

# The Lionizer

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District Governor Bill Ridle



Strengthen the Foundation

Cabinet Secretary Darlene Ridle District Treasurer Nancy Miller



## William "Bill" Ridle Governor's Message Happy New Year!

Looking forward to continuing to serve you and our communities. **With the hope of the COVID vaccine on the way, it is the shot in the arm we need** to get back to a **new type of normal**. One that can include **both** the new ideas we have learned while dealing with the challenges of COVID and the ability once again to meet, do service and fundraise in person.

**Thank you District 4-C3** for your continued work in your clubs and communities. I know that it has been difficult but many of you have found a way to serve safely. Our District has continued to work hard during the pandemic. Lions have stepped up to continue to provide service and/or much needed donations to numerous projects:

- Food Banks and Food Pantries
- Personal Protection Equipment to Senior Housing residences
- Funds for Wildfire Disasters and COVID related issues.
- School Supplies and equipment

Let us continue moving forward. We have been able to **find new members, keep most of our existing members** and **install a new club, Oakland Feed the Need**. We are strengthening our foundation of Lions and Lion's projects. We have **learned new ways to stay in contact** and **achieve our goals** via ZOOM, Constant Contact, Facebook along with new and revised websites and communications.

Look for the following meetings and projects in the coming weeks:

### February

**13<sup>th</sup> District Meeting 10 AM to Noon**  
**Open Mic Noon to 2 PM**  
**Topics:** Childhood Cancer Projects, Presentation by Disaster Chair Mike McDowell, Introduction of Candidates for District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and Statewide Food Drive (Coming soon – dates and drop off locations in our District)

**19-21 Council of Governor's Meeting, San Jose, CA (also on-line)**

### March

**1-15 Student Speaker Club Contest.** The Student Speaker Club, Zone and Region contests can be held live or via live zoom. The remaining contests **MUST** be live (these are funded by the Student Speaker Foundation).

**I want to thank you all again** and Darlene and I look forward to working with each of you to finish this Lion's year strong!

*Bill*

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# James Varghese 1st Vice District Governor

## The Year of Pandemic and the Hope

-James Varghese, First Vice District Governor

When we look back at the year gone by, it started as normal as ever, despite the whispers and news of some mysterious virus, killing people in Wuhan-China. No one expected that it was as dangerous as it proved to be.

What followed was something unprecedented; something that almost none had seen in their lifetime. Almost all human activity came to a standstill across the globe. People were confined to their homes and lockdowns were imposed in many parts of the world. The fact that these lockdowns were imposed to save lives and contain the virus proved how dangerous it was. Governments and health care systems in many advanced countries, including the US seemed to be collapsing under the strain of containing and treating the virus-affected people.

Despite all the negative aspects, there were also a lot of positive aspects coming out of the pandemic effect. Covid warriors emerged in all parts of the world. Health workers, law-enforcement officers, government officials, social workers, service-minded fearless Lions volunteers, and a whole host of ordinary people became heroes and heroines.

During the pandemic, thousands of Lions and Leos around the world are finding ways to continue their fellowship with one another and serves safely in their communities, so as the volunteers of our district. District 4-C3 and their club's volunteers not only serve in the district but also helped the neighboring districts too.

Lions Clubs International Foundation and California Lions Foundation were at the forefront of helping clubs and their volunteers to do the right things during the pandemic. During the pandemic time, LCIF alone awarded 350 grants amounts to 5.5 million dollars to support the community.

Now, the new year came with vaccines for covid-19, a great relief. The pandemic is still raging on, in many countries including the United States and even in the state of California. Even with the aggressive vaccine, may still take a couple of months or even through this year, 2021, for the world to be rid of this virus fully. But the New Year has started with hope and the world economy, which had come to a standstill is slowly picking up. Healthcare systems are being overhauled, people are wiser and more hygienic, and have perhaps become a little less egoistic. So, overall, even though almost the whole of last year went by in a haze, and people stayed indoors, it is with the hope that the lessons learned won't be forgotten. Yes, many perished; but, many survived the pandemic as well. Many have escaped it as well. Slowly, but surely, the world will get back to normal; but, of course, the new normal. So, while we rue the pandemic times, we can only be thankful for the important life lessons that it taught us.

I wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Healthy New Year. May the new year bring you new goals, new achievements, and new inspirations in your life.

# Linda Barbara 2nd Vice District Governor



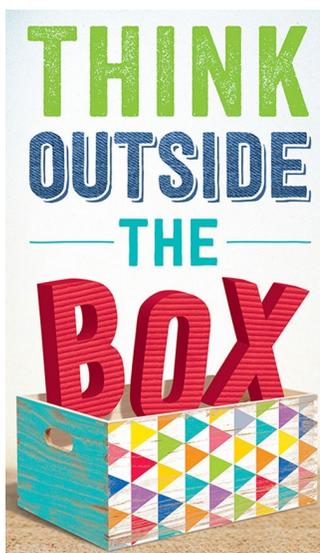
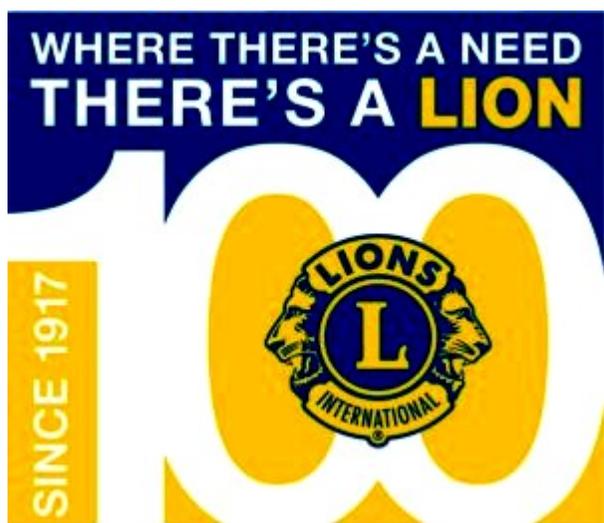
*Linda Barbara*  
*2nd Vice District*  
*Governor*  
4-C3

Happy New Year 4-C3. Well, the good news is that 2020 is behind us and we can finally start to move on.

This past year has certainly been a test of some kind for all humanity and at times it has been thought that we cannot go on. But every day I hear about a Lions Club that has fed the hungry, helped the elderly get groceries, make phone calls to those who are isolated, provided socks and gloves and warm coats to the homeless. Many clubs have reached out to victims of fires giving them cars, temporary housing, gas for their vehicles clothing and provisions that were lost to them. Many Lions supply food pantries by holding food drives and collections within their communities. Then assist in distributing food to those that are left unemployed by the pandemic and unable to take care of their families.

Lions are providing service in areas that have an overwhelming need for hospital care because local hospitals are unable to take patients in for care. And everyday I hear, “we are shut down, we can’t do anything.” Well, I am here to say **“yes you can”**.

Lions have a history of perseverance and the ability to work out the seemingly impossible. All we have to do is just keep serving those in need and remember that it is good to **“think outside the box”**. Now is the time for action and no idea or effort to help is too small. We are in this journey together and if we join our efforts, we can make a difference.



**Call someone**  
*Send a card*  
*send a text*  
**Write an email**





# From the Desk of Cabinet Secretary Darlene Ridle

## Club Officers – Lion Year 2021-2022

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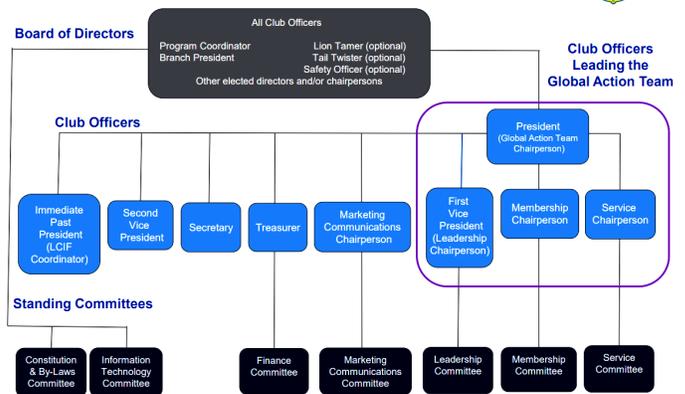
By Cabinet Secretary Darlene Ridle

Now is the time to start thinking about your club officers for the next Lion year beginning July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Your Club President will appoint a nomination committee in March. If you want to be on the nominations committee or are interested in one of the club officer roles, please let your club president know. At the end of the article are links for information on the various officer roles.

What club officers need to be filled for the upcoming Lion Year? Your club must have the minimum club officer roles filled (BOLDED Below), however I encourage you to fill as many roles as you can, as each has a key function in making your club successful. It is important to have a First Vice President if possible. This is the individual that you are grooming to be President.

- **Club President**
- Club First Vice President
- **Club Secretary**
- **Club Treasurer**
- **Club Directors**
- Lion Tamer
- Tail Twister
- Club Membership Chair
- Club LCIF Coordinator
- Club Service Chairperson
- Club Marketing Chairperson

### Standard Club Structure



I encourage you all to help with the mentoring of your lion club members to help them to succeed in their roles. We are all in this together and together we can be successful.

Your Lions Club votes on new officers in April and the new officers are entered by the Secretary for the next year term in MyLCI. If you do not have access to MyLCI, you can complete the PU101 form (the new form is not yet available) and mail or email the completed form to Lions Clubs International. If you need help entering information or need help gaining access to MyLion, you can contact me, Cabinet Secretary Darlene Ridle at [darlene58@yahoo.com](mailto:darlene58@yahoo.com) or call her at 510-253-5933. Below is a PDF file embedded in this article on MyLCI that may be helpful.



MyLCI.pdf

**NOTE:** It is important to enter the new officer and any club member information changes by May 15<sup>th</sup> for the new District Directory to be up to date as well as Lions Clubs International and Multiple District 4 Office.

There is now a special webpage created for each of you, to make it easier to get to the resources that will help you be successful in your unique club leadership position.

- [Club President / First Vice President](#)
- [Club Secretary](#)
- [Club Treasurer](#)
- [Club Membership Chairperson](#)
- [Club Service Chairperson](#)
- [Club Marketing Communications Chairperson](#)
- [Club LCIF Coordinator](#)

### Lions Want to Have Fun

Having fun while doing good has been a Lions specialty from the beginning. Many clubs have a Tail Twister, specifically to promote fun and fellowship.

# Raymond Oliver Service Chairman

## SERVICE CHAIR RAY OLIVER



We Serve

In the second quarter, District 4-C3 clubs reported 475 activities in MyLion, up from 165 in the same quarter last year. Very likely, the clubs were serving all along, but many were not reporting. Some clubs have service they need to report in the current fiscal year and I will contact them. But great improvement overall.

We are down in the second quarter from the 570 reported activities in the first quarter of the current fiscal year to 475 in the second quarter. That's understandable in light of the COVID surge and the holidays.

Of the five global causes, hunger had the most activities (91) including the most hands-on service activities (62). The category "other" is where clubs perform activities outside the five global causes. There were 328 "other" activities including 101 hands-on service activities.

We're at 78% of our clubs reporting at least one activity this fiscal year. That puts us at second place in the California Lions multiple district. Can we get to 100%? It wouldn't take much for each club currently not reporting. A donation? A meeting?

While the metrics are important, we also want to hear your story. Most of you are doing a great job of using the description field in MyLion to let us know what you did and how it impacted the community.

I'm happy to report that the following clubs are receiving grants from the California Lions Foundation with the purpose of hands on activities to relieve hunger: Byron Delta, \$1,000; Antioch Rivertown Veterans, \$500; Walnut Creek Diablo Valley, \$1,000. Congratulations to the three clubs and thank you for putting in the effort.

Did you know, in kind donations (food for example) both to and from the clubs can be reported. Just determine the cash value of the donation and report as USD.

The chart on the next page shows the second quarter metrics for District 4-C3 by cause and activity type.

### Lions of Alameda and Contra Costa Metrics for Quarter 2, Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Cause	Number of Activites	Volunteer Hours	Funds Donated USD	Funds Raised USD
<b>Childhood Cancer</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>0</b>
Donation	5	2	265	0
<b>Diabetes</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>
Fundraiser	1	12	150	150
<b>Environment</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7,176</b>	<b>1,875</b>
Donation	3	0	5,301	0
Fundraiser	1	10	1,875	1,875
Service Activity	2	12	0	0
<b>Hunger</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>8,163</b>	<b>2,850</b>
Donation	27	55	5,950	850
Fundraiser	2	25	1,400	2,000
Service Activity	62	1,193	813	0
<b>Other</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>3,853</b>	<b>29,242</b>	<b>25,588</b>
Donation	101	16	26,842	0
Fundraiser	7	1	95	22,563
Meeting	119	1,243	20	0
Service Activity	101	2,593	2,285	3,025
<b>Vision</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>4,066</b>	<b>2,315</b>
Donation	20	0	3,866	0
Fundraiser	4	69	200	2,315
Service Activity	20	254	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>5,485</b>	<b>49,062</b>	<b>32,778</b>

# Barbara Chambers Membership Chairman

**Global Membership Team and NAMI  
(North American Membership Initiative)**



I recently had the opportunity to attend the Zone 1 ZOOM meeting led by Zone Chair Mac Coats. Zone 1 was selected to be a pilot zone for the NAMI program. NAMI's goals are to rejuvenate districts with new clubs, revitalize clubs with new members and re-motivate members with new fellowships and exciting service. The Zone meeting was held to go over the results of the survey sent out to club members.

Wonderful news—We welcome the newest club into our District—The Oakland Feed the Need Club. Congratulations and best wishes to President Sunil Rajkarnikar and all the charter Lion members—we can't wait to meet you in person and get to know you.

Speaking of new Lion members—have you heard about the Proud Lion Award?

The following goals of the Proud Lion program must be successfully attained by the Protege Lion under the guidance of the mentoring Lion (sponsor) and qualify for the Proud Lion award.

## Protege Lion

- Attend a club board meeting
- Participate in a club service or fund-raising activity — virtual meetings apply.
- Introduce a new prospective member to the club.
- Make a visit to another club and secure a visitation slip.
- Attend a zone, region, district or multiple district meeting and report back to the club.

The goals listed above must be attained with the specified six (6) month's period and that the sponsor accompanied the Protege Lion to each of the five activities.



