



4-L1 TODAY



SEPTEMBER 2015

Hello, District 4-L1 Lions and guests,

I hope that you had a happy Labor Day and that you enjoyed the last long weekend of the summer. On my part, I am taking the time to reflect and look back to the clubs visitations I have already made and continue to fine tune my message on how to keep the District moving forward and growing.

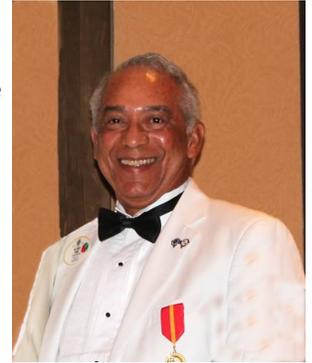
I am half way in fulfilling the promise I made to myself and the district. The promise was to visit every club and conclude before the Christmas holidays. So far I have visited eighteen clubs, beginning with visits to Bishop, Mammoth Lakes, Lone Pine and Independence the first week of August and ending this past week with my visit to Castaic. Every visit has been a wonderful experience and confirms what I have suspected all along. Every club is amazingly different from the others and we all find our own ways to fulfill our Motto, "We Serve."

At every visit I have shared our International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada's theme of Dignity, Harmony and Humanity. I also presented my District Project for the year and how it will be funded. In keeping with International President Yamada's call for dignity for those we serve and especially, children through programs like Sight for Kids.

I am proposing a golf tournament district fundraiser for May 2016 to raise \$15,000.00 and apply for a Matching Grant from LCIF for the district to invest on the purchase of four Spot Vision portable children vision testing devices. These devices are state of the art, user friendly and will be a good way to involve technically impressed young prospective Lions to the services we provide, especially to children. I recommend placing one unit with each of our four Region Chairs and I will personally commit to train every Lion in the district who is interested in learning how to use them. This program would be a way for small clubs to network with their local schools and agencies that serve children and I assure you, it will be a win, win proposition.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the still coming visitations and at the Sierra Region meeting, on October 30-31.
My warmest regards,

DG Fredy Perez



VISITATIONS

TERESITA PINES OPEN HOUSE



NEW MEMBER INDUCTIONS



NW Glendale Lions Present Eyeglasses to Lions in Sight

At a special dinner meeting on August 20, the Northwest Glendale Lions Club presented 1,000 pairs of used eyeglasses to Lions in Sight and also honored the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD.)

The club, in a joint program with the GUSD collected 731 pairs of glasses at 35 school facilities. The club honored Dr. Kelly King, assistant superintendent, with a Certificate of Appreciation for organizing the program. The school district plans to repeat the program next school year. The additional glasses were collected at various locations throughout the city.

Dr. Corina van de Pol and Maricelo Robles of Lions in Sight accepted the glasses and presented a program of their activities including a recent trip to Mexico.



Bob Dollenmayer 1933-2015

Bob Dollenmayer, a Lion leader for 45 years and a 25-year member of the Northwest Glendale Lions Club, passed away on June 10 in a northern California hospice center from injuries suffered in an automobile accident on April 1. A gentle giant of a man, Bob was an Ohio farm boy who became a Navy Seal in the Korean War, a successful plumber as a career, a leader in Lions Club activities.

Bob joined the Griffith Park Lions Club in 1970, serving twice as president and as a deputy district governor. He transferred to Northwest Glendale in 1990 and service twice as president. He received a membership key for sponsoring at least seven members and was a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Bob is survived by wife Joaquin, son Robert II, along with his wife and daughters Holly and Michelle in Baton Rouge, LA; daughter Francesca Sanardzic, along with husband and daughter Isabella in Concord, CA and grandsons Dejan and Srdan Sanardzic in San Diego; He also left behind a brother in Ohio. As of the publishing of this newsletter, no arrangements have been made for a memorial service.

L.A. MID VALLEY FUNDRAISING EVENT

The LA Mid-Valley Lions Club will have its annual wine-tasting fundraiser on Saturday, October 10, in the Keck Center at the Therapeutic Living Center for the Blind (TLC) in Reseda.

The event will begin at 3 p.m.



What's This? A White Elephant!

L.A. International Lions Club's Annual White Elephant Fundraiser.

An event to raise funds for the benefit of Lions' charities.

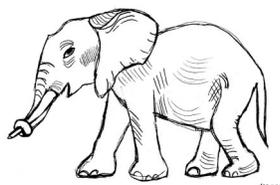
Date: Friday, October, 17, 2015.

6:00 PM – time to eye the items and have a cocktail, followed by dinner at 7:00 PM.

