING TWENTIES FOOD FAIR RULES "Lions Roaring Twenties"



Please be aware of proper sanitation and food safety by keeping perishable items in coolers packed with ice. Make sure all vegetables and other ingredients are cleaned.

Teams are responsible for their assigned cooking area and must provide their own cooking equipment. Bring your own extension cords if you are not using propane. A grill will be available in the courtyard if you need to heat or cook your food items.

All contestants must maintain the cleanliness of their area and sanitation of all food preparing items and surfaces properly. Keep your hands washed and use disinfecting type hand rubs, or wear plastic gloves.

Keep cooking temp above 130 degrees and never let it sit for longer than ten minutes below this temperature. (A food thermometer is suggested.)

Use separate cutting boards to avoid cross-contamination. (Plastic is recommended.) Also use a separate spoon every time you test your food product.

All contestants/teams must clean up their cooking area after the event as well as properly maintain the cleanliness of all food preparation items and surfaces.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

People's choice:	1 st Place Food	\$ 50
People's choice:	1 st Place Costume	\$ 50



CORTE MADERA CRAB FEED 2017 March 4, 2017 Madera Community Center 498 Tamalpais Drive 6:00 No-host bar 7:00 Dinner \$45

Yes, we are having our traditional crab feed, and expect to have fresh crab once again.

This is one of our two major fund-raisers, so come help us help others. All net proceeds go to support local programs, which are mostly youth -oriented, or regional and national Lions approved charities.

For tickets, use PayPal from the menu on the left, or:

- Buy them at the Community Center front desk
- Email us at CorteMaderaLions51@gmail.com

• Call 415-891-8406

See you there





Corned Beef andCabbage Feast



All You Can Eat \$17.00 Presales At the door \$18.00 No Host Bar



Saturday, March 11, 2017

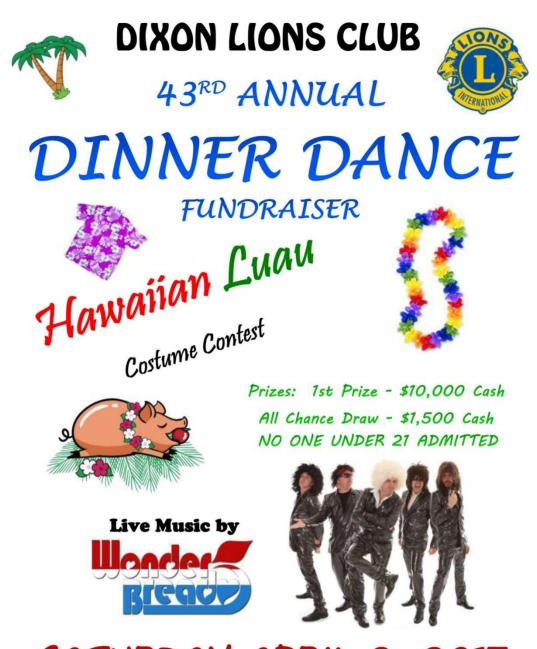
Windsor Community Center 901 Adele Drive, Windsor

Great Raffle Prizes

5:30 to 8:00 pm Call 838-4531 for Tickets Windsor Lions Club P.O. Box 6 Windsor, Ca. 95492 Sponsored by: Windsor Lions Club Windsor Firefighters Assoc.



All Proceeds benefit local community projects No Alcoholic beverages allowed to be brought onto the premises Dinner cost - \$5.00 Donation to Lions Club - \$13.00



SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2017

COCKTAILS: 6:00 PM / NEW YORK STEAK DINNER: 7:00 PM MADDEN HALL DIXON FAIRGROUNDS TICKETS: \$150 PER COUPLE

> Tickets available from any Dixon Lions Club Member or by calling James Bounds Jr (916) 396-6681

All proceeds benefit local Dixon charities, High School Scholarships, Toys for Tots, Sports programs and Lions Club Vision Programs

A publication of the Redwood Empire Lions Club

We need to let the other clubs in our District know that we have changed the time of our regular meetings so we can have some of the clubs come visit us.

<u>As you all know, we now meet on the first and third Tuesday of the</u> <u>month at 5:30 p.m. at The Arbor, 810 N. State Street Ukiah.</u>

Our Board meeting is held following the regular meeting on the third Tuesday at the Arbor. There are no meals at these meetings, so please plan on eating before or after the meetings. (You may bring takeout to the meeting if you so desire).

