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PDG Marie Cunning for Lions Club International Director

Multiple District 21 Online Voting on December 15, 2021

**Delegate/Alternate Form Submission to
21 North CS Eddie Richardson or 21 South CS PDG Fred Garmeson
depending on which district you belong to**

**by December 8, 2021
Date has been extended**

All dues must be paid and club in good standing to vote.

“Lions are all about serving”

The headline topping the cover story of the October 2021 Prescott Noon Lions Club's Lion Prints edition was terrifically telling. It read "Lions are all about serving, from many to one little girl like Aisha". Yes, the insight on eyesight focused on the need of the named 5-year-old girl who will be starting school this fall and needs surgery for lazy eye. "This surgery will not restore vision to her eye," according to Noon Lion Doug George, who has led the planning and fund-raising effort to cover the cost of the surgery and various other attendant expenses, "but will give this little girl a chance for a normal life. Right now, her eye is pointing markedly toward her nose. But with the surgery, her eye will 'look' normal and she will be able to mingle with her classmates without a lot of the grief that she would incur if the surgery were not performed."

The tip-off on the situation involving Aisha came about this past May when the Noon Lions were in Wilhoit with their Eye Care Van at an eye clinic and were asked by one of the clients if there was any Lion Funding available for a "5-year-old Hispanic girl who was born in Mexico but whose parents are now permanent residents of the U.S. Her father has a Green card," the client noted, "and they have been residents since February 2, 2019, but don't have insurance because they need to be here for five years to qualify." Their home is in Aguila, Ariz., which is near Wickenburg in Maricopa County.

Insight, which is defined in the dictionary as "the power or act of seeing into a situation," was the order of the day at that point, and George learned that friends of the family, including a local church group, paid for an exam at the Phoenix Children's Hospital and other costs to help Aisha, but she needed surgery and the cost of it was beyond their ability to pay and they were requesting assistance. "I started an inquiry through District Governor Chuck Matthews to see if there were funds available for this type of surgery in Arizona," George said, but "we received word through the Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation that there is no specific funding for this type of operation."

Getting any information about the surgery or its cost "was one of the most difficult steps of the entire process," according to George. "This was due to both HIPAA and the fact the Aisha's parents are Spanish speaking. I spoke with a family representative who was himself having a hard time getting information. While Aisha was already a patient at Phoenix Children's Hospital, there was a question raised as to whether she should have the surgery there or some other location where it might be done at a lower cost. In trying to assist with this issue, I contacted Dr. Jon Bundy, an optometrist who is a member of the Prescott Sunrise Lions and is our advisor for the Eye Care Van. It turns out he knows the pastor of the community church that this family belongs to and called. He talked to the pastor's wife who spoke well of Aisha's family. Dr. Bundy also has contacts at Phoenix Children's Hospital and was able to talk to Aisha's doctor. He learned of the type of surgery that was to be done and the doctor agreed to reach out to the family with an interpreter to explain the procedures involved. Dr. Bundy's assistance was key in breaking through the logjam and getting the hospital to reach out to the family."

It ended up that the doctor's services for the surgery came to \$2,628. Later the hospital cost was quoted at \$5,453 and the anesthesiologist's fee was quoted at \$448. George said that "we believed that the total surgery cost was the total of all three costs, \$8,529; however when I contacted the hospital directly, I was told that the hospital cost of \$5,453 included the doctor's fee." Thus, the total cost that needs to be paid before the surgery is \$5,901 (\$5,453 + \$448.)

In the fund-raising realm, George reported that "Prescott Noon Lions members have raised \$3,780 to date, with one \$200 check outstanding, and \$2,000 from the Hillside Bible Church that Aisha's family belongs to. That is \$5,780 in the bank and \$200 more coming, which covers the entire bill." There were also some other donations received, and all will be put to good use if needed for other expenses for Aisha including two doctor bills.

Aisha's surgery date, meanwhile, has been scheduled for November 23, 2021. And hooray for the insight that went into the culmination of the efforts and funding of so many people who brought it all about!

