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Lions International Convention Voting Information

LCICon2021, our first-ever virtual convention, begins Friday June 25, 2021!

According to our records, your club does not have a delegate assigned to vote during LCICon2021. In order to vote, a club delegate must:

Be assigned as a delegate in MyLCI or your local system.

Be registered for LCICon 2021. Register for the convention here.

Have a unique email address. Use the same email as registering for LCICon2021.

Provide their member identification number when registering for the convention.

All delegates must be assigned before June 23, 2021 at 23:59 U.S. Central Daylight Time. You may assign a delegate in MyLCI until the June 23 deadline. If you are assigning a delegate with your local system or through your Council Office, please check with your council chairperson for their submission deadlines, as it will likely be before June 23, 2021. For more information visit:

The LCI Convention Site

LCICon Voting and Frequently Asked Questions

MD-21 Convention Shirts

The company that will providing our Lions Parade/Convention/All Events Shirt, has been selected and is located in the Phoenix Metro Area. We hope to vote on color selection in the near future as well as providing you with the prices.

Any clubs or individuals interested in assisting with marketing of the shirts, please contact me at: garyg4319@gmail.com

For any questions or concerns regarding this matters please contact Lions Gerson Gonzalez at 520-403-8426 or garyg4319@gmail.com.

Memorial Day 2021

A time for gratitude and hope

Submitted by PID Dave Roberts

Always a solemn occasion, this year's Memorial Day carries added poignancy

The past 14 months have been daunting for all of us. Many have lost or know someone who's lost a loved one in the pandemic. First responders, like our troops, have rushed to the front lines of the crisis and in too many cases sacrificed their own lives.

I'd like to think that the reopening of society – our public spaces, workplaces, gathering spots and communal endeavors – can morph into a permanent respite from the global health crisis, and portends a period of healing for the people of our nation.

As Lions, we're looking forward to the day when all of us can be together again – with each other and especially with our friends and neighbors. I'm proud of the way Lions has adapted to pandemic conditions and amazed by how our fellow Lions have risen to the challenges as well. We managed to stay in touch, to care for each other at tough moments, to strengthen the bonds of trust in our relationships.

We stuck with you – and you stuck with us.
And we're all better off for it.

So let us with solemnity and hope reflect on the meaning of this Memorial Day – never forgetting those service members who died to protect our freedoms and give us hope of a better day ahead. Let us pray as well for the safety of all of our military forces serving around the world.

And as we enjoy the weekend with families and friends – let us also remember those lost to the coronavirus, including our first responders. Let us pray for the health and safety of everyone in the nation. And let us resolve to come together to rebuild, recover and reconcile any differences so that the United States remains a land of gratitude and hope for all.

If we can do that – and I know we can – the best is yet to come.



(HATS OFF EDDIE)

I just had to write and say something to the Lions of Arizona MD-21. I have been going to the Lions campus several times this last year to pick up my wife Joan from Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing. If you have not been there lately you need to stop by and see how beautiful it is. You will not recognize the exterior I never

have seen any trash in the grass, the grass is cut and trimmed and the parking lots and sidewalks are always clean.

The interior has been painted and flooring has been replaced.

I say for the Lions of Arizona **HATS OFF EDDIE** for doing a great job in managing the campus.

PCC Ralph Williamson

New? Experienced? Novice? It doesn't matter.

CLUB LEADERSHIP

Training

MD-21 GLOBAL ACTION TEAM

SCHEDULE

ZONE CHAIRS

May 15 - 10A Prescott
May 22 - 1P Phoenix
July 24, tba

PRESIDENTS/ VICE PRESIDENTS

June 12 - 9 am
July 17 - 1 pm
July 31 - 9 am

SECRETARY

June 5 - 1 pm
June 19 - 9 am
July 31 - 1 pm

TREASURER

June 5 - 9 am
June 19 - 1 pm
August 14 - 1 pm

BOARD MEMBERS

June 12 - 1 pm
July 17 - 9 am

COMMUNICATIONS

July 10 - 1 pm

MEMBERSHIP

July 10 - 9 am
August 7 - 1 pm

SERVICE

July 24 - 1 pm
August 7 - 9 am

LCIF COORDINATOR

August 14 - 9 am

TAIL TWISTER LION TAMER

August 14 - 11 am

Lions club members deserve a trained leader... one who knows what to do, how to do it, and how to complete the leadership job to which he or she was elected, selected *...or voluntold!*

Training sessions for all CLUB LEADERSHIP POSITIONS will be available online and in-person, and will be **FREE** for club leaders on the dates and times noted (at left).

