

4C2 DISTRICT BUZZ



JANUARY NEWS

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DG JOE'S MESSAGE

Well, the 1st month of 2021 has already gone by! It was quiet on our part due to the increased Corona Virus spread during the month. February will be different.

First, I'd like to go over the changes to the **STUDENT SPEAKER** contest.

No **CLUB** contest before Mar.1, 2021, but on/before Mon. 15, 2021.

ZONE contest on/before Mon. Mar. 29, 2021.

REGION contest on/before Mon, Apr. 19,2021.

DISTRICT contest on/before Mon. May 3, 2021.

AREA contest on/before Mon. May 10, 2021.

FINAL during joint COG or convention TBD May 18-23, 2021.

Club, Zone & Region contests may be held either LIVE OR VIA ZOOM.

District, area & MD4 finals MUST BE HELD LIVE.

Also, the contest may be cancelled at any time by the Student Speaker Foundation. These are the rules that we must live with this year due to Covid-19.

Next, we have an **ONLINE AUCTION** coming up. This was the idea of Zone chair Kyle Noble & 2nd VDG Beverlee Block. The money raised will be used to help lower the cost of our Convention & a great idea. Let's support this when the convention comes out.

Next, we'll be having our 3rd **CABINET MEETING** on Feb, 27, 2021 via Zoom. We thought we may be able to go live, but Covid-19 is still holding us closed. We have a great agenda which Cabinet Sec. Cyndi will mail out shortly. We'll be going over ballot items for the convention in May. Should be exciting!

I'd like to thank PDG Barry Fredenburg for his years as the Directory Editor. He did a great job. If anyone is willing to help 1st VDG Cindy for her directory, please give her a call,

Also, a great big thank you to 2nd VDG Beverlee on her meeting on having projects in the district. I heard it was well-attended & that lots of valuable information was discussed between those involved. I was unable to attend due to a prior family commitment.

Sat. Jan, 23rd, I was honored to install the new **LAYTONVILLE LONG VALLEY LIONESSE-LIONS club.**

This project was made possible by many hours of phone calls by 1st VDG Cindy & the President of Long Valley Lioness club, Michael Ann Prickett. We have 16 new members to welcome to our district. They're already working hard helping a fire-victim family in Covelo. They've purchased clothes, bedding, medicines & found them a place to live. Great work by a new club.

Our Convention committee has been working hard to get things ready for our Convention in Reno, on May 13-16. We'll have room rates & meal plans out shortly. We have our fingers crossed we can do this LIVE! Our visiting International Director will be Billy Blankenship.

The International Convention scheduled for June 2021 in Montreal, Canada, has been cancelled, due to Covid-19. It will be held online & anyone can attend. More information coming soon. There will be a registration fee charged to attend the meeting.

Anyone interested in running for the office of 2nd VDG needs to get their letters of intent & letters of support from their club, prior to the Cabinet meeting in February. Looking forward to a great month & the upcoming Cabinet meeting. Please stay safe! DG Joe.

CLUB NEWS IN 2021!

FAIRFIELD HOST – Sad news from the club today (Jan 5th) Lion Roy Hockett passed away, known & loved by everyone that knew him. He joined the club when they met at the Fairfield Bowl, a time when Host Lions had 70+ members & were known as ‘the happening’ club around town! Roy flew B52’s loaded with ‘nukes’ in the Air Force, and later in life he owned & operated Dover Realty. He was the epitome of generosity & kindness according to all who knew him! 🌻 🌻

McKINLEYVILLE LIONS CLUB

Club members donated \$1000 to the **BRIDGEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**, to help them replenish MRE’s and other items they keep on their trucks.




NAPA VALLEY HOST LIONS CLUB regretfully decided to give up its charter. Formed in 1931, the club has been a huge part of Napa Valley’s service history. Sadly most of the members have been affected by Covid-19, due to age/health conditions. The good news is that Lion Rich Myers is gaining strength slowly, as he’s been very ill. Rich & Laurel have been Lions for 40 years, and inspired their whole family to join them. Sadly they lost their daughter Jaymie to cancer. They were the face of Elections & Credentials for many years – Rich was ‘handed’ the election box in 1984 & continued to hold this job until PDG Phyllis’ Convention in 2015/2016. Laurel continued to help with Credentials up until last year! It was ill health that forced their retirement from a job they both loved. Rich held most offices up to Deputy DG, while Laurel was the charter president of Greater Napa Valley Lions. Please keep them in your thoughts & prayers, send them best wishes, plus thanks for everything they’ve contributed to their community. Now it’s their time to get well.