-- Noon Lion Jerry Jackson

Aisha is held by a family friend. At left is Lion Doug George. Photograph is by Lion Ken Gantz



LIONS HELP GILA BEND FLOOD VICTIMS

The Buckeye Lions Club & Buckeye Lions Foundation, Inc. have had a busy time of it so far this Lionistic year supporting DG Richard Hopkins, a member of the club. Some members have joined the district leadership team while others affirm requests he makes to the club.



August 14 at about 4:15am, a deadly and devastating flood struck Gila Bend, a town of 1900 residents a short 30 miles south of Buckeye. The Gila Bend club had only 4 members, and they were overwhelmed. That afternoon, DG Richard called Lion Diane Dempsey in Gila Bend asking her what Lions could do to help.

He started a Facebook fundraiser and within 50 minutes had raised over \$1000 (by Thursday, it was at \$27,000). The Buckeye Lions Foundation agreed to front the money as these funds are not readily available. In fact, the foundation received the first

check in the amount of \$27,860 on October 20, 2021.

An order was placed on Saturday evening at the local Sam's Club, for items. He asked friends with a pickup and a trailer to meet at Sam's after church to take the items to the shelter in Gila Bend. Three pickups with two trailers, and two additional SUVs showed up. Others stopped by and donated items. Some came out of the store with carts full and gave it to the effort. The caravan was able to take 5,100 bottles of water, food, diapers, cleaning supplies, some toys for the children, and a whole lot of other things needed.



After delivering the items, Mayor Chriss Riggs took some of the group, which included State Senator Sine Kerr on a tour of the affected area. He stated about 80 of the 130 houses in the area were destroyed. DG Richard & Sen. Kerr met with some of the residents, including the brother of a drowning victim. None of what anyone saw in the media could compare to being there.

130 members of all ages from an LDS church arrived with tools in hand. 3 or 4 would walk up to a house being salvaged and with just a nod of the head from the homeowner, the volunteers would start shoveling mud. Other people also just showed up and lent a hand as well.

One house was home to an 85+ year old man and his wife, that had waterlines as deep as 5 or 6 feet. He was going back and forth, each time picking up a small piece of debris in each hand and disposing of them. Ten others were shoveling and raking mud out of the house. His story of survival is a miracle. His pickup truck (pictured) was parked in the driveway. As the water rose rapidly and they were looking for a way to escape, they heard a noise by the kitchen door, and it was the truck that had floated up into the carport. They were able to get into the cab and then the bed, and the truck started floating back out of the carport, stopping just as the cab cleared the roof. The couple were able to climb onto the



cab's top and then onto the roof of their house. As they both got to the roof, the truck floated away out of the driveway and into the desert across the street. They were rescued from the roof.

Late Sunday evening the 15th, DG Richard submitted an emergency relief grant to LCIF, which was approved the next morning. The grant was used solely for food, providing hot & nutritious meals to those without the capability of cooking for themselves, as well as the city workers that worked 18-20 hours a day so they could eat in the cabs of their heavy equipment.

Next up was lodging, and the foundation helped arrange rooms for those in need on a case-by-case basis. Tuesday the 17th was a red-letter day in the relief efforts. The night before, the fire chief asked DG Richard for some tarps, as a similar storm was scheduled for Tuesday, and they had overlooked the need for water repelling. DG Richard asked his friends, Mike & Jamie (with a truck and trailer), to help purchase tarps and to make the trip again early Tuesday. The three of them cleaned out 4 or 5 Walmarts and one Harbor Freight Tool and delivered 130 tarps, plus all the rakes and shovels from the Buckeye Lowe's, delivered by State Representative Joel John. DG Richard then appeared on the Fox 10 AM show from the shelter just after 8am sharing the Lions' efforts.