If you want to do the job right and support your club, **REGISTER** online for one of your position-specific sessions. Each session is self-contained and complete; attendance is limited to 20 online and 10 in-person, so sign up early for the single session you wish to attend. It will be well-worth your time – about 2-to-3 hours.

Each session will be inclusive, interactive, and taught by a subject-matter expert(s). Attendance is limited; **register early** for a specific date (and time). You will be notified by email if registration accepted.

Registration is position-specific and limited to 20 online and 10 in-person participants. To attend, you must register in advance AND be listed in your club's roster for that leadership position for 2021-2022. You'll be notified of your registration via email. Registration is non-transferrable and cannot be used by others (no copying your registration for another).

All training materials will be made available in advance and – in some cases – there may be advance work required. Each person who completes the session and submits the review questionnaire will receive a completion certificate and recognition in *Canyon State Lion*.

If you want to do the job right and support your club, please **REGISTER** for one of your position-specific sessions. Training is open to both D-21 North and South members. Onsite training locations will be provided when online reservations are FULL. To register, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/MD21-Training-Catalogue>

Got a question about the training? Contact PDG Ken Leja at (928) 830-8236 by phone or by email: lionken@lejafamily.net

Arizona State University Lions Club



Join Us Today.

ASU Campus Lions Club recruits new members for the academic year 2021-2020.

If your family member or your Leo will go to ASU Fall 2021, please let us know!

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Prescott Valley Early Bird Lions Club Members Recognized for Long Standing Service

Submitted by Lion Marnie Uhl

Lion Club Members recognized for long standing service in the Prescott Valley Early Bird Lions Club

Recognition for years of service was

presented by the Lions Club District 21N Governor Elect Joyce Meyer to outstanding Lions in the Prescott Valley Early Bird Lions Club.

Receiving awards are Danny Pruhs 10 years, John Agan 15 years, Jeff Riden 10 years and Larry Tarkowski 30 years. Also pictured is Lions Club District Governor Elect Joyce Meyer.

The Early Bird Lions Club was chartered

December 31, 1984 and has 48 members. The Club is the leading service club for Prescott Valley with sight and hearing, adult literacy, Hungry Kids and other philanthropic activities. The major fundraisers include the hosting the Prescott Valley Days Parade in May and Christmas tree sales in November/December.



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You shop. Amazon gives.

Received an email from Amazon Smiles telling me that as of March 2021 they have donated to the Lions Clubs International Foundation a total of \$13,583.85 and a total of \$241,928,506.91 total to all charities.

That is a lot of money! I am not advocating that you should buy from Amazon, but if you do why not change to Amazon Smiles and name LCIF as your charity of choice. I use Amazon and other mail order companies. I donate to various favorite charities. Also

grocery, drug stores, hardware and many other big box companies and some smaller firms also will support local as well as major charities.

Yes Virginia, there is a FREE LUNCH!

Payson Lions Club Serves Since 1963

Since 1963 the Payson Lions Club has made both financial and volunteer support contributions spaced throughout the year to people and other organizations in need. In August we provided three brand-new audiometers to the Payson School District to replace their 20+ year old machines, this fall we provided funds for the Payson Warming Center, we've conducted over 400 eye screenings of children at local schools, working with local optometrists we provided over 85 eye examinations and glasses, thirty toiletry kits and suitcases for children in the foster system, we have collected

some 2500 used eye glasses to be recycled for developing countries, and we are currently awarding \$6000 in scholarships to students attending Eastern Arizona Community College. Yet, for a large part of the year we held back on much of our funding because of all the unknowns presented along with COVID, and health concerns & issues our membership has had as a direct result.

However, our fund-raising efforts have continued via Estate Sales, Fly Flag Program and others, which have instrumental in allowing us to now host our first annual awards ceremony this past 17th April. This ceremony served as an opportunity for us to kind of catchup in

supporting some great, local and well deserving organizations. During the ceremony and follow-on over \$8000 was provided to:

Camp Tatiyee, Dueker Ranch, Eastern Arizona Community College, Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence, Leaderdog, Payson Community Kids, Payson Parks & Friends of Payson Parks, Tonto Rim Search & Rescue and Vets Helping Vets.

