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## Greetings Lions of Multiple District 21!

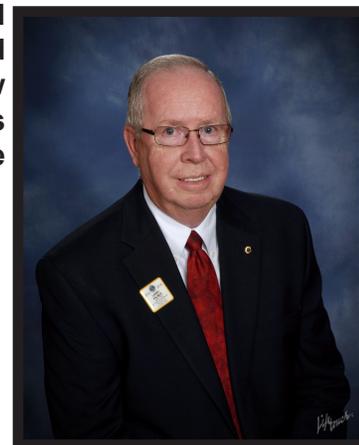
Well, **this is really turning out to be a Historic Year!** On one hand we are moving/redistricting from three Districts A, B, and C. to two Districts 21N and 21S. On the second hand, we have a major International Health Crisis which also heavily impacts

this country causing us to cancel two District Conventions (21B & 21C) and our State Convention. This will cause our clubs to perform club officer elections and other necessary events in a very different manner for most. Many clubs have cancelled their normal meetings due to the health crisis, including my own. We are having to rethink how we can perform our normal operations. But, we will figure it out and carry on!

**The main thing we all must do is stay safe and virus free. Please follow the CDC suggested ways to keep yourself virus free and stay healthy!**

**Yours in Service**

**Larry Palmer-  
Council Chair-MD21**



## 50 Years of Friendship and Partnership

In the early 1970's the State of Arizona approached Lions Foundation of Arizona, Inc. (LFA) to build a library for the blind next to the State Capital in Phoenix. LFA took this

project under the condition that the building would be built in the same community where the LFA complex leases below market rate to charitable and non charitable organizations who provide services for the lower income, visually impaired and handicapped. The Arizona Braille and Talking Library was built to the specifications given by the State of Arizona

across the street from the LFA Complex in Phoenix. On March 19, 1970 the doors opened to the library. To this day and 50 years later the partnership between Lions Foundation of Arizona and Arizona Braille and Talking Library remains.



## The Loss of a Great Lion LFA Board Director Forrest W. Kohler



Forrest served on the Lions Foundation of Arizona Board for over 20 years. He served as president and director through his tenure. He was an asset to the board and a great supporter and friend of LFA. Our prayers go out Shelva and family. He will be missed.

**Obituary** - Forrest W. Kohler of Sun Lakes, Arizona passed away on Saturday, March 21 at Chandler Regional Medical Center. He was 81. He received his undergraduate degree from Pennsylvania State University and a Master's degree from Temple University. Mr. Kohler retired from Nationwide Insurance after 29 years of service where he held several different positions. His last position was Vice President of Corporate Services at a subsidiary of Nationwide called Farmland Insurance. After retirement, Mr. Kohler stayed active in the community of Sun Lakes, most notable but not limited to: Board member of Sun Lakes Lion's Club, Board member of Sun Lakes Fire District and Chair of Iron Oaks Risk Management committee. Member of the Pennsylvania Red Lion Lodge No. 649, Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Kohler was also active in the Sun Lakes United Methodist Church, where he served as usher along with other activities. Born in East Berlin, Pennsylvania on August 11, 1938, he was the son of the late Clair W. and Janet I. (Miller) Kohler. He leaves his wife, Shelva Virginia Mae (Calp) Kohler of Sun Lakes whom he married on June 25, 1960. Also surviving are two sons Jon S. (Shelly) Kohler of Queen Creek, AZ and Joel F. (Lisa) Kohler of Mason, OH. He is also survived by three grandchildren: Scott A. Kohler, Jared F. Kohler and Claire E. Kohler; a brother, Lowell K. Kohler of Red Lion, Pennsylvania and a sister, Lois L. Rife of Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Kohler was preceded in death by 2 brothers: Dale F. Kohler and Stanford W. Kohler. Burial will be in The Gardens at Sun Lakes United Methodist Church with a memorial service to be determined at a later date.

### C. Kirby Smithe Lions International Youth Exchange, Inc. Arizona Youth Exchange

It's time once again to nominate strong, motivated Lions to run for a three (3) year position on the Board of Directors of the C. Kirby Smithe International Youth Exchange, Inc.

The focus of this District project is to foster good will among the youth of the world.

We have the following openings:

- 5 openings for a 3-Year term

We need Lions who are willing to devote time to actively assist the Foundation in its work to continue giving the best possible service to those in need.

- Directors are expected to attend all scheduled board meetings, six (6) each year.
- Actively participate in working on a committee.
- Devote their fund-raising efforts among the Lions Clubs.
- Visit Lions Clubs to educate the members to our needs.

If your Club has such an individual please submit his/her name by April 5, 2020 after your Club has formally nominated him/her (duly noted in the official minutes of your Club) by using the form provided in this issue. The election will be held in accordance with instructions approved by the Multiple District 21 Council of Governors.

If there are any questions regarding our work or the mission of our Foundation please call us. Should you like us to present our program at your meeting or event please call to make the arrangements for one of our Directors to attend.

Respectfully submitted  
Lion Mimi Wittenborn  
President of C. Kirby Smithe International Youth Exchange, Inc.  
P.O. Box 8401  
Tucson, AZ 85738  
(520) 4011-9554

# MD21 Arizona Receives \$1,410,133 in LCIF Grants

Dear Arizona Lions and Friends,

Being sheltered here at home has given me a lot more free time so I put together this pie chart of the \$1,410,133 in grants that Multiple District 21, Arizona, has received from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). I think it is a good visual to demonstrate the diversity of these grants, and for us to plan effectively for the future on how best to use the support we receive from LCIF. After all, LCIF is our foundation, formed and purposed solely to support Lion's projects around the world, and as you can see, here in Arizona. We have received far more from LCIF than we have given them.