Place: the Golden Dragon Restaurant

960 N. Broadway, Los Angeles

Cost: \$30 for an eight-course Chinese dinner



There will be a silent auction (choose the items you are interested in, and be ready to raise your bid). If you have any items that you want to donate, we would love to have them, but call us ahead of time.

First Night at



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**BURBANK NOON LION CARDONA SELECTED
FOR 2015 OLDER AMERICAN VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD**

As a teenager, Burbank Noon Lion Louie Cardona came to the United States from South America and secured his first job as a busboy at Genio's, one of Burbank's former town favorites. Now, as a 45-year resident, Cardona has transitioned from busboy to long-standing owner of Cardona Manufacturing, supplier of specialized, aeronautical parts. Cardona Manufacturing has been providing a livelihood for a small workforce through the years, and Cardona has long been a strong supporter of volunteer service in the community. Because of this activity and history, Cardona was selected as one of three recipients of the City's 2015 Older American Volunteer Service award.



Cardona has been a member of the Burbank Noon Lions for more than 25 years. He is finishing another term of office as part of the executive committee for the 2014-15 fiscal year. Last year, as he has for more than 20 years, Cardona rang the bell for the Salvation Army on Lions Red Kettle Day as well as being a past organizer for the Lions club hosting of BCR's A Place to Grow, annual 2015 Halloween Dance. Being the MC for the Lions Club International Peace Poster contest award presentation, Cardona helped bring recognition to artistically talented middle-school students in Burbank. Running food drives for BTAC during the holiday season, helping to drive the blind to their monthly meetings, hosting dinner for families at Ronald McDonald House, collecting pull tabs for recycling and used eyeglasses for the needy in under-developed countries, as well as participating in community vision screenings...are but a few of Cardona's volunteer activities.

In addition to serving on the Lions board of directors, Cardona has been the organizer for several Lions all-important fundraising projects including the club's Charity Auction, Amtrak train trip and a letter solicitation campaign this fiscal year. As a Lion, he has also served as club president and project chair for many events. Additionally, as an avid golfer, Cardona has supported the community by representing the Burbank Noon Lions as part of the team for many of the Burbank non-profit golf, fundraising tournaments.

Beyond the Lions Club, Cardona is an active member of St. Francis Xavier Church as well as their related ministries and charities. He has been the chair and participant of past St. Francis Country Fairs. He is also an associate member of Sisters of the Holy Faith and its related charities and a strong supporter of Ovarian Cancer Circle and Hope of the Valley Mission.

Not forgetting the youth, Cardona has served as a past coach for boys' basketball and is a past president of the Burbank parochial baseball league.

This year the Nisei Week Festival, an annual Japanese-American festival held in the Little Tokyo area of Los Angeles, California celebrates its 75th anniversary. To commemorate, various events were held throughout the week long celebration. One of the highlights of the event was listening to the beating of the taiko/drums during the Nisei Week Festival Parade which was held **August 9th** through the streets of Little Tokyo. Every year the president of the Little Tokyo Lions Club is invited to ride in a convertible and this year President Lion Trudy Nodohara was honored. As she waved to the crowd she spots Lion Gail Adams who would cheer her on and have a photo-op of them together in the middle of the parade. Knowing what Lions do, it's ironic that the photo was taken in front of an eye-care center. There were other special exhibits of bonsai, flower arranging, doll making, tea ceremonies, and other Japanese arts as well as sports competitions / demonstrations that included jiu-jitsu and karate.



BURBANK NOON LIONS OFFER FREE "KidSight" EYE SCREENING

By Marva Murphy

Rarely does it occur to parents that their babies/pre-school children may have anything other than normal vision. Yet statistically speaking, 20-25% of children enter school with undiagnosed vision problems that can affect their learning, development and progress, often, with harmful, lifelong results.

As "Knights of the Blind", members of the Burbank Noon Lions developed the KidSight Burbank program, to offer free eye screenings for children six months to six years of age, in order to provide early detection of abnormal vision. Because the program has received Congressional recognition for outstanding service to the community, KidSight Burbank volunteers were recently invited to participate in the Burbank Temple Emanu El Health Fair, which was open to the general public.

As the KidSight project expanded, volunteers formed the KidSight Burbank club "Branch". The "Branch" was created for those wishing to donate their time specifically to the KidSight project by promoting as well as participating with the actual screening process, be it nursery schools, day care centers or public events. While still full-fledged members of Lions Clubs International and the Burbank Noon Lions, the KidSight Burbank Branch is an "e-club", with all organizing meetings etc. taking place online, as needed.