So next time you see one of your Payson Lions, stop and say Hi, we'll tell you more about our great organization, watch for one of our great Estate Sales, and keep an eye out for our fun Dogs Day Out event coming up this fall.



Payson Lions Club Participates in Arbor Day

2021

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

PAYSON ROUNDUP

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Michele Nelson/Roundup

Town officials and members of the Lions Club planted a red maple and red oak at the Diamondback Fields on Arbor Day. Pictured left to right are Bill and Carolyn Davis, Stephen Otto, Mayor Tom Morrissey, Cris Gerard and Debbie Akers.

Celebrating Arbor Day

Red oak and maple planted at Rumsey

BY MICHELE NELSON
ROUNDUP STAFF REPORTER

The Payson Lions Club and the Friends of Payson Parks and Recreation helped the town spruce up the Diamondback fields at Rumsey Park with a donation of two mature trees on Arbor Day.

"We have a vision of trees all along the way here," said Cris Gerard, incoming president for the club.

Her vision coincides with the town.

"This will create a screening line of trees and align them with a walking path," said Courtney Spawn, the director of Payson's Parks and Recreation of future development.

The trees, one a red maple and the other a red oak, already stand taller than an adult.

Mayor Tom Morrissey praised the public, private partnership.

"It engenders community support," he

said.

The event also brought back fond memories for Morrissey.

"When I was 8 or 9 years old, I would sing 'Hooray for the Grand Arbor Day,'" he said of his long interest in environmental projects.

The Lions Club has a mission to plant trees, said Bill Davies, a former club president.

When the club raised \$700 from a rummage sale, it decided the trees were the best use of the money, said Davies.

Gerard hopes to inspire other non-profits in town to consider a donation to beautify the town.

"We could have a friendly competition or raise the money with events," she said.

Town staff believe it will take at least two years for the trees to get established and another four or so to see significant growth.

Other attendees included Debbie Akers and Carolyn Davies, from the Lions Club and Stephen Otto from the town's Parks and Recreation Commission.

Contact mnelson@payson.com

Register program

BY TERESA McQUERREY
ROUNDUP STAFF REPORTER

The Isabelle Hunt Summer Reading program, Tales, is from June 1 to July 1, for all ages. Registration is open. Go to <https://pinereading.org>, the Reads by the library, 6124 V Pine, 928-476-3678.

Special events plan summer reading program
• June 2 — Miss S

Rim Co launch

The Rim Country Chamber of Commerce is again putting together a calendar. It will be the eighth year out a calendar.

The 2022 theme is "Diversity" calling for projects across a larger area of Gila County and east to Forest Lakes.

Submission requirements for the club's Facebook Page (Country Camera Club) are available at the Rim Country Chamber of Commerce, Beeline Highway and Main Plant Fair Nursery in S

The deadline for submission is 30, 2021 by midnight.

To learn more about email r3calendar@gmail.com

CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

In years past, the club has secured advertisement of printing and selling

This year the club is reaching charitable reach by establishing a scholarship fund to assist in learning more ab

The club's new scholarship fund invites businesses and

Millennials

By: Michael Obenauer

Many Millennials, especially those in their 30s right now, have grown up with little things...

Security from Lions

The Sun City Host Lions Club heard that the Dysart Community Center in El Mirage wanted to purchase outside metal security doors to keep thieves from taking the center's

server, computers and handheld devices which had to be replaced after a recent break-in. Members of the Lions Club voted unanimously to present a \$1,400.00 check to the community center which will replace one of the five doors needed. The community center provides programs such as ESL, GED, high

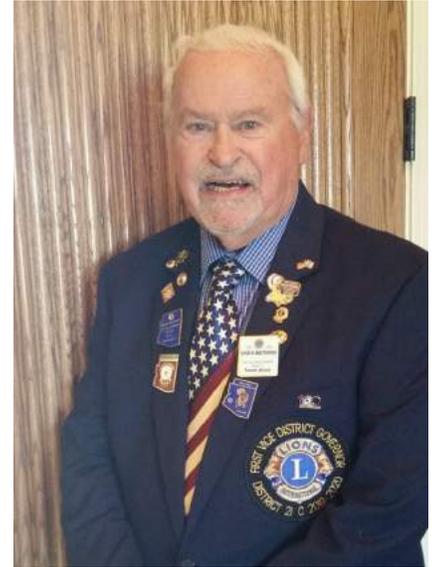
school diploma, before and after school, teen leadership and summer camp for children and adults in the El Mirage area.

