

# 4C2 DISTRICT BUZZ



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**DECEMBER NEWS**   

**DG JOE MASSONI**

**1VDG CINDY LEMAS-GILLESPIE**

**2VDG BEVERLEE BLOCK**

**CAB SEC. CYNDI BAINBRIDGE**

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**DG JOE's YEAR END MESSAGE.** My fellow Lions, I hope everyone had a safe & Merry Christmas & I hope you all have a safe & Happy New Year.

I don't have a lot of business for this letter – just a few items that we need to keep in mind. Our CABINET MEETING will be held on FEB. 27, 2021. It will be from 8.30 AM to 12.00 PM. An agenda will be sent out by the end of January. We'll be discussing our budget & items that will be on the ballot at our convention. Starting later in January, I'll start making Zoom meetings with clubs, or by Zone or Region – we're not sure yet. More information to come shortly. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Beverlee will be holding a Zoom meeting on District projects on Jan. 16, 2021 at 6.30 PM. Meeting information with login will be following shortly.

I want to thank everyone who attended the 1<sup>st</sup> District 4C2 online Christmas party. We all had a grand old time, looked at ugly Christmas sweaters, told stories about Christmas ornaments, played online games & just had a good old time. I'd like to thank my 2 VDG's, Lions Cindy & Beverlee, for their time & effort put into this project.

I want to give a shout-out to the LONG VALLEY LIONS club & the LAYTONVILLE LIONS club for stepping up & helping a family that lost their home & everything they owned! Members went out & bought them food, clothing, a safe place to stay & even got their car fixed. Thanks for the hard work you've done.

I know we're still on 'stay at home' orders due to Covid 19. I understand that for some clubs, it's hard to meet & many service projects have been lost over the past 10 months, but I'm hoping that w/the vaccine out, we may be back to some form of normal by the summer. Until then, do your best, stay safe & remember that

**WE SERVE!**

Happy New Years , DG Joe.

## SAN GERONIMO VALLEY LIONS

What a great idea! A safe place to fix your bike, with everything you need to do the job!



After months of planning/discussion, the SGV Lions have installed a Dero Fixit bicycle repair station @ the Lagunitas Deli in Lagunitas. Located in the west side parking lot, this Station allows a bike to be placed by the seat post, high enough to work on the wheels, gears & brakes, using the many tools hanging below. There's also an air pump with pump station to hold the wheel. The Station is made of heavy duty steel & the tools hang by steel cables. SGV Lions look forward to their valley residents utilising the Station, as well as the many bike riders enjoying the scenic roads. Many thanks go to property owner Jonathan, deli owner, Loring, Van Midde & sons Concrete, Supervisor Rodoni & Lions Ted, Jerry & Andy for all their time, efforts & consideration they put into this project. A formal unveiling is proposed for the Spring!

## RIO VISTA LEO CLUB

Club members prepared goody bags for seniors at the local community center, including popcorn, candy kisses & a message. They tied them with green ribbons, showing their continued support for mental health. These same green ribbons were hung around town earlier in the year to support this very worthy cause. The bags were given to Rio Vista Food Pantry, to include in their annual Holiday care packages. NICE JOB LEOS!



## RIO VISTA LIONS CLUB

If you drive on Hwy 12 from Fairfield to Rio Vista, you may have seen a new sign, soon to be completed, welcoming visitors to the town! This was Rio Vista Lions President in 2016, Jason Miller's idea - a Legacy Project, as part of the Centennial Event. Working with the City of Rio Vista has been a long and sometimes frustrating experience, but as Lions, we can't wait for the 'grand opening'!! Lion Jason moved to Florida due to a promotion with the Coast Guard, and I for one, can't wait to send him photographs of the new **'WELCOME TO RIO VISTA'** sign that he spear-headed.