The Disaster Relief Grants were for windstorms, floods and wildfires. Our State Projects have benefited as well. Lions Camp

Tatiyee has received several grants to expand the camp. Sight and Hearing (now the Arizona Lions Vision & Hearing Foundation of MD21) was able to buy their mobile vision unit, and LFA has received several grants for building maintenance to renovate their former therapy swimming pool.

Many Local Projects have been supported such as the Valley Center for the Deaf, a broadcast booth in Tucson, equipment for two eye clinics, renovation for the Center for the Blind, equipment for ALERT, eye care, and more.

At one time, Lions Quest, the grade appropriate social and emotional curriculum, was taught in over 200 classrooms across Arizona, thanks to LCIF's generous support. Unfortunately, over the last twenty years the program has faded and is sparsely used today in Arizona. Lions Quest is a great program and well received but it was not sustainable due to the high cost of training teachers, teacher and administrator turnover and the high cost for using the mandated copyrighted classroom materials.

Most of the research was with our partner, the

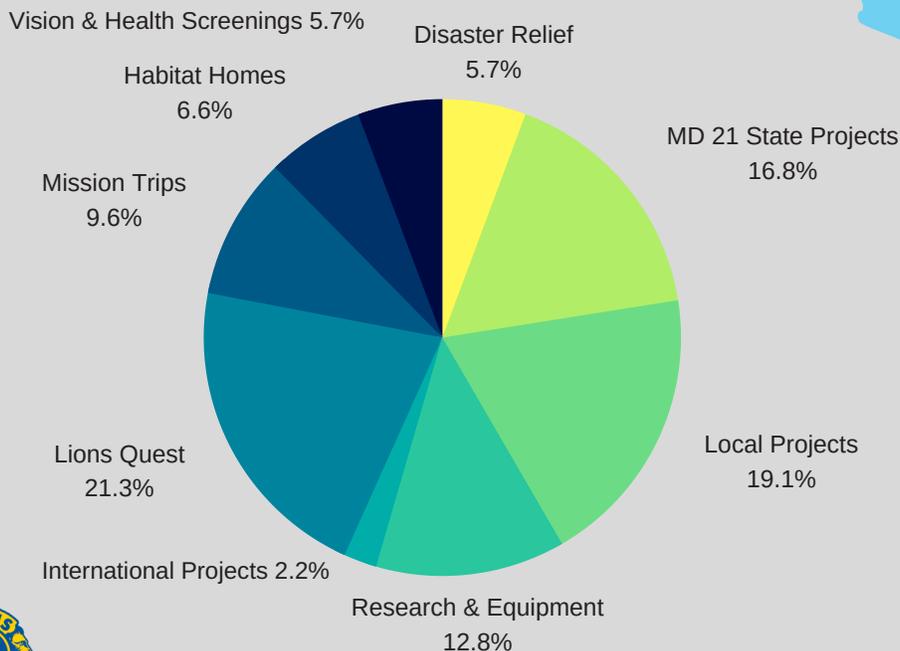
University of Arizona Medical Department, for equipment for macular degeneration research, glaucoma research, a high tech microscope, medical missions and other equipment. A large quantity of the understanding and advancement of treating eye diseases today, has come from this partnership.

LCIF has supported our vision and medical trips to developing countries, has helped us build homes in partnership with Habitat for Humanity in Payson, Flagstaff and Oro Vista. allowed us to purchase many spot machines for vision screening, and helped us launch our health and wellness screenings.

LCIF has new grants for Hunger, Diabetes, and our Environment. This is in addition to the fairly new District and Club LCIF Grants. We have an opportunity to bring more LCIF grants into Arizona than ever. On the flip side of this, LCIF needs our support more than ever.

Joe Preston  
International President 2014-15

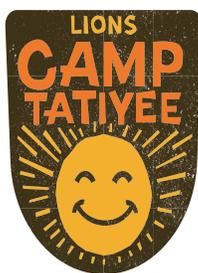
## LCIF Grants to Arizona



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

AS OF MARCH 2020

**\$1,410,133**  
WORTH OF GRANTS AWARDED TO MD 21



**JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>**



Enjoy a  
BBQ lunch



Tour our  
whole camp



Win  
raffle prizes

**11:00AM - 3:00PM**

**CAMP TATIYEE**

5283 White Mountain Boulevard  
Lakeside, AZ 85929

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

Come watch Timber Mesa FD &  
Pinetop-Lakeside PD battle in  
our mud pit and in a pie eating  
contest!

Find out more about Camp Tatiyee  
Daron@camptatiyee.org | (480) 380-4254 | CampTatiyee.org

## ***Online Voting Procedures and Logistics for the 2020 Lions State Convention Elections***

The cancellation of the 2020 Lions State Convention has resulted in our Club Delegates not being able to physically cast their ballots. However, all change is not bad. Lions Clubs International (LCI) has approved **Online Voting** for the Club Delegates and Club Alternates of Multiple District 21.

With the Multiple District 21 redistricting plans going into effect on July 1, 2020, all Boards of Directors of the current four State and two District 21B Project's elected from 21 A, B and C will cease as Board Directors representing 21 A, B and C.

This change in Sub District designations now places all terms of office for all projects on the 'Ballots' to elect their Directors as representatives of 21 North and 21 South. To fill all of these vacancies, the 'Ballots' will contain the names of all new candidates as well as the names of all current board directors who had been previously elected and had terms of office past June 30, 2020. All board positions must stand for election.

### **Each Delegate or Alternate will represent their Club and vote online**

**In their current Sub-District (A, B and C)** for the new Constitution and By-Laws (C&BL's) for the two State Project's - Lions Foundation of Arizona (LFA) and Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Foundation (MJLIMF) - as submitted and published in the Canyon State Lion (CSL).

### **In their future designated Sub-District (21N/North or 21S/South)**

#### **21N/North -**

Will vote for all of the Board of Directors candidates of the four state projects - Lions Foundation of Arizona (LFA); Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Foundation (MJLIMF); Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation of MD21 and Lions Camp Tatiyee.