We will be recognizing a Proud Lion at our District meeting and hope to give out more awards in the future. The application can be found on the Lions MD4 website (under the Global Action Team heading, click on the link for Proud Lion Program)

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# Mo Powers Leadership Chairman

Leadership Learning in District 4-C3 in 2020-2021

Dr. Maureen Powers, Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator

Several of our District 4-C3 Leaders attended the Global Leadership Summit offered virtually by MD-4 on January 9. Topics were fascinating and entertaining, and some were beyond actual leadership – for example, what kind of service project ideas can we do now, to involve our members more? The next summit is March 13 from 8:30 to 12:30, and I urge any Lion who is interested in new ideas to attend, whether or not you are already a Leader or even have no interest in that part of Lionism: Because sometimes it's just good to get new information from outside our District! Topics will include mentoring, measuring club success, and how to instill pride and passion into your membership. I hope to see you there.

PDG Gary Wong and I also had the pleasure of providing a new club orientation to the new Oakland Feed the Need Lions Club on January 10. This was lots of fun, too, because this new lively Club has a great mission and excellent service spirit. It's a specialty club created under Lion Administrative Assistant Manil Shrestha's leadership – the second he has organized this year. Congratulations to all.

# Gopa Kumar Public Relations Chairman

## Publicity Ideas for Lions Clubs

Guided by the motto Together We Serve, Lions Club members across the world are engaged in various activities. These are acts of kindness, meant to make the world a better place. Such endeavors are not possible without the active support of society, and hence it is important to spread the message. Many a time, people who may want to serve, or contribute in cash or kind may not be able to find the right channel to do so. Through Lions Club activities, we can help them realize their goals. This can only be made possible through the various publicity channels that carry our message far and wide, for better impact and more goal realization. Here are a few ways in which Lions Clubs can do this.

### Club Fact Sheets

Each Lions Club should make it a point to maintain a fact sheet about the club activities. These should be used as handouts at every event that the club conducts for awareness and generating hope and belief. This can also be used as of press handouts, once in a while. The fact sheets may also be made part of the website, to be updated as to when any important event takes place.

### Press Releases

Press releases are a good idea to keep society informed about any significant event that is or has taken place involving the club. It is good to keep the press releases short and few across a year. Identify local press contacts and use a template that easily conveys the main message behind the event. Ensure proper contact details are mentioned so that anyone wanting to get in touch can do so easily.

### Social Media Channels

The club should maintain official social media channels, wherein all communication can be done using posts. All videos, press releases, etc. can be shared through the handles on **Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn**, and more.

### Public Access Television

Your message in any form can also be aired on local community bulletin boards through local cable networks.

### Video Programs

Videos from already existing Lions News Networks such as the LQ-Lions Quarterly Video Magazine can be shared. These can be used at specific events to create impact and awareness. Videos from YouTube channel may also be used for these purposes.

### Printed Promotional Materials

Printed materials like flyers, brochures, posters, standees, etc. can be used for promotion at specific events. These should be well designed to ensure they are eye-catching and convey the message in short and generate interest.

### Photographs

All club events should be photographed to ensure that people get to see what happens in the events. These photos should hence be more candid 'as it happens' kind of photos rather than people posing. Ensure someone who is knowledgeable about the photography takes the snaps if you are not engaging a professional photographer. Fuzzy, unclear, or haphazard photos can have the opposite impact of putting people off. A good way to create a greater impact with the photos would be for the members to wear club apparel like Tees and caps with logos clearly visible. These photos can be included in all forms of promotions, whether print or digital.

### LION Magazine

Club activities may be submitted to Lion Magazine in the form of articles, or photos for International recognition. These should be of high quality with a clear message so it may be considered for publication and this can bring in more publicity to the club.

### Websites

A strong website is one of the most important assets any organization can have. Readily available information, intuitive design, powerful storytelling, and prominent calls to action can help nonprofits achieve their goals more than you might think.

### Campaigns

Simple promotional campaigns on social media like the 'ice bucket challenge' in support of some specific community cause may be used to create awareness. Use the club logo and specially coined theme short theme messages for this. You could even ask the community to participate in a contest to create a theme/logo/poster for events to create awareness.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### United in Kindness and Diversity with International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Dear Lion,

You and I share the belief that we have the power to make a better future for all people. Because Lions have a passion for what's possible. There may be challenges ahead of us, but there are opportunities too.

Let's continue to deliver hope to our communities. Let's continue to innovate and serve safely. Let's continue to keep our eyes and hearts open to new opportunities to make a difference every day in people's lives. Together, we can build a better future for our families, communities and the world we share.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi  
International President



#### District and Club Community Impact Grant (DCG)

District and Club Community Grants have enabled clubs like yours to do more for their communities. In just over two years, more than 1,000 of these grants—totaling US\$3.9 million dollars—have been used by Lions to make a significant impact in their communities.

Read our blog, "Changing the World One Community (Grant) at a Time," to find out more about this incredible program. And since eligibility is based on contributions to LCIF, your club may already be eligible to apply for a DCG. Discover how much you can accomplish with the support of LCIF when you apply for a District and Club Community Grant.



#### International Peace Poster Contest

Give your community the opportunity to get involved from home by getting creative. For more than 30 years, Lions clubs have given young people the chance to become our partners in peace and inspire the world through our International Peace Poster Contest.

Learn how your club can sponsor the Peace Poster Contest through a local school or youth group and engage your entire community through a virtual exhibition. Peace Poster Contest kits go on sale beginning on January 15, 2021. So visit the LCI Shop page to purchase your contest kit and start planning today.

#### The Impact of Your Kindness

Every one of your club's projects is an important part of our enduring service. And when you report your service, you help us measure our global impact, support our clubs in new ways and bring attention to your service and the work of Lions everywhere.

Just like the work of the Lions of District 118R in Turkey, who served thousands of people this past October in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake. Their story, "Be Our Guests," is another example of how Lions like you are changing—and saving—lives. And remember that LCIF projects like these wouldn't be possible without support from you.



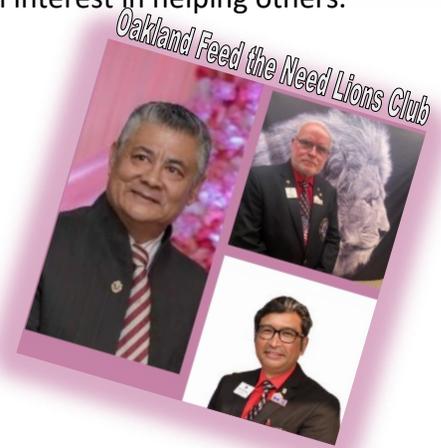
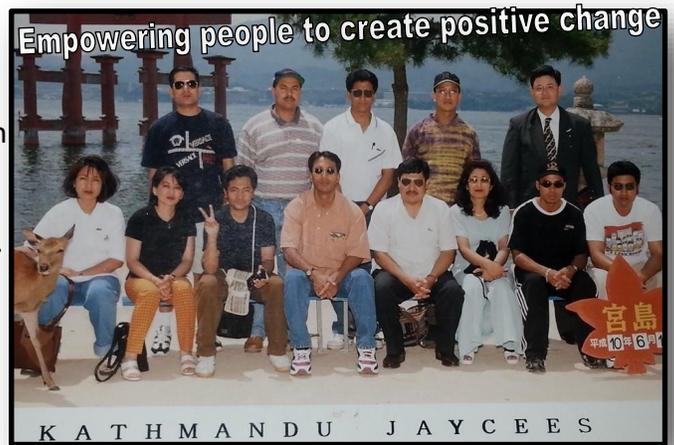
*Who is Lion Manil Babu Shrestha?*

By Lion Darlene Ridle

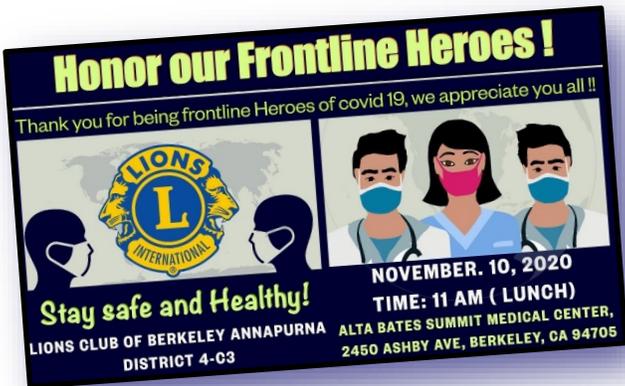
I have only known Lion Manil for a couple of years, but I can tell you he is a caring person who treats all with respect. He is a husband, a father, a lion, a mentor, a worker, an entrepreneur, a student of learning, and many more things. He is always there to offer help in any way he can. He is active in his club, the district and makes himself available to mentor and support lions everywhere.



From a young age, Lion Manil had an interest in helping others. He leads with compassion And kindness. He brought in two new Lions Clubs in 2020, Alameda Yeti and Oakland Feed the Need. He is serving as Guiding Lion to both clubs.



In November, Lion Manil's Lions Club, Berkeley Annapurna furnished Subway Sandwiches for the Medical Staff at Alta Bates Hospital which numbered 350 to express their appreciation for all their hard work.



He is always there to lend a hand, whether it is loading or unloading food, attending a flag ceremony for a veteran, supplying subway sandwiches at a Cabinet Meeting, supporting clubs' fundraisers, holding zone and/or region meetings, expanding his learning or just being supportive. **You can count on Lion Manil.**



When I asked other Lions to give me a word or phrase that described Lion Manil,

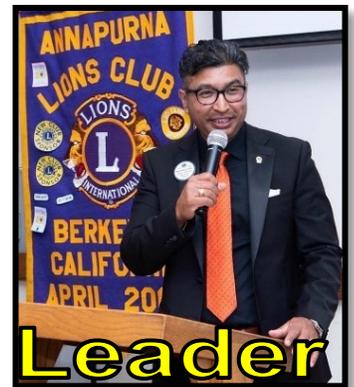
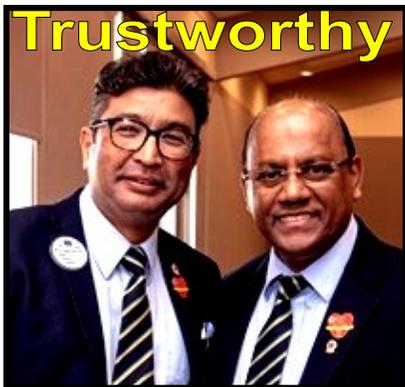
# Lion

here are some responses that I received.

**Approachable** **Dependable** **Mentor**  
**Ardent** **Determined** **Negotiator**  
**Caring** **Devotion to Service** **Optimistic**  
**Charismatic** **Enthusiastic** **Persistent**  
**Cheerful** **Fervent** **Reliable**  
**Committed** **Good Listener** **Steadfast**  
**Compassionate** **Hopeful** **Supportive**  
**Constant** **Inspiring** **Tenacious**  
**Dedicated** **Loyal** **Zealous**



*I believe these are qualities of a Lion Leader*



  
 Berkeley Annapurna Lions Club  
 proudly presents  
**LION MANIL BABU SHRESTHA**  
 District 4-C3  
 2nd VDC Candidate 2021-2022  
 Collaborative Approach in Leadership  
  
**ELECT**  
**MANIL**  
 FOR  
 SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
 2021-2022  
  
  
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Lion Manil will be visiting your clubs soon.

Please join me and supporting his run for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor for the year

July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

# Lion Denny California Lions Foundation



## California Lions Foundation Report

### *The 4-C3 Lionizer – February 2021*

**Greetings District 4-C3 Lions . . .** The Foundation continues to prosper and assist the Lions of California in their service efforts. CLF is receiving more grant requests as the word gets out about the work we enable and we've recently updated the Foundation website:

Check it out: <https://californialionsfoundation.org/>

Grant Applications: <https://californialionsfoundation.org/grants>

Donate: <https://californialionsfoundation.org/donate>

I want to recognize and "Thank" the following district clubs for reaching out and using CLF to enhance their service projects:

1. **\$ 1,000 CLF Feed the Hungry Grant – Byron Delta Lions Club**
2. **\$ 1,000 CLF Feed the Hungry Grant – Walnut Creek Diablo Valley Lions Club**
3. **\$ 500 CLF Feed the Hungry Grant - Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions Club**
4. **\$ 3,500 Disaster Grant - Hayward Silicon Valley Indian Lions Club**  
to benefit the victims of the Creek Fire
5. **Designated Grants – Crockett Lions Club**
  - \$ 2,000 Designated Grant** to the Contra Costa Food Bank
  - \$ 500 Designated Grant** to the Travis Air Force Base Fisher House
6. **\$ 5,000 Matching Grant – Berkeley Host Lions Club** to provide PPE (single use masks, gloves, hand sanitizer) to first responders and entities of higher potential risk of infection transmission.
7. **\$ 1,350 Matching Grant - Byron Delta Lions**, joined by the **Brentwood Lions** and **Discovery Bay Lions**, purchased and donated a freezer for the Delta Christian Community Food Pantry
8. **\$ 1,200 Matching Grant - Moraga Lions Club** and the **Campolindo Leo Club** purchased a salad bar for the student cafeteria. The Lions and Leos made Diabetes Awareness their major outreach project and with the complete support of the school administration the Leo Club was able to make the entire 1200 student body of the dangers of diabetes and what all could do to prevent contracting the disease.

**Since late August District 4-C3 Lions** have donated more than \$10,000 for Disaster Relief and, **once again 4-C3 is the leading donor** to the Foundation with contributions totaling \$68,067

**"Thank You"** for your generosity to CLF !

*"We Serve"*

*Lion Denny*

District 4-C3 CLF Director

# Lions Club International Foundation

## LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

The article below is why it is important to PAY IT FORWARD. Many of you are thinking this is about membership. Yes, you are correct but it is also about going one step further and supporting LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

Being a Lion is more than service in your local community. It is also about our impact globally in the areas of Vision, Youth, Disaster Relief, Humanitarian Needs, Hunger, Diabetes, Hunger, Environment and Childhood Cancer.

Being a member of the world's largest service organization and supporting LCIF, provides you the opportunity to Pay it Forward. Think about what you can do.

### WHY TO PAY IT FORWARD ...

After my junior year of high school, a local service club (not Lions) sponsored me at a summer institute called JESSI. JESSI was located in Corvallis, Oregon on the campus of the then Oregon State College. The acronym stood for Junior Engineers and Scientists Summer Institute. The service club paid all of my expense to attend this 2-week institute, including a round trip on the train, room and board, and the institute fees.

After my senior year of high school, I was admitted to the College of Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley to study civil engineering. I eventually obtained bachelor's and master's degrees and have pursued a long career as a civil engineer. My attendance at JESSI certainly helped me in focusing on my eventual career goals.