## MD4 PEACE POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS



### Peace and Service

Everybody wants and needs peace in their lives. People think peace is two things: stillness and nature. But, people have forgotten that another way to peace is through service. "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."-Mahatma Gandhi. Service can be in many different forms. It could be just offering a homeless a bus ticket or money, to serving your country in the military. Helping others not only benefits them, but also offers the giver inner peace.

An example of this is clearly shown in Alvin York. He was drafted into the first world war in 1917 after the Germans started attacking the US ships in the Atlantic ocean. Alvin didn't want to go to war at first because he didn't want to kill people. But his captain allowed him a few days off to think, York came back determined to stop the war in any way he could. Then after a close friend died while the troops moved closer to Germany, York decided he needed to stop the war quickly. Then in October 8th York led maybe over 100 German prisoners into the American camp instead of killing them. When York met with his commanding officer he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. Then in 1919 he was recognized by President Wilson.

As you have seen above, that is one of the rewards you can receive when you serve. It really makes you feel good about what you're doing. But now, because of COVID, we have been forced to stay home and some people even lost their jobs. I so far haven't been able to help much, but many people I know have. Kids my age serving at food pantry giving out of work families the food they need to survive so that they can use their other resources for more essential things. While most of us are serving there is still much chaos around. Some of the most known are protests, near crash of the stock market, and the closing of many businesses.

In my experience so far, service is a very good root to peace. I hope everybody will help to do this.

The winning poster came from a student in District L 3, 🏆 while the winning essay was written by a student from L 2. 🏆 ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

**LATEST 4C2 CONVENTION NEWS!** Plans are going ahead for our convention in Reno on May 13-16. MD4 convention happens the following weekend, also in Reno! So keep thinking positive thoughts, so we can spend time with friends & family again!!! 🤝 😊 🙏



## DIXON LIONS CLUB



These guys should be re-named the 'Ever-ready Bunnies' 🐰🐰 because they just never stop! On Christmas Eve they helped a local community Christmas club pack bags of gifts that were delivered that same night! The club donated \$3000 to this organisation, \$500 to Dixon Family Services and just for good measure, they also picked up trash!

## 4C2 HAS A NEW LIONS CLUB - LONG VALLEY LIONS. (Formerly known as Laytonville Lioness)

Because LCI won't acknowledge Lioness clubs after June 31<sup>st</sup> unless they became a Lions club, Laytonville Lioness wanted to do this, and are now the LONG VALLEY LIONS CLUB!

They jumped right in - before they were completely official! They heard of a family in the Covelo area that desperately needed help after a fire. Long Valley members pulled out all the stops, working with Laytonville Lions & others, to provide the family with what they needed - food, clothing, a place to stay, plus finding someone that was willing to donate a car they weren't using.

Even during a pandemic, Lions are working tirelessly to help people in desperate need.

FORT BRAGG/MENDOCINO LIONS CLUB. Necessity is the mother of invention they say, so due to the restrictions with the virus, club members prepared 40+ Holiday dinners for seniors as a 'Drive Up' event instead of a sit-down, indoor dinner. It went off very well! Great job Lions!



## DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 118 million Christmas trees currently growing on farms in the USA, all planted by farmers. Thanks to the farmers, we get to enjoy the joyful scent & natural beauty in our homes & offices all season long. 🎄 🎄 🎄

With 7.8 million trees cut & sold, growers in Oregon, N. Carolina & Michigan accounted for 2/3 of all cut Christmas trees sold in the US.

1193 farms produced 46.7 million poinsettias last year, with California & N Carolina leading in the number of plants grown, according to the 2019 Census of Horticultural Specialities.

Many thanks to 1VDG Beverlee Block for this info!

Discussion is still underway on the best way forward with the 2021 Student Speaker contest! (To hold it or not to hold it, that is the

Question) 🐾 🐾



## LCIF IN 2021.

PDG Phyllis Rogers & I want to wish you a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** & hopefully see a return to our former lives in a new, positive way.