As a result of the publicity, a friend of his asked to meet up at the hotel in Gila Bend. The CEO of a power company put his corporate credit card on file and told the hotel manager that he would guarantee any lodging for those affected without requiring a deposit. (The foundation paid the lodging bills to the hotel through August 27 clearing the balance, and then the county took over.) Another now new friend asked to meet DG Richard at the shelter, as he was bringing a U-Haul truck with tools, wheelbarrows, and other things. The church in Mesa had a fundraiser, and a check in the amount of \$6153 was presented to the foundation for relief efforts. Both men were given a tour of the affected areas, and both deeply religious were very affected at what they saw.



Relief efforts have turned to recovery. Only 3 or 4 residents had flood insurance, and almost none had home insurance to repair their homes. The foundation coordinated through the city's liaison, a new Lion herself, Councilman Jennifer Franks to provide supplies to the homeowners. The affected homeowners submit a list to her of items they are requesting, and she forwards that onto DG Richard. He compiles the lists into a manageable order and places the order at the local Lowe's or other supply establishment. The items are then picked up and delivered to the families to assist them in rebuilding their homes, using the balance of donations.

This is turning into a continual effort, at least for the time being. These efforts are nothing any Lion or Lions Club with the resources would not do, because it is what Lions do – "We Serve." We help those in need if we can or ask someone else for a helping hand to serve the needs of our communities.

If you are able to assist, please send check payable to
Buckeye Lions Foundation, PO Box 26, Buckeye, AZ 85326.



Teamwork makes the Dream Work!

A roaring Thank you to the Lions of Arizona for making our MD21 Midyear Conference and Leadership Forum 2021 a great experience of the heart!

We did it! To those of you who attended our gathering, here are some questions I like to ask: Did you get reunited with your Lion friends? Were you able to meet a new friend? Did you learn something from the leadership sessions that you took back to your club? Did you have fun? I hope to hear a resounding “YES” to all the questions above and your wishlist for that weekend were all marked off as being done.

Thank you again to all who worked diligently to make this Conference happen especially the Host District headed by 21N DG Joyce Mayer and her team, Convention Chairs Rob Mayer and Ellen Yopps, GLT Team headed by PDG Tom Price, IT Team headed by PDG Ken Leja, PID's for their support, 21S DG Richard Hopkins, Secretary Support Bobbie Ravenkamp, guest speakers- Rosa del Rosario, AL Post 26 Comdr/Adjt and Angie Rodgers from AZ Food Bank Network, Registration -Peoria Pioneer and team, Raffle -Phoenix Barangay Lions Club with the red hat ladies and souvenir Program - Phoenix Lions without Borders, presenters and moderators, Committee Chairs for their written/in-person reports, banner bearers, Timers-Lions Angie and Grace, Tail Twister Rachelle, Sgt-at Arms George, Chaplain Linda, entertainers-Isabel and Jovie, servers, Boys Scouts of America vendors, hospitality suite hosts and all the awesome volunteers and “volun-tolds” who said yes to the task at hand and to all the wonderful attendees for coming and to those who wrote “Thank You ” cards to the veterans which Cmdr Rosa took with her for distribution. A big ROAR to all!

Congratulations to PDG Marie Cunning, MD21 candidate for Int'l. Director, to all the award recipients and raffle winners! I would like to encourage those who received the Souvenir Program, to use it as an additional resource. It has the schedule of events, MD21 Officer Directory, Committees and State Projects etc. Please reach out to the Zone chairs and Subject Matter Expert (SME's) if you have any questions or need assistance.

We are halfway in our year but it doesn't mean we are slowing down. What's next? I'm excited to see the peace posters from the districts. I like to also encourage the clubs to participate in the different opportunities to serve together such as the Hunger Awareness Day on December 11, the AZ Service Day on January 8, Reading Action Program on March 12 and the Environment Awareness Day on April 9 etc. I look forward to seeing you at the Melvin Jones Memorial Rededication at Ft. Thomas on Jan 15, District Conventions in February and finally the State Convention on April 29 to May 1st before we head up to the LCI Convention in Montreal, Canada.

