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REMOVING OBSTACLES

At the 2020 District 21A Convention a Reservation was established with PDG Jack Buckles to use the MD21 Lion Parade balloon at the annual Heber/Overgaard July 4th parade.

A day of picking up the balloon was confirmed, but numerous challenges over the last five months seemed to be against Ponderosa Lions Club's usage of the balloon.

Obstacle One: The COVID-19 pandemic appeared on the scene but the club kept a positive attitude. Plans were made with the President of the local Chamber of Commerce to enter the Lions balloon in the annual July 4th parade. A permit from ADOT allowed the

closure of Highway 260 to accommodate the annual event.

Obstacle Two: On the date to retrieve the balloon, ADOT announced a total closure of Highway 87 (from Payson to Phoenix) due to a major fire so instead of a 5-hour drive the trip took 12 hours going over 500 miles taking the back roads through Globe/Miami.

Obstacle three: Then, we were notified of the executive order 2020-40 from Governor Doug Ducey virtually banning all July 4th activities.

PDG Doug Harris' Overgaard home backyard stretches 370 feet along a major

thoroughfare. A decision was made that the MD21 Lion parade balloon would still be utilized for promotional purposes and allow the community to view same. Local children and neighbors were invited to help set up the balloon.

This just proves that regardless the obstacles, Lions with the commitment to SERVE can and will overcome!

(A side benefit so far has slowed down traffic to view the Lion!)

Thanks.

IPDG Doug Harris

THIS COMMUNICATION IS APPROVED BY PIP JOE PRESTON

Concern from your Council of Governors.

The safety of our Lions is our number one concern. We had hoped for a significant flattening of the curve on cases of COVID-19 throughout Arizona but that has not been the trend especially in the border and metropolitan areas of the state. Governor Ducey has given responsibility to the local governments to face mask in public. Please make yourself aware of new mandates in your local community.

We have a high population of seniors among our members. Some are compromised or live with a compromised family member. **We ask that you be cautious and considerate when going back to in-person meetings when we have so many ways to meet electronically.** If you need help in setting up electronic meetings, please contact Lion Brian Woloshin, MD21 IT Chairperson. He can set you up for GoToMeeting. We have that available for all Lions in MD21 as we have a paid subscription for you to use. Or check out any other means to meet electronically.

If your club meets in-person during this pandemic, please follow this procedure: An attendance sheet should be signed with a disclaimer from all members who attend the in-person meeting that they will not hold LCI or MD21 responsible should anyone at that meeting be exposed to COVID-19 and gets sick as a result of attending such meeting. A copy of these sheets should be kept by the club secretary and also emailed to the district secretary.

Another point of caution are members travelling from one area to another. We all don't know where or who anyone has been around to bring the virus into your area. Safety is the most important concern we have in this new normal, please share our concern with your members.