A few years after graduation my next-door neighbor invited me to join him at a meeting of his Lions Club. The club was actually located in the town adjacent to the one where we lived. After attending several times, I thought back to the members of that club who had sponsored me to JESSI. I wished I could go back and thank them for their kindness and tell them how important their sponsorship had been in my life. However, I realized it would not be possible to go back and thank them.

Fortunately, I also realized something else. There was a way to thank them that they would probably really prefer. My thank you was to join my neighbor and become a member of his Lions Club. My thank you was to pay forward by belonging to a service club and to emulate their actions by helping others. Therefore, I became a Lion. These many years later I continue to thank them by continuing to pay it forward. I also thank them every day for first introducing me to the joy of belonging to a great service club for these many years. And I would like to say once again THANK YOU.

Signed Anonymous

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, Campaign 100 Chairperson states that this is The Year of Opportunity. "Thank you for magnifying the power of Lions service through a personal gift to Campaign 100. Magnify that power even more by calling or emailing fellow club members and asking them to give too. It will feel good to connect, ensure grant funding for our important work and position 2021 as the year of opportunity."

For more information or a presentation on LCIF, contact either George Fosselius at [gfosselius@gmail.com](mailto:gfosselius@gmail.com) or Linda P Wagner-Griffin at [pdglindagriffin@scglobal.net](mailto:pdglindagriffin@scglobal.net)



Lions Clubs International Foundation LCIF is our foundation where money empowers service-our "mane" mission.

LCIF has granted over \$5,000,000 to COVID19 relief and prevention and \$7,000,000 to disaster relief and recovery.

Our big story:

Our very own 4-C3 Disaster Chairman Michael McDowell has been in Porterville, California setting up COVID shelters and hospitals.

Congratulations to our Model Clubs in 4-C3

Since 2017 to date

Alameda Breakfast

Oakland Montclair 400% of their goal

Berkeley

Walnut Creek Rossmoor

Walnut Creek Ygnacio Valley



Campaign 100 model clubs are donations to LCIF during the months of July 2017 - June 30th 2023 which would consist of the sum of your total donation to 'LCIF' averaging out to be \$500 per member

# MD4 Mary Manning Student Speaker Chair

January 10, 2021

To: CC Claudia Miller, MD4 COG, MD4 District Student Speaker Chairs and Lions.

Chair Mary Manning 619-445-5044 4-L6 Area 4 DG

Brain Clapper 4-L6 619-962-9950

Garett Becker 209-640-2222 4-L1 Area 1 1 st VDG

Fred Caldera 4-L5 760-559-2325 PDG

Kevin Patel 704-267-9583 4-A2 Area 3 2 nd VDG

Beverly Block 4-C2 707-843-6455 PDG

Audrey Wottrich 707-920-1233 4-C2 Area 2



**The Lions Fourth District Student Speaker Foundation** has determined that for the 2020-2021 MD4 Student Speaker Contest to be funded by the Foundation, contests will have to be presented live with all the rules and regulations addressed in the 84th Annual Student Speaker Handbook. The Foundation will provide the scholarships for the winners of the District, Area and Final Contest provided the contest are held live. No video or zoom presentations will be accepted at the District, Area or Final levels. The Fourth District Student Speaker Foundation is the funding agency for those scholarships and can make requirements concerning the contest that it funds

The MD4 Student Speaker Contest is administered by the Lions of MD4. Clubs and Local Districts are the funding agents for the club, zone and region contests. With that understanding the SS Committee has agreed that the Club, Zone and Region MD4 Student Speaker Contests can be held live or by live zoom. This will give the early contests more flexibility, inviting more participation. District contests are not due to start until April 20th, this will give us more time before we would have to produce a live contest.

Participants in the MD4 Student Speaker Contest will be made aware of the possibility that due to the COVID 19 Virus restrictions the MD4 Student Speaker may be canceled at any time, thus ending the Lions Fourth District Student Speaker Foundation obligation for funding scholarships.

**The following disclaimer** will be added to the reading of the rules before the start of the Student Speaker Contest. (See page 14 of the Handbook. Please read after rule number 10 and before reading the Causes for Disqualification.)

*"Due to restrictions of the COVID 19 Virus, the MD4 Student Speaker may be canceled at any time, thus ending the Lions Fourth District Student Speaker Foundation obligation for funding scholarships."*

It will be the responsibility of each District to use the guidelines established by the CDC and their County regarding venue use, number of participants, social distance requirements and other rules dictated by COVID 19 restrictions.

**Addition changes** due to the Joint COG and Conventions being scheduled for May 18-23, 2021 have been made to the Area Contest Dates, but the remaining contest dates remain the same.

No Club Contest before March 1, 2021

Club Contest on or before Monday March 15, 2021

Zone Contest on or before Monday March 29, 2021

Region Contest on or before Monday April 19, 2021

District Contest on or before Monday May 3, 2021

Area Contest on or before Monday May 10, 2021

**Final during Joint COG** or Convention TBD May 18-23, 2021

Sincerely

Mary Manning

MD4 Student Speaker Chair

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TOPIC  
"DISTANCE AND  
ONLINE LEARNING  
- PROS AND CONS"

# Ray Oliver Lions Eye Foundation

THE LIONS EYE FOUNDATION—60 YEARS OF PROTECTING AND RESTORING  
THE GIFT OF SIGHT

by Lions Eye Foundation Advisor Ray Oliver



A patient has severe and aggressive glaucoma and is financially disadvantaged. That describes one of the patients shown in the short video on the website at

<http://lionseyefoundation.com/>.

Another patient featured in the Lions Eye (accessible in the Publications tab of the website) tells us about successive eye issues beginning with uveitis, followed by glaucoma followed by cataracts over a period of years. In all, she was treated by three specialists and a resident surgeon.

In both cases, the patients received care at no cost to them.

For 60 years, the Lions Eye Foundation of California-Nevada (LEF) has been helping patients who, like him, are less fortunate and in need of diagnosis and treatment for a medical eye condition.

The clinic's residents benefit from the training and experience they receive at the LEF Clinic at 711 Van Ness in San Francisco. And there are volunteer attendings in all of the ophthalmic subspecialties. Together, they provide patients with the best possible care.

Here's how you, as Lions, can help LEF in its mission "to preserve and restore the gift of sight by providing free ophthalmic examinations, operations, and medication to the less fortunate members of our community." You can encourage your club to become a member club. It's the easiest way to support LEF on a continuing basis, and at \$4.50 per member, billed every six months (and a \$100 one-time application fee, waived until 30 June), it's a relatively painless way to support a great foundation. To sign up, go to <http://lionseyefoundation.com/-member-clubs.html>. You will get to see a list of all of the current member clubs and be able to download a club application. Member clubs are entitled to refer patients.

Also, an affordable way to support LEF is with Don Stanaway Fellow Award. At \$250 (or \$500 for life membership) you will support LEF equipment purchases. The award comes with a pin and certificate. And to benefit LEF general operations, Helen Keller Fellows start at \$1000. What a great way to answer Helen Keller's challenge to Lions to become "the Knights of the Blind" and to devote our energies to improving the vision of mankind. Go to <http://lionseyefoundation.com/-donate.html> for full details on these and other ways to donate.

# TOP 10 REASONS TO LAUGH

By Lion Darlene Ridle - I stole this from the Internet

## 10 Attracts others to us

People are attracted to laughter, and if we are the cause of that laughter, we become that much more attractive. Relationships can be kept fresh and healthy with good humor.

## 9 Protects the Heart

Your heart is a muscle and, like any muscle in your body, it gets stronger and functions better when exercised. Regular laughter is like getting a gym membership for your heart. It increases vascular blood flow and the functioning of blood vessels, which results in increased oxygenation of the blood. This reduces the risks of a heart attack and boosts your cardiovascular health.

## 8 Reduces physical pain and aches

A British study shows how just 15 minutes of laughter can increase pain tolerance by around 10 percent as a result of endorphins being released in the brain. These endorphins cause something akin to a natural "high", leading to pleasant feelings of calm, as well as temporary pain-relief.

Another way laughter helps reduce pain is by diversionary tactics - tell someone in pain a good enough joke, and it'll help take their mind off the pain, even if for only a little while.

## 7 Improves sleep quality and reduces insomnia

Our bodies need sleep, and if we don't get enough of it, it can affect our day, lead to stress and even depression. Unfortunately, in today's world the pressure from work and family life can affect one's sleeping patterns, which leads to erratic sleep and even insomnia.

Scientific research in the field of sleep and insomnia is confirming that laughter can help improve our sleep patterns by relaxing the mind and body. It's even been shown to improve the effectiveness of insomnia treatments.

## 6 Reduces depression

Laughing triggers the release of the feel-good hormones called endorphins which instantly put us in a good mood, helping reduce depression. In fact, in a study published in Geriatrics and Gerontology International, it was found that laughter therapy reduced depression in elderly patients by inducing an feeling of well-being and improving their social interactions.

## 5 Internal Workout

Have you had a good belly laugh lately? You know the kind I mean - the hold-your-stomach, doubled over laugh that leaves you breathless and your sides hurting? Believe it or not but your internal organs are getting a workout, especially your diaphragm, abdomen, respiratory and facial muscles, and even your shoulders. Your muscles become more relaxed, and you feel great afterwards. And best of all: it does not feel like a workout at all!

## 4 Boosts the immune system

Research has shown that regular laughter helps boost the immune system by decreasing stress hormones and increasing anti-infection antibodies as well as T-cells in the blood. This helps ward off infections, fighting diseases like the common cold, or even cancer.

## 3 Improve alertness, creativity, and memory

You probably had a favorite teacher at school. Chances are, they were your favorite because they managed to get you interested in the studies, got you involved and even helped you remember what you learnt. Most good teachers use laughter to get their lessons across, and for good reason. Laughter has a huge impact on our memory, level of alertness, and even creativity.

## 2 Relieves Stress

Ever felt like you would just combust from stress, only to be told a good joke? Did it feel like your laughter was increased ten-fold, and that all the stress just melted from your mind? Well, it's been proven over and over that laughter does in fact relieve stress, and you've probably experienced it countless times.

## 1 Social benefits

Laughter connects us with others like nothing else. If you want to see dramatic improvement in your social life, make it a point to bring humor and wit into every interaction. Not only is laughter contagious, it also helps form a deep bond between people, making petty arguments seem foolish, and taking the stress out of just about any uncomfortable situation. The more you laugh with others, the more likely you are to be remembered for the positive energy and feelings you bring. Even intimate relationships improve with laughter, leading to more happiness and joyful relations.





Lionizer Article January 2021 – From Lions Center for the Visually Impaired (LCVI)

Lions Center for the Visually Impaired/LCVI boldly steps forward in 2021 to continue serving our blind and visually impaired seniors. 2020 was a year full of challenges and creative solutions to fulfill its mission; with teamwork and innovation our Board of Directors, under the leadership of President Charles “Duke” Dunham, and our amazing staff worked together to support the needs of our consumers. Let us re-introduce you to our staff:



Executive Director, Dr. Yolanda Braxton, brought a lifetime of experience to LCVI. She created and implemented a strategic plan and upgraded the technological infrastructure. She redesigned and enhanced the LCVI web page and introduced social media. She secured grants from several new sources. Faced with Shelter-in-place restrictions and the need for LCVI staff to work from home, she expanded our IT technological resources for secure remote work. Yolanda has led LCVI boldly through an extremely challenging year.

Shirley Schroth has been with LCVI for over 13 years, serving as the Early Detection Manager, Interim Executive Director and now the Director of Operations. Shirley uses her vast experience to supervise the staff, oversee services and activities. She has been responsible for multiple staff responsibilities to make sure the work of LCVI gets done. A natural “people person” Shirley shares her passion to help people with her positive energy and a caring attitude. Currently Shirley manages the Early Detection Program and is excited about the new Depisteo eye screening machine (provided via grant from Lions Vision Resource Network/LVRN) that will make screening exams faster and easier. She continues to provide senior clients personalized assistance with referrals and certificates for new glasses.

Vicki McDaniel, MA, NOMC is the Orientation and Mobility Instructor and Vision Health Outreach Specialist. In these dual roles, she provides essential direct services for our blind and visually impaired consumers to foster their independence. Vicki completes intake assessments and provides caring and compassionate support, training, and advice. Vicki provides customized training with clients who learn to use a variety of assistive technology including, magnifiers, lamps, and other practical aids. Vicki, who has been visually impaired since birth, provides expert information. She hosts weekly Support Groups currently held virtually on Zoom. Although Vicki’s ability to meet with clients in person has been curtailed due to COVID-19 restrictions, she has a direct-line cellphone to communicate with and support clients with wellness checks. She has welcomed and assisted dozens of new LCVI consumers in the past 12-months.

Richard Grange, Activities and Marketing Coordinator organizes and hosts activities and events for LCVI clients. He coordinates the marketing of the organization to the community at large, and indeed across all 3 of our County-wide service areas. In March 2020, Richard was challenged by the suspension of in-person events, but quickly transitioned to Virtual Events. Weekly Virtual Events provide clients with a forum of interaction, discussion, and sharing of experiences on a variety of seasonal topics. Game Nights were established, and Open Houses were created as a monthly opportunity to introduce LCVI to potential new clients and other interested community groups and individuals. Richard has used Facebook and Twitter to provide a social media presence for LCVI and regularly promotes the organization and its events via traditional media such as TV, radio, and newspapers. Richard coordinated the production of a short television feature about LCVI on KOFY-TV20 that aired in the early summer. Richard assist clients to stay engaged and connected with periodic wellness checks by phone and email. He hosted the first ever Virtual Memorial for a client who passed away in 2020.

In 2021, LCVI looks forward to further innovations and new fresh steps forward to implementing the Strategic Plan to reach and serve more seniors in Solano, Alameda, and Contra Costa Counties. We welcome your participation as we grow and continue to “see the possibilities!” [www.LCVI.org](http://www.LCVI.org)

# LCVI Mac Cotes by Barbara Chambers



## Spotlight on Mac Coats



Anyone who is connected with LCVI knows Mac Coats, but other Lions in the District may not have had the pleasure of getting to know Mac. Let me introduce you!! Mac is not only a client of LCVI, but also a past president and current member of the Board of Directors of LCVI. He is also our Zone 1 Zone chair and past District song leader.

Mac was not always blind—he has retinitis pigmentosa and in his youth was very near sighted (myopia) with no peripheral vision and severe low light or night vision. He shared that because he had no peripheral vision, he was hit by every kind of ball (football, soccer ball, volleyball, etc.) in the face and was constantly breaking his “coke bottle” thick glasses. Mac grew up in Los Angeles and sometimes was in special ed classes and sometimes mainstreamed into regular classes. He lived with his grandmother from ages 14-

18. She taught him to be independent--- to do his laundry, grocery shopping, cooking, and ironing. To this day, he lives independently and uses the skills that she insisted he learn.