HO..HO..HO.. Wishing everybody a Blessed Christmas and a Wonderful New Year! I hope the festivities of this magical time of year brings us back to the real meaning of the season that brought hope, peace and love to mankind. Let this holiday season inspire each one of us to give something of what we have, to share a little of who we are in order to make a difference in someone's life and in the world in which we live in. Happy Holidays! Stay safe and healthy.

Together We Serve,
Lion Rosemarie A. Gabriel
MD21 Council Chairperson 2021-22



Midyear Leadership Conference





Arizona Lions Club Parade of Banners at Midyear Leadership Conference





21North District Governor Joyce Mayer Visit to Overgaard Ponderosa LC

DG Joyce Mayer inducts Overgaard Ponderosa Lion Club 8th of 2021-2022 newest member, Lynda R. Bush during her October 13,2021 club visit.



DG Joyce Mayer opened the Overgaard Ponderosa Lions Club meeting by explaining the plethora of information available to club officers on a thumb drive!



Here in Payson

Our club hosted our annual Bake Sale on October 9th. This was a Lioness Project for many years and now new Lion member Barb Stratton led the charge. Dorine Prine, Sec/Treas Members and friends baked for days and filled a couple of long tables with goodies. More friends and neighbors stopped by and bought up the stock. Didn't take long, just a few hours.

The event was held in the parking lot area of the Home Center, near Walmart on Hiway 87. Lots of traffic



Member Barb Stratton and Sec/Tres Dorine Prine barely got set up when customers started stopping by. An apple pie didn't stand a chance with this guy.

- ❖ Plans are underway for the next Donation presentation event. The club will invite representatives of groups selected to receive funds and present them all together.
- ❖ Our next Estate Sale is set for 11/12 and 11/13
- ❖ Our committee, led by Barb Stratton, is busy preparing for the Electric Light Parade on 12/4
- ❖ We are preparing to participate in a couple of holiday events selling our Historic Ornament and See's Candies.
- ❖ Our next social event, a dinner and gift exchange, is set for 12/17



CAMELBACK MOUNTAIN LIONS CLUB 18th Annual Baby Photo Contest 2021



Photos of past participants and winners

Rules: Please enter any baby photo of a child 3 years of age and under. The photo can be old and the baby can be in a group photograph with the family members, etc... any baby photo can be entered, even your own photos when you are 3 yrs old & under.

Judging will be on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. DG Joyce Mayer will be the judge this year.

Proceed goes to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

Please send photos on or before Friday, December 3rd, 2021. If you want photos returned, please include SASE (Self Address Stamp Envelop).

Or submit entry: for Digital Photos email to teresita.digital@gmail.com
for Photos mail to Lion Sally Shears with the address below:
3048 W. Country Club Terrace, Phoenix, AZ 85027

Three awards and prizes will be announced and of course the bragging rights. This contest is for fun so please keep it fun for everyone.



A roaring **"Thank You"** to
and all the amazing **Lions clubs**
who participated in the
MD21 "Together We Serve"
Diabetes Awareness Day on Nov. 6
And Veterans Awareness Day weekend!
Thank you to
MD21 Diabetes Chairperson PP Dr. Conrad Ballecer
& Leo Chair Ava (Phx Phil Am)
And
MD21 Veterans Chairperson Lion Reyness Price
& Leos Truman & Winston (PAALC)

*Don't forget to send your pictures right here in the
Canyon State Lion.
These are year-round Service activities.*

*Upcoming MD21 "Together We Serve" opportunities for the
coming Holiday Season*
December 11 /month of Dec - Hunger Awareness Day/Month
For inquiries: Please contact MD21 Hunger Chairperson:
Rachelle Barrett - rarebit@cox.net
and Leo Chair Prathana - prar248@gmail.com

*"Alone we can do so little, together we can do much."
- Helen Keller*

DISTRICT 21South

DG Richard Hopkins



A disturbing statement was made during the 21S Cabinet meeting on November 14, 2021. Paraphrasing, the fellow Lion stated, "I did not know who our zone chair was until I got here, and I find out she is from my own club."