#### **21S/South -**

Will vote for all of the Board of Directors candidates of the four state projects - Lions Foundation of Arizona (LFA); Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Foundation (MJLIMF); Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation of MD21 and Lions Camp Tatiyee and 21S/South's two Sub-District projects AZ Lions Eyeglass Recycling Terminal, Inc. (ALERT) and C. Kirby Smithe Lions International Youth Exchange, Inc.

\*This election will be communicated **online only**:

1. **To be a Delegate or Alternate from your Club, you must have an email address**
2. **To be Certified as a Delegate or Alternate, your Club must have paid their**
  - a. Lions Club International (LCI) for all membership dues and/or supplies balances currently owed
  - b. MD21 and your Sub District 21 A, B or C membership dues balances currently owed
3. **To be a Candidate from your Club and be on the ballot to fill a vacancy for one of the State or District 21B Project's Board of Directors, your Club must have paid their**
  - a. Lions Club International (LCI) for all membership dues and/or supplies balances currently owed
  - b. MD21 and your Sub District 21 A, B or C membership dues balances currently owed

### **These are the Online Voting Procedures we will follow for the 2020 State Convention Elections:**

**Please assure that your email/computer is set to include your replies to the previous email, showing the full thread.**

1. Online Voting Procedures are published in the CSL regular April issue
2. The Cabinet Secretary/Certification/Chair will email each Club Secretary the Club's Delegate/Alternate Form with the Online Voting Procedures during the first week of April after they receive their Districts LCI Club Voting Delegate Eligibility Report; this email will include any & all outstanding balances as reported on this Eligibility Report  
To be allowed to vote all Club payments must be physically received and posted prior to the LCI payment deadline date that will be given to each district on their Eligibility Report and will be noted on the Club's Delegate/Alternate Form.
3. The Club Secretary will email the Cabinet Secretary/Certification Chair and return as soon as possible or no later than **April 20** both their Club's Delegate/Alternate Form and/with a valid email address for each of their Club's Delegate/s and Alternate/s to allow the Cabinet Secretary/Certification Chair to complete of all Club Delegate and Alternate certifications.  
(This step is the First Column on the Delegate/Alternate form, listing the names of Club Delegate/s & Club Alternate/s)

## ***Online Voting Procedures and Logistics for the 2020 Lions State Convention Elections-continued***

1. The Cabinet Secretary/Certification Chair will email each Club individually, sending to all submitted Delegate/s and Alternate/s and will represent the certification for each Club Delegate & each Club Alternate submitted to be allowed to receive the two 'Ballots' and to vote online.  
(This step represents the Second Column on the Delegate/Alternate form where a Delegate/s and Alternate/s sign to be certified)
2. To allow for all MD Lions and each Delegate and Alternate to review prior to voting online, copies of each 'Ballot' and Online Voting Procedures will be printed in a special Canyon State Lion (CSL) issue in April or will be included in the Canyon State Lion (CSL) May issue.
3. During the first week of May, the Cabinet Secretary/Certification Chair will use each Club's (sent) Certification email and send to only the Club's Delegate/s their two 'Ballots'; one ballot for their current Sub-District 21A, B or C for the new Constitution and By-Laws (C&BL's) for two State Projects and one ballot as their future designated Sub-District 21-N/North or 21-S/South to elect the Directors of all State Projects.  
(This step represents the Third Column on the Delegate/Alternate Form where a Delegate or the Alternate signs to vote)
4. Should a Club Delegate be unable to vote, the Club Delegate needs to notify the Cabinet Secretary/Certification Chair immediately and the first listed Club Alternate will be sent the two 'Ballots' and vote in their place.
5. The two 'Ballots' must be returned and physically received by the Cabinet Secretary/Certification Chair by either email, mail or hand delivered by noon on May 16, 2020, to be valid and counted.
6. Each Club Delegate or Club Alternate will return their two 'Ballots' by email to the Cabinet Secretary/Certification Chair as soon as possible or by no later than noon on May 16, 2020 to be valid and counted.
7. If the Club Delegate or Club Alternate chooses to return their two 'Ballots' by mail, the Cabinet Secretary/Certification Chair must receive the Delegate's or Alternate's two 'Ballots' prior to and no later than noon on May 16, 2020 to be valid and counted..
8. Each Cabinet Secretary or Certification Chair will then count all of their District's 'Ballots' received through May 16, 2020.
9. Each Cabinet Secretary will certify their District's election results and send their election results to the MD21 Nominations and Elections Chair.
10. The 2020 Lions State Convention Election Results
  - a. will be emailed and filed with the current Council of Governors
  - b. will be sent to each respective State Project or District 21B Project and
  - c. will be published in a Special issue of the Canyon State Lion in May.

As MD21 implements these changes for our 2020 Lions State Convention, we understand some of these Online Voting steps may seem trite. However, to be within the legal guidelines of LCI, Certification, Nominations & Elections has set the methods of how we will be communicating and the logistics of this election so we have all of the documentation needed and/or required by LCI to confirm. All of this documentation will avoid any part of these online elections being challenged or disputed.

I thank you in advance and truly appreciate your assistance as you follow these online voting procedures.

Should you have any questions, please contact  
CST21A Linda Finley, AMIGOROSE@aol.com  
MD21 Nominations and Elections Chair

**MELVIN JONES LIONS INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL, INC.  
P.O. BOX 163 15756 W. U.S. HIGHWAY 70  
FORT THOMAS, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA 85536-0163**

## **PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

**EFFECTIVE JULY 01, 2020**

**RATIFIED BY THE MD21 CONVENTION DELEGATES MAY 16, 2020**

**REVISED 05/20/2000  
11/20/2004  
12/09/2004  
12/15/2004  
02/15/2010  
01/17/2020**

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**MELVIN JONES LIONS INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL**  
**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE ONE -- NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Inc., hereafter referred to as the Memorial.