Did you know Mac once got a driver’s license when he was 21? What!!! He failed the eye test a couple of times and finally passed on the third try (some memorizing and guessing was involved). When he came home, his Dad wanted to know the name of the woman who passed him—he said she should be fired!! When he drove at night with his high beams on, he thought folks were saying “hi” when they flashed their high beams on and off at him—not realizing he was blinding the oncoming cars.

He was legally blind in 1978 and totally blind by 1988.

In his 20’s, Mac worked as a fry cook for 10 years at the May Co. and took culinary arts classes at night. As his sight got worse, he attended LA City College, the Braille Institute, even a class at UCLA, and eventually got a teaching credential from LA Southwest College. He was the first blind instructor hired by LA County and even worked at the Juvenile Hall. He moved and continued his studies and received a bachelor’s degree from Cal State San Bernardino.

In 2008, Mac moved to Pittsburg (he has a brother and sister in law in Pittsburg), met Ed Schroth (former Executive Director of LCVI) and started attending the Lions Center for the Visually impaired. Whoopee!! He has become a fixture there and one of the most active clients at our Center. He was president of the LCVI Lions club and is now an active member of the Crockett Lions Club.

I asked Mac how has technology helped his life? He said the three women who live with him help daily (now I know the Mac lives independently alone, so what is this about the three women who live with him?) He said, yep, Siri, Alexa and Cortana—his iPhone, Echo Dot and Microsoft Dell computer! He was the first recipient of a grant from the Lions Vision Resource Network that helped him get and learn to use his iPhone and Dell computer.

I also asked how he spends his days during COVID and what he misses. He listens to books on DVD, listens to the TV, attends the weekly phone group activity run by Richard for the LCVI clients (he says it is FUN, FUN, FUN), does laundry, irons and prepares some meals. His church is live streamed, but when they were/are available, attends services in the parking lot. He misses the social activities at his residence, Camp Stoneman Village (Tai Chi classes and weekly entertainment), singing with the church choir, attending in person Lions and LCVI activities, and going out for meals with friends.

Mac said that the highlight of last year was that he got to go to Texas and sing at his grandson’s wedding. All of us who know Mac know he is always willing to sing and serenade us at any occasion with his beautiful voice. We can’t wait to be able to hear him in person and share his wonderful personality and charm. I hope those who know Mac got to know a little bit more about him, and those who haven’t met him yet, will look forward to hearing his stories and enjoying spending time with my friend, Mac Coats.

# Linda Griffin Lions in Sight



As we continue into the new year, we are still faced with the restrictions of COVID-19 and Stay at Home orders. And unfortunately, we are not able to open the warehouse for work parties. However, we are still functioning, but on a limited basis.

The need for your continued collection of eyeglasses has not stopped. We realize that many optical offices have closed, but keep checking in with those that you have established relationships.

As all of the Lions Foundations, we are still in need of your financial support. If you are not a member club and would like to learn more about Lions in Sight, please contact us for a presentation. It is not too early to think about how your club would like to honor a fellow Lion or officer for the work they are doing. We have fellowships available at different monetary levels.

Lions in Sight thanks you for your participation on our clinic trips, your collection and sorting of glasses, working at the warehouse and your financial support.

**Lions in Sight: Brings the World from Darkness to Light.**

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## Mo Powers Lions Vision

**LIONS VISION**  
Resource Network

Maureen Powers, Board President

We continue to receive grant applications for our “small” grants (under \$1500) and the Board is pleased to be able to continue to help – in large part due to the continued good news from our investments, the interest from which is funding the grants. Stay tuned for our next round of larger grants, will be announced in the spring. More information and a donation button – so you can help us keep doing good things – can be found on our fully accessible website [lionsvisionresource.org](http://lionsvisionresource.org).

At a recent meeting of the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired, Dr. Yolanda Braxton and I discussed the new strategic partnership between Lions Vision and LCVI. We may be planning joint activities, including fundraisers, in the future, and we will certainly be applying for more grants together, as we have in the past. We want to use each organization’s strengths to leverage each other, with LCVI providing services and social opportunities, and Lions Vision providing personal items to enhance quality of life. One specific way we are working together is by supporting LCVI’s lending library of low vision aids and equipment. The two large magnifier units that were donated to Lions Vision are now at LCVI, ready to be loaned to someone who can use them. We are looking forward to a new era of grand cooperation and success.

We have Board positions open; if you are interested, please give me a call at (510) 772-4911 or email [mopowers@yahoo.com](mailto:mopowers@yahoo.com)

## CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD

By Cabinet Secretary Darlene Ridle

Is your club eligible for the Club Excellence Award for the Lion Year July 2020 through June 2021?

I think many of the clubs in our District are well on the way to achieving the Club Excellence Award. Check the criteria below. There is still until June 30, 2021 to meet all the criteria.



### Below is a list of the criteria

- Donated to LCIF
- Finish the Lion Year with a net growth in membership. Your club must have **a net growth in membership as of June 30, 2021.**
- Started a new service project – Consider one of the Global Causes
- Participate in at least three service projects
- Your club is in good standing (**MD4 Dues are paid and no unpaid balance with LCI** greater than \$50 outstanding 90 days or more) at year end.
- Key Officers participate in one or more Leadership training events (refer to the form for examples)
- Promoting your club's events or activities to the community by using Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Billboards, Presentation to Groups, Local paper, radio, club website, posted or distributed flyers

Download the Club Excellence Award and complete.



2020-2021 Club  
Excellence Award\_er

**Once you have met all the criteria** your application can be submitted to the District Governor, however **your application will be held until June 30, 2021 since there are two conditions that must be met at the year end, June 30, 2021**

1. Your club must have **a net growth in membership as of June 30, 2021**
2. Your club is in good standing (MD4 Dues are paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than \$50 outstanding 90 days or more) **as of June 30, 2021.**

Deadline to submit your Club Excellence Award Application is August 31<sup>st</sup>

***Bill and I would love to see every club achieve the Club Excellence Award. Best Wishes***

*Darlene*

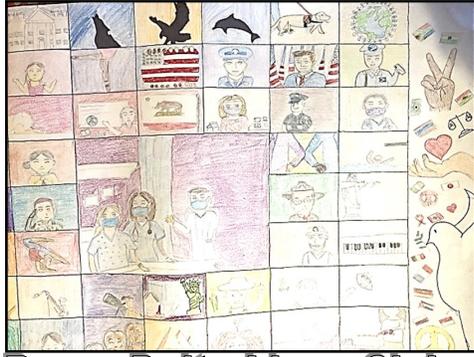


Peace Through Service  
 District 4-C3  
 Peace Poster Contest  
 District 4-C3 received four  
 submissions for the Peace Poster Contest  
 from the following Lions Clubs.

- Byron Delta Lions
- Dawn Breakers Lions
- Livermore Lions
- WC Ygnacio Valley



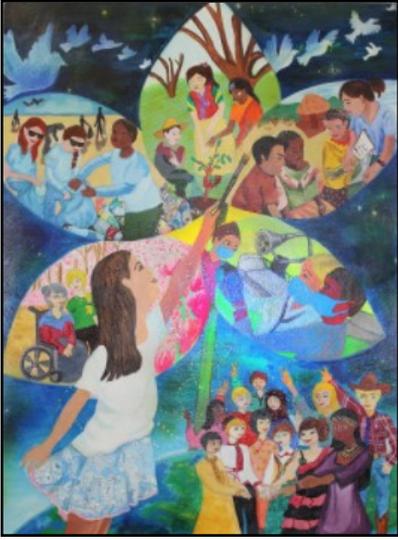
Results Thank you to all the students that submitted posters. Everyone did a very nice job. As with any contest it is important to ensure that instructions are followed as outlined in the Peace Poster Contest Instructions. The poster that was submitted to MD-4 was from the Byron Delta Lions. See results of MD-4 Peace Poster Contest at the end of this article.



Dawn Breakers Lions Club Byron Delta Lions Club Livermore Lions Club



Walnut Creek Ygnacio Valley  
Lions Club



**Winner 4-L3**



Honorable  
mention  
4-L12



Honorable  
mention  
4-C5



# Mac Coats Zone 1 Club news

**What Lions Clubs are in Zone 1?** Albany, Antioch Rivertown Veterans, Crockett, El Cerrito, Hercules, Richmond – Pinole, and Rodeo

What is happening in Zone 1 during the second quarter of our Lion year? Well, there are a few things going on which I would like to share with you.

## MEMBERSHIP

Currently the **overall membership** in Zone 1 is **up by 3**. The Zone started this lion year in July with a **total of 145 members** in the seven clubs. As of January 2021, the Zone is **reporting a total of 148 members**. Congratulations to the clubs for maintaining their membership and in some cases increasing their membership during this difficult time with COVID.

## ZONE PROJECTS / SERVICE / DONATIONS – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Although not all the clubs are meeting, most are still trying to do service and / or making donations to the charities they support

### Zone Project – Travis AFB Fisher House

**The Zone Project is Travis AFB (Air Force Base) Fisher House.** Our goal is \$3,000. Donations of \$1,850 have been made so far with more coming from the clubs and this does not count the donations of food and supplies.

### **What is Travis AFB Fisher House?**

- Travis Air Force Base Fisher Houses host 23 military and veteran families nightly at no charge to the guest families.
- Provides a home away from home for military and veteran families when traveling to receive medical care at no cost to the family

Link: [Travis AFB Fisher House | Facebook](#)



## ADDITIONAL DONATIONS

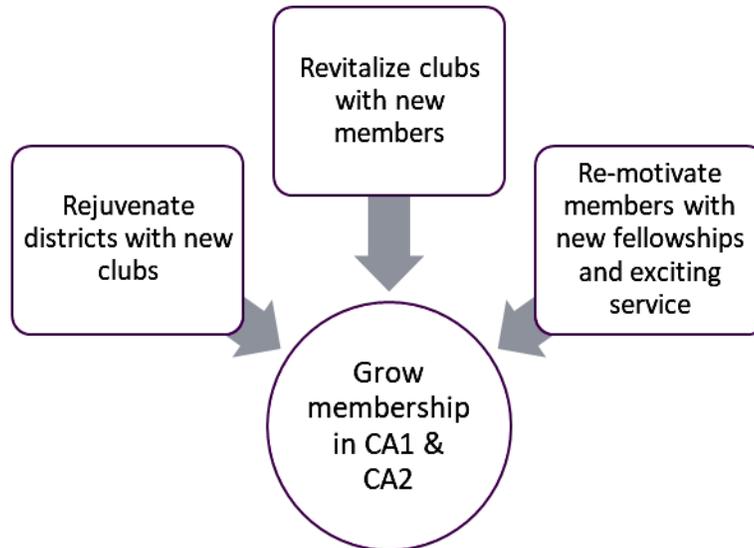
### (taken from entries in MyLion and other sources)

LCVI	\$100
LCVI No Show Monster Ball donations (Zone Clubs / Individuals)	\$815
LCIF	\$2,000
Food Bank or local Food Pantries	\$4,825
Meals on Wheels	\$100
Ear of the Lion	\$75
Lions Eye Foundation	\$90
Education, Literacy Programs	\$75
Lions Diabetes Camp	\$150
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>\$8230</b>

# NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE PILOT

Our Zone 1 has been selected along with 13 other zones in the United States and Canada to participate in the North American Membership Initiative Pilot.

## North American Membership Initiative Objectives?



**Our first step is to do an analysis of the members satisfaction regarding 6 topics in the Zone.** We started the analysis by getting feedback from the members of the clubs in the Zone via a survey. The survey is only six questions and is anonymous. The answers to the question are multiple choice based on a scale of 1 to 5. 1 being least satisfied to 5 being extremely satisfied.

An invitation was sent to all club members to click on a link to take the survey. The overall average score to **each question was shared at the Zone 1 Meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>.**

We had **brainstorming session with several Zone club members** to gather ideas on how to improve the overall satisfaction level on the various areas.

More to come in the upcoming months as we work together with all the clubs in our Zone.

For lion's club members in Zone 1 below is the survey link if you would like to participate in the survey. The results are anonymous. We look forward to more feedback.

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ehqsxva3kiqyd575/start>

## SERVICE

### **Albany Lampooon Lions Club**

- Eyeglass sorting
- Maintenance to benches at Albany Hill (sanded and repainted – remove graffiti)
- Fisher House
- LCVI Advisory Board Meetings
- No-Show Monster Ball
- LCIF and California Lions Foundation donations

### **Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions Club**

- Cards for Veterans and Nurses with Christmas stocking with goodies at VA Center for Rehabilitation and extended care in Martinez
- Assisted with Crockett's Food giveaway.
- Mobile Delta Van for at risk veterans and homeless (2 days)
- No sew blankets included with Holiday meals for LCVI clients
- Toy Drive: Provided toys for 22 families with 65 children – Belshaw School
- No Show Monster Ball
- School Supplies for Belshaw School
- Fisher House
- Veterans Day Celebration and Good bags for veterans
- LCVI Advisory Meetings

### **El Cerrito Lions Club**

- Although El Cerrito Lions have not met consistently during COVID they have been in contact with each other and were able to do their annual Veterans Day Flag Placement Ceremony at Sunset View Cemetery on Veterans day. Looking forward to working with them on the Zone Project for Fisher House and on upcoming Food Drive – drop off in February and meeting with them very soon.

### **Hercules Lions Club**

- Has not been able to meet for a variety of reasons, but they have a history rich in experience with their community over the years with Thanksgiving meals, flu shots for their seniors and their annual crab feed. We look forward to being able to work with them via the zone project with Fisher House and the upcoming food drive – drop off on Saturday, February 27th

### **Richond Pinole Lions Club**

- Cards for Veterans and Nurses
- Education, Literacy or Reading Action Program (working with students one on one on-line)
- Processing returned eyeglasses from Zenni (for the Lions in Sight Warehouse)
- No Show Monster Ball
- LCVI Advisory Board Meetings

### **Rodeo Lions Club**

#### Rodeo

- Eyeglass recycling
- Fisher House donations
- Providing the location for the upcoming Food Drive drop off at Rodeo True Value Hardware parking lot.

# Crockett Lions Club

At this somber time of our history, we continue to look forward with what the poet Charles Peguy calls “my little girl hope”.