Yours in Service: MD21 Council of Governors 2019-2020 and 2020-2021



MD21 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2020 – 2021

| DATES | EVENT | LOCATION | CONTACT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov 09, 2020 | 2 nd COUNCIL MEETING | ONLINE 6-8 p.m. | CC Barbara Daily |
| Nov 11 – 13, 2020 | MD Voting for governors | ELECTRONIC VOTING | MD21 Elections Committee |
| Nov 7, 2020 | 2 nd Cabinet Meeting | 21N: ONLINE 10 to Noon 21S: ONLINE 1 to 3 p.m. | DG Chuck Matthews DG Keith Alexander |
| Nov 14, 2020 | MD21 Mid-Year Leadership Conference Guest: ID Gary Brown | ONLINE 9 a.m. to Noon - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Voting Results | PDG Tom Price |
| Jan 25, 2021 | 3 rd COUNCIL MEETING | ONLINE 6–8 p.m. | CC Barbara Daily |
| Mar 19, 2021 | 3 rd Cabinet Meeting, District 21-S ONLINE | ONLINE 1-3 p.m. | DG Keith Alexander |
| Mar 20, 2021 | 3 rd Cabinet Meeting, District 21-N ONLINE | ONLINE 10 a.m. – Noon | DG Chuck Matthews |
| IF STATE CONVENTION IS IN PERSON – THIS IS THE SCHEDULE | | | |
| April 30, 2021 | 4 th COUNCIL MEETING | Embassy, Tempe | CC Barbara Daily |
| April 27-28, 2021 | Voting for State and District Project Boards | ELECTRONIC VOTING | MD21 Elections Committee |
| April 30, May 1,2, 2021 | MD21 State Convention Guest: ID Mark Lyon | Embassy Suites, Tempe | CC Barbara Daily Conv Chairs – Ellen Yopps / Rob Mayer |
| May 2, 2021 | 4 th Cabinet Meetings | Embassy Suites, Tempe | DG Chuck Matthews DG Keith Alexander |
| IF STATE CONVENTION IS NOT HELD IN PERSON – ALTERNATE SCHEDULE | | | |
| April 26, 2021 | 4 th COUNCIL MEETING | ONLINE 6–8 p.m. | CC Barbara Daily |
| April 27-28, 2021 | Voting for State and District Project Boards | ELECTRONIC VOTING | MD21 Elections Committee |
| May 1, 2021 | 4 th Cabinet Meetings Awards and Recognition | ONLINE 21N 9 - 10:30 a.m. 21S 1 – 2:30 p.m. | DG Chuck Matthews DG Keith Alexander |

DISTRICT 21 South DG Keith Alexander



I continue to be amazed at the selfless service provided by individual Lions and local Lions clubs to their communities. A disproportionate percentage of our members have lived most of their lives outside of Arizona, which makes the investment in our towns and cities even more impressive. Many of our Lions may not realize how deep Lionism runs in Arizona. I'd like you to know a little of the heritage you've been adopted into.

The founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones, was born in Fort Thomas on January 13, 1879, where his father was a captain in the US Army. Though he moved away as a small child, he said that his years along the Gila River influence the rest of his life.

The first clubs in Arizona were the Phoenix

and Tucson clubs, both jointly chartered on May 5, 1923, into the Southern California District. The Arizona Republic printed a special ten-page section in the next day's edition about Lionism coming to Arizona. On May 28, 1923, the two clubs were joined by the only club in New Mexico, Albuquerque, to form the 21st District of Lions.

By the start of 1928, 13 new clubs had been formed in New Mexico, but none in Arizona. But that year, clubs were chartered in Glendale, Mesa, Globe (this club folded and is not the current Globe club), and Miami. The district was then divided, creating a New Mexico District.

In 1929 there were 16 clubs in Arizona. The first state convention was held in Globe in

1929. New Mexico had grown to 14 clubs, and New Mexico District 40 was formed.

Melvin Jones was the featured guest at the 1931 state convention in Safford. The district voted to make relief from the Depression their top project for the year.

Arizona was split into two districts in 1950. Some of the clubs in the southern district included: Bisbee, Bowie, Ray, Superior, and Willcox.

After many years of having three districts in Arizona, this year we again have two.

We have a great history in Arizona. May we remember those who served before us and honor their memory through service today. The entire District 21-S team is eager to continue growing the success of Lions with each of you.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, November 14th -- Our First Online Midyear Leadership Conference

We will have sessions on the hour and the half-hour. Each session will be approximately

twenty minutes in length. Our keynote speaker will be International Director Gary F. Brown from Cape Vincent, New York. We will have returning to Arizona Second Vice District Governor Daniel Elkins of Bellefonte, Delaware. Lion Dr. T. J. Johnson, Plano, Texas, will inspire us again by her presentation. MD21 GLT Tom Price will present a session on estate planning and another session on advance

medical directives. You will be able to come and go as you wish. I am open to suggestions for sessions. Please email them to Tom Price (tomasprecio@hotmail.com).

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS TO COME IN FUTURE EDITIONS OF CANYON STATE LION.