The lists are everywhere – My LCI, state website, the directory, or by asking district leadership for the list. Now we can add the Canyon State Lions to the mix.

East Region, Edmund Lopez, Region Chair
Copper Zone, Marion Hastings, Zone Chair
Globe, Miami, Morenci, Safford

Pinal Zone, Curtis Dornath, Zone Chair
Coolidge, Eloy, Florence, Maricopa, San Tan

Metro Region, James Sterenberg, Region Chair
ASU Zone, Kaz Kashihara, Zone Chair
ASU Campus, Guadalupe, Mesa Host, Mesa Thunderbird, Tempe

Chandler Zone, Pat Hollander, Zone Chair
Chandler, Chandler Sun Bird, Gilbert, Sun Lakes, Sun Lakes Breakfast

Mesa Zone, vacant Zone Chair
Gold Canyon, Mesa Dreamcatchers, Mesa Fountain of the Sun, Mesa Leisure World, Mesa Sunland Springs Village

South Region, Muriel Stevens, Region Chair
Cochise Zone, Marge Legler, Zone Chair
Benson, Cochise Stronghold, Douglas, Huachuca City, Sierra Vista, Sierra Vista La Salida Del Sol, Tombstone

Santa Cruz Zone, Joe Osborne, Zone Chair
Green Valley La Canada, Nogales, South Tucson, Tucson Breakfast, Tucson Cyber, Tucson Downtown, Tucson Rincon, Tucson Wilmot

Tucson Zone, Tiffany Emerson, Zone Chair
Catalina Oro Valley, Marana Host, San Pedro Valley, Tanque Verde Valley, Tucson North Tucson

West Region, Les Daviet II, Region Chair
Gila River Zone, Julie Sullivan, Zone Chair
Buckeye, Gila Bend, Goodyear, Laveen

Goldwater Zone, Carol Tvorak, Zone Chair
Ajo, San Luis, Yuma Quartermaster Evening

Zone Chairs are the first person to turn to when a member or a club needs assistance. They are first in the chain of command for the district. Other duties of the zone chair this year include having zone meetings at least 3 times; hosting a club membership mixer at least once this year for every club in the zone; to assist you with entering your MMR & activity reports in a timely fashion; and to assist you

and your club in getting credit for your LCIF donations. Did you know, 10 of our 51 clubs have never donated to LCIF – individually or by club? Your zone chairs will be calling upon you, and calling, and calling, . . . One sure way to stop the weekly telephone calls is to send a donation to LCIF. \$10 per member gets you 100% participation, which is a good thing.

In this time of the year, I am thankful beyond words for those of you that lifted me in prayer during my injury recovery since last February, and for those that still ask me every time we meet for an update. I am thankful that I answered the invite to the Buckeye Lions Club membership mixer on April 1, 2004 and am able to serve those in need with all of you great Lions. I am thankful that my family understands my Lions service and will gladly accept my Christmas gift to them of 12 baby chickens each, donated in their name through Samaritan's Purse to help a family in someplace we have never heard of, raise them as a starter for eggs to eat, and to grow their flock in order to be able to sell eggs and chickens to help them survive.

Helen Keller once said, "Four things to learn in life: To think clearly without hurry or confusion; To love everybody sincerely; To act in everything with the highest motives; To trust God unhesitatingly."

Wishing you and you're a safe and joyous holiday season.



SOUTH TO THE BORDER

Sitting on the border, about 35 miles west of Nogales, an hour South of the Ajo Highway, sits Sasabe, AZ, with a population of 54 residents. Here is located the San Fernando School

District, with 22 children. The Tucson Cyber Lions, as we do every year, drove down to vision screen all of the children and employees. Our Region Chair, Lion Muriel Stevens went along with us to do the vision screening. All that we referred will receive a free exam and 2 pair of glasses from AmericasBest in the Spectrum Mall. Additionally we presented

every child with a pair of pajamas and a book, courtesy of the Angel Heart Pajama Project, and a \$20 prepaid card from Walmart courtesy of the Charles Schwab office in Tucson. Working with our partners we can do so much.