You're Editor, Lion Marge

Sign up for the Blue Print and receive all this great news each month

Hello Fellow Lions,

My name is Cyndi. I am the cabinet secretary and I am in the process of trying to get the hang of the district website and sending out information to all members that wish to receive information regarding the happenings in District 4-C2.

There are currently over 300 individuals on the email list to receive information. What I would like to ask you all to do is to reply to this email and cc my personal email, <u>bobcyndi2003@aol.com</u>, to give me your name and club information to update the address book.

If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to contact me at (707) 839-3768.

Also, if you are receiving this email and would prefer to be removed from further correspondence, please let me know.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Cyndi Wainwright



CRAB FEED 2017



Senator Mike McGuire and wife, Erica, guest of the Lions







Results are in for our annual Crab Feed and we continue to exceed all expectations. Michael Combs did an excellent job as project manager for this event. Mike not only recruited volunteers to work the Feed but also obtained donations for the raffle and advertising. special thanks goes to all the members, spouses and friends who worked the Crab Feed. Without your dedication this event would be impossible.

OUR CLUB NEEDS NEW MEMBERS! BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

Respectfully submitted by Lion President Bob Pounds

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE LIONS

Thanks to all of our hard-working members who made our annual Pancake Breakfast such a success. We made about \$2700, with a few outstanding bills to be paid and some ticket sales still to be turned in. I really appreciate Lion Phyllis stepping up to the plate and taking over for Lion Chris who was unable to complete this task due to an injury. We had great participation from both the Leos and the Scouts, as well as some additional help from the Host Club. It was WONDERFUL to see both Lion Pat and Lion Chris at this event. We have certainly missed their smiling faces at our meetings lately. Our next meeting will be our Student Speaker Contest, so please be on time. We would like to start at 6:30 so we can get our orders in and then be ready to be served after the contest. REMEMBER NO ONE CAN ENTER THE ROOM ONCE THE SPEAKERS HAVE STARTED. I hope to see you all on Tuesday and hopefully we will have some good news about winners from both the Cotati and Host club for those of you who bought squares on their

Super Bowl Boards.

Your Lion Prez, Sandy Below is some photos of those that helped, won prizes, or just ate.















What is the "Redwood Lions Memorial Foundation"?

The "Redwood Lions Memorial Foundation is a 501-C3 foundation that was set up in District 4C2 as a District project. The foundation consists of two separate funds, the "**Investment**" fund and the "**Disaster relief**" fund.

The "**Investment**" fund consists of monies that have been donated by individuals and corporations and this money is invested in dividend stocks, mutual funds and bond funds. The Dividends raised are used to support the Earle Baum Center, Lions Clubs and individuals in our district. This fund presently raises approximately \$25,000 per year with 75% being donated to various causes and 25% being re-invested.

The "**Disaster relief**" fund is monies received from Lion Clubs and individuals and is directed to immediate disasters, such as "the Valley Fire" and "the Clayton Fire" and other district needs . This money is not invested but is used to help victims immediately. Last year we received \$46,832.07 for the Valley Fire and spent over \$48,000.00 to help victims of this terrible disaster. So far this year we have received a \$10,000.00 grant from LCIF and we are working with the clubs around "South shore" to help people in need in that area. Any monies that clubs wish to donate to RLMF for our "disaster relief" fund shall be applied 100% to help those victims and other club needs in our district.

One of our major projects that we support is the "Earle Balm Center". We spend approximately \$10,000.00 each year helping the center with its vision projects. Last year we purchased a "multi use" printer (\$6795.00) that can be used by office personal as well as those that are visually impaired. The visually impaired can access, text to read, and use the available technologies to help them utilize the advantages of this machine.

We also spent \$ 2600.00 to upgrade the center lighting this last year.

We received a \$10,000.00 grant this year to be used for the "Quest" program in the Roseland school area. That money is now being applied as specified in that grant.

We plan to continue our \$10,000.00 donation each year to "Earle Balm Center" and appreciate any assistance from Clubs in District 4C2 to help us reach that goal. Our "Redwood Lions Memorial Fund" is also ready to assist Clubs in our district and we welcome any charity money it receives from clubs to help in that effort. If your club has charity monies in your budget and wish to help, please contact any member of the board of RLMF and they will be glad to assist you.