**ARTICLE TWO – PRINCIPLE PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The principle place of business is the Memorial located at 15756 West Highway 70, Ft. Thomas, Arizona. The principle mailing address for the Memorial is P.O. Box 163, Ft. Thomas, Arizona 85536-0163. The Board of Directors may establish other offices and places of business elsewhere from time to time, as may be determined necessary.

**ARTICLE THREE -- PURPOSE**

1. To develop, sustain, and promote the ideals of Lions Clubs International by showcasing a legitimate tangible legacy of voluntary humanitarian services through community involvement and through the cooperation of the Lions of the world.
2. To construct, reconstruct, alter, repair and maintain the Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial situated in Fort Thomas, Graham County, Arizona. To further beautify, enhance, and/or expand the Memorial, or the grounds on which it stands. And to take all necessary action to preserve and keep the commemoration and marker of the birthplace of Melvin Jones, the founder of the International Association of Lions Clubs.
3. To conduct humanitarian service, such as vision and hearing screenings of local school aged children and other inhabitants, in the area surrounding the Memorial.

4. To receive, by way of gifts or otherwise, to buy, sell, rent, lease and exchange real estate, and to construct, alter or otherwise acquire and maintain any and all buildings and improvements on such real estate as may be suitable or convenient for carrying out any of the purposes of the Memorial.
5. Without limit as to the amount, to receive gifts of money or property and to hold the same for the purpose of the Memorial and its work.

#### **ARTICLE FOUR – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The Board of Directors of the Memorial shall consist of nine (9) voting Members with four (4) members representing each of the two (2) Sub-Districts of the Multiple District 21, and an additional Safford Lions Club (Host Club) appointee. No single MD21 Club may have more than two (2) elected members on the Board of Directors. The Safford Lions Club, which is the (Host Club), may have up to three (3) members (two elected members and one member appointed by the Safford Lions Club). The sitting District Governors will be ex-officio non-voting advisory members of the Board of Directors. So long as the Memorial has permission from Lions Clubs International to raise funds from outside the boundaries of Multiple District 21, the Memorial Board of Directors may appoint four (4) voting advisory Board members from outside MD21 to serve in a non-officer capacity for three (3) year terms. The total number of voting advisory Board members appointed by the Memorial shall be less than 50% + one of the Memorial's total number of Board of Directors elected from within MD21.
2. Four (4) voting Board members, two from each MD21 sub-district, shall be elected at each Multiple District Convention to serve for two (2) year terms.
3. Any vacancy occurring on the Memorial's Board of Directors by reason of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, shall be filled with an appointment by the Board of Directors to serve until the end of that fiscal year. The balance of the remaining unexpired term left by the vacancy shall be filled by election at the next Multiple District Convention in accordance with the election process outlined in Article Five of this Constitution.
4. Any member or members of the Board of Directors absent without a valid excuse from two (2) or more meetings of the Board may be removed from the Board for cause by a majority vote of the Board of Directors providing prior notification has been presented of the pending action.

## **ARTICLE FIVE -- ELECTIONS**

No later than ninety (90) days prior to the annual Multiple District 21 Convention notification will be mailed to all Lions Clubs, or printed in the Canyon State Lion, notifying them of the vacant positions. In order for a name to be placed on the ballot for the position of Director, a letter of Nomination must be submitted to the Secretary of the Memorial by the nominee's Lions Club. The letter of nomination must be postmarked no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Multiple District Convention.

## **ARTICLE SIX -- OFFICERS**

1. **President:** The President shall preside at all meetings, and shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office, and perform other duties as may be designated by the Board, and as set forth elsewhere in this Constitution. The President shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried out, and shall be an ex-officio member of all subcommittees.
2. **Vice President:** The Vice President shall, in the event of absence, disability, or death of the President, possess all the powers and perform all of the duties of that office. In the event that the Vice President is not able to serve in this capacity, the Board of Directors shall elect one of their members to fill the vacancy. The Vice President shall perform other duties as the President and/or Committee may designate.
3. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall give written notice of all meetings called by the President and keep minutes and all other records of meetings of the Association and of the Board. He/she shall have custody of and maintain the general records of the Memorial, including minutes, attendance records, Committee appointments, elections, addresses and phone numbers of all Officers, Board, and Committee members, and shall perform other functions as may be incident to the office. The Secretary may be reimbursed up to \$300.00 monthly for expenses that this position requires.
4. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all monies and other valuable assets received in the name of the Memorial and shall deposit them in such banks and depositories authorized by the Board of Directors. He/she will maintain vouchers, receipts, and any other necessary records necessary to document all financial transactions of the Memorial. The Treasurer shall provide a financial statement of accounting of all transactions processed including the financial condition and physical assets of the Memorial to the President and the Board at all regular Board meetings or whenever otherwise requested by the Board. He/She will keep in force a bond in the form and amount necessary to insure faithful performance of the duties of the Memorial's Officers and Board members. In the case of death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office, all books, paper, vouchers, money, and other property in his/her possession or control shall be returned to the Memorial. When a situation develops for the position of Secretary or Treasurer of the Memorial, the two (2) offices may be combined.

## ARTICLE SEVEN – FINANCIAL REVIEW

An independent financial review of the Memorial books and records shall be completed within ninety (90) days following the end of the Memorial's fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). The completed review will be presented to the Multiple District Finance and Planning Committee following its review and acceptance by the Memorial's Directors Committee.