Fountain of the Hills Community Lions Club Peace Poster Winners



Peace poster winners from Fountain Hills Community Lions club in the Fountain Hills school district. Pictured left to right is : lion Don Wendel, lion Ross Jarrett, 2nd place Mya Hinton, 1st place Reese Thurlow , 3rd place Maiyuki Mohr, Art Teacher Tracy Perry. Prizes awarded \$100 first \$75 second and \$25 third.

DISTRICT 21North

DG Joyce Mayer



I hope each and every one of you had a joyous, wonderful, and safe Thanksgiving!

WOW! Is all I can say about our MD 21 Mid-Year Conference! Thank you, CC Rosemarie Gabriel, and team for a great job! It was awesome, everyone thought it was a great turnout considering all the worries still surrounding COVID. We all had a great time visiting once again with all our Lion Friends and learning some things all at the same time! I did find out with this conference that, unless you have coordinated one of this size before, it definitely takes a lot of work to put it all together. Thanks to everyone on the team, starting with our amazing GLT Team; MD GLT Tom Price, GLT Ken Leja 21N, and GLT Su-Lin Trepanitis 21S, what a great slate of sessions they coordinated and produced for our leadership forum! Thank you to our amazing IT Team without them it could never have happened; 1st VDG Ken Leja 21N, MD Conference Chair Rob Mayer 21N, GLT Su-Lin Trepanitis 21S, Lion Rachael Bianco 21N, and Lion Annie Hamu 21N, what an awesome team! I also need to thank our registration team MD Conference Co-Chair Ellen Yopps, Lion Rachael Bianco, ZC Karen Leja, and PDG Paul Yopps for all their hard work. The raffle team



from the Phoenix Barangay club, boy did they sell those tickets, awesome job! The program brochure was produced by the Phoenix Lions Without Borders club, they did a great job as well. Don't forget to hold on to those programs and the great information inside them from the Multiple District. I want to thank all of you who came out to attend and support our MD Mid-Year Conference. Without all of you, this event would have never happened. With your help (and just enough attendance) we were able to make this event work! So, thank you!

I am looking forward to our next District 21N convention in February and then the end of year MD Convention in May!

Please remember that there is a special election for the MD coming up very quickly for PDG Marie Cunning (Candidate for ID), so please get your delegate forms in by Dec 6th and vote on Dec 15th, 2021. If PDG Marie wins the MD she can then move her candidacy forward to LCI in Chicago. We are so excited for PDG Marie Cunning! Let's ALL support her and vote her in!

Now that we have come upon the holidays our communities need us even more, so let's get out there and show how the Lions of 21N help their communities! Please post your event

pictures on Facebook and send them to the Canyon State Lion! Be proud to be a Lion!

Once the holidays are over, we will start scheduling more training and provide aid to those clubs who need help with membership. Please reach out to our GMT, PDG Marie Cunning or me if you need help, we do have plans to go visit some clubs already, but we are here for all our clubs in 21N. 1st VDG Ken Leja is planning to start training again, we found out at the Mid-Year that one of the main reasons clubs are not reporting is they don't know how to get into LCI or do it properly. Please if you are struggling with this and need hands on training let 1st VDG/GLT Ken Leja know, or you can reach out to District 21N Admin Ellen Yopps, or me.

Also please keep in mind that we are still looking for a new 21N 2nd VDG for next year, if you are interested, please contact me.

Finally, I just want to thank everyone for all the things you have done so far this year to assist others, you all should be very proud to call yourselves LIONS!

I wish each and every one of you a Happy Holiday, please stay safe and enjoy!