LENSCRAFTERS

Phoenix Phil-Am Lions team up with LensCrafters

From July 13,2020 thru September 5,2020

***3 eye examinations and matching
prescription eyeglasses per week.
(for children and adults)***

Requirements:

- A. Must be indigent
- B. No job and low income
- C. Be able to provide proof of status

Location: LensCrafters in Scottsdale Fashion Square Mall

Terms:

*Must be referred by our Lions Club, preferably called in by the
Vision chairperson or co-chair service for appointment

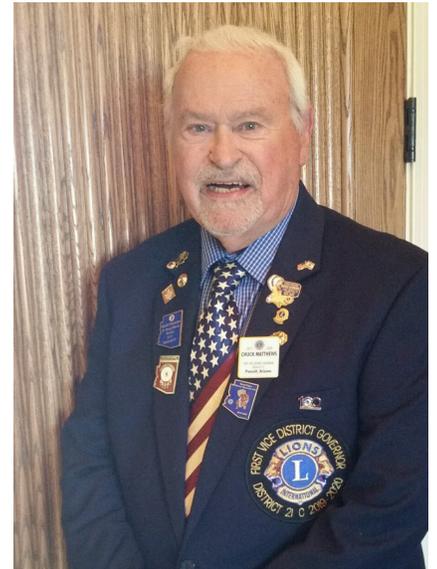
*Contact person: Vision Chair Lion Ric T.

email: Phxphilamlions85@gmail.com

www.PhoenixLionsClubs.com

DISTRICT 21 North

DG Chuck Matthews



SERVING

Your deeds will show all of Arizona that “We Lions of Arizona are of one mind, one spirit, and clearly resolve to serve our communities”. One of our major goals is to Feed the Hungry. Whether it’s to provide monetary donations or by a direct food drive. We must help the underfed within our communities. Our recent club contributions of \$200 ea. from the majority of Lions clubs in MD21 helped. Are you feeding the hungry; how is your club’s food drive doing? Some clubs have contributed much more, directly from fundraisers or club funds. Other clubs have contributed through the Green Bag program or other direct modes. In any event, we must keep the “pedal to the medal”. Let’s not stop feeding the hungry, most of all the children.

I challenge each and every Lion in 21 North to “step up” and contribute your time, effort and dollars to those in need.

This pandemic isn’t ending anytime soon – far from it. We are still staying home, wearing our masks and keeping social distancing. Therefore, we must be creative in finding other solutions and other methods to serve.

We should begin each day with a goal in mind. Whether it’s to complete a task, or simply to be kind to someone or ourselves. We should create a purpose for the day. A fellow Lion recently told me that solitude is a welcome gift in these hectic times. He stated it may not last long, or come often, so we must make the most of it when it comes. The CoVid 19 has forced most of us into solitude. How do we cope? By finding a way to serve our fellow Arizona Lions and our communities.

Love is the most powerful healing energy in the universe. Love is what pushes you forward and spurs you on. Love heals the sick and gives courage to the weak. Love of being a Lion motivates us to serve. It motivates us to do things we Lions do best. Our love of our

fellow mankind, humanity and fellow Lions keeps us on the straight and narrow.

Tomorrow may not be soon enough! How many times have we waited on something instead of acting on it. My fellow Lions, do what you want to do today – act now, for tomorrow may not be soon enough. Consider making a contribution to LCIF – our foundation. The world of Lionism needs your help. Contribute through your club or individually. No donation is too small – every little bit counts. Hopefully, your club is striving to become a model club.

Is your club struggling? Do you need a little help? The Past District Governors Association is here for you. A PDG, a PID or Guiding Lion can assist you. It is not a sign of weakness to ask for help. Give PCC Larry Palmer or myself, or any of the GAT team a call. We are here to serve you and your club.

Chuck Matthews, District Governor
21 North



21N Membership Pulse



A roaring Congratulations and Welcome to our newest members for July 2020!



Phoenix Asian American Lions Club

Sponsor: Jhen Facto Aquino

Virginia Cacnio
Marites Paredes

Felipa Santos
Lina Facto

Victoria Aceveda

New Leos:

Tristen Aquino
Pumita Ahmed
Levi Arguillo
Mykela Culver
Madeline Culver
Shamcey Gamboa
Hart Jayden
Rafael Timothy Stevens

Jewel Aceveda
Sarina Ahmed
Riel Arguillo
Paul Culver
Miquala Figueroa
Azi Griffiths
Paredes Alliyah
Elyza Torres

Violet Aceveda
Meira Arguillo
Amryn Bartolome
Kevin Culver
Mcquenzie Figueroa
Carly Hart Sophie
Rafael Charlemagne



Kindly submit new member/sponsor names to your zone chair so we can all welcome them. ZC will forward them to me.