## MELVIN JONES LIONS INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL

### BYLAWS

#### ARTICLE ONE -- Meetings

1. **Board of Director Meetings:** There shall be four regular meetings of the Memorial's Board during the fiscal year, at a time and place determined by the Board. The third meeting shall be at the Memorial on the Friday preceding the annual Lions Rededication Day. The fourth meeting will be in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors for the purpose of organizing the new Board, electing officers, hearing annual reports, and any other pertinent agenda items. A minimum of two (2) additional regular meetings will be held during the fiscal year at times and places determined by the Board. Other meetings will be called as necessary for conducting the Memorial's business. All regular meetings for the upcoming year will be scheduled at the time of the fourth meeting and confirmed in writing by the Board Secretary at least 15 days in advance of each scheduled date giving the time, place and proposed agenda. All meetings will be open to all Lions, however no specific notice to them will be required.
2. **Special Meetings:** The President shall call a special meeting upon written request from at least four (4) Board members. The Secretary shall send written notice of such meetings, pursuant to the President's call, to all Board members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting designating the time, place, and agenda.
3. **Quorums:** At all regular and special meetings of the Committee, where proper written notice has been given to all Members, at least five (5) Elected Board members from Multiple District 21 must be present to constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business and/or voting.

#### ARTICLE TWO – REVENUE AND EXPENSES

1. **Fees and Revenues:** There shall be no fees assessed or dues required of any member of this Association, nor any Officer or Board Member.
2. **Contributions:** The Board may accept, on behalf of the Memorial, any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for any purpose of the Memorial. The Board shall have the power to take, hold, and administer any and all securities, funds, or property which may be transferred to them for the Memorial, with full power and discretion to invest any principle and deal with and expend the income or principle of the property in such manner as in their judgement will best further and promote the purposes of the Memorial and are in accord with the principles of Lionism and the Lions Clubs International, MD21, and Memorial Constitutions and Bylaws as determined by the Board.

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3. **Fund Raising:** All fund-raising activities by the Memorial shall be in accord with the principles of Lionism as determined by the Board. No professional or paid solicitors may be employed to solicit funds for a Lion-sponsored project without the prior written approval from the Memorial Board, Lions Clubs International, and Multiple District 21.
4. **Solicitations:** No solicitations for funds shall be sent outside the state of Arizona without approval from the Memorial Board and Lions Clubs International General Counsel. All proposed fund raisers must be submitted to General Counsel along with brochures or letters for their review and legal consideration before permission will or can be granted, as set forth by the International Board of Directors on July 1999 in San Diego, California.
5. **Expenses:** All expenses for the Memorial shall be in conformance with good business practices for a non-profit charitable foundation, with the Memorial's documentation to the Internal Revenue Service for its 501.C.3 IRS status, and with the principles and ethics of Lionism.

### **ARTICLE THREE -- AMENDMENTS**

1. Proposed Amendments to these Constitution and Bylaws will be presented to the Memorial's Board of Directors for approval. A two-thirds affirmative vote from the voting Board members present is required for Constitution amendments and a 50% plus one affirmative vote is required for Bylaws amendments.
2. Amendments to these Constitution and Bylaws will then be forwarded to the MD21 Constitution and Bylaws Committee for presentation to the Multiple District 21 delegates for ratification at the next Multiple District 21 Annual Convention.
3. Amendments to the Memorial's Constitution and Bylaws become effective on July 1 of the year in which they are ratified by the Multiple District 21 delegates at the MD21 Annual Convention.

### **ARTICLE FOUR – RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in these Constitution and Bylaws, all questions of procedure at any meeting or action of the Memorial, its Board of Directors, or any committee appointed hereafter shall be determined in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order and/or the Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 21, and/or Memorial Constitutions and Bylaws as revised from time to time.



# MAKE A GIFT CHANGE A LIFE

Your gift will empower a camper with special or differing needs and change their life forever! Camp Tatiyee is the only free special needs summer camp in Arizona.

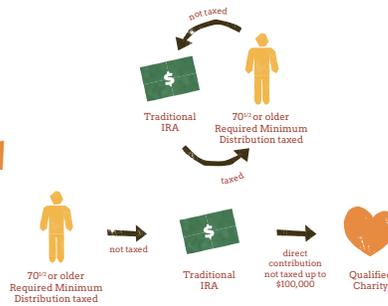


## HOW DOES THE TAX CREDIT WORK?



Visit [CampTatiyee.org/Donate](http://CampTatiyee.org/Donate) to pledge your support today with a credit card. You will be sent an acknowledgement for tax purposes. This tax credit does NOT conflict with school or foster care tax credits.

## HOW A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION FROM AN IRA WORKS



Pam@campatiyee.org | (480) 380-4254 | CampTatiyee.org  
5283 W White Mountain Blvd., Lakeside, AZ 85929



# Credit for Donations made to Qualifying Charitable Organizations

**Tax credits providing an easy way to help you help us**

## Here's how:

Taxpayers filing as "single" & "head of household" status may claim a maximum credit of \$400.

Taxpayers filing as "married filing separate" may claim a maximum credit of \$400.

Taxpayers that file as "married filing joint" may claim a maximum credit of \$800.

You do not have to itemize deductions to claim a credit for contributions to a qualifying charitable organization. This is a dollar-for-dollar tax credit that can lower the amount of your state taxes owed.