Rocky Point Mission

I hope I did not forget to mention anyone. The finished product of it all did not just take few days to prepare but involved multiple brainstorming, meetings, tapping resources, packing and Lions spend their own \$\$\$ as participants. The 17th Cataract Surgical Mission of the Phoenix PhilAm Lions Club in collaboration with the Phoenix Lions Without Borders was held last November 4-7, 2021 in Rocky Point, Mexico. This was hosted by the Puerto Penasco Lions Club. 30 Cataracts surgeries were done mostly by Dr Robert Brems and a YAG procedure. Dr Mark Swanson of the Swann Clinic did helped too and saw all patients on November 7 for postoperative follow up. The Medical director of this mission is Dr Conrad Ballecer Jr, one of the anesthesiologists assisted by Dr Nelson Villamor and Dr Ray Nierva. Though challenging in many ways we achieved success because of the determination and willingness to give the gift of sight for the marginalized residents of RP Mexico. Of note it was required that patients are fully

vaccinated against Covid-19. The Phoenix PhilAm Lions and Leo members assumed various roles and responsibilities include the following: Amy Ballecer, Ric and Macbeth Torno, Debbie Villamor, Mack and Carol Macaraeg, Lina Ong, Jean Zubietta, Malie Gabriel, Flor Sankey, Dan and Mimi Ballecer, Cheryl Nierva. The Leos were President Ava Nierva and PP Ethan Ballecer, Kelsey Ballecer and Michael Nierva all four of them are aspiring to become doctors someday. The ever faithful and dedicated non Lions were of course Dr Brems and wife Pamara, Beth Hurley, Rosa W. Angie Bixby, Alex Campas and Robyn Tolboe who put together the IOLs. The collaboration was not only in terms of time and talent but also 50/50 financial from both Clubs. Phoenix Lions Without Borders President Ms Maribel Dillard's leadership and hard work inspired her members to put their best foot forward even in unfamiliar settings. 145 patients were screened for Diabetes, dispensed hundreds of reading glasses and gave away hand sanitizers and candies. Worth

mentioning were Jerry and Rossana Bayani, Hank Martin, Cris Cumareng, MJ Barjose, Scott and Amleth and Maria. These Lions made sure too that our supplies were sufficient. Thank you to Dr Mark Swanson who allowed us to use his facility and to the Puerto Penasco Lions Club who made sure we had snacks and lunch, also sponsored a authentic Mexican dinner cooked by their own President Jerry Caballero. The FCA President Mack Macaraeg with sou chef FCA VP Ric Torno flaunted their cooking expertise that served the guests prime rib with the trimmings. The joy of serving is beyond compare and beyond measure. We are happy to SERVE.

Macbeth Torno Past Pres.
Phoenix PhilAm Lions Club
VP Phoenix PhilAm Charity Foundation
Guiding Lion Phx Lions Without Borders.



Dr Robert Brems and the OR crew



Post operative RN Macbeth Torno



CC Rosemarie Gabriel, Anesthesiologists Dr Nelson Villamor, Dr Ray Nierva, Dr Conrad Ballecer Jr (Director of the Mission) and Macbeth Torno



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Learn all about the history of the sawmill, the Owens family the Tonto Apache and much more by visiting the Rim Country Museum – 700 S Green Valley Pkwy, Payson or online at <https://rimcountrymuseum.org/>



Payson Lions Club has been serving the Payson community since 1963. Projects are varied and include providing eyeglasses and eye screenings, Fly the Flag Program and Estate Sales. Visit our website at <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/paysonaz>

It's Here! Time to place your first order

See's CANDIES



Fall is here and winter just around the corner - so it's time for See's Candies!
YUMMY!

You, your family and friends will NEED chocolate and your Payson Lions Club is here for you!

Ordering is super easy. Just copy and paste this link to go to our **ONLINE Payson Lions See's Store.**

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Questions? We're here
Kay 602-885-9501
Cris 916-715-8199



Fountain Hills Thanksgiving Parade

It was a beautiful Arizona day at the Fountain Hills Thanksgiving parade with the Fountain Hills Lions Club and Jewel of the

East Lions, Leo's and Cubs . Our stunning Lions float was one of 66 floats. We handed out candies and Lions info sheets along the

parade route. The awesome Leos headed the cheers. It was a roaring Thanksgiving day indeed!