BOARD MEMBERS: (locate in district directory)

Barry Bialkoski – President

PDG Phyllis Rogers – Vice President PDG Robert Reuther – Secretary PDG Claude Schwarz – Treasurer PDG Buck Larson – Director Bob Zie - Director

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Fairfield HOST Lions Club

President Lion Francisco with Guest Speaker Virgil Sellers at the Club's Meeting on February 15th. Mr. Sellers is a Docent at the Historical Rush Ranch Homestead and also the Ranch's Blacksmith.







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Help the Lions to help others. Bring your used eyeglasses and hearing aids. These we recycle to people in need without the ability to pay or obtain through insurance coverage. Thank you in advance!



A Publication of the Lions Eye Foundation of California-Nevada, Inc.



How Surgery Changed a Young Man's Life

Eugene "BJ" Kriewitz came to the Lions Eye Clinic, not to improve his vision, but to correct his strabismus which is commonly called "crossed eyes." Strabismus is a condition in which the eyes are not properly aligned with each other. It typically involves a lack of coordination between the extraocular muscles, which prevents bringing the gaze of each eye to the same point in space.

While some may think of strabismus as just cosmetic, correcting this condition and his appearance were a priority for BJ and our doctors. BJ was born with alternating esotropia which is a form of strabismus, in which one or both eyes turn inward. The condition can be constantly present, or occur intermittently, and can give the individual a "crossed eyed" appearance. While both his eyes see well individually, he was not able to use his eyes together to achieve depth perception.

On top of that, as a young child he had trouble breathing which caused him to be in and out of hospital emergency rooms for the first three years of his life. His mother passed away early in his life, and due to financial restraints, BJ never had a chance to have the operation on his eyes. "I tried," stated BJ's father Butch, "but with no insurance and the quoted price of \$30,000 surgery was not possible."

Looking different than the other kids is very difficult, and having that difference confirmed by looking in a mirror is especially hard on one's self esteem. But BJ did pretty well and graduated from high school despite the ridicule and bullying he had to endure.

While visiting his dad and grandparents, BJ was introduced to Lion Al Neblett, a past district governor from District 4-C2. PDG Al was very familiar with the Foundation and is a LEF life member along with his wife Betty. Lion Al asked the Vallejo Executive Lions Club to sponsor this young man and thus offer him the opportunity to travel to San Francisco and be seen at the Lions Eye Clinic. BJ, his father Butch



BJ before surgery



BJ after surgery

Mission Statement: "The Lions Eye Foundation preserves and restores the gift of sight by providing free ophthalmic examinations, operations and medications to the less fortunate members of our community."

How Surgery Changed a Young Man's Life (cont.)

and Lion Al and his wife Betty traveled to California Pacific Medical Center for BJ's first appointment. After a number of appointments to confirm the measurements for his eye muscle surgery, BJ was given a surgical date.

BJ's strabismus surgery was performed by Dr. Jill Rotruck, chief resident at California Pacific Medical Center, and by her pediatric surgical attending physician, Dr. Alan Scott. Surgery involved the repositioning of the muscles in both eyes allowing BJ to have both eyes looking straight ahead at the same time. The day after the operation, BJ returned to the clinic to have his eye patch removed and his eyes checked. Curious about the result, BJ immediately picked up his cell phone and took a selfie. He was staring at the image on his cell phone and we all asked him how he felt. He said, with tears in his eyes, that he had never seen his eyes straight and both staring back at him.

Betty was so excited to see BJ's beautiful blue eyes and the smile on his face that she could not hold back her tears. Everyone said, "What a miracle." With this surgery, we were able to treat something even more important than how the world perceived BJ, we were able to change how BJ saw himself.

The before and after surgery pictures show the marked difference in BJ's eyes. The after photograph also shows the new self-confidence that BJ now has.

BJ's father stated, "I am so thankful to the doctors for donating their time and expertise to help my son. The services at the Lions Eye Foundation were spectacular though out our many visits and phone calls. I am also grateful for the Vallejo Executive Lions Club for sponsoring my son."