1. LCIF Campaign 100 wants to reach a goal of \$300 million by the 2022 convention.
2. JAN 11-16 is designated as LCIF week to celebrate the birth of founder Melvin Jones, born Jan. 14, 1879.

Please encourage your club to donate to LCIF. Every time our district has a disaster LCIF comes through for us. The Glass Fire in 2020, we received an emergency grant of \$10,000. Since LCIF's founding in 1968, we've received a total of \$411,099.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - TO CELEBRATE LCIF WEEK, in Jan. 2021, an anonymous Lion in 4C2 will match any individual or corporate gift combined, up to \$3000 made in Jan., Feb., or Mar., 2021. So, if you give LCIF's suggested \$100 annual donation to Campaign 200, it'll be matched to \$200. We can turn \$3000 into \$6000 by simply having individual or corporate giving totalling \$3000. A great way to thank LCIF.**

**YOU CAN EASILY DO IT!**

We want you to receive recognition for your generosity by receiving credit towards a Melvin Jones. Giving amounts under individual names accumulate in perpetuity. Just have your membership number & club number on your donation. (Your club Secretary will have the information). Donations can be made on the LCIF website:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

or by check sent to: LCIF DONOR SERVICE DEPT, 300 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> St OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS 60523-8842.

Let's take advantage of this generous Anonymous offer of \$3000, reach our goal of \$6000 by Mar. 31, 2021, to celebrate the New Year on a positive note & in appreciation for what LCIF has done for our district.

PDG Bob Reuther, Co-co-ordinator.



Who knows what happens next as far as Lions meetings, the Corona Virus etc? Zoom will probably still be our major way to communicate in 2021, but clubs have each formed their own best way to stay in touch!

### ZOOM CHRISTMAS PARTY.


Although attendance was not huge, those of us that did 'Zoom in' enjoyed themselves! The ugly sweater contest was won by 'The Borjon's' from Kelseyville Host Lions club, who out-did themselves! PDG Barry Fredenburg, in a sweater lit up with Christmas lights, was runner-up!

Ferndale Lion Dave Griffith has grown the bushiest & longest beard since I saw him last, and there was some discussion on a fundraising idea, where Lions could bid on shaving it off!!

Thanks to VDG's Cindy & Beverlee who arranged the

event! 🤝🤝🤝

ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THE RE-START OF YOUR CLUB MEETINGS? WHY NOT JOIN THE ONLINE LEADERSHIP MEETING, SO WHEN YOU MEET YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS AGAIN, YOU'LL HAVE GREAT ENTHUSIASM & KNOWLEDGE TO SHARE! YOU WONT REGRET IT!



**- "SAVE THE DATE" -**  
**MD-4 LIONS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**  
**JANUARY 9, 2021 8:30AM-12:30PM (PST) ONLINE EVENT**

Hello California Lions and Beyond! The Multiple District 4 Global Leadership Team is proud to present this, the second in our series of the "MD-4 Lions Leadership Summits" to all California Lions. It is the goal of the Global Leadership Team to provide California Lions with the leadership tools they need to succeed in the current world climate. To Pre-Register for this event simply click on the link below.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZMtf-GhazosE9eS5L3H-T3X9zVk9sLksti72>



**TOPICS:**

**"Do We Really Want To Do That? Being Relevant and Meaningful"** Presented by Lion Jama Wahl from MD1  
Click here to get a sneak peek at this topic — <https://youtu.be/rj36RVRkIHM>

**Member Retention - "Hakuna Matata" - "What does it mean to you?"** Presented by Lion Brian Sheehan, 2nd Intl VP  
Click here to get a sneak peek at this topic — <https://youtu.be/49xITLIHWVs>

**"A Little Bit Service - A Little Bit Rock and Roll"** Presented by Lion Anne Smarsh from MD-19  
Click here to get a sneak peek at this topic — <https://youtu.be/RQAxMMKkb20>

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Thank you for your time...



