



District 21-C Column

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Newsletter

“Service Makes Hearts Roar”

We have exciting events already happening and guess what... it's only the start of our Centennial year! We attended the 99<sup>th</sup> Lions Clubs International Convention in Fukuoka. It was hectic and fun with the DGE seminar's culmination marking the start of the convention. We witnessed our very own PCC N. Alan Lundgren, Sr. become our representative to the world as an International Director. We wish him and Lion Terry safe travels and 2 years of wonderful Lions experiences. Our DGE blue ribbon finally fell as we were installed by our newly elected 100<sup>th</sup> International President Chancellor Bob Corlew from Milton, Tennessee.

This year's International Theme is “New Mountains to Climb”. Climbing a mountain is a metaphor signifying the challenges we will encounter to reach the summit. Each mountain represents a new challenge and a new opportunity to serve and make the world a better place. Together, with all LIONS of the world, we are committed to reaching our goal of serving 100 million people in the four focus areas of Youth, Hunger, Environment and Vision.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the 21C Kickoff Cabinet meeting on July 16 at the Phoenix Airport Hilton. Robust participation made the event soar high! We missed those who were not able to attend, and we hope you can join us next time! Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to our Convention Chair, PCC Richard O Brown, for a roaring and successful Arizona Lions family affair Kickoff.

Our three goals of the day were: LEARN, SERVE and have FUN! With TEAMWORK, we made it happen! We added new features, such as the Lions Bingo and interactive break-out sessions, which were very informative and fun. We shared our district goals for the year and encouraged active participation so we can fully celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Chicago and say “We did it!”.

Thank you to Lion Jeannette, with the Lions Vision Center, for leading the hands-on service project. We sorted men's, women's and children's eyeglasses and packed 86 boxes/total 4,604 pieces. Guess what? This achievement took one hour's work. Imagine the impact we can have with more clubs/districts participating.

Coming up soon is our first district-wide service event, “Engaging the Youth” on Aug 20. We call the attention of all Club Presidents and officers: what is your club doing on this day? Come and join the fun! We're looking forward to seeing pictures of

various activities posted on Facebook, our website, and in our newsletter! Let's make beautiful sounds of service throughout the year. Kindly note future district-wide events and start planning: October 8 – "Restoring Sight", Feb 11 – "Relieving Hunger" and April 22 – "Protecting the Environment". Finally, we will have a one-day community service opportunity and choose from the four focus areas during our 21C Convention at Camp Tatiyee on March 21-April 2.

A big thank you to ID Alan for being our special guest speaker at the luncheon and for being a great model of Lionism's "where there's a need there's a lion", helping us climb mountains in the district. Welcome to new inductee, Lion Dale John Lopez sponsored by his mom Lion Myrna Lopez. Congratulations to the International President's Certificate of Appreciation awardees, Kazuaki "Kaz" Kashihara and Marijo Gabriel, who represent our youth. We encourage you to continue lighting the passion of service in all you meet and invite them to the Lions family. Our future depends on the youth; let's guide them well as they take our association to another 100 years and beyond.

Our sincerest thank you to PIP Joe Preston for his roaring inspirational speech and rendering his famous song which says it all "Strengthen the Pride.. with Service". Thank you for all you do and representing the best of Arizona to the whole world. We missed you while you were gone and we are so happy to say "Welcome home PIP Joe and Joni"! We wish you much well-deserved rest and relaxation with your Arizona Lions family. Roarrrr!!!