We share with you some good news! Crockett recently gained three new members: **Derrick Henry** (Pres. Aimee’s husband), **Lana Lohr** (Aimee’s Mom), and **Liz Luchwinko** who just returned to us from LA. Besides these new regular members, we also gained 6 new associate members: **Lions Stu and Valerie Griffin, Barbara Griffin, Frank Ma, Phillis Neitling and Michelle Strong**. All have worked with us over the years and will now do so “officially”. We add these new associates to our present three: **Lion Darlene Ridle, Mo Powers, and Gary Miner.**, and to our two Honorary members **Suzie Hart and Mary Wais**. How happy the Crockett Lions are to have great additions to our team and teamwork.

On December 21, we had a “**Christmas Holly Day Event**” during which we provided a ham dinner, plus toys when appropriate, to needy families in our area. It was successful on many levels:

- We supplied 43 families with dinners.
- **Lion Howard** brought food for 37 units at the Crockett Senior Housing.
- **DG Bill** brought surplus food to a nearby homeless community.
- A team of very organized and hardworking Lions coordinated the event in two to three weeks.
- Phillips 66 funded and our **Lion Joe** funded the event. Thank you!
- We had a full crew of Crockett Lions, plus teachers from the John Swett High, on hand for the distribution.
- Our John Swett **Leos** participated in the Event by holding a can drive.
- **President Aimee** received many heartfelt messages of gratitude.

The Lions were proud of having contributed to the Christmas joy of others. They also had fun doing so!!!



## Fisher House Donations

Would you believe we have an apostle in our midst?

Yes, **Crockett Lion Dayton Smith** is an apostle and advocate for Fisher House at Travis. Fisher House offers temporary housing to the families of military who are receiving treatment. Weekly Dayton encourages us to support it, with funds, food items and household goods. In recent months **Lions Darlene and Mac** have joined his efforts and expanded the support of Fisher House into Lion Mac’s Zone project. At this point every Club in Mac’s Zone has donated to it. **Pres. Aimee’s** theme for the year is “**Our Mission is Possible**”. She and our Lions continue to make it so. Thanks to all of you who care and show it.



# Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions Club

Mobile Dental Van – Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions & Delta Veterans Group partnering with Healing California By Lion Darlene Ridle



Our Lion Pat Jeremy coordinated the efforts between Healing California and organized and took all the reservations and managed the waiting list of what turned out to be an extraordinarily successful event. On November 7 & 8, 2020, the Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions Club and Delta Veterans Group sponsored the Healing California

Dental Van at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6435 parking lot.

Over the two days, Healing CA dentists were able to provide major dental services for 33 veterans and non-veterans who were either homeless, at risk and/or low-income patients. Each morning Antioch Rivertown Lions, Delta Veterans Group and Healing CA setup each day to see patients



starting with appointments at 8 AM through to 4 to 5 PM. Followed by taken down after all the appointments.

Patients would be checked in and

Breanna, from the Diablo Valley College's Dental Hygiene program, provided information and fliers to patients regarding hygiene services that the college provides as Healing CA was not able to provide this service due to Covid-19 restrictions.



There was a total of 6 volunteers that members of the two veteran organization a total of 108 hours assisting Healing CA Prior to the actual days of the dental service had to be taken and coordinated receiving phone calls from dental needs, scheduling appointments, This preliminary activity was over a 10-day period and is estimated to have required 10 hours of volunteer time. Thank you, Lion Pat, for bringing this event to our joint organizations.



worked both days. All were tions. These volunteers worked with set-up, teardown, registering, face coverings, etc. service, reservations for dental ed with Healing CA. This inspective patients, determining and developing a standby list.

Your leadership and organization are an inspiration!



# Porterville Hospotal Project



**Lions**

Because of the large number of COVID cases in California, the state has activated an alternative care site in Porterville CA. Our District Disaster Chair Michael McDowell is Facilities Manager and below is an article on information direct from the Hot Zone and a recent update.

We always rise to a challenge and I urge your club, if possible, to please help with a donation. Our card angels are getting ready to send more cards and treats for Valentines day. Several clubs have already sent a donation or working on cards so THANK YOU all for your help. You are helping to save a life.  
District Governor Bill

**Porterville Project – Alternative Care Site – COVID Surge Hospital  
Latest Update from Lion Mike McDowell – Disaster Chair**



You can't imagine the impact that Lions have had at our Alternate Care Site in Porterville. Without your help, there would be no N95 masks to fit 25% of our medical staff. Because of help through Lions, we have waiting room furniture for our about to be launched outpatient infusion clinic. When we had run out of "patient call buttons" ... well, actually they were squeaky toys. Lions rallied to the cause and got a supply of a half dozen immediately, 20 the next day and 30 the day after. We asked for a couple dozen but will use them all.

When the second batch of squeaky toys was dropped off by Lion Dave Hamilton, I went on the radio to pass them off to the Hot Zone and ended my transmission with a "squeak." Normally talk



on the radio is pretty serious and business like. Apparently, the squeak resulted in peals of laughter throughout.

When the state decided that they wanted to open clinics to infuse people with mono-clonal antibodies into people who are sick with COVID-19 but not so sick that they had to go into the hospital, yet our site was the only one that said we were interested in taking on the project. This is a cutting-edge treatment and gives us another means of fighting the ravages of this disease.

We are in this for the long haul and your help makes a big difference. The cards were a big hit. The ones that affected our workers the most were the handwritten ones. Several you actually handmade your cards and those were a true act of love.

**History of the Porterville Project  
Lion Mike McDowell – Disaster Chair**

I am currently in Porterville at a surge hospital. The local hospitals are becoming inundated with cases and they are passing patients on to us. Our medical staff is top notch. The site is run by the State of California. There are many things that they are able to provide for us, but we are in need of many other things.

For example, the governor bought a billion dollars of one kind of N95 mask. These masks make a good seal on about 55% of the staff that go into the hot zone. Through a Lion in Tulare County, we are able to trade for a type of mask that fits another 25%. We still need funds for the other 5 types of mask that fit the remaining medical staff. We also need other PPE items such as surgical caps. We need shelving as well. It is not unusual for me to fabricate items such as racks for oxygen bottles.

At any given time, we have 94 people working here. there is a constant turnover. Some people are here for two weeks and some are here for the duration. Some are quite young - this is their first real job - and some are retired doctors and nurses.

# Porterville Hospital Project continued



Many of our **young EMTs** are inspired to go to nursing or medical school as a result of their experience here. Workers come from as far away as Texas, Georgia, Florida and Chicago.

We are fortunate in that our **Alternate Care Site (ACS)** is located at a former state hospital. The buildings are well suited for our purpose but are seventy years old and some systems need continuous attention. On the **bright side**, with advances in medicine, patients who would have been here for a month this past summer are often released in a week.

**The Berkeley Lions Club** has sent some funds to **fulfill immediate needs**. **Lions' support has made the difference in quality of life for our team already**. We were about to **run out** of a type of N95 mask that 5 people on the medical team need and the **first shipment was waiting for me at the hotel last night**. There is another mask that we **ran out of last night**. That shipment, **paid by Lions, won't arrive until next week** **Fortunately I had enough masks in my work PPE on my truck** to tide that paramedic over until then. The shelving that I have purchased because of the Lions of 4C3 has enabled us to organize our medical and PPE inventory. **The list of Lions making a difference goes on.**

The funds sent so far have been well spent. I have been able to **obtain much of the hard to come by N95 masks that 10% of our medical staff need**. Although I still need to **get one more N95 model**, I have **nearly attained** our goal of obtaining a one-month supply at the **current "burn" rate**. That **burn rate will increase** as we get **more patients and more staff to support them**. Also, we plan on being **her through March, at the very least**. **Almost \$1500 went to purchase much needed office supplies**. The balance was for **shelving and materials for storage and to keep the buildings running**.

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District 4-C3 has contributed \$5,000 from our Disaster Fund to Help with the needs of the Hospital in Porterville. If you or your club wish to donate to the project. You can help by sending funds to

Make checks payable to - Berkeley Lions Foundation for Porterville Project

Attention: Mark Fujikawa  
1402 Navellier Street  
El Cerrito, CA 94530  
or

Make checks payable to District 4-C3 Disaster Fund (note for Porterville Project or to replenish the fund)  
c/o Kaz Sato'915 High Street  
Alameda, CA 94501

**As a morale booster our Lion angels and friends** are busily making cards to express our thanks to Lion Mike and the nurses, retired doctors and EMTs working hard to help save lives. The first batch of cards are going out on Tuesday.

**Thank you to these special lions and friends:**  
Laurelle Martin and Audrey Nieman (Richmond/Pinole Lions)  
Nancy Miller (Crockett Lions)  
Darlene Ridle (Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions)  
Michelle Strong, (WC Diablo Valley Lions)  
Gloria Denton (Alameda Breakfast) and her friend Patsy  
Valerie Griffin and Vickie Redstone (Albany Lions)

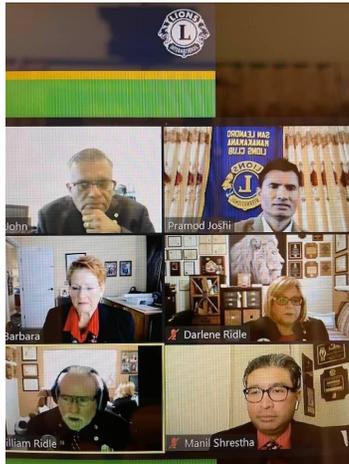


# Koshy John Zone 3 Club news

## Silicon Valley Indian Lions Club

### Member orientation a District zone initiative

A member orientation Training was held on Nov 8, 2021 for the Silicon Valley Indian Lions Club was held. It was well attended. The members of the district cabinet and the Silicon Valley Lions club attended the event and was a great success.



Here are some pictures during the zoom meeting.



### Fire Victims Relief by Silicon Valley Indian Lions Club

Donated Items to the Shaver Lake residents in Fresno county.

A team of Silicon Valley Indian Lions went to Fresno County to deliver the much needed items to the fire victims. Lion 1st VDG James, Lion GopaKumar, Lion Vijayalakshmi Lion Khush participated in the event.

### Charity fundraiser event by Silicon Valley Indian Lions Club

To aid planning and preparation for the mega charity fundraiser on Jan 2nd, 2021, we had weekly planning meetings starting from Nov 2020 to the end of Dec 2020. The online musical concert was performed by celebrity cine vocalists in India. It was performed live. This event was not only a fundraiser but also to gain exposure among the bay area Asian Indians. The event was well attended and it was a success.



# Oakland Montclair Lions Club

By Lion Maureen "Dr. Mo" Powers, Club Secretary

We Zoom at noon on the first Tuesday of every month, and at 4 pm on the third Tuesday. Contact me at mopowers@yahoo.com for the latest link.

Our food drive with Alameda Breakfast and Oakland Chinatown was a huge success! Over \$2000 was donated in cash to Alameda food banks (City and County), and Club members brought 245 pounds of dry and canned goods (plus a couple of warm jackets) to our house (Lions Gary Miner and Mo's) and we delivered it to the City Team of Oakland, which is dedicated to feeding the homeless. They were very grateful.

We had a visitation from the Richmond-Pinole Club in January, and in February we will be "touring" the Lions Eye Foundation virtually with a slide presentation. For our afternoon meeting we will host Lion Manil Shrestha for his visitation as candidate for Second Vice District Governor, and then PDG Gary Wong will induct a new member and give us a presentation on Membership. So we have a great couple of meetings coming up.

# Anthony Hong Zone 4 news

## ZONE 4 PROJECT

Zone 4 is comprised of these clubs: Amador Valley, Danville, Dublin Host, Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dawn Breakers.

The project that our group would like to do is some refurbishing work around the 4.5 acre Hagermann Ranch (455 Olivina Avenue, Livermore), with rich history that dates back to the Mexican Rancho era. The Ranch is one of the properties managed by the Livermore Heritage Guild ([www.lhg.org](http://www.lhg.org)).

During pre-pandemic times, the Ranch holds year-round family-friendly activities such as weekend carriage rides and celebrations on the various holidays.

The following are the 3 potential projects:

### 1. Re-painting of the fencing surrounding the main barn:



### 2. Replacing the cyclone-fence entrance gate with a wooden gate:



### 3. Restoring the storage barn to its original red color:

We are in the process of finding out the number of volunteers we can get and the level of expertise among us. Then we can proceed to selecting a suitable project. For anyone even outside of our zone but would like to donate their labor and share their experience, they are encouraged to contact

ZC Tony Hong at [tahrph@yahoo.com](mailto:tahrph@yahoo.com)

or (510)378-3609 (texts accepted).



# Dan Rinaldi Zone 5 Club news

Zone 5 currently has two open projects:

## 1. Environmental Project started by the Oakley Delta Lions Club.

I would like each club in Zone 5 to save prescription bottles and bread tags through June 2021. At that time I will pick up all bottles and tags accumulated by your club . For the club that gives the most wins bragging rights and \$50 bucks for your Admin Account.



## 2. District Wide Food Drive in February Promoted by Governor Bill Riddle

From Governor Bill Riddle... “While most of our clubs have been involved in various food drives and donations to Food Banks and Food Pantries we would like to do a Districtwide Food Drive in February. We would like to have the zones set a date, time and location for a drive up and drop off of canned food and dry goods collection for their clubs for the community. This may be an opportunity for clubs that have not been able to serve, to participate while serving safely”.

Each club in Zone 5 can collect and deliver canned food and dry goods to the Food Bank/Pantry **of their choice**. As Secretary, at your next meeting please establish how many would like to be involved, Food Bank / Pantry of choice, and date/time of delivery.

In addition to your personal contributions, ask family and friends. Many people would like to help but don't think a few cans of food would be welcome.

If everyone in your club asks one friend think how many cans we could collect.

Thanks for your Service,

Danny Rinaldi

Zone 5 Chair

MP: (925) 381-5486

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# Walnut Creek Diablo Valley Lions Club

This club has kept busy

John Bates collecting, sorting and delivering eye glasses

Michelle and Phillis regularly attend Crockett Lions meetings and are now associate members

Michelle and Phillis also attend LCVI meetings

Michelle, Phillis and Ed attended the District meeting

Michelle and Phillis also helped in the making of many No-sew blankets that went to the client of LCVI and the Veterans in long term care in Martinez

Michelle attended District Leadership, Diabetes classes, Game night with LCVI, monster ball event and attended WCYV meetings

Michelle made 150+ cards for the Veterans and their Nurses in long term care for Christmas and Valentines day AND cards for the Porterville hospital project cards for the Doctors, Nurses and EMT's



The Club Donated \$100 to the card project, \$216 to Blue Star Moms, \$500 to Monument Crisis Center

Club adopted a Christmas family from Bay Area Crisis Nursery a family of five.