Submitted by: GMT Rosemarie



ARIZONA LIONS

can Stay Home and Be Safe while

SUPPORTING *OUR FOUNDATION* - **LCIF**

Your donation will help support our disaster relief
Worldwide and Arizona with
a chance to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF),
a progressive (PMJF) or gift it.

GOT \$25

Only 40 ENTRIES will be sold. Buy more for more chances to Win!

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Make check payable to: **MD LCIF**
 - Kindly include email address, phone# and Club name
2. Mail check to: *PDG Rosemarie Gabriel - LCIF*
19060 N. 37th PLACE
Phoenix, AZ 85050
3. Once your check is received, you will get:
 - an **Email confirmation** and **Entry Number - drawn at random.**
4. When 40 entries are sold (total of \$1,000), donors will receive an invitation to join us virtually "either thru Zoom/Go to Meeting" in drawing the lucky **WINNER**. The \$1,000 will be sent to LCIF and put into the Winner's account.
5. This fundraiser will be on-going throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact PDG Rosemarie (rgabriel513@gmail.com /623-570-6032), IPDG Marie (azdiscountflooring.mccunning@gmail.com/602-573-6936) and MD LCIF Coordinator PDG Fred Garmeson (garmesonfaz@aol.com /480-895-9363).

This and That

Things that tickled my fancy – whatever that means.

PID Dave Roberts

I still get newsletters from the districts that I visited when I was an international director. The July issue of the Georgia 18N paper had a poem that was credited to Ann Favreau from the Venice Florida Lions Club. I liked the poem and will print it in this column some other time. I always like to give credit where credit is due and I try to ask permission when I print something from another person.

So, I called Lion Ann and we had a great conversation. It seems that she likes to write poetry and she sent me additional poems that I will pass on some other time. She also wrote this tribute to Anne Sullivan.

ANNE SULLIVAN Lion Ann Favreau

Everyone knows the story about how Anne Sullivan aided the young girl Helen Keller to communicate with the world and continued as her constant companion on her national and worldwide lecture tours.

However, few people are aware of the early life of this dedicated teacher. Since I spent over thirty-five years living and teaching in the town of Feeding Hills, Massachusetts where she was born, I feel a connection to her. Although she was known throughout her life as Anne or Annie, she was born Joanna Sullivan on April 14, 1866. Her family home, a farmhouse, has long since disappeared from this once rural town. A marker denotes the original site that is less than a half-mile from where I taught at Granger School for 27 years.

Anne's parents were Irish immigrants. Born into poverty with an abusive alcoholic father was the beginning of her dreadful childhood. At the age of two she contracted trachoma, an eye disease that even today is the world's leading cause of preventable blindness. It is prophetic that Lions Clubs International are still fighting this disease in the developing countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia responding to Helen Keller's challenge. Anne's mother died when she was eight years old. Soon after, her father abandoned her and her younger brother who had tuberculosis. They were placed in the state poorhouse in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. There she would deal with hunger, terror, and abuse among other orphans who shared the crowded, dirty asylum with criminals, the insane, diseased and disabled. She would suffer severe loneliness when her brother died at the age of five.

The trachoma had become so severe that she was nearly blind. When officials came to visit the poorhouse, she hollered at them that she wanted to go to school at the Perkins Institution for the Blind. Her outcry moved the visitors and they consented to send her to Perkins, although at this time, it catered to wealthy individuals who could pay to have their blind youngsters educated. Blind children were not allowed to attend public schools. While at Perkins, she underwent surgery that restored some of her sight. With increased vision and a brilliant mind, she made the most of this educational opportunity.