**MEDICAL UPDATE FROM  
AROUND THE DISTRICT.**

**SANTA ROSA HOST LIONS**

John Horwath has had surgery and is now recuperating well at home, with lots of help from everyone. He said that 'golf is out for the moment!'

**NAPA HOST LIONS**

Rich Myers is home at last, under strict medical care, but is also recuperating well. Rich's wife Laurel says he has a long recovery ahead, but with plenty of family help, they're trying to get back to a normal life again.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO LET ME KNOW WHO'S SICK, HAD SURGERY, OR PASSED AWAY IN YOUR CLUB, SO I CAN MENTION IT IN THE 4C2 BULLETIN. THESE LIONS APPRECIATE HEARING FROM FELLOW LIONS WHILE THEY RECUPERATE AT HOME - SOMETIMES ALONE!**

**HAPPY 96<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY TO ONE OF OUR  
FAVORITE LIONS - MARGE PARDINI!!**



Marge is a member of Ukiah Redwood Empire Lions club, and was married to PDG Julio Pardini for many years! Sadly, we lost Julio a few months ago! 'Happy Birthday to you,

Happy Birthday to you,

Happy Birthday dear Margie,

Happy Birthday to you!' ♥ ♥

They say the best gifts come in small packages, and Marge is certainly one of them! Petite, she may be, but she has a giant heart!!

**SANTA ROSA LIONS CLUB.** Club President, Jim Oswald & Lion DeeDee Byrne were busy at the Farmers Market before Christmas, selling 'Sees Candies'. Yum!





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## MD4 Youth Protection 2020/2021

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December 17, 2020

**TO:** Governor Teams and Youth Protection Officers/Advisors/Liaisons

**FROM:** MD4 Youth Protection Committee

### **MD4 Area Youth Protection Roundtable Meetings – January**

District Governors were recently informed the Youth Protection Committee has scheduled Area meetings during the month of January 2021. The purpose of these meetings is to provide each Area an opportunity to share any concerns, ask for clarification and share ideas pertaining to the MD4 Youth Protection Policy and Procedures. Committee members will also review the most recent updates that have taken place.

It is encouraged for Governor Teams, District Youth Protection Officers, and LEO Advisors attend their designated Area meeting. If for some reason you are not able to participate in the designated meeting for your Area, please feel free to join in on any one of other Area Meetings. Schedule and Zoom meeting links are as follows:

Area 1 - Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – 7:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89027636688?pwd=Wm9vS1dwbUIMM2h1UXExVXphc1MyZz09>

Meeting ID: 890 2763 6688      Passcode: 042693

Area 2 – Tuesday, January 19, 2021 – 6:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85719890692?pwd=OE56M1krNzZ1cUNhK1BzamhDV3Q1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 857 1989 0692      Passcode: 984530

Area 3 – Thursday, January 21, 2021 – 6:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89203105645?pwd=RzBUelRCOG9YM3dERFJ2b1I3N21Wdz09>

Meeting ID: 892 0310 5645      Passcode: 691117

Area 4 – Wednesday, January 27, 2021 – 6:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81107533735?pwd=VWU1a1dDSDg5SThwZ1MxRlp3TGFiQT09>

Meeting ID: 811 0753 3735      Passcode: 275618

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Area Youth Protection Officer or myself.

IPDG Juanita Nichols  
Area 3 – Youth Protection Officer



# Seenager

I **JUST** discovered my age group! I am a **Seenager** (senior teenager).

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 55-60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared? And I don't have acne. Life is Good!

Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a **Seenager**. Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains. Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is **NOT** a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

## **SO THERE!**

I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names. So please forward this to your friends; they may be my friends, too.

**(THIS WAS COURTESY OF A LOCAL SOCIAL MEDIA SITE. IT MADE ME GIGGLE, SO HOPEFULLY IT WILL AMUSE THOSE OF YOU WHO ALSO FALL INTO THIS AGE GROUP!).**

HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!