DIXON LIONS CLUB announced the 5th annual **RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS** program. For 60+ years, Dixon Lions club has served their community w/donations & volunteering time for those in need! Today, each member will be given \$100 to use to perform Random Acts of Kindness in their community. The goal of this program is to give each member who has shouldered that responsibility, a personal say in how some of the money they helped raise, is donated to the community. This program will create members ‘to do something nice’ during the season of giving & sharing. It’s Dixon Lions club’s way of thanking the community for supporting their club. By expanding the club’s sphere of influence with this program, Dixon Lions club hopes to help out additional individuals that might not otherwise have received aid from somewhere else.

(more from Dixon Lions later in this newsletter)

The CA LIONS CARE month long food drive was certainly paved with good intentions, but in reality it's not viable here in many parts of CA. CDC COVID 19 rules currently in place mean Food Banks in many areas are not accepting food donations, as they are considered tainted. Monetary donations help them the most until CDC rules/regs are lifted. I'm trying to find out from the organisers if 4C2 can still compete by raising money.



Membership EXPERIENCE
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CA LIONS CARE

JOIN US FOR A MONTH LONG NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION DRIVE

WHO: All Lions of California
WHEN: Feb 1-28, 2021
WHERE: _____
BENEFITING: _____

DIXON LIONS CLUB is currently selling tickets to their Mar. 13 BBQ fundraiser, which raises funds to support DHS senior scholarships. BBQ tri-tip, baked beans, potato salad & bread for only \$15 per meal! Please contact any Dixon Lions club member for tickets, or respond via their Facebook page.

Since the clubs' chartering in 1954, proceeds from past fundraising events have gone to Team Dixon, Dixon Unified School District, Dixon Toys for Tots, Dixon Schools Athletic Boosters, Dixon Relay for Life, Dixon H.S. scholarships, Wreaths across America, Dixon Bids for Kids, Dixon Destination Imagination, Dixon Dolphins swim team, Dixon Youth Sports programs, DHS Open House, DHS Sober Grad Night, Dixon FFA, Dixon Elem. School outdoor education trips & Lions clubs vision programs. For more info, please go to:

<http://e-Clubhouse.Org/sites/DixonCA>



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion Leader,

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

- **Everyone's invited** – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- **Registration fees** – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- **Current registrants** – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- **Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.



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Disaster



Diabetes



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Youth



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Greetings District 4C2 Lions!

Hoping this finds everyone safe and healthy!

It looks like we will still not be able to meet , in large groups, for awhile. But with the vaccine rolling out, hopefully we will start seeing some light at the end of the tunnel.

If you are feeling disconnected from your Lions family, give them all a call. Check-in with each other. This is not going to be forever. Right now, our clubs can start talking about and planning for when things start opening up.

One thing I have learned, during this time, is as Lions, we are creative and finding ways to still serve our communities.

A fun idea to do from home, is writing up some Valentine cards and send to your local Veterans, hospital/clinic staff, and rethome residents. Each club member can buy a pack of 20, and write a special note in each card. Let them know your Lions Club cares! Perhaps one of your members can then pick up the cards from everyone and deliver to the designated location. It is not expensive, and something to keep your club connected in your community.

There are numerous clubs that are creating fundraising events such as 'drive up/pick up' meals, online auctions and fundraising drives. It is a great way to still raise funds, and being safe.

Clubs have created service projects; food drives, volunteering at local food banks, making masks, providing meals for the homeless and seniors.

There are a lot of clubs that are meeting online through Zoom or Google meet, etc. Where it is certainly not the same as being in person, it is still connecting, taking care of business, and planning future events.

I would LOVE to 'zoom' in and say hello, during one of your online meetings! Please invite me! I will bring my famous 'Wheel of Service' game for one of your members to win a prize!

In the meantime, stay safe, and continue to serve in any way you can!

Yours in Lionism,
1VDG Cindy !

RIO VISTA LIONS CLUB ESTABLISHES a 501C3 FOUNDATION.

The club decided to form a 501C3 Foundation to handle all of their charitable projects. It was felt, that being a tax deductible charity, would increase participation by the public. PDG Warren Oglove was tasked with handling the paperwork involved. Below is an explanation of what has to be done.