Pictured L to R: Lions Shirley Gerhart and club President, Paul Yopps along with Dysart Community Center's Director, Annie Ansel



DISTRICT 21North

DG Chuck Matthews



YES WE CAN – MAKE A HUGH DIFFERENCE

A fellow Lion Deann Hollis states “the heart of a Lion is not measured in size, but by the depth of your commitment to make a difference in the lives of others”. **Are you making a difference?** TV host Alex Trebek said “Don’t spend any time whatsoever thinking about what might have been. Think about the future!”. Just think of what might be if we plan, coordinate, and take action. The future will be bright, indeed, if we allow it to be by doing what we do best – **Serve**. In a changing world, you have to be willing and able to change your

mind. We cannot become too set in our ways.

Let’s resolve to finish this district year in a blaze of service. Plan to turn your club over to your new leadership with momentum for the 2021/2022 Lion’s year. We must furnish the basic foundation for District 21N to grow and prosper.

We are reaching the finish line for this past Lion’s year. We have accomplished great things. In spite of now being able to meet in person, the Zoom and Go to Meeting platforms have been our salvation. Many clubs are meeting again in person, that is great news to hear. The masks are coming off, according to our Governor, and this should bolster our commitment to service. We did an amazing job of feeding the hungry. But a considerable

effort by the Lions to keep feeding the hungry lies ahead. Although many of us have had our vaccines, and the pandemic seems to be winding down doesn’t mean that hunger has gone away.

So again, let’s resolve to **“Feed the hungry in Arizona”**. The Navajo Nation and several other tribes still require help. Lions – let’s pitch in and help.

The Essentials of Happiness are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for. I challenge you to be happy in service, love what you do and hope for a brighter future.

Go Forth and Serve.



21N Membership Pulse

A roaring Congratulations and Welcome
to our newest Lion members!

Thank you to the awesome Sponsors.

Fountain Hills Community
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Morgan Wilson
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Jennifer Carpenter
Sponsor: James Myers

Submitted by: GMT Rosemarie

DISTRICT 21 South DG Keith Alexander



It has been an honor to serve with each of you throughout Lionistic Year 2020-21. Tens of thousands of Arizona residents have benefited from your combined service and generosity. That is particularly significant in this year of COVID and the associated challenges that came with it.

While there are several concerns that need to be addressed in the district, we will finish this year with more clubs than we began with.

As of today, we have more members of District 21-S than we started the year with. We have a strong foundation to build from. As society continues to open, the desire people have for social interaction presents a great opportunity for growth in the coming year.

As the year winds down, I encourage each of you as individuals and clubs to make year-end financial contributions to our state and district projects.

Our state projects are Camp Tatiyee, Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial, Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation, and Lions Foundation of Arizona.

Our district projects are ALERT and Arizona Lions Youth Exchange/C. Kirby Smith.

Good luck and best wishes to DGE Richard and his cabinet for a successful 2021-22!

HOW DO I USE MY MJF CREDITS?

Do you have enough Melvin Jones Fellowship credits to get your MJF/PMJF? Do you know how to apply for it? Here's how: 1. Go to [Lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org). 2. On the menu bar, go to support. 3. Go to Melvin Jones Fellowship on the drop down menu. 4. Click on the MJF drop down. 5. Scroll down to the Melvin Jones Fellowship or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship and simply follow the prompts. It's that easy.