BJ is back at work and cannot wait to see his extended family and friends. BJ agreed with his father and added, "I wish to thank everyone involved in my care and surgery. This has been a wonderful gift. I am sure my life from here on out will be a lot better through employment and my ability to see normally."

CPMC Chief Resident Dr. Michael Hemond

Michael Hemond, MD, PhD was born and raised in the Boston area. He earned an undergraduate degree in Physics from Harvard University, and a PhD in Biophysics from Harvard University and the Harvard/MIT Program in Health Sciences and Technology.

Michael received his MD from Tufts University in Boston. Prior to moving to San Francisco, he completed his intern year in internal medicine at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, MA.

Michael was drawn to the CPMC Ophthalmology program because of the depth of its clinical and surgical experience as well as the knowledgeable faculty. In his free time he enjoys biking, running, sailing, hiking, and jazz.



Dr. Michael Hemond

For More Information: www.lionseyefoundation.com

While we wait for the State of California to inspect our new clinic, the big question on everyone's mind is, "When is the Lions Eye Clinic moving?"

Packed and we as so ready to go. Think positively.

From funds raised by our capital campaign, the Eye Foundation has purchased three new lasers for use in our clinic. In addition, LEF has purchased new stateambulatory surgery center (ASC) that will be built right outside the door of our

The clinic and our doctors are always looking to increase the number of patients referred to our clinic. Finding patients in need of our services can be as easy as checking in with your local optometrist, visiting a local medical clinic that provides free care, or talking to school nurses in your community. Lions Eye Foundation referral guidelines and forms are available on our website

www.lionseyefoundation.com.

We are in the business of helping people, but it costs money. Our total LEF budget for of our budgeted expenditures. Resource Development (which includes this newsletter) Amazingly wise and productive use of your hard-earned donations to the Foundation. if you are able, please consider making a donation to LEF.





Audrey Wottrich <audrey_wottrich@yahoo.com> Hi Lions, (I apologize if I sent this earlier) MARCH 18TH IS OUR ANNUAL EYEGLASS COLLECTION THIS YEAR. WE KEPT THE SAME WEEKEND, SO IT'S EASIER FOR CLUBS TO CALENDAR THIS. THERE IS A POSTER ATTACHED AS A PDF THAT YOU CAN TAILOR TO YOUR OWN CLUB! Good Luck this year. The first year we collected 50K glasses, last year 105K, so I'm excited to see the District numbers this year. You can add whatever you like to the collection

CELL PHONES, HEARING AIDS, FOOD ITEMS, CLOTHING! HIGH SCHOOLS SHOULD BE A GREAT RESOURCE FOR CELL PHONES. THEY CHANGE THEIR PHONES ALL THE TIME! Audrey / DG



Melvin Jones, founder and Secretary-General of Lions Clubs International.

What better way to ring in the Centennial than by celebrating the man who started it all? Nearly 100 years ago, Melvin Jones' vision became a reality when delegates of the first Lions club met to inaugurate what would become an international movement to improve the lives of vulnerable people around the world.

Jones' devotion to service embodied the values that have grown Lions Clubs International into the world's largest service organization. His vision carried Lions Clubs International into the 21st century and his legacy will propel it into the next.

Here's how it all began.

Biography

Melvin Jones was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, Arizona, the son of a United States Army captain who commanded a troop of scouts. Later, his father was transferred and the family moved east. As a young man, Melvin Jones made his home in Chicago, Illinois, became associated with an insurance firm and in 1913 formed his own agency.

He soon joined the Business Circle, a businessmen's luncheon group, and was shortly elected secretary. This group was one of many at that time devoted solely to promoting the financial interests of their membership. Because of their limited appeal, they were destined to disappear. Melvin Jones, then a 38-year-old Chicago business leader, had other plans.

"What if these men," Melvin Jones asked, "who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Thus, at his invitation, delegates from men's clubs met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born.

Melvin Jones eventually abandoned his insurance agency to devote himself full time to Lions at International Headquarters in Chicago. It was under his dynamic leadership that Lions clubs earned the prestige necessary to attract civic-minded members.

The association's founder was also recognized as a leader by those outside the association. One of his greatest honors was in 1945 when he represented Lions Clubs International as a consultant in San Francisco, California, at the organization of the United Nations.