First of all, Lions Clubs international must give their blessing. They have a couple of very important directions. The foundation must have the Lions club & locale in the name. They require other paperwork, which is simple, as they provide samples. They provided sample By-Laws for the foundation & a sample of the Minutes of a club formal meeting, at which, the club members approve the Foundation. One of their requirements is the club be a Corporation. Once incorporated, you need a tax ID number, as the Corporation is a separate entity from the club. Then comes the fun. The IRS has a form 1023, which is the form used to gain approval from the IRS. They have a form 1023EZ, if the charity has under \$50,000 income annually. As our club surpasses that amount, we had to file the long form. It's only 28 pages. Once Lion Warren reviewed it all, he decided he needed a person familiar with 501C3 organisations. He lucked out, as his cousin was good friends with an attorney that works for a 501C3 organisation. He talked to the attorney & found that they would help, however, not in an official capacity. They would give advice only, at no charge. There are companies willing to handle the paperwork for groups wishing to gain tax exemption status. Their costs run over \$1000. A lot of the questions on the form 1023 deal with the political side of things. Many of the large PAC's are registered charities, allowing a person to donate to a particular political party & receive a tax deduction. Another issue with the IRS has to deal with are scholarships/grants to individuals. The IRS wants 5 years of financial information from the applicant. I was working from the 5 years of our club's tax returns. A real job! It was time to talk to our 'advisor'! She asked how long we've been organised & I told her over 80 years. 'WRONG' she said. We've been organised for 1 month. That's how long our Foundation has been in existence. She gave me a friendly lecture on how to answer questions etc. Mainly there are no answers as we've been in existence for the month. After she was done with me, I felt as if I were a criminal & I was going before a Hearing Officer. The paperwork was finished & has been submitted to the IRS. Once filed, the IRS allows the foundation to act as a 501C3, as they say approval may take 6 months or longer. Rio Vista Lions club Foundation is now up & running. One last comment. All that has to be changed at the club level, is the charitable bank account. It has to reflect the name of the Foundation AND ... the Foundation files separate tax returns. It's a separate business

Submitted by PDG Warren Oglove/Rio Vista Lions club.



- "SAVE THE DATE" -

MD-4 LIONS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

MARCH 13, 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 *third* 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/j/8441111111>

TOPICS:

- "Taking A Deep Dive Into Mentoring"* Presented by PID Lion Bruce Beck from MD-5M
- "Ways To Measure Your Club's Success"* Presented by PDG Lion Jay Moughon form MD-24
- "Instilling Passion & Pride In Your Lions Members"* Presented by PCC Lion Polly Voon from MD-19



For more information and to be placed on the mailing list for this Summit and future Leadership Events and Programs in MD-4
 email: norm@lionsleadershipforum.com
 or visit our FB page <https://www.facebook.com/MD4LLS>
 Thank you for your time...



Disclaimer: In order to graduate from the Institute, you will need to attend **ALL 4** sessions as listed. If you cannot commit to attending ALL 4 sessions, please Do Not register. As with the live institute, I will be keeping track of attendance daily and report to LCI Leadership. This is important for those individuals who need this institute to further their Lions education.

Institute dates are as follows:
 January 23, 2021, 9 am to 1 pm
 February 27, 2021, 9 am to 1 pm
 March 27, 2021, 9 am to 1 pm
 April 24, 2021, 9 am to 1 pm

If you plan on registering, please mark your calendar **NOW** with these dates and times.

Cirruclim will be as follows: (not in order of presentation)

- Opening Session
- Diversity
- Lions Fundamentals
- Local Issues and Opportunitites
- Motivating Club Members
- Personal Mission Statement
- Public Speaking
- Setting and Reaching Goals
- Time Management
- Additional Surprise Session

An agenda will be emailed before each session along with the materials needed. Be sure to print out the material and place it in a notebook for use during the sessions. Keep this notebook handy which you can use as a reference guide long after the institute. For those who prefer to do things electronically, that's OK. Just be sure you have the material ready to view and follow along with.

Any questions, please reach out to me.

Thanks for listening...

Registration Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8441111111>

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Call for online Auction items!

For District 4C2 February Cabinet meeting!

Gift certificates or items representing your local area

Household Gadgets! Tickets to your next fundraiser! Gift Baskets!

Homemade Pies! White Elephant Christmas Gifts! Restaurants

Please be sure all prepared baked/cooked items adhere to Health Regulations

Tickets to a local attraction! Be creative! Wineries! Hotel Stays

(ABC requirements: Actual bottles of wine not allowed)

**Please submit up to 5 photos (with written description) of donations to
1VDG Cindy Lemas-Gillespie: tcandc@mcn.org by February 25th.**

**The Online Auction begins Friday, February 12 and will close two hours
after the conclusion of the District meeting on Saturday, February 27.**

**For rules and more information,
email: 2VDG Beverlee Block
beverleeblock@rocketmail.com**



**Due to COVID this will replace
our regular raffle prizes during
our cabinet meetings.**