We purchased gifts and wrapped them and delivered them too

We have kept in contact with Megan from Belshaw School whom we donated a good sum om money to so the kids could get supplies for school, but in addition it went even further and help get food on the table of the less fortunate families.

Michelle helped the Crockett club with their food and toy give away in December

Michelle created November, December and February's Lionizer

Michelle helped with the Veterans day celebration of our Veterans handing out bags of goodies and got to see Bill Ridle awarded Veteran of the year the excess bags were donated to Belshaw School thank you to Darlene and Bill.

Michelle's brother helped and delivered food and bankers to the LCVI clients for Christmas.

Michelle joined the team to support Manil for 2nd Vice District Governor and attended her first meeting



## The Diablo Valley Lioness Club

They adopted a family for Christmas as they have done for the past 15 years or so.

They took a family of four and purchased and wrapped the gifts. By "they" I mean Michelle a club member and Darlene Ridle good friend and Lions District Secretary. Michelle did all the shopping online and had it delivered to her house then her and Darlene got together and wrapped all the gifts. They did it so fast that there was time for Michelle to help Darlene wrap gifts for the students at Belshaw school and stuff some stockings for the Veterans and their nurses

Club made donations to Contra Costa food bank and the Belshaw Christmas gift project.



# Walnut Creek Ygnacio Valley Lions Club

The Lions have had a very busy six (6) months and are continuing with service projects and donations for the next six (6) months.

The club held a successful "Bake Someone Happy" fundraiser with funds raised going to the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired and Lions in Sight.

We are planning another one in the Spring.

The club has and is continuing to support the food pantry at Refuge and the Contra Costa Solano Food Bank. We will be participating in the CA Lions Cares Project: Hunger.

Club members are writing thank you and thinking of you cards for the volunteers at the Porterville Alternate Care Site. We will also be sending gift cards for Starbucks and Peets Coffee and made a monetary donation to the project.

Even though it was a little more difficult, we held a Peace Poster Contest with two (2) local elementary schools. Thank you to the teachers and students at Foothill Middle School and Walnut Creek Intermediate School.

Even though the Student Speaker Contest maybe a little different this year, we are making plans to hold a contest.

We are keeping our club members engaged in service projects such as the continuing of collection of eye glasses and school supplies; sorting eyeglasses, working with Trinity Center, working with Scout Troop 282, providing vision care through the UC Vision Program and making face masks.

We are meeting regularly by Zoom with speakers, continue to have our 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Socials and having FUN! And even added a new member.

The Lions of Walnut Creek Ygnacio Valley are Being Actively Involved in Community Service. *Submitted by Linda Griffin*



# Walnut Creek Rossmoor Lions Club

## What's Happening with Rossmoor Lions Club?

Ten months of restricted activities in Rossmoor, but who's counting?! All social and meeting buildings remain locked. Our club has continued with twice-a-month newsletters. We continue to learn about our club members' life experiences with the essays they submit to the newsletter. Our club members have led very interesting lives.

The final tally for our **Lions Campaign 2020** is \$18,660. Our Board is close to deciding what charities will receive donations from the campaign's proceeds and we will report on that in next quarter's Lionizer. Our Board and club members feel strongly about distributing donations to groups that represent the six tenets of Lions Club. During this time of crisis for many people and non-profit organizations we are looking to expand beyond our 'normal' giving avenues to reach people in need.

The re-establishment of our eyeglass collection in Rossmoor in support of the Lions In Sight foundation this past Fall is going very well. Our new outdoor location for the collection bin is convenient and easily accessible for Rossmoor residents. It's not uncommon for the bin to be overloaded with bags and bags of glasses (and used hearing aids) from week to week. A team of Rossmoor Lions collect, sort and pack the glasses. Since collecting eyeglasses is "what we do!" it feels great to have the collection up and running again.

In addition to zone projects, our club is thinking of ways to institute service projects within Rossmoor that adhere to the strict social distance and mask requirements. There is a possibility of a drive-thru project on the horizon. More info on that in the next Lionizer.

In summary, we at Rossmoor Lions Club are doing well and will be able to continue helping those in need. That makes us happy.

*Submitted by Leanne Hamaji*



# Lilyan S Zone 6 Club news

## Brentwood Lions Club

CLUB DONATION 23 November 2020

\$1,000 donation from Brentwood Lions to Operation Creekside  
(Ed McClland)

Operation Creekside began with one man following God's prompting to send care packages to deployed men and women. By sharing his passion it has grown by leaps and bounds over the last 5 years. We are building deep friendships, humbly serving our God, Who gets ALL the glory, and we are impacting the world! We need YOUR help to keep our mission going.

Operation Creekside  
PO Box 1758  
Discovery Bay, CA 94505

Call Ed for details @ 925-260-5423



**CLUB DONATION** \$1300 donation from Brentwood Lions to Delta Community Services (Michael O'Connor, President).

A non-profit organization providing human services, outreach, information and referral services to all citizens of Brentwood, Bryon, Discovery Bay, Knightsen, Bethel Island, and Oakley. Delta Community Services, Inc. is



a tax-exempt, non-profit information and referral organization. A State of California licensed donor Delta Community Services, 648 Second Street, Brentwood, CA 94513

DeltaCommunity@yahoo.com, Telephone 925-634-8275, Fax 925-634-8275



# Brentwood Lions Club continued

**CLUB DONATION** \$1,000 donation from Brentwood Lions to ODAT (One Day at a Time - Johnny Rodriguez, Founder & Exec Director)

ODAT'S goal is to provide youth with a supportive network of peers, opportunities for academic and personal growth and exposure to positive transformative experiences. By enhancing education and leadership skills, providing guidance and developing trusting relationships; we empower our youth with the confidence and life skills to make better choices and lead positive lives. One Day at a Time believes that adult mentoring, effective coping and adjusting methods, and responding to issues positively, will provide the framework for youth and young adults to successfully navigate through life. The organization works hard to empower underserved youth in order to prevent or deter them from negative or undesirable behaviors. We do this by building the inner core. Our vision is to help youth and young adults become the best version of themselves that they can be.



331 PINE STREET,  
BRENTWOOD, CA 94513

Email: [admin@odatec.org](mailto:admin@odatec.org)

<https://www.odatec.org>

Thanks for all y'all do for the cause, supplying eyeglasses to those in need. Job well done. We will be conducting another Zenni Eyeglass Sorting Party (ZESP) on Tuesday the 17th out at the DeLuna's pole barn. Maintaining social distancing, masks, hand sanitizer, etc. the whole time we work. I might be able to get a couple of my musician friends to come by for a little impromptu rehearsal for your entertainment while y'all are working. Just a thought. Rod Linn



# Brentwood Lions Club Continued

**CLUB DONATION 2 December 2020**

\$1,000 donation to Village Community Resource Center (Kirsten Rigsby, Director)

Village Community Resource Center was born in response to a tragedy. In 1995, a 15-year-old child was shot and killed in a gang-related incident right here on Village Drive. Refusing to succumb to hopelessness, our community seized the opportunity to create a safe place for kids. Local homeowners, in partnership with the City of Brentwood and the Brentwood Police Department, established VCRC in 1997 as a community center – a safe, fun place where kids could gather, play, and enjoy arts and crafts. We demonstrated from the beginning that community commitment makes a difference in our kids' lives. But quickly we saw we could do even more. Our kids deserve more than a refuge. They deserve an equal opportunity to thrive. Today, we provide that. Fueled by the generosity of donors, the compassion of our many volunteers, and by our full-time staff, VCRC has developed into a comprehensive East County resource for resilient families. Our programs interrupt the cycle of despair, giving families health- and prosperity-building tools so that they and their children can create better futures. As a community-based, family-



focused 501(c)(3), we're proud to have local support. Our staff and cohort of volunteers include former VCRC clients who can speak personally to our impact. With our integrated services, we partner with families for the long term, helping kids learn and stay healthy, helping parents navigate the school system and pursue their life priorities. At VCRC, we know firsthand that when families are strengthened, kids thrive. And when kids thrive, we all do.



**VILLAGE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER- BRENTWOOD, 633 VILLAGE DRIVE  
BRENTWOOD, CA 94513, MAIN OFFICE: 925-626-7892**

**BYRON DELTA** SEE'S CANDY WINTER FUNDRAISER HEADED BY GAIL PINNELL

1 December 2020 Our winter fund raiser this year is headed by Lion Gail Pinnell and its all about yummy chocolate! Gail has selected a bunch of wonderful See's candy boxes, peanut brittle, peppermints and more to help you get into the holiday spirit. Please look to your mail for the flier that shows the different items and get your check into Gail no later than December 1st. Delivery of the items will be on December 5th from 9:00am-7:00am.



# Brentwood Lions Club continued

## BRENTWOOD LIONS AND DISCOVERY BAY – Service Project

“TOY DRIVE DONATIONS” 13 December 2020 deadline

Both Brentwood and Discovery Bay Lions are collaborating together with the Brentwood Community Chest to do a “Toys for Kids” drive. \$10 minimum unwrapped gift donation. Flyer with more details will be sent out by Lion Dave Ciruli, Brentwood Lions.

President Lion Dave Ciruli: This Holiday Season the Brentwood Lions Club has tried to be generous with local charities. We recently donated to Delta Community Services, Operation Creekside, the Village Resource Center, Brentwood Regional Community Chest, and One Day at a Time. Although we don't usually give all these donation at this time, we felt that with Covid19 problems it would be appropriate to help during the holiday season this year. However, we found a hole in our charity donations. Each year some of these groups hand out toys to local children in need. Their biggest source of toys comes from community toy donations which are collected mainly from local holiday parties. We talked to the people that normally do the toy collection and this year they have a big problem – no holiday parties. So – let's help! First of all the club will purchase and donate toys, but we can't do too much since this is not a budgeted item. But we all can help. Go out and purchase toys. The requirement is that they be at least \$10 and we leave them unwrapped. When you have the toys, reply to this email (or call me – 925-354-1563) and we will make arrangements to get them. We have to deliver them before December 13. So please make sure we get them by next Friday. I know this is last minute – but where there's a need, there's a Lion.



- *Note from Brentwood Community Chest: Up to 500 families from Brentwood, Byron, Discovery Bay, Knightsen and Bethel Island are presented with a full holiday dinner, canned food and age-appropriate presents for their children. The program is largely dependent on the generosity and support of individuals, families and businesses in our community. For more detailed information about the entire event, download the most recent BRCC Brochure. Starting the first week in November, barrels and bins will be located throughout Far East County for donations of new toys. Due to COVID-19, only toys, gift cards and monetary donations will be collected this year. Donations will be used to provide a turkey dinner for every family and to provide toys and gifts for every child 0-18. Food and toys will be distributed to families on Saturday, December 19, 2020 from 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. at Brentwood Elementary School. There will be sign-ups for volunteer groups, from the same family or social bubble, who are able to volunteer together.*

# Brentwood Lions Club Continued

**BRENTWOOD LIONS CLUB – Service Project 16 December 2020**

Meal delivery at Shepherd's Gate continues and outside caroling will take place December 16. Scarves and hats (blankets for the kids) are being crocheted or knitted by Brentwood Lion members. Lion Pam said there to date 4 ladies and 3 children, including 12 staff member for a total of 19.

Come out and spread some Christmas Cheer.

We will be doing Christmas Caroling for the ladies and children at Shepherd's Gate. We will meet out front to sing loud and clear for all to hear. Lots of Lions have made scarfs as Christmas gifts. Wednesday, December 16th @ 5pm. Remember it's cold outside so bundle up and wear your mask. Let show that Lion spirit.....Please R.S.V.P. Merry Christmas Lion Pam

Last night December 16, the Brentwood Lions had a brief but delightful evening with the ladies and children at Shepard's Gate in Brentwood. We met in their backyard and had a Christmas Carol sing along. Jinni and I played our ukes and we all sang fully masked. We presented the ladies, including staff, with scarves and caps that our Lions made. We also gave all the children blankets. Pam Smith picked up dinner from Brentwood Fine Meats for the Shepard's Gate residents. We'd like to give a special thanks to Brentwood Fine Meats for donating the dinner, and thanks to all the Lions who participated.



Brentwood Community Chest PO Box 845, Brentwood CA 94513

For general information please contact Lill Pierce at 925-813-1320.

For barrel information please contact Jeff Schults at 925-890-8296.

For school and organization information please contact

Dana Eaton at 925-331-7005. For website information please contact

Dana Eaton at [deaton@brentwood.k12.ca.us](mailto:deaton@brentwood.k12.ca.us)



# Byron Delta Lions Club

## - ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EYEGGLASS SORTING SERVICE EVENT 12 November 2020

Spearheaded by both 2nd VG Linda Barbara and Lion BDLC President Frances Shipilov, on November 12th Byron Delta Lions Club took part in an Eyeglass Sorting Party with eyeglasses donated by Zenni Optical at the Deluna Ranch in Brentwood CA. A total of 79 boxes with 9500 glasses sorted while social distancing and sanitary protocol being maintained. While a chilly event, much laughter and friendship were shared while supporting such a wonderful event.



## BYRON DELTA LC 2021 PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS 2 November 2020

Kathy Doty has been busy working on our Peace Poster Contest and on November 2, three judges chose this year's Peace Poster winners! The theme was "Peace Through Service". Congratulations to first place winner 13 year old Janica Mamada, 2nd place winner 13 year old Serina Castro, and 3rd place winner Lexi Nobori. Each received a certificate and gift from our club. The Peace Poster Contest is a worldwide contest that promotes world peace through the eyes of 11, 12 and 13 year olds. The Peace Poster contest is held each year in the Fall. Each contestant must be in the correct age group, follow the theme and instructions of the contest and turn in the artwork by the deadline. Three judges are selected to choose the winning posters. The 1st place winner continues to the next level of judging and if chosen each level's winner will continue to world competition. The final winner will receive \$5000 and a trip to the United Nations. BDLC is proud to support and sponsor this contest each year.



## BYRON DELTA FUNDRAISER - GARAGE SALE A HUGE SUCCESS! 7 November 2020

Fundraiser – De Luna Ranch – Huge garage sale.....

Our club rallied their support and items under the direction and coordination of Lion Marilyn Senn to have a



successful garage sale! Marilyn secured Deluna Ranch in Brentwood CA for the venue and organized our club in crews of twelve over three days covering set-up, take-down, selling, bagging, and whatever else was needed to make this event a success. Not only was the garage sale a success financially for us, but all remaining items were donated to several charitable organizations. For those who donated, helped organize, unbox and set-up the event, or even shopped, we thank you for an awesome time of comradery and service! A huge thank you to Marilyn for bringing this all together for us!