According to author Laurie Lawlor, "When she entered in 1880, nearly fourteen years old, she owned neither a nightgown nor a hairbrush. She could not read or write and she did not know her own birthday. She spoke with a slight Irish brogue and was filled with intense hate for almost anyone in authority. She knew what it meant to be blind and shuffled out of sight by society. In spite of unpromising beginnings, she managed to excel and graduated valedictorian of her class." *

This gifted young woman was in need of a job after graduation. The director of the Perkins Institution, Michael Anagnos received a letter from Captain Keller, Helen's father, asking if there was anyone who

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could come to Alabama to teach his child. Mr. Anagnos recommended Anne. She was delighted to accept because she knew that this job would allow her to become financially secure with a salary of twenty-five dollars a month, plus board and washing. To prepare herself to serve as a teacher and governess to six-year old Helen, she began to study the work of Samuel Gridley Howe.

Dr. Howe wanted to prove that blind and deaf people had a basic ability to learn. In his home in Boston, he began teaching a few blind students. This would evolve into the Perkins School for the Blind, the first in the United States. Dr. Howe worked with Laura Bridgman, a blind and deaf student. He taught her to read using raised letters and finger spelling. Anne read all the published work about Dr. Howe's success with Laura.

Coincidentally, Laura Bridgman became a resident of Perkins where she did housekeeping and sewing. She taught Anne how to finger spell. They became dear friends and communicated using their hands. With no teacher training and no experience except her new found finger spell knowledge and a spitfire spirit, Anne set off for Tusculumbia, Alabama to work with Helen Keller. Her success is legendary. When Anne died on October 20, 1936 at the age of seventy, Helen was still holding the hand that had first spelled out the word water and changed her life forever.

Although Anne's ashes were placed in the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, the town of Feeding Hills did not forget that she had her roots in this suburban community. The townspeople and especially the local Lions club set out to raise over \$50,000 for the construction of a bronze statue of Anne Sullivan and Helen Keller.

They engaged Mico Kaufman, a noted sculptor, for the project entitled Water. On June 25, 1992, the completed bronze work that rests on a six-foot base of polished granite was unveiled on the Granger School property, a perfect setting for teacher and pupil. The piece attracts visitors both sighted and blind and many distinguished Lions have come to Feeding Hills to admire it and renew their commitment to the challenges of sight conservation throughout the world.

* Lawlor, Laurie, Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit, Holiday House, NY, 2001



WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE NEED A NEW LOGO FOR OUR ARIZONA LIONS SHIRT



Lions
Council
to assist

At the July 13th meeting of the Arizona Multiple District-21 Council Meeting, the of Governors voted to authorize a committee for the selection of a new “Parade Uniform Logo”, in accordance with The MD-21 Procedures Manual, (effective July 1, 2020) , Lions Clubs International Committee - Sub-section-4, Paragraphs a, b and c, thereby ending a relationship, (as it relates to the image of the Hopi Kachina Dolls, shown on the back of our uniform’s shirts), that goes back more than 40 years. At this time of sensitivity in our society, we will move beyond anything that may appear insensitive or demeaning to others.

What will our new logo look like? The committee is encouraging all Arizona Lions to come up with a new image (logo). Four Lions, two from District 21 North, two from District 21 South and PCC Gerson Gonzalez – MD – 21 Convention Chairperson - 2021-2021.

The plan is to invite all MD-21 Lions to propose logos or designs for the committee to select the best three participating submissions and have all Arizona Lions vote at the next **MD-21 Mid-Year Conference, online, to select the winning logo.** There may be prizes for the top three participants so; **Stay tuned to the Canyon State Lion, for future information.**

Submit your ideas to Chairperson PCC Gerson Gonzalez by **October 5, 2020** at email: garyg4319@gmail.com. Remember this is “Your Shirt” for the next five years. Wear it at all District, and Multiple functions, International Conventions and Club Meetings. Be a Proud Arizona Lion or LEO, by participating in the selection of **YOUR SHIRT**, buying one and wearing it proudly.

2nd Annual Arizona Lions Service Rally Day

Saturday, January 9, 2021



Calling all Lions Clubs Leaders and Chairs!

Let's start planning to celebrate the Second Annual Arizona Lions Service Rally Day. Below are a few of the projects that we, as Lions, are currently engaged in along with MD21 Chair contact info. Please let us know if there's a need in the community that we can add to the list.