Abiding Need For Eye Care Has Been The Focus of Lions Clubs

The abiding need for eye care has been in focus in Lions clubs for many decades -- actually, ever since Helen Keller provided the spark that lit the fire decades ago. Traditionally though, the primary emphasis over the years has focused on the needs of adults, which is understandable, and the Prescott Noon Lions have answered that call nicely and are continuing to do so. But there's "a new kid on the block" that the Noon Lions have joined along with other Lions clubs worldwide who are catering to grade schoolers that is being pursued full force throughout Yavapai County. The full story was addressed by Lion John Schmitt, one of several PNL "power brokers" involved in the effort, in the club's April 2021 *Lion Prints* newsletter. Following are highlights gleaned from John's article:

-- Jerry Jackson, PNL Publicity Director

"Our Prescott Noon Lions Club (PNL) has provided the vision for, as well as financial and manpower support, enabling Lions of Yavapai (LOY) to develop vision services all across Yavapai County. We have read of these service accomplishments and can now return to hearing about them at our meetings, as we have for years. At PNL's initial return to in-person meetings on April 7th, adding to other good vibes, the Mel Clack Fund recognized Lions of Yavapai Vision Services with an award. It is very appropriate that the presentation was made to LOY in PNL's meeting.

"The award was presented by Lion Jeannette Russell with whom PNL and LOY have extensive service history. Jeannette recently retired from being the Executive Director of Arizona Lions' Vision and Hearing Foundation. She is training her replacement, Catrina Frost, who also was at our meeting and promised us a continued close, productive relationship. Jeannette was instrumental in having the Mel Clack Fund formally recognize the significant role of LOY Vision Services in

helping the fund move its resources into eye service to financially challenged persons in Yavapai County. It was unfortunate that Lion Paul Chastain was unable to be present, as he is a principal player in this service.

"Jeannette Russell has been a great help to PNL and LOY as our stories intermingle:

"Initially, Lion Tony Hollins arranged for the trailer Jeannette's organization operated that had two eye exam rooms inside to come to Prescott and set up at the Coalition for Compassion and Justice's operation in the United Methodist Church. This was to help persons with limited means obtain needed eye care. Jeannette was there.

"Lion Paul Chastain, several years later, worked to purchase the current mobile eye exam room we now have, thanks to contributions by PNL and two PNL Lions. He also obtained donations and pledges of future assistance from several Lions Clubs to outfit the van and sustain its operation and helped launch the Lions of Yavapai collaboration and its Vision Services operation. Jeannette was there to have the organization she headed make and deliver eyeglasses at a very attractive price in classy frames that were donated to her. She also took on directly billing the Mel Clack Fund for these charges. Paul had, separately, obtained agreement for the Fund to pay for glasses prescribed by doctors at eye care van events. She has helped to get the Clack Fund administrators to appreciate this Lions service initiative and its support of the Fund's mission.

"Jeannette was there when Lions Tom Kosel of the Prescott Sunrise Club, along with PNL's Doug George and John Schmitt, received a \$25,000 grant from the Arizona Community Foundation to screen kids' eyesight. She helped them figure out how to do this -- perform Lions eye care service that could help kids to learn better, and do it on OPM (other people's money). Jeannette, License Optician who has been on many Lions

sight-screening missions, educated these Lions on appropriate steps and things to avoid in their collaboration as Lions of Yavapai. As a result of their work starting from scratch, a very effective LOY collaboration of Lions clubs has been providing eye sight screening in schools all across Yavapai. The project is called Lions Screen Kids Sight."

Following are some specifics from Lion Schmitt:

"Eye Care Van -- in 2019, LOY conducted 10 events, all in rural burgs where poverty rules and Lions service is absent, wexcept for the LOY eye care van. In 2020, despite Covid, nine events were held with protective protocols. We have been performing events and are well on our way to perform 10 service events in 2021 with appropriate health protocols."

"Lions Screen Kids Sight -- in school year 2019-20, with teams from five clubs of their nearby schools, LOY served 27 of the 33 schools in Yavapai and 5,869 students. School year 2020 -21 service struggled due to Covid virus constraints, but doing what was possible and using protective equipment and protocols, nine schools and 1,354 students were screened. Even with this limitation, during that last school year Lions identified 179 young students who needed professional care to assure they could keep up academically with their classmates and found 22 kids in kindergarten or first grade whose color blindness had not been identified; in these grades color is used extensively in teaching. We prepare for school year 2021-22, hoping for better access and evaluating measures appropriate to protect kids and volunteers."

"Call for help: We are recruiting additional Lions for the LOY eye care van and mentoring them to help engage in this very rewarding Lions service that, through better eyesight, helps to enrich the lives of folks living with many challenges. Please consider helping to serve."



ARIZONA LIONS

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Make check payable to: **MD LCIF**
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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).



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June 12, 2021

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