Support for the program is provided by fundraising efforts of the Burbank Noon Lions, as well as collaborations with public and private sponsorships in order to allow the service to be offered at no charge to parents of pre-school children. The Zonta Club of Burbank will be partnering with KidSight Burbank to host an eye screening for the younger siblings of children participating in the upcoming "Back to School" event. This will be the second year Zonta Club of Burbank has hosted a screening, following a successful screening in 2014, which identified five children needing follow up examinations.

Among the Lions Clubs in the San Fernando Valley offering KidSight programs, more than 2,000 children have been screened. Of those, more than ten percent were identified with vision issues requiring follow-up care.



District 4-L1 SIERRA REGION CABINET MEETING

OCTOBER 30, 2015 to OCTOBER 31, 2015

BISHOP FAIRGROUNDS

AGENDA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015

- 1:00 pm GOLF at BISHOP COUNTRY CLUB
\$40/per person for Cart and Green Fees
- 6:30 pm FIRST NITER at PATIO BUILDING,
Bishop Fairgrounds, Bishop, CA
Refreshments, Beverages, Hosted by Sierra Region



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015

- 7:30 am CABINET MEETING
PATIO BUILDING, Bishop Fairgrounds
- 9:00 am REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING – Tallman Pavilion
- 12:30 noon LUNCH \$30/person
TALLMAN PAVILLION, Bishop Fairgrounds
- 1:30 pm PRESIDENTS & SEC'YS TRAINING
TALLMAN PAVILLION, Bishop, Fairgrounds
- 3:30 pm GOVERNOR'S MEET & GREET
- 6:30 pm DINNER/DANCE \$40/person
TALLMAN PAVILLION, Bishop Fairgrounds
Dress: Halloween Costumes (Optional)
Costume Judging - - - Winners will be surprised!

GOLF
BISHOP COUNTRY CLUB
Friday, Oct 30, 2015
At 1:00 pm
\$40/per person
Green fees and Cart
Call:
Lion Ken Lloyd
(760) 920-4037
for reservations

VAGABOND INN 1030 N Main St, Bishop
Queen \$85/nite 2 beds \$95/nite
*Short Walk to Venue – Fairgrounds
(760) 873-6351

MOTEL 6 1005 N Main St, Bishop
Queen \$65/nite 2 beds \$75/nite
*Short Walk to Venue – Fairgrounds
(760) 873-8426

ELMS MOTEL 223 Elm St, Bishop
Queen \$90/nite 2 Beds \$105/nite
**Must drive to Fairgrounds
(760) 873-8118

TRAVELODGE BISHOP 155 E Elm St, Bishop
Queen \$75/nite 2 Beds \$85/nite
**Must Drive to Fairgrounds
(760) 872-1771

PRICES INCLUDE FREE PARKING
PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE TAXES, FEES, CHARGES
BE SURE TO ASK FOR "LIONS DISCOUNT"

RESERVATIONS FOR SIERRA REGION MEETING

NAME _____ CLUB _____

E-MAIL _____ TEL NO. _____

LUNCH @ \$30 PER PERSON
NUMBER _____ TOTAL _____

DINNER @ \$40 PER PERSON
TROUT NUMBER _____ TOTAL _____

STEAK NUMBER _____ TOTAL _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DISTRICT 4-L1

MAIL CHECKS TO: Lion Ken Lloyd
P.O. Box 938
Bishop, CA 93515

TOTAL AMT SUBMITTED _____

CHECK NUMBER _____

MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

LIONS' KIDSIGHT EYE SCREENING PROJECT RECEIVES EXCELLENCE AWARD

By: Marva Murphy

It was a dream of the Burbank Noon Lions; initiate a KidSight project to screen the eyes of children for vision abnormalities in their critical, early developmental years, enabling them to grow and learn without limitations. The volunteers and technology were available to jump start the KidSight pilot project, but funding was in short supply.

With the help of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awarded by the Burbank City Council, the KidSight project became a reality. More than three years later, over 2,000 children, under the age of six, have received free eye screenings by Lions club members and volunteers. At the same time, following the free screenings, over 200 grateful parents were shocked to learn that their young children had abnormal vision. In recognition of these accomplishments, KidSight Burbank recently received a 2014 CDBG award, presented by Congressman Adam Schiff. The Congressional Recognition of Excellence Award was presented to honor CDBG recipient non-profits providing outstanding and invaluable service to the community.