Beginning with the 2016 tax year, credit eligible contributions made to a Qualifying Charitable Organization or Qualifying Foster Care Charitable Organization that are **made on or before April 15th (the 15th day of the fourth month following the close of the taxable year)** may be applied to either the current or the preceding taxable year and is considered to have been made on the last day of that taxable year.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Always contact a tax professional for expert advice on your specific tax situation. For more information on this tax credit (A.R.S. §43-1088), please contact the Arizona Department of Revenue at (602-255-3381 or access their web site at [www.revenue.state.az.us](http://www.revenue.state.az.us). (SB1216 passed by Arizona State Legislator's 2016)

**The AZ Lions Vision & Hearing Foundation of MD21 is a non-profit, non-sectarian charitable 501 c 3 organization.**

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**Complete this form and mail to:**



**Arizona Lions Vision & Hearing Foundation of MD21  
 3124 E. Roosevelt St. Bldg. D #1, Phoenix, AZ 85008**



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**This credit is allowed in addition to the tax credit for schools. You will be sent an acknowledgement for tax purposes, your check must include the code number below.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount of donation: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Code #20188**

**Please make check payable to: AZ Lions Vision & Hearing Foundation  
 3124 E. Roosevelt St. Bldg. D #1, Phoenix, AZ 85018**

**Thank you for your help.**

**LIONS FOUNDATION OF ARIZONA, INC.****BY LAWS****ARTICLE ONE****NAME AND OFFICES****1.1 NAME**

**THE NAME OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE  
"LIONS FOUNDATION OF ARIZONA, INC."  
(LFA)**

**1.2 OFFICES.**

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. The Corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Arizona, as the Board of Directors may determine.

**ARTICLE TWO****BOARD OF DIRECTORS****2.1 NUMBER AND QUALIFICATIONS.**

The property and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of not less than six (6) or more than eighteen (18) members.

**2.2 ELECTION AND TENURE.**

The immediate past president of the Corporation shall remain a member of the Board of Directors for a one-year period following his/her term of office. He/she shall not be entitled to vote if not a current Director. The remaining Directors shall be elected for a three-year term with one-third being elected each year.

The Directors shall be elected, each year, at the Multiple District 21 convention. There shall be an equal number of Directors elected from each district within the multiple district by the certified delegates from each club. The delegates shall elect Directors to serve from their respective district by the majority vote of the voting delegates of their district. All districts within MD21 shall be represented equally on the Board.

Nomination of Lions in good standing for Director shall be submitted in writing by the secretary of a club in good standing within a district of Multiple District 21, at least thirty (30) days prior to the Multiple District convention.

The Directors declared elected shall take office as of July 1 of each year.

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**2.3 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE.**

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held during the month of July each year at such time and place as shall be designated by the president-elect. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to transact business properly brought before the Board. The secretary shall notify each Director of the place, date and time of the meeting at least ten (10) days before the date appointed for the meeting.

**2.4 REGULAR MEETING NOTICE.**

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the direction of the President of the board, normally on a monthly basis. Notice of any regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given, at least five (5) days prior thereto, by written notice, delivered personally, electronic mail, facsimile or mailed, to each Director, setting forth the place, date, time and purpose of the meeting. Notice must be provided to all Board Members.

**2.5 SPECIAL MEETINGS AND NOTICE.**

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the president or the Executive Committee by majority vote thereof. Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given, at least five (5) days prior thereto, by written notice, delivered personally, electronic mail, facsimile or mailed, to each Director, setting forth the place, date, time and purpose of the meeting. Notice must be provided to all Board Members.

**2.6 QUORUM.**

Fifty percent plus 1 or more of the duly elected or appointed Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors. At any meeting where a quorum is present, the affirmative act of the majority of the Directors present shall constitute the actions of the board.

**2.7 VACANCIES AND REMOVAL.**

Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors, by death, resignation, or removal, it shall be filled without delay, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the board present at any meeting. The person so appointed shall be from the same district as the vacating Director and shall complete the unexpired term of the vacant Director. No Director shall serve a subsequent term by appointment. Any Director may be removed with cause at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of the Directors present at such meeting. Unexplained or unacceptable absence from two or more consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors may be deemed cause for removal.

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**ARTICLE THREE**

**OFFICERS**

**3.1 OFFICERS.**

The Officers of the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be composed of a president, one or more vice-presidents (the number to be determined by the Board of Directors), a secretary, a treasurer and other such Officers as may be elected in accordance with the provisions of this article. The Board of Directors may appoint such other offices, including one or more assistant secretaries and one or more assistant treasurers, as it shall deem desirable. Such Officers will have the authority to perform the duties as defined by the policy and procedures manual adopted by the Board of Directors, as the same may be amended from time to time.

**3.2 ELECTION AND TERM.**

The Officers of the Board of Directors shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at a scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors immediately following the multiple district convention or as soon as possible thereafter. New offices may be created and filled at any regular or special meeting by the Board of Directors. Each Officer shall be elected by a majority of the Board of Directors voting and shall hold office until June 30 of the following year or until his/ her successor has been elected and qualified.

**3.3 VACANCIES AND REMOVAL.**

Any Officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Directors present at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

**3.4 POWERS AND DUTIES.**

The Officers shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as are covered by the policy and procedures, duly adopted resolutions, or other directives of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such specifications, each Officer shall have the power and authority to perform and to discharge his/her duties as reflected below:

**3.4.1 President:** The President shall be the presiding Officer of the Corporation and shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees and shall have the general power and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of a president of a corporation.

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**3.4.2 Vice-Presidents:** The Vice-President, or in the case of more than one vice-president, the first vice-president, shall in the absence or disability of the president perform the duties and exercise the powers of the president. The vice-presidents shall perform such other duties, and have such other powers, as outlined in the policy and procedures manual or as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

**3.4.3 Secretary:** The Secretary shall ensure notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee. He/she or his/her designated representative shall keep a record of all proceedings. He/she shall have the authority to sign all legal instruments. He/she shall give all notices required by these bylaws, the policies, procedures or resolutions, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President.

**3.4.4 Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall monitor the care and custody of the general funds, securities, properties and assets of the Corporation unless otherwise directed or prescribed by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE FOUR**

**LFA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**4.1 SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE.**

The Executive Director shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings. He/she shall give all notices required by law, the policies, procedures or resolutions, and shall perform such other duties for the Secretary as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President.