- Childhood Cancer— Jhen Facto-Aquino, jhenfactoquino@gmail.com
- Diabetes Awareness & Screenings - Mark Rabinowitz, markrabi4277@aol.com
- Environment & Veterans—Pam Boyer, pdorf2827@gmail.com
- Hunger - Ethel Luzario, ethelluzario@gmail.com
- Refugees - Salina Imam, simam@icnarelief.org
- Vision—Jeannette Russell, lionsvisionctr@aol.com
- Youth & Children Services—Ron Smith, save@gmx/us

Please submit your chosen area of service(s) by September 1, 2020.
We will have drip press releases to make this one day Statewide service a huge success!



For more info, contact any of these Committee Co-Chairs:

PDG Bobbie Ravenkamp, bobbie21b@gmail.com, 918-705-1227

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An Open Letter of Appreciation

Submitted PCC John Hart

Thank you PDG Chris Gibbs for your nomination of me to receive a 2019-2020 Presidential Award. It is an honor to be recognized for my efforts to rebuild the Florence Lions Club. While public recognition is always appreciated, this task, like so many others, is not being accomplished by me alone. Many other people have contributed to our success thus far and they and many others continue to contribute.

First on the long list of contributors is you, PDG Chris, for taking the chance on this experiment. You could have taken the usual course and just asked me or someone else to mentor the club from the outside or even to just allow the charter to be canceled. Thank you for taking the chance and supporting me at every turn.

As we were just getting started on this experiment during our Kickoff in August 2019, PDG Bobbie Ravenkamp provided the lead to

Florence Town Manager Brent Billingsley who in turn recruited Chief of Police Bruce Walls and later Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Roger Biede. Chief Walls then recruited his lieutenant, Terry Tryon.

PCC Melissa Washburn of MD40, New Mexico, attended our midyear cabinet meeting and referred us to Lion Steve West who was relocating from New Mexico to Florence and is now our club treasurer. Steve in turn recruited his cousin Cindy Ivey who is now working as our vision services chairperson. Our good friend and Tucson Downtown Lions Club member, Christy Morrison referred her friend Barbara VanZile who is now our club secretary.

Additional assistance and support came when Zone Chairperson Curtis Dornath transferred from the Maricopa Lions Club and Patty Lacy returned after a two-year hiatus from Lions. These two dedicated Lions added their knowledge and expertise to make my job easier. Another transfer member, PDG Norm Massier, joined the club to further bolster our knowledge and experience base. Their dedicated work and support are very much appreciated.

San Tan Lions Gene and Mary Schaefer introduced us to the Florence K-8 School and assisted us with our first vision screening there.

We continue to work with the school.

In addition to these wonderful Lions, many of our Lions members from all over the our district as well as MD40 reached into their own pockets during our midyear cabinet meeting to donate about \$500 to the club's admin fund so we could offer prepaid new member applications. Because of the COVID crisis, we were unable to conduct a planned fundraiser, so our club members reached into their pockets to donate to our charity fund so that we can provide requested community services.

Last in this list of great Lions but forever first in my heart, my Child Bride Dory, worked tirelessly in the background keeping me on track and on schedule just as she has done for the past 57 years. I could not have accomplished this or any of my other accomplishments without her assistance.

The bottom line is that while I got an award for which I am very honored to have received, "The Rest of the Story" is that it was a group of very generous and dedicated Lions who have made and continue to make this effort a success. I believe we can all be both proud and humbled to be associated with such wonderful Lions. Thank you all.

MD-21 EXCEEDS LCIF 2019-20 GOAL

Submitted by PDG Fred Garmeson

Since the start of Campaign 100 in July 2017, MD21 has raised \$511,069.95 in cash and pledges. Last year the MD-21 goal was \$145,000. We raised \$166, 819.15 in cash. That's approximately \$61.20/Per Member Average. All of the Lions and clubs that contributed are to be thanked and congratulated. We have to give special thanks to our 2019-2020 LCIF Coordinators, Lion Carl Anderson and PDG Art Downs for all their hard work.