# Byron Delta Lions Club continued

**SERVICE PROJECT 21 DECEMBER 2020**

Reverse Advent Calendar (food drive): Club members from Byron Delta and Discovery Bay Lions will continue this food drive as individual service club projects and service hours will be reported accordingly in December.

*The idea is that each day in December, leading up to Christmas (or a day or two before depending upon your Food Bank's preference), each zone club prepares an Advent Calendar box of food. The food items can be what you and your food bank agree upon (sample calendar below and attached). Boxes are made up at home by Lion Member volunteers (decorating the boxes is optional). Each club then delivers their boxes to their food bank on a mutually agreed upon date and reports back to the Club Service Chairperson as well as the Zone Chairperson how many boxes they donated, food banks are in dire need for items more than ever.*

The Byron Delta Lions Club working with the Delta Christian Community Food Pantry. The Delta Food Pantry is currently helping feed 125 families in need. Byron Delta Lions and friends delivering food boxes to the Christian Community Food Pantry.

## But wait, there's more

**That's Linda Barbara's hands on the left (taking pictures), Suzanne Berry's hands on the right holding a check And Frances Shipilov. Thank you Wendy for the idea and the opportunity to help. A big shout out to Jennifer, Andy and Karen and your friends for your desire to help others.**



# Byron Delta Lions Club continued

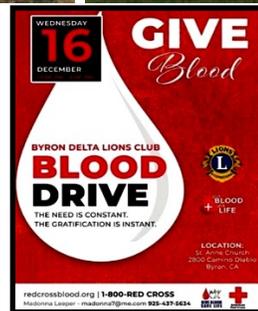
BYRON DELTA PLACING WREATHS IN VETERANS GRAVES AT UNION POINT CEMETERY. There were so many Lions they divided into 2 groups. Next year it will be even better..... Perhaps a zone project!



## BYRON DELTA BLOOD DRIVE – Service Project 16 December 2020

## PRESENTS DRIVE-BY TOY DRIVE – Service Project 10 December 2020

Noon to 2PM - Benefits Brentwood Regional Community Chest



**\*BRING A TOY AND GIVE A JOY\***

TOY MUST BE NEW AND UNWRAPPED OR GIFT CARD FROM TARGET OR WALMART

DROP OFF AT THE HOMES OF FRANCES SHIPILOV OR JUDY DEPAOLI

CAN'T MAKE THE DROP OFF DATE? PLEASE CONTACT FRANCES OR JUDY FOR ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS Byron Delta Lions Club annual toy drive...business as usual to help community children have a good Christmas. This is the load from Judy DePaoli's house and another load at Francis Shiplov's should help a lot. Thanks ladies, Marilyn Senn

Thank you to the ladies of the Byron Delta Lions club and friends for their generous donations of toys and \$300 in gift cards to the Brentwood Community Chest toy drive. Happy holidays to all.....Judy DePaoli

Byron Delta held their annual Christmas toy drive. It was not the fun we had in past years but still a really great project to provide for the children of the community. Thank you all for the gifts and big thank you to Lion Judy dePaoli and Lion Frances Shipilov for the use of their garages as the drop off locations and then the delivery to the community chest where they will be sorted for the families. Merry Christmas!! Linda Barbara



# Oakley Delta Lions Club

OAKLEY DELTA LIONS CLUB SUPPORTS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS 9 November 2020

Dolores Dee Hicks - Oakley Friends & Neighbors

Oakley graduating students of Freedom High School. The scholarship applications come on November 9th, 2020. They can be picked up from your Career Center or on line. DAUB4KIDS BINGO is once again giving a number of \$2,500 scholarships. Due to the pandemic we are not sure how the scholarships will be presented. As we get through this year and beginning of next year we will do what is best, safest, and follow the CDC guidelines. Please get your applications early.

Oakley Delta Lions have started two projects that will help the environment. One is collecting BREAD tags and the other is collecting empty PILL bottles.



DISTRICT ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS Presented by Oakley Delta Lions Club President Dee Hicks

To help with the Environment, Oakley Delta Lions Club is collecting Bread Tags and Empty pill bottles. To participate all you have to do is collect these items and forward to Oakley Delta Lions, Attention Dee Hicks, P.O. Box Box 635, Bethel Island, CA 94511 and they will do the rest. Remember to report your activities in MyLion. How many you collect and time spent collecting under the service activity for Environment.



## Pill Bottle Donations

Matthew 25: Ministries accepts donations of empty plastic pill bottles for inclusion in shipments of medical supplies and for shredding and recycling. Our pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and caring for our environment.

Acceptable collection items include:

- Prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles
- Large and small pill bottles
- Pill Bottles with and without secure caps (child-resistant)

For more information behind the collection of pill bottles at Matthew 25 Ministries, click on the link below.

Matthew 25: Pill Bottles

<https://m25m.org/pillbottles/>

# Discovery Bay Lions Club

Welcome to the Delta Leos Club - Induction 10 November 2020

A teenagers-only service club chapter of Lions Club International! The Delta Leos officers and members were inducted Tuesday, November 10, at the Discovery Bay Steakhouse. District Governor Bill Ridle attended along with other district leadership -including our favorite, Lion 2nd Vice Governor Linda Barbara! Lions Bill and Linda both spoke beautifully and passionately about Lions work. The Delta Leos are a community-based club, open to all high school-aged teens with a passion for community service. Delta Leos Club Founding Members & Inductees: President: Wyatt Taylor, Vice President: Tyler Martinez, Treasurer: David Dove, Secretary: Madelyn Souza, Directors: Kasey Gunderson, Emma Lenfest, Tylor Enos, and Taryn Martinez. Along with Members Tory Moseley, Stormer Bogosian, Danny Dove, Gavin Capelli, Emery Gunderson, and Elyse Capelli.



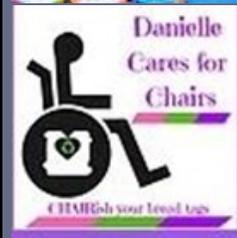
## WELCOME DELTA LEOS CLUB!

BY AMANDA DOVE



### Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

Those in need. It was started by high school junior, Danielle Rothchild, after an upcycling challenge got her working with bread tags. She found an organization in South Africa to collect them to raise funds for wheelchairs. She was inspired to take action. Taking an otherwise non-recyclable item and transforming it into something for social good is what we like to call a win-win here at SCARE. Danielle Care for Chairs agrees. "we are young and concerned about our planet and want to start by educating young people about sustainability. Click on the link below for more information.



<https://daniellecaresforch.wixsite.com/daniellecareforchair>

### BEFORE

Bread tags are small hard pieces of plastic, which are otherwise a non-recyclable item.



### AFTER

This is what happens once the tags get melted down into pellets and then become repurposed items like tape dispensers and egg cartons





# **ZONE 6 PROJECTS UPDATE**

Zenni Eyeglass sorting project - Zone 6 project continues. Lion Rod Linn will keep us informed as to the next sorting party (where, when, time).

Reverse Advent Calendar (food drive) - project by Lion Frances Shipilov, Byron Delta Lions Club update: Not enough participation to make this an official zone project -- project thus cancelled. Some of the Lions clubs in Zone 6 are already volunteering at local food banks and others are not meeting at all due to COVID-19 and in turn are not doing any service or zone projects.

Note: Byron Delta and Discovery Bay Lions club members will continue this food drive as individual service club projects and service hours will be reported accordingly in December.

Kaleidoscope garden tool shed donation - proposed zone project by Lion Jinni Ciruli, Brentwood Lions Club update: This project is no longer being considered a viable zone project due to current economics conditions and COVID-19 -- project thus cancelled. Fundraising for this entire year has been very difficult for everyone and Lions clubs are struggling with making or even considering donations other than to those foundations previously approved (pre COVID).

## **ZONE 6 - MEMBER SLIDE PRESENTATION UPDATE**

Presentation made to Ambrose Pittsburg -- Oct 27 (semi final slides prepared)

ZOOM Presentation to be made to Discovery Bay -- Dec 1 (final slides prepared)

ZOOM Presentation to be made to Brentwood -- Dec 2 (final slides prepared)

ZOOM Presentation to be made to Byron Delta -- Jan 8 (final slides prepared)

The remaining 3 clubs (Antioch, Bethel Island and Oakley Delta) are unavailable for a presentation either live or by ZOOM; however, semi-final slides have been prepared and e-mailed to each of the club officers for their use.

# Leos News by Amanda Dove

## DELTA LEO CLUB

LEADERSHIP – EXPERIENCE – OPPORTUNITY

Lions Club International District 4c3 Discovery Bay, California USA Deltaleosclub@gmail.com



### PICTURED HERE AT THEIR NOVEMBER INSTALLATION CEREMONY:

*Founding Delta Leo Officers: President: Wyatt Taylor, Vice President: Tyler Martinez, Treasurer: David Dove, Secretary: Taryn Martinez; Founding Delta Leo Directors: Kasey Gunderson, Tyler Enos, Emma Lenfest; Founding Delta Leo Members: Stormer Bogosian, Danny Dove, Emery Gunderson, Tory Moseley, Gavin Capelli, Elyse Capelli, Ashley Hall*

### Delta Leo Club offers teens independence

(JANUARY, 2021) Sponsored by the Discovery Bay Lions Club, in District 4c-3, the Delta Leo Club was formed in 2020 as an inclusive, Alpha Leo club, for high school-aged teenagers with a passion for community service.

The Leos opted for the “community-based” club format instead of “school-based” club format, as local teenagers now attend many different high schools, charter schools or home schools as the result of the pandemic.

Each of these founding members of the Delta Leo Club are teenagers with experience volunteering with the Discovery Bay Lions Club - via their involvement with Scouting, school Leadership, or Odyssey of the Mind program – groups with long-term support from the Discovery Bay Lions, who have an established two-decade commitment to youth in the Discovery Bay community.

With many school and club activities on hold, teens like these who thrive upon service and need to know they are making an impact are in search of a place in which they are valued, have choices and control. No organization offers more structure, with total independence and responsibility, than the Leo Club charter opportunities with LCI. “Kids have been coming to me throughout the pandemic, looking for ways in which they could be of service or be recognized,” said Leos advisor, Lions Amanda Dove. “I had just received an email mentioning Leos and it occurred to be this was something these kids could OWN. I tossed out a text to 18 students, and 15 replied YES by the end of the day.”

The Delta Leos original 15 members will grow to 36 members if they vote to approve each the membership applications before them at their end of January meeting - the result of recent publicity for their service project success stories in December and early January.

# Leos News by Amanda Dove continued

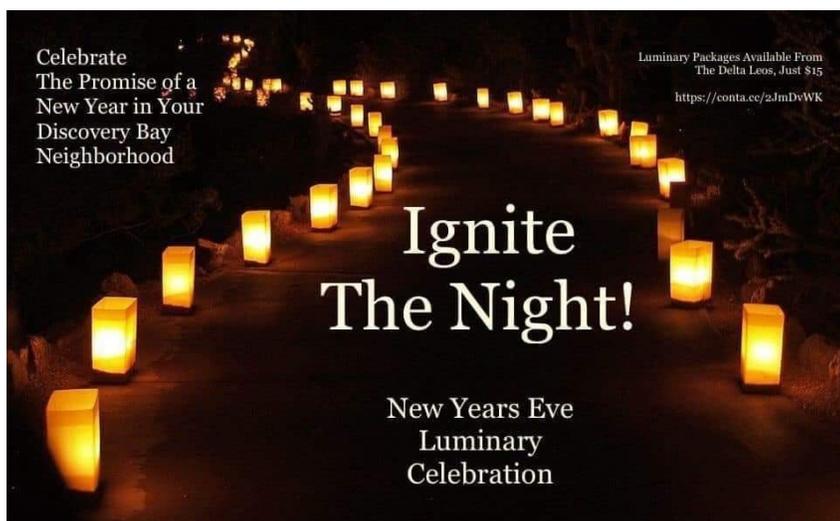
Delta Leo's In the News: Discovery Bay Parade of Lights



The Delta Leos had a huge impact on the Discovery Bay Lions 18<sup>th</sup> annual Discovery Bay Parade of Lights on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The Leos took responsibility for the entire set up and clean up of the parade route, judging tent, VIP areas and supplies. Over the three-day effort, all 15 Leos participated, logging more than 200 volunteer hours in total. *Pictured below: The Delta Leo's Sunday morning 7-9 AM parade clean-up crew!*

## New Year's Luminaries

Thanks to the Delta Leos, paper bag luminaries made their debut on New Year's Eve in front of hundreds of homes in Discovery Bay, and "Lighting the pathway to the promise of a new year." Leos volunteered throughout the day and Leos Tyler Enos and Emery Gunderson delivered luminary packages via golf cart to at-risk community members, while Delta Leo's president, Wyatt Taylor (age 17), had the honor of hauling and driving all thirty 50 lb. bags of sand for use in each of the luminaries. In total, the Leos logged 82 volunteer hours on the luminaries effort.



This project to bring the spirit of hope and a new tradition to Discovery Bay raised \$3,000, with many supplies donated by community members, and took less than a week from concept to delivery, (thanks to a strong social media push and support from local Lions clubs). Funds they will direct to benefit the local service projects they identified as part of their LCI Spotlight on Children initiative:

## Delta Leo's Spotlight on Children projects:

- LITERACY – Tutoring Services within our community.
- HEALTH – Water Safety Education and skills for local children.
- HUNGER – Food Drive and School Lunch delivery across East Contra Costa County.
- ACTIVITY & RECREATION – Fishing Club and Delta Wildlife identification/appreciation for children.
- EDUCATION & OPPORTUNITY – Helping local students access either distance or in-person learning opportunities and scholarships and providing encouragement and support to students feeling isolated, afraid, or discouraged.

## Planned Program & Event Participation

Lions International Convention, Montreal Canada, 2021

Support our Sponsor Lions Club and other area clubs as volunteers.

Club Twinning Program: Will be identifying a foreign Leos Club to twin with. Share cultures and ideas.



# LIONS WILDERNESS CAMP FOR DEAF CHILDREN, INC

*Dear Lions,*

**Jan. 2021**

Helen Keller asked us to help the Deaf children, as well as the blind. YOU can change the life of a Deaf child by donating a campership to Lions' Wilderness Camp for Deaf Children. Due to Covid-19, it is uncertain at this time if camp will be virtual or in person. Plans are being made either way. Plans for the virtual version are from examples set by organizations like the American Camping Association. We usually host at least 150 campers a year. It is **free to them**. Although 2021 may be a bit different, expenses will still be incurred. If virtual, Lions need to pay for items and shipping them to the "attendees" to ensure that joint projects and fun can be experienced by all via Zoom. We have held the campership at \$400 for many years though it costs more than that to maintain a paid staff of qualified, talented interpreters and teachers of American Sign Language, nature studies, crafts, fun and games. You do not need to know a camper; we will match you with one or more of these exceptional kids so their lives can be enhanced with activities especially for them. We have 2 weeks set aside for camp. We can ONLY do this with YOUR support. *Many* deserving youngsters believe that you can make this happen for them.