**4.2 TREASURER ASSISTANCE.**

The Executive Director shall keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts, deposits and disbursements. He/she shall deposit all money, securities, and other valuable effects in the name of the Corporation in such depositories as may be designated for that purpose by the Board of Directors. He/she shall disburse the funds of the Corporation only as ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements. He/she shall render to the President and the Directors at any meeting of the Board of Directors and whenever requested by them an account of all financial transactions and of the condition and property of the Corporation. All records and documentation shall be retained at the LFA Corporate Office at all times. The Policies and Procedures Manual will give step by step details.

**4.3 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE.**

The Executive Director is responsible for the management of all Foundation Properties.

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**ARTICLE FIVE**

**COMMITTEES**

**5.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

The Officers of the Board of Directors, the immediate past president, and such other Directors as appointed by the president with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall constitute an Executive Committee. The Committee shall be chaired by the president, or by the vice-president in his/her absence, and may exercise all of the powers of the Board of Directors when the board is not in session except such powers as the board or these bylaws may specifically reserve to itself, or as may be specifically assigned to any other committee or any other Officer of the Corporation. The Executive Committee shall make and adopt such rules, regulations, policies and procedures for its management. Such action shall be reported to the Board of Directors for its ratification of the action at any meeting called for that purpose. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and meetings may be called by the president or by three members of the committee.

**5.2 OTHER COMMITTEES.**

The Board of Directors may provide for such other committees or other bodies of individuals as it shall determine, and the Board of Directors may delegate to such committees or bodies such duties and powers as described in the Current Policy and Procedures Manual. The President may at any time appoint a special committee on any subject for which there is not a standing committee of the Board of Directors. Any action taken by any committee shall require an affirmative vote by a majority of the committee members and ratified by the Board of Directors.

**5.3 APPOINTMENTS.**

**5.3.1 ADVISORY COUNCIL:** The Board of Directors may provide for an advisory council of persons, both in and outside of Lions, whose advice, counsel, expertise and services may be of value to the Board of Directors and the Corporation. As many advisors as are deemed necessary and beneficial may be appointed by the president with the consent of the Board of Directors. Unless specifically excluded by the Board of Directors, members of the advisory council may attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall have the right to discuss any matters brought before the Board of Directors but shall not have any right of vote. The president may appoint members of the advisory council to the Executive Committee or to any other standing or special committee of the Board of Directors, but the advisors so appointed shall have no vote on any such committee. The president may, furthermore, delegate such duties and functions to members of the advisory council as may benefit and meet the needs of the Board of Directors and of the Corporation.

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**5.3.2 LIFE MEMBERS:** Life Members may be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Life Member must have made a significant contribution to the Lions Foundation Board and must have been an active and involved board member for a minimum of twelve years. A Life Member will have no voting privileges.

**5.3.3 HONORARY MEMBERS:** The current International Officers within Multiple District 21 shall be recognized as honorary members. An honorary member will have no voting privileges.

**ARTICLE SIX**

**ADMINISTRATION OF PROPERTY**

**6.1 CONTRACTS, CONVEYANCES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS.**

The Board of Directors may authorize any Officer or Officers, agent or agents of the Corporation, in addition to the Officers so authorized by these by-laws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or may be confined to specific instances. When the execution of any contract or other instrument has been authorized without specification of the executing Officers, the president or a vice-president and a secretary may execute the same in the name and in behalf of the Corporation.

**6.2 CHECKS, DRAFTS OR ORDERS.**

All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by such Officer or Officers, agent or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as shall be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the president or vice-president and the treasurer or assistant treasurer.

**6.3 GIFTS, PROPERTY AND FUNDS.**

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Corporation any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for any purpose of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall have the power to take, hold, and administer any and all securities, funds or property which may be transferred to them with full power and discretion, to invest any principal and to deal with and expend the income or principal of the property in such a manner as in their judgment will best promote the purposes of the Corporation. The Corporation shall have and exercise all powers conferred by law on this corporation and consistent with the laws of any of the states and possessions of the United States wherein any property is held.

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**6.4 AUTHORITY TO BORROW MONEY.**

The Board of Directors shall have full power and authority to borrow money whenever, in the discretion of the Board, the exercise of such power is required in the general interests of the Corporation. In such case, the Board of Directors shall authorize the proper Officers of this Corporation to make, execute and deliver in the name and in behalf of the Corporation such notes, bonds, and other evidence of indebtedness as said Board shall deem proper. Said Board shall have full power to mortgage the property of this corporation, or any part thereof, as security for such indebtedness.

**ARTICLE SEVEN**

**BOOKS AND RECORDS**

**7.1 BOOKS AND RECORDS.**

The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors, Executive Committee and other committees having and exercising any of the authority of the Board of Directors and shall keep at the LFA Corporate Office a record giving the names and addresses of the Board of Directors and of the members of the advisory council or any other body of individuals provided by the Board of Directors.

**7.2 AUDITING OF BOOKS.**

Within ninety (90) days of the end of the fiscal year of the Corporation, the books, records and accounts of the corporation shall be audited as provided by the Board of Directors and a full statement of the finances of the Corporation shall be presented at the first Board of Directors meeting following the ninety (90) day limit.

**7.3 FISCAL YEAR.**

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of July in each year and end at midnight on the 30th day of June of the following year.

**ARTICLE EIGHT**

**WAIVER OF NOTICE**

**8.1 WAIVER OF NOTICE.**

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of these by-laws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

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**8.2 ACTION BY UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT.**

If and when the Directors shall severally or collectively consent in writing to any action to be taken by them, such notice shall be a valid corporate action as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE NINE**

**AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS**

**9.1 AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS.**

These by-laws may be altered, amended or repealed, and new by-laws adopted, by a favorable vote of two-thirds majority of the Directors present at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors when the majority of the Directors present and voting have been given at least ten days written notice of the intention to alter, amend, repeal or adopt new by-laws at such meeting.