Melvin Jones, the man whose personal code – "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else" – became a guiding principle for public-spirited people the world over, died June 1, 1961 at 82 years of age.





A Lion in winter: Inside a public speaking contest **By Bill Hicks** From page A2 | February 23, 2017

Call it full circle or being a prodigal son. Whatever the case, my employment at the Daily Republic has brought me back to where I grew up.

My coverage responsibilities have taken me to a lot of familiar places that shaped my early life – Armijo High School, Solano Community College, downtown Suisun City, NorthBay (nee Intercommunity) Medical Center and the mall, to name just a few.

I experienced another of those moments recently when I assisted as a judge for a high school speech contest presented by the Lions Club at the Benicia Grill (which I still think of as Lyons, oddly enough).

The fact that any students chose to participate was a wonder to me, meaning it's not something I would have willingly done at their age. Having been around high schoolers a lot in my career, I can say one universal dread nearly all of them have is being exposed to ridicule. There is a mind-numbing level of nervousness that comes with making a speech to a room filled with adults, performing in the school play or trying to hit the game-winning free throws.

So it's encouraging for the future to know there are plenty of determined, courageous teens out there willing to achieve even in the face of suffocating nervousness.

More important than this, however, was the difference in generations between club members (and judges) and the participants. It should be encouraging for everyone that these different generations interacted in this way.

Sometimes adults can get caught contemplating so-called good kids and bad. But there are no bad ones.

The "good" ones do things like compete in speech contests, baseball or play the violin but are also encouraged, supported and guided to do so by an array of helpful, thoughtful adults. The "bad" kids, in all great likelihood, don't have this support in place and have arrived at their less-than-desirable circumstances through no fault of their own.

Even those who eventually find themselves at odds with the law can be righted once again by even a small amount of support.

That's why the speech tournament is so important. The Lions keep alive an 80-year tradition, but beyond that, they make available civic leaders, their experience and knowledge, gained from a lifetime of professional service in one form or another, to the participants.

In video game terms, think of it as a group of people who have beaten a particular game, passing down cheat codes and shortcuts to a new group of players, helping them avoid pitfalls and obstacles. That's the great lesson this event can teach us all.

Don't see good and bad kids when looking at our community's teens, see yourselves in their faces instead. Every kid out there is just like someone else in this town. This is your time machine. To look upon teenagers is to travel to visit your younger self.

So what do you say to yourself? My advice is have some words of wisdom ready to share, but more importantly, just adjust the microphone, sit quietly and listen patiently.

Reach Bill Hicks at 427-6958 or bhicks@dailyrepublic.net.



Lions, Lioness and Leos

If you plan on entering any contest listed in the District 4-C2 2016 – 2017 Directory please turn to page 102 for instructions and Deadline date.

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President's Message



William VanLandingham of the Visalia Pride Lions Club and members of the Hanford Breakfast Lions Clubs, the Hanford Leo Club and other clubs in California came together to provide food, gas, supplies and toys to families who lost their homes to fires in Lake Isabella. Clubs will continue to meet local needs even as Lions Clubs International promotes a new service platform.

A New Service Platform for our Second Century

When I was younger in the 1960s, the winds of change blew. Then again, those winds are always blowing. "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future," President John F. Kennedy said. So we have to manage the inevitable change. "Change with direction" is how I like to put it. We need to change the world in a positive manner.

Lions Clubs International is changing with direction. We are moving ahead with a new service platform. Our past is still relevant, and we'll still help the blind, support youth and do the many things that clubs do. Besides focusing on vision, we'll control diabetes, address childhood cancer, protect the environment and curb hunger. These five areas represent our new global service framework.

Our work with diabetes will be emphasized. Diabetes is a rapidly growing scourge both in developed and developing nations. Lions will increase awareness and expand screening and treatment programs.

We'll also really step up our environmental efforts, which really matter to younger Lions and Leos. We'll work for clean water and air, better sanitation and more passive sources of energy.

As for vision, besides assisting the blind and continuing to build eye clinics and hospitals, we'll help those with impaired vision. We'll increase our eye screening of children and devote more resources to growing problems such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma. A common chord we will strike in serving will be supporting youth. We'll especially target pediatric cancer. Sadly, survival rates are as low as 10 percent in some nations.