Keeping It In the Family

Mesa Thunderbird Lions 3 generations helping pack food boxes for the needy at Resurrection Street Ministries Food Bank on

November 24, 2021



Phoenix Valley of the Sun Lions Club Hits Close to Home

Each Year Phoenix Valley of the Sun LC Members choose a family during the Thanksgiving Holiday to help with a holiday meal. This year the club chose an employee at the Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation, Brenda Medina who runs the front desk. Brenda lost her mother to COVID and was left to help care for her siblings along with her father. She was given a \$200 gift card to help with a family meal for Thanksgiving. Below pictured left to right; PVOS VP Eddie Richardson, Brenda Medina and PVOS club member and Executive Director of the Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation, Catrina Frost.



Here in Payson



Gone to the Dogs!

Saturday Oct 16, 2021
10 am – 2 pm

Rumsey Park Grass Diamond

Kids Games A Family and Dog Fair Raffle Prizes

Join us! Bring your family & your leashed, well-mannered furry friend for fun, food, games and demonstrations or share

Mobile Groomer NADQ Sit Stay Play DEMOS Toss N Fetch demo Aussie & Friends Rescue Love on a Leash Canine Companions PAWS Payson Wonder Dogs Leader Dogs Humane Society Walmart Safeway PETSMART Payson Lions Club

Participate Doggie Contests Best Costume Tallest Longest Ears Coloring Contest Games

Walmart Safeway PETSMART Payson Lions Club

PetSmart logo, Payson Lions Club logo, Love on a Leash logo.

Payson Lions Club: www.payslion.org • Phone: 928-710-5199

It was front page news! Payson Lions Club roared back after Covid with an expanded version of their annual dog event. This year featured a larger location which allowed for dog athletic demonstrations in Fly Ball and Toss N Fetch, not to mention those ever-popular police K9s and our local Tonto Rim Search and Rescue teams.

The towns merchants supported the efforts with sponsorships attendance and donations to our raffle of 24 baskets of goods. Dog owners and dog lovers enjoyed the many dog-related booths, shops with giveaway goodies for dogs and humans.

The mayor, the radio station, KMOG and the newspaper, Payson Roundup were judges for our doggie contests. Prizes were all sorts and sizes of stuffed Lions, including some from Folsom Lake Lions, Hooks and Needles team. And those Payson High School freshmen were amazing!

Maybe most importantly the attendees were introduced to Canine Companions and got reacquainted with Leader Dogs for the Blind and Love on a Leash, Therapy Dogs. Attendees also supported the Humane Society's efforts by adopting both dogs available at the event. Proceeds of this event will go to Lions Project for Canine Companions and Leader Dogs.



What's Next?
Electric Light Parade Dec 4th



Pam ad her Canine Companion facility dog Henley attended but left without a photo. Here's another Facility Dog team helping a youngster. You can get the idea from this pic about what a Facility Dog team might do. They also work in hospitals, courthouses and schools.

Lion Tom Simmons and Leader Dog Baxter, a new dog for Tom, were in fine form, attending for the 3rd or 4th year, and shared important info on the org



**There has never been a
better time to rededicate
yourself to Lions!!!**



**Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Foundation
Invites you to their Annual Rededication to Lions**



January 15, 2022

**Featuring Guest Speaker
International Director
Ernesto “TJ” Tijerina
of Texas**

Friday afternoon Board Meeting: 2:00 pm MST

Memorial Site: 15756 West Highway 70, Fort Thomas, AZ

Friday Evening Dinner Meet ‘N Greet:

Mt. Graham Golf Course; 6:00 pm (self-pay)

Saturday Rededication at Memorial: 9:30 am

Saturday Luncheon:

Eastern