**ARTICLE TEN**

**PERPETUAL CORPORATION**

**10.1 THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE PERPETUAL**

**ALL AMENDMENTS TO THESE BY LAWS SHALL BE RATIFIED BY THE CERTIFIED DELEGATES AT THE NEXT MULTIPLE DISTRICT 21 CONVENTION BEFORE THE AMENDMENTS CAN BE ENACTED.**

## DISTRICT 21 A DG David Pryce

### “Just Being Lions”



Wow has it been an interesting year. Because of the recent decisions by local, state and national leaders it appears that the year has come to a premature end. Because of the abrupt ending, I have been asked how can we continue to serve our communities with the restrictions placed upon meetings and congregating by those leaders. I believe that we can continue that service and be even more valuable to those we are serving.

We all have neighbors that are physically unable to keep up with routine household services. We can volunteer to help and do these chores and then make sure that they know it was a Lion who helped. Gatherings of 10 and more people are restricted because of the possibility of spreading a viral illness. 90 percent of our lion members are computer literate and can have virtual gatherings of interested groups to help solve local problems before they become a community problem. I

have seen what our lions can do when asked to prepare items for a pot-luck dinner. We can do the same for our neighbors who are unable to procure or prepare food no matter what the reason. Donate Blood. Our medical teams are always in need of this vital product.

As you have read, there are many ways we can be of service and I have only suggested a few of them. The year does not have to be at an end if we only continue our efforts to “Be A Lion”.

## DISTRICT 21 B

### DG Chris Gibbs

# “Catch a Dream”



Several weeks ago, Coronavirus (COVID-19) became a worldwide health crisis and a National Emergency in the United States. It was a difficult decision to postpone our last District 21B Convention, but the health of all our members is more important to me than holding a celebration of our successes.

Lions are strong and resilient, but there are times when we need to be cautious and prudent. It certainly appears the impact of this devastating virus runs its course. Group events are being cancelled across America and as Lions we also need to be aware of physical constraints represented by the virus. A postponement provides ALL LIONS an opportunity to regroup and plan a later opportunity for celebration. This

may even have to wait until our next year.

Please protect yourselves through active health guidelines (washing hands often, masks, gloves, etc.), then plan to continue providing meaningful service to our communities. Your club may need to find new projects which have become more important because of the effects of the virus.

Helping elderly citizens stay isolated may be an idea to explore. County health and “Meals on Wheels” resources will be stretched. Find their representatives and see how we can help. All food distribution to elderly, poor, homeless, and school-aged children are particularly in need of more volunteer assistance.

Hopefully, you’re engaged enough

to create significant new activities and plenty of the things you’ve “always done” to enhance all members’ experiences. Club projects must make certain there’s something for everyone! Does this mean every member has to participate in every project or activity? No, but try to find enough to keep everyone active and safe. Club leadership should continue to ensure all members have at least one project they identify with.

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!**

Find the needs. Develop as many VISIBLE projects and activities as you are able. Always invite others to help. Teach our credo of service. Let others see what you do. Show others how to “Catch a Dream of Service”.

## DISTRICT 21C

### DG Marie Cunning

## “Emerging Voices In Servant Leadership”



### HELLO LIONS!

March has been a bummer of a month. The corona pandemic has caused major disruptions in our social lives, our lions service lives, our conventions and club meetings. Postponing our District 21C Convention was the most difficult

Decision but after careful consideration, it felt like the best decision for all our sakes. After looking at the weather forecast for Williams for Wenesday and Thursday, March 18-19, it also felt like the best decision since Williams and the Northern folk are supposed to get anywhere between 8-12 inches of snow and the driving conditions would have been dangerous. As citizens of the world, there are other more pressing issues that should concern us more than a few canceled parties and perhaps not seeing our friends for several weeks. We need to think and be creative as to how we can do our Lions service and create an impact at a time when Lions are needed most and that is RIGHT NOW!!!

We have our most vulnerable population, our seniors who probably will need some kind of assistance with getting much needed supplies without having to venture out as they are more at risk with having complications if they do get exposed to this virus. Perhaps we can serve by donating groceries and delivering to their doorstep.

We have homeless out on the streets who are unable to stockpile and hoard necessities such as toiletries and food because they really don't have anywhere to put it. I do my share by helping the ones around my place of business with food and water and toilet paper and alcohol and warm clothes.

We have hungry children who are potentially at risk of going hungry because they are missing their school lunches. Let us pool our resources and communicate via email as to what we can proactively do to be of service right now. Like most of you, I fear for my health as well as those of my kids who are far away for me to manage and watch over. I know we all



feel helpless. I say we all channel our energies and come together again as Lions and do what we do best....WE SERVE.

Please feel free to call me or any of our district officers if we can be of service to your communities. I will miss visiting my clubs this month but I hope and pray that next month will be back to normal and I get to see all your kind and smiling faces. Please stay healthy and may God protect us all.

I leave you with another one of my favorite quotes by John D. Rockefeller Jr. "Giving is the secret of a healthy life. Not necessarily money, but whatever a person has of encouragement and sympathy and understanding"

We do not need money to be generous and kind. We only need to give the best of what we have and that is ourselves. And I know that is you...my LIONS family.

# Calendar of Events

## 2020

July	13	Camp Tatiyee Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Show Low	Pam Swanson 480 380-4254
July	22-26	4th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum	California	Tel. 646 481-3238 or usaleoleadership foundation@gmail.com
Sept	17-19	USA/Canada Forum	Louisville, Kentucky	
Nov	20-22	Mid Year 2020 Embassy Suites	Tempe	PDG Fred Garmeson 480 895-9363

## 2021

June	25-29	104th Annual International Convention	Montreal, Quebec	
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