Over 70 percent of juvenile delinquents have vision problems, and one child in four, entering school, has undiagnosed, abnormal vision. It is such statistics that motivated the Burbank Noon Lions to follow the Lions Club International motto to "prevent blindness", by offering the free screenings in child care centers, health fairs and low income housing venues. The muscles of the eyes are completely developed, no matter how imperfectly, by the age of six. Undiagnosed vision problems can slow development, hand/eye coordination, balance and basic learning. Often, unacceptable behavior is misdiagnosed, as a disease, treated with strong medication, when in actuality, frustration, as a result of poor vision, is the culprit. A corrective pair of glasses, in many cases, is the simple remedy.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

October 10	Los Angeles International White Elephant Fundraiser
October 12	L A Host—Dine in or Take out Burbank Bobs Big Boy (8am to 10 pm)
October 17	Los Angeles Mid Valley Wine Tasting Event- Therapeutic Learning Center (Keck Center)
October 23	Acton Club Bingo/ 31 fundraiser
October 30-31	Sierra Region Meeting—Bishop
January 22-23	Valley Region Meeting— Therapeutic Learning Center (Reseda)
February 5-7, 2016	Modesto, CA
March 18-19, 2016	Terasita Pines
April 28-30. 2016	District Convention— Agoura Hills



SOWG athletes holding their signs of appreciation!



On August 2, 2015, 25 Special Olympics World Games athletes (SOWG) from Central America, were treated to a trip to Disneyland. This was made possible by a generous donation of \$3,000 from the LA Host Lions. This was a dream come true for many athletes as can be seen here in the signs that read: " Thank you LA Host Lions- for making our dream come true". Lion Edgar Dimas accompanied the group.

Dr. Fredy Perez has three key goals this year as District 4-L1's district governor. One is to increase total district membership by at least 100. The second is to add three new clubs. And, the third (and most ambitious) is to have the district purchase four hand-held computer-chip driven electronic devices (trade name Spot Vision) to quickly assess eye function and vision, especially children and young adults. Each of the devices costs roughly \$7,000, and Dr. Perez hopes to have them available for all four regions of District 4-L1 before he leaves office. (One of the Spot Vision devices already has been purchased by Park Ellen Charities, a nonprofit subsidiary of the LA Host Club.)

A golf tournament fundraiser to partially help pay for the devices has been scheduled for next May 9 at the Montebello Country Club. The goal is to raise approximately \$15,000 from the event. Dr. Perez has asked Lion Michael Sirota, the district's new project projects and planning chair, to serve as chief coordinator for the tournament. Hopefully, some LCIF money (through matching funds) also will be made available for the devices, which (among other things) can assess the circumference and configuration of the eyes, and screen for vision and other eye problem. The district's LCIF chair this year is Trudy Nodohara of the Little Tokyo Lions Club.

Regarding the Spot Vision device, "It's state-of-the-art equipment," Dr. Fredy is repeatedly telling members of various clubs throughout the district, as he makes his visitation rounds. The Spot Vision device that LA Host currently has, will be used soon to screen students at the Logan Street Span School in the Echo Park area of Los Angeles.

As for new clubs, Dr. Perez is repeatedly informing his visitation audiences that a new campus Lions club is currently being organized at Occidental College in Northeast Los Angeles, and that the Eagle Rock Lions Club is serving as its official sponsor. Lion Bob Warnack, a member of the Eagle Rock club, is serving as chief coordinator for the new campus club, which, so far, as signed up 25 prospective members.

Dr. Perez points with pride to the fact two that new Lions clubs (Wilshire and Hollywood Entertainment) were organized last year when he was serving as first vice-district governor.

As for membership, he notes that the total number of Lions in 4-L1 has dipped to a very precious level of 800. He noted that with the addition of three new clubs and membership campaigns in existing clubs, a 100-member increase during his tenure as district governor is certainly within fairly easy reach.

In addition to enunciating his own round of goals for the 2015-16 Lions year in his club visits, Dr. Perez is also briefly outlining the stated goals of Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada of Japan, the newly-installed president of Lions International. They include 1) dignity to children, 2) showing harmony to one another; and 3) service to humanity.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2015 METRO REGION EVENT



CRESCENTA CANADA
Scrapbook Moves on!



MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIPS



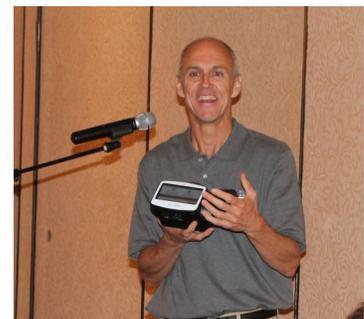
IN THE SPOT LIGHT!



Greetings in 4 different Languages!



Lion Michael Sirota
International President Recognition



Spot Vision Demonstration