We chose this framework after much study and consultation with Lions and Leos. We are confident our new global service framework matches the interests and capabilities of Lions and Leos.

Our goal is to serve 200 million people annually by 2021. That's an ambitious plan: it triples our current humanitarian impact. But we know that in the past when Lions have been asked to reach a goal they smashed past it.

The world is rapidly changing. Lions will meet that change with a renewed, refocused commitment to serving the world's needs. Our second century of service will greatly expand our scope and reach and ensure Lions remain the greatest force for good among all service groups.

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Chancellor Bob Corlew Lions Clubs International President

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Hello to all Bearcats, Big Sixes and Fish.

PLEASE, Heat up your Flivver and Breezes put on your Best Glad Rags and Wiggle up to the Joint and Meet all the Dolls and Daddy's who are 4-C2 (that would be you and me). Support our Bee's knee District Governor Audrey Wottrich. She will be Hitting All Sixes at the Joint (Red Lions Hotel in Redding, CA.)

Each Club will be receiving a package (mailed to the Club address or Secretary address that is in the Directory) from Marjean O'Neill, enclosed you will find 8 RAFFLE TICKETS each ticket is 10 clams (\$10.00) for a total of 80 rubles (\$80.00). The DRAWING Will Be on MARCH 26th, 2017.

4 are for: A Single Room - Double Occupancy, Thursday May 25, Friday May 26 and Saturday May 27, 2017.

(If you win and have already paid for these items, you will be Reimburse for the total amount, except Registration fee.)

If we bring in All 80 pounds of DOUGH from each club, then We will NOT have to call out the HARD BOILED AND BIMBO'S TO PROVIDE A CAPER WHICH WILL RAISE THE JACKS TO HELP COVER THE CLAMS FOR CONVENTION.

(all monies(check) and ticket stubs need to be returned to Marjean O'Neill, 7592 Beth Ct., RP 94928. (707)664-8511 On or By March 25th 2017 to ensure all sales are included in drawing) Package also includes copies of Conv. Registration Form, returned to Marjean. Food Fair and reminder to Glad Rags it up on Saturday, form return to Gill Medeiros. Delegates form return to Cyndi Wainwright if you have not already done so. All Presidents will receive a copy of the letter stating this. Thank you Eric for posting this and for Everyone waggling it up to Redding.

Marjean O'Neill, Registration

⁴ are for: Meals at Convention: This Ticket covers the PDG BBQ on Thursday Night, Dinner Friday Night, Breakfast Saturday, Dinner Saturday, Breakfast Sunday.

URGENT! THIS IS YOUR 2016-17 LIONS CLUBS OFFICER REPORTING FORM

Lion Secretary: Reporting newly elected club officers is extremely important to ensure that the new officers receive the information and material they will need for the coming year. You may report the new officers using the MyLCI Website or by mailing this printed form to International Headquarters (deadline May 15). Mailing instructions follow.

Changes in club officers during the fiscal year should be entered in MyLCI or sent to International Headquarters.

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Mailing instructions:

a. Send one copy to International Headquarters using the following address:

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E-mail: MemberServiceCenter@lionsclubs.org Fax: 630-706-9295 Phone: 630-203-3830

b. Alternatively, next year officers can be submitted via the MyLCI Website. http://mylci.lionsclubs.org

AFFIDAVITS AND CREDENTIALS, 101

Just a few reminders to make your credential and voting experience smooth.

The Affidavit form is in the Lions District Bulletin for the month of March and should be completed and mailed or faxed to BOTH the Credential Chairperson and the Cabinet Secretary by the club secretary after completing the April MMR. The club membership number from International is the official number used. Each club is entitled to at least one delegate and can have one additional for each 5 or more members past 10 who have been a Lion for 1 year and 1 day. If you have 40 members, you can have 4 delegates and 4 alternates. Past District Governors do not count as delegates for your club—they vote anyway—so they should not be added to your Affidavit forms.

The Credential desk will be open at Convention on Friday, May 26 during registration and again on Saturday, May 27. Credentials must be picked up by 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Voting is on Sunday, May 28 before 10 a.m. The credential form that you receive when your affidavit is confirmed must be turned in when you vote. One copy is returned to the delegate to be given to your club secretary to show that you have voted.