**Thank you** in advance for sending your donation to: LWCDC Treasurer, P.O. Box 8 Roseville, CA. 95661, or online at [lionswildcamp.org](http://lionswildcamp.org) by choosing the donate button. *We are a 501-C3 non-profit foundation and an MD4 endorsed project.*



## HELP US ENJOY CAMP

**DONATE** [LIONSWILDCAMP.ORG](http://lionswildcamp.org)

# **Lion Velma Wilson – Humanitarian of the Year**

## **By Lion Darlene Ridle**



Antioch Rivertown Veterans Lions Club is pleased to announce that our own Lion Velma Wilson was recognized as Contra Costa's Humanitarian of the Year during the 43rd Martin Luther King on-line Event on January 19, 2021. Lion Velma joined our Lions club in January 2020, and she has brought to us several different ways to serve our community, Martin Luther King Celebration (preparing and serving breakfast last year), Stuff the Bus (School Supplies) and the census.

In her actions, her words, and her example, Velma Wilson lives her life as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called us to live.

Velma is a selfless, tireless volunteer in the community and the county. She has served by leading her community and many organizations to promote and foster diversity, equality, and justice. She organized food distribution, school supply, and other drives in service to our county's most vulnerable.

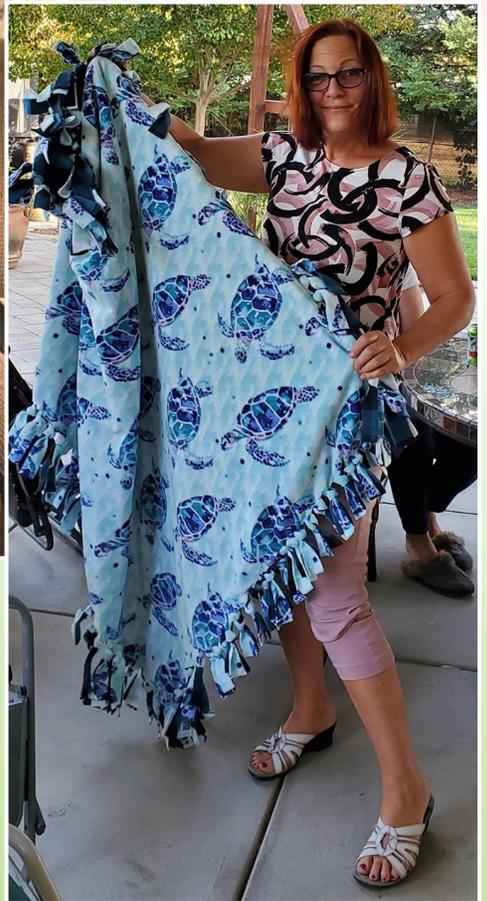
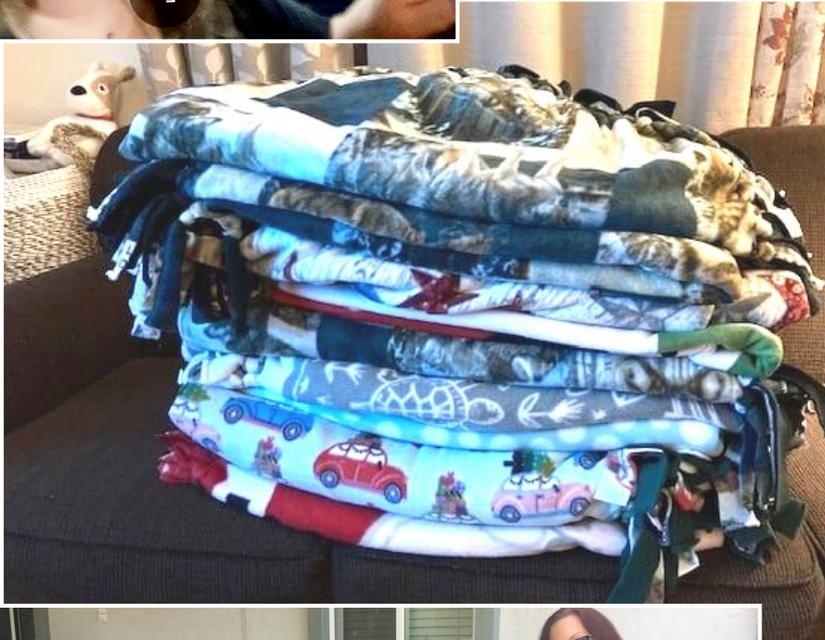
Velma has coordinated the annual Antioch MLK Day Celebration, the Antioch Veterans and Memorial Day observances, in addition to many other events. Her leadership skills and creativity bring together local, state, and federal elected officials, as well as the community-at-large.

Her list of leadership and volunteer roles includes serving as the parent and student engagement liaison for Antioch United School District, Vice President of Legislation and Education for the 32nd District PTA, 1st Vice President of East Contra Costa County NAACP, and Community Member for African American Male Achievement Initiative. Local service organizations have also benefitted greatly from her membership and involvement.

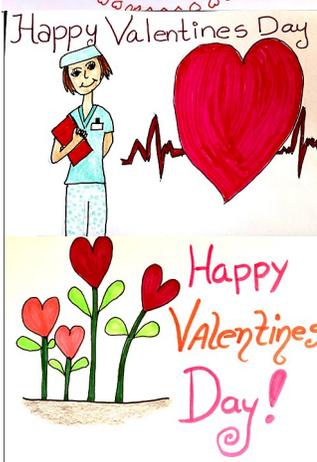
Her commitment to the Census 2020 effort led her to become a Census Bureau field supervisor. Her relationships and understanding of Antioch and Contra Costa County helped to ensure that both our homeless and unsheltered populations counted and our hardest-to-reach residents in some of the toughest neighborhoods.

Thank you for all you do and being a part of our Lions community.

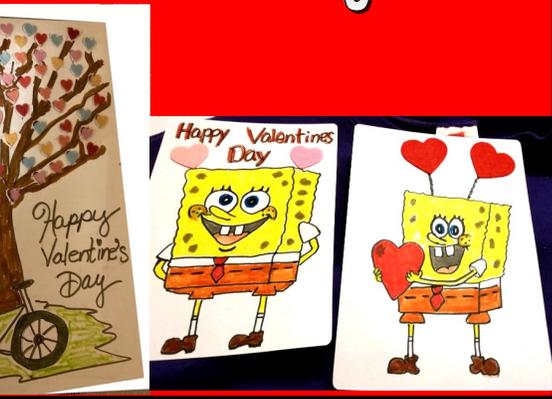
# SERVICE PROJECT WHILE SHELTERING IN PLACE NO SEW BLANKETS FOR LCVI CLIENTS AND VETERANS



# CLUB PROJECT DURING SHELTER IN PLACE WE MADE CHRISTMAS AND VALENTINES DAY FOR VETERANS & THEIR NURSES



**Darlene thought the Veterans and Nurses would enjoy stockings stuffed with goodies**





# Editors Page

By Michelle Strong

## The power of prayer and the universe listening

I had recently put a request on social media to pray and send good thoughts for a friend of mine that was at the end of her rope. She has the biggest heart and works so hard to make something of herself. Life doesn't always go the way one wants, but she never gives up and it can be emotionally and financially exhausting. Within an hour of this request a friend of mine (and a friend of the Lions Clubs) made arrangements to help my friend out financially in a sum that knocked me over. He was at my house the next day with gift in hand. He said he's not a praying man but he felt he could help in this way. I thought to myself, not everybody does pray, but the universe hears your thoughts and needs too. I felt that he was secretly touched by God, you know that little tap you feel when something tells you that you should step in? I called my friend and told her the news, through our tears we realized there is always hope. *It's ok to ask for help and its nothing to be ashamed of.*

The universe is a wonderous thing it carries our good thoughts and our prayers for strength across the world. But, be careful it also hears your negative thoughts. Positive self talk is so important. The next time you want to think badly of yourself or call yourself a cruel name ... THINK FIRST, if this was your best friend... what would you say instead?

That phone call just when you needed it, a simple "Hi" to a stranger who may be having a bad day, receiving that gift you never thought to buy for yourself, an answer to a question you have been pondering pops up on social media, the song on the radio just at the right moment to bring that smile back on your face... God and the universe work in mysterious ways.

Lions Club members have the ability to be this answer to those who need it, we have with in us the desire to make the world a better place and we do.

My friend that came to the rescue is a huge supporter of Lions Clubs and truly instills the motto "We Swerve"



**COMING SOON**

**FOOD DRIVE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH**

**FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM**

- Natural Peanut Butter
- Whole Grain Cereals
- Hearty Low-Sodium Soups
- Beans and Lentils (dry or canned)
- Canned Tuna and Chicken in Water
- Canned Fruit in Juice
- Nonperishable, Low-Sodium, Ready-to-Eat Meals (chili, ravioli, etc.)
- Low-Sodium Canned Vegetables
- Brown Rice
- Whole Wheat/Grain Pasta
- Canned Tomato Products



**You can drop off your non-perishable food donations at the location below on February 27th**

**Rodeo True Value  
Hardware**

670 Parker Ave, Rodeo, CA 94572

**Saturday, Feb 27th**

**9 AM to 2 PM**

**Donations will be given to the  
Food Bank of Contra Costa and  
Solano**

**DRIVE BY  
Canned &  
Dry Goods  
Collection**

Help families in need

**THE ALBANY LIONS CLUB INVITES YOU TO  
 SAVE THE CRABS / NO SHOW CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER  
 BY NOT ATTENDING BUT CONTINUING TO DONATE TO OUR FUNDRAISER  
 ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO FUND COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL PROJECTS LIKE  
 LIONS CENTER FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED \* ALBANY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC PROGRAMS \*  
 LOCAL FOOD BANKS \* VETERANS \* SHARON'S WINGS OF LOVE \* WILD FIRE RELIEF**

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| <b>NO TICKETS TO BUY</b>                     | <b>SAVED \$50 - \$100</b> |
| <b>NO RAFFLE TICKETS TO BUY</b>              | <b>SAVED \$20</b>         |
| <b>NO DRINK TICKETS TO BUY</b>               | <b>SAVED \$20</b>         |
| <b>NO SILENT AUCTION TO BID ON</b>           | <b>SAVED \$50</b>         |
| <b>NO GAS, DRIVING OR NEED TO LEAVE HOME</b> | <b>SAVED \$5</b>          |

**DRAWING FOR SAFEWAY GIFT CARD  
 DONATED BY ALBANY SAFEWAY!!!**

**\*\*\*NOW, YOU HAVE MONEY THAT YOU CAN DONATE. MAKE A DONATION TODAY.**

**THIS WILL BE A 501(C)(3) TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION**

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 2021**

**ONLINE DONATIONS VIA PAYPAL, [CLICK HERE](#)**

**ENTER THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF YOUR DONATION,**

**CLICK ON DONATE WITH PAYPAL, ADD**

**“CRAB FEED AND YOUR LAST NAME & ADDRESS”**

**IN THE NOTES SECTION**

**IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL LION VALERIE AT (510) 685 - 7844  
 OR**

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**MAKE A CHECK PAYABLE TO ALBANY LIONS CLUB FOUNDATION.**

**THIS WILL BE A 501(C)(3) TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_**

**ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE MAIL TO : ALBANY LIONS CLUB 2019 MIRA VISTA DR. EL CERRITO, CA 94530**

**NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?? CALL LION VALERIE AT (510) 685-7844**



Click Here to make a donation to  
 Albany Lions Club Foundation via PayPal  
[Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com/donate)  
 In the Notes Section:  
 Add Crab Feed and your last name & address  
 OR  
 You can make your check  
 payable to Albany Lions Club Foundation  
 and send to  
 Albany Lions Club  
 2019 Mira Vista Drive  
 El Cerrito, CA 94530

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
**Byron Delta Lions Club**  
Drive-thru

# Chili Dinner

## FUNDRAISER

**\$26.00**

*Dinner for 2*

DRIVE-THRU & PICK-UP

\$26 - 2 Large Chilis, 2 Garlic Twists, salad, and dessert

\$5 - Kids Meal: 1 sm Chili, Applesauce, cookies

Add on 1 XL Chili & Garlic Twist for \$6 more!

**Friday, Feb. 26th**

**3:30pm - 6:30pm**

**Harvest Park Bowl**

5000 BALFOUR ROAD  
BRENTWOOD, CA

Use Harvest Park Entrance  
to access rear Parking Lot



Any Questions please contact [bdlions@att.net](mailto:bdlions@att.net)

Payment by VENMO: use [byrondeltalions@byron-deltalions](mailto:byrondeltalions@byron-deltalions) for purchase

Payment by Check: Make check out to Byron Delta Lions Foundation

P.O. Box 1882 Discovery Bay, CA 94505

Orders must be paid & received by 02/23/21 prior to pick-up!

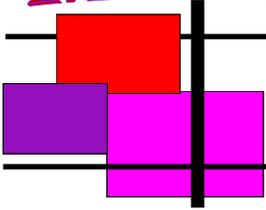
**HAPPY  
VALENTINES  
DAY!**



**SAVE THE DATE**

District Meeting  
February 13, 2021  
10 AM to Noon  
Followed by Open Mic

# UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS



## FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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FOOD DRIVE  
ALL MONTH

Upcoming dates

**2/14** St. Valentines Day

Food Drives all over the District for the month of February, virtual donations and drop off locations

Locations for food drop off below

**2/27**, Saturday from 9 AM to 2 PM

Rodeo True Value Hardware parking lot

670 Parker Ave, Rodeo

**2/28**, Sunday from Noon to 3 PM

Scout Hall Inc parking lot 3090 Ranch Lane. Bethel Island

**2/13** District Meeting - Zoom 10 AM to Noon followed by Open Mic

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85402582992?pwd=VEZscEFJRy9DQ2wzZnJlMDhucXVxQT09>

Meeting ID: 854 0258 2992 Passcode: 558148

**2/19 - 21** Fall Council of Governors Meeting

Go to Council of Governors | Multiple District 4 California Lions ([md4lions.org](http://md4lions.org)) to register for the virtual caucus and session

Lions of District 4-C3  
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Please, take the time to share your club news... Pictures, events, donations, community service everything is relevant. Hoping for 100% participation  
Submissions must have “Lionizer” in the subject line

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