MD-21 now has 4 Visionary Model Clubs, 5 Model Clubs, one 100-100 Club, 5 Classic Clubs and four 100 Clubs. 19 Lions clubs have pledged their support for Campaign 100. All clubs that commit to becoming either a 100 Club or a Classic Club will receive a certificate recognizing their commitment to Campaign 100. On the completion of their pledge, they will receive a banner patch from the MD-21 LCIF team. Model clubs will receive their certificates and banner patches from Lions International.

The District Coordinators for 2020-2021 will be:

PDG Marie Cuning and PDG Rosemarie Gabriel for 21-N and PDG Bobbie Ravenkamp and Lion Jim Perkins for 21-S. MD-21 has a great team and should have a successful year.



STATUS OF CAMPAIGN 100 PLEDGES

| MODEL CLUBS | Target | Paid | Balance |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|---------|
| Club | | | |
| Globe | \$13,500 | \$17,403.00 | 128.91% |
| Chandler Sunbird | \$30,750 | \$25,168.00 | 81.85% |
| Phoenix Barangay | \$55,500 | \$26,028.52 | 46.90% |
| Mesa T-Birds | \$21,750 | \$14,254.28 | 65.54% |
| Prescott Noon | \$54,500 | \$81,714.00 | 149.93% |
| Prescott Sunrise | \$26,000 | \$19,160.00 | 73.69% |
| Lakes | \$19,000 | \$19,145.52 | 100.77% |
| Sun Lakes Breakfast | \$12,500 | \$7,000.00 | 56.00% |
| Peoria Sunset | \$12,500 | \$10,006.60 | 80.05% |
| 100 CLUB | | | |
| Buckeye | \$5,700 | \$5,294.00 | 92.88% |
| Mesa Fountain of the Sun | \$13,200 | \$7,130.00 | 54.02% |
| Green Valley La Canoa | \$10,200 | \$10,500.00 | 102.94% |
| Tucson North Tucson | \$5,100 | \$6,020.00 | 118.04% |
| CLASSIC CLUBS | | | |
| PHX Valley of the Sun | \$3,000 | \$2,415.00 | 80.50% |
| Tucson Downtown | \$4,500 | \$3,300.00 | 73.33% |
| Mesa Leisure World | \$12,000 | \$10,545.00 | 87.88% |

Retention and Extension

Submitted by PDG Carl Anderson

Well since my new idea box had more ants than ideas, I will give you some food for thoughts. My topic is Retention. Retention at the club level and at the district level,

For the benefit of our newer members who haven't been exposed to some of the issues at the district level I will follow up after we chat about our club efforts. Every member has something to add to the good and welfare of our club.

Retention, at the club level is watching and listening to issues concerning our members. Question? How many of our members have you never met? I have been in the club now for about 7 years and there are still several members I have not met. Many of our members rarely make it to the meetings, so if you are wondering who these members are good luck. This is at the core of our club retention problems. They could move or pass away, and we would never know. Personally, that means something to me.

Retention is keeping track of our members before they just disappear or write a note to the club from Kansas telling us all how they

are doing? We had a member who moved to Wyoming but continued to pay his dues until just very recently. Did the club ever write to these Lions? He only recently dropped his membership. What a loss for all of us never getting to meeting this Lion.

Also, and this is important, many of our members are friends of some of the more active members. Welcome them back to make a visit and see how the membership has changed. Then, report at the meetings that you have talked to them.

We all miss these members and so let's pitch in. Also, before I was doing a birthday month in the newsletter. Since I know many of you are getting younger, we all really need refresher information, if you dare.

NOW, as for Retention at the district level. Admittedly, our governor has more at stake with this issue than the everyday Lion. Beula the buzzer sounds off. You would sorta right and sorta wrong. Why do you ask?

Do you remember the redistricting we just went through? That is the direct result of doing a poor job at Retention at the district. One of the areas that Lions International has a habit of mucking about is membership numbers and fewer clubs means fewer dollars. This part is very big. Last year multiple district 21N,

Arizona lost 7 clubs with about 70 members to go with that. Those are astounding numbers. The counterpart of Retention is Extension. Extension is when the district gets a brand-new club that out with the minimum of 20 members. And the funny part is the incoming governor takes the rap for all those loses. He is no longer the fair-haired boy but he does have one year to make up some of the loses.