The Affidavit form must be signed by the club secretary AND the club president for the Affidavit to be valid. This attests that the delegates and alternates indicated are the ones chosen to represent your club's vote. If changes need to be made to your delegates or alternates the District Governor is available to sign the form at Convention. She can also sign your club's form if it was not sent in to the Credential Chairperson or Cabinet Secretary.

Please make certain that your club's financial obligations to Lions International and MD4 are current and that the Governor's records indicate that you are current. She will have an up-to-date list at Convention, but you could check with her Cabinet Secretary prior to going if you have questions.

If you need help filling out your Affidavit forms please call or e mail me and I will be happy to answer any questions.

Lion Veva Stone Credentials Chairman (707) 444-8569 vg.stone@yahoo.com

AFFIDAVIT OF OFFICIAL DELEGATES DISTRICT 4-C2 LIONS CONVENTION, RED LION, REDDING MAY 26-28, 2017

Please complete, sign and return at once to:

LION Veva Stone, Credentials Chairperson PO Box 6276, Eureka, CA 95502

Email: vg.stone@yahoo.com

AND:

LION Cyndi Wainwright, Cabinet Secretary 1885 Ocean Drive, McKinleyville, CA 95519

Email: bobcyndi2003@aol.com

ACCREDITED DELEGATES: Each club in good standing is entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members or major fraction thereof who has been a Lion for 1 yr. and 1 day. Membership number based on Lions International records as of APRIL 1, 2017.

The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members.

Only delegates from clubs in good standing will be accredited by Lions Clubs International to vote at the District 4-C2 Convention. "IN GOOD STANDING" means all fiscal obligations of a club to the Lions Club International, Multiple District 4 and District 4-C2 are current thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the District 4-C2 Convention.

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Very important to keep up with District 4-C2 Happenings

<u>If you are not receiving</u> the "BLUE PRINT" send your Name, Address, Club and E-mail address to the District Webmaster Cyndi Wainwright Most of the District Information is sent out to the members by the District Bulletin and the Web. It is important that the members know what is going on in District 4-C2 And Beyond

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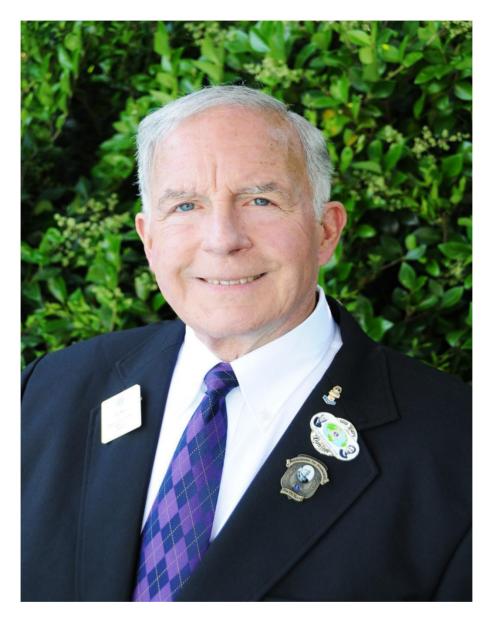
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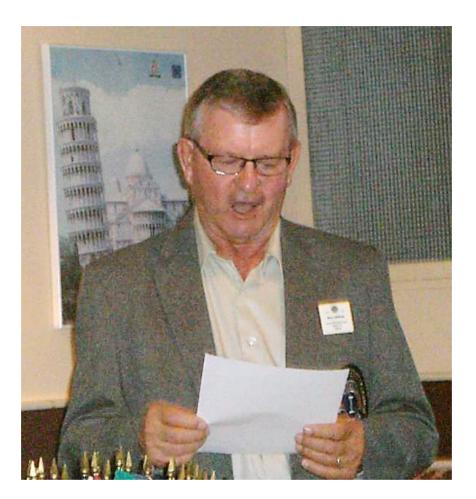
The San Rafael Las Gallinas Lions proudly congratulate and our support Les Mize as the

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Second Vice District Governor



Barry Bialkoski District 4-C2 for 2016 – 2017



IPDG Phyllis Rogers wishes to thank District 4-C2 for her Extraordinary year and congratulates incoming District 4-C2 Governor Audrey Wottrich for a great

2016 - 2017

PDG Buck Larson

And the Cloverdale Lions Club congratulates



PDG Buck Larson and the Cloverdale Lions Club congratulate District 4-C2 Governor Audrey Wottrich and wishes her a very successful 2016 - 17.

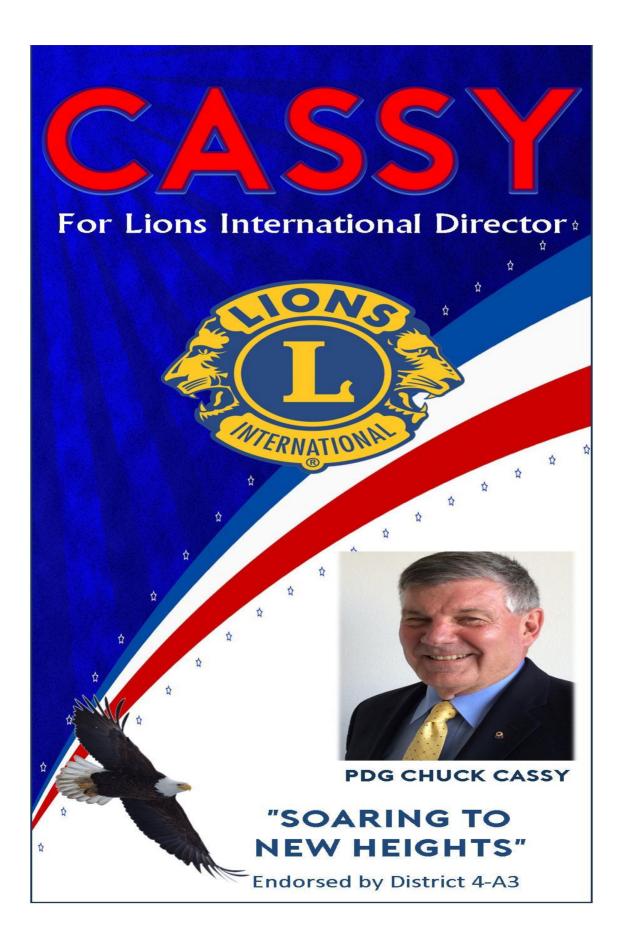
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Congratulates District Governor Audrey Wottrich 1st VDG Les Mize 2nd VDG Barry Bialkowski Cabinet Members and the Lions of District 4-C2 Best wishes for a successful 2016-17



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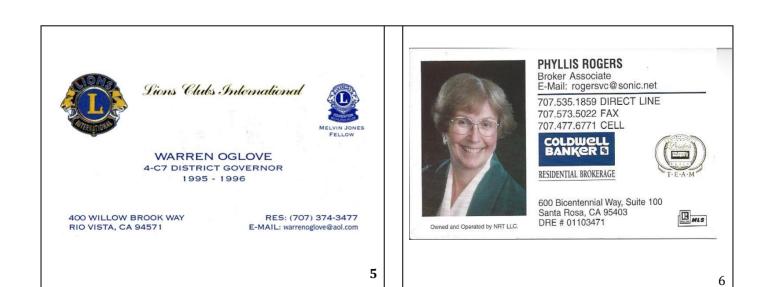
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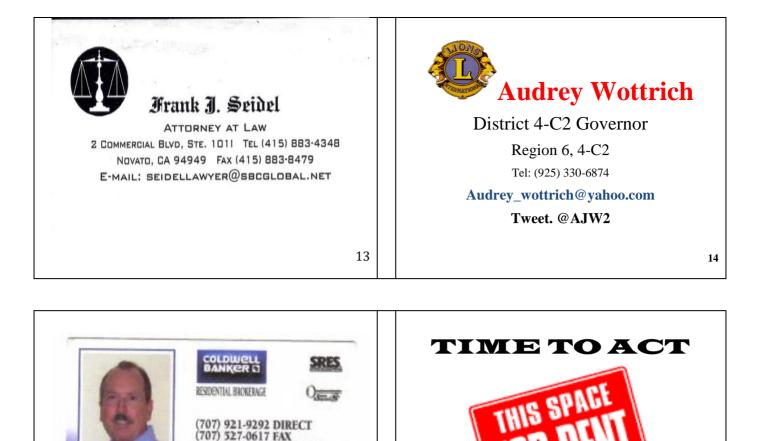
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