So, you see every Lion at every level has a part to play in "Retention". So, to make this point you as Lions members don't have a lot to say about new clubs and you have all to say about club retention. Watch for missing members. Ask questions and if you happen to be a friend of the missing member, speak up to the club officers. Funny thing about Lions club, the exodus. It starts slow but when dissatisfied members look around a see and see missing hands, leaving turns into a wave. Before you even know it, your club is dying. You can believe me, I have seen it now for the better part of 50 years.

Another sidebar to this topic, you will almost never hear about this topic at meetings because many of our less experienced Lions simply have not heard about it. And that is the TRUTH. So now you know all there is to know about Retention and Extension.....



LION RICHARD LIEBHABER
NEW ZONE CHAIR



DISTRICT MD21 NORTH

SERVING ZONE 4
CAMP VERDE, COTTONWOOD, OVERGAARD-PONDEROSA
PINETOP, SEDONA-OAK CREEK CANYON.

Native to Arizona, Retired Health Care Worker.
Past President, Phoenix Valley of the Sun Lions Club.

LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU

Phone: 1 (602) 532 - 9980

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See you at the next zoom meeting

Sponsored by: IPDG Marie Cunning



2020-2021

MD-21 Council

Web: www.lionsarizona.org

Council Chairperson

CC Barbara Daily (Don)

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Calendar of Events

2020

Aug 1

Kick-Off 2020-2021 Lions Year
1st Cabinet Meeting Cabinet Insallaiton

21S Online 9 to Noon DG Keith Alexander
21N Ohnline 1 to 4pm DG Chuck Matthews

MD21 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2020 – 2021

| DATES | EVENT | LOCATION | CONTACT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov 09, 2020 | 2 nd COUNCIL MEETING | ONLINE 6-8 p.m. | CC Barbara Daily |
| Nov 11 – 13, 2020 | MD Voting for governors | ELECTRONIC VOTING | MD21 Elections Committee |
| Nov 7, 2020 | 2 nd Cabinet Meeting | 21N: ONLINE 10 to Noon 21S: ONLINE 1 to 3 p.m. | DG Chuck Matthews DG Keith Alexander |
| Nov 14, 2020 | MD21 Mid-Year Leadership Conference Guest: ID Gary Brown | ONLINE 9 a.m. to Noon - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Voting Results | PDG Tom Price |
| Jan 25, 2021 | 3 rd COUNCIL MEETING | ONLINE 6–8 p.m. | CC Barbara Daily |
| Mar 19, 2021 | 3 rd Cabinet Meeting, District 21-S ONLINE | ONLINE 1-3 p.m. | DG Keith Alexander |
| Mar 20, 2021 | 3 rd Cabinet Meeting, District 21-N ONLINE | ONLINE 10 a.m. – Noon | DG Chuck Matthews |
| IF STATE CONVENTION IS IN PERSON – THIS IS THE SCHEDULE | | | |
| April 30, 2021 | 4 th COUNCIL MEETING | Embassy, Tempe | CC Barbara Daily |
| April 27-28, 2021 | Voting for State and District Project Boards | ELECTRONIC VOTING | MD21 Elections Committee |
| April 30, May 1,2, 2021 | MD21 State Convention Guest: ID Mark Lyon | Embassy Suites, Tempe | CC Barbara Daily Conv Chairs – Ellen Yopps / Rob Mayer |
| May 2, 2021 | 4 th Cabinet Meetings | Embassy Suites, Tempe | DG Chuck Matthews DG Keith Alexander |
| IF STATE CONVENTION IS NOT HELD IN PERSON – ALTERNATE SCHEDULE | | | |
| April 26, 2021 | 4 th COUNCIL MEETING | ONLINE 6–8 p.m. | CC Barbara Daily |
| April 27-28, 2021 | Voting for State and District Project Boards | ELECTRONIC VOTING | MD21 Elections Committee |
| May 1, 2021 | 4 th Cabinet Meetings Awards and Recognition | ONLINE 21N 9 - 10:30 a.m. 21S 1 – 2:30 p.m. | DG Chuck Matthews DG Keith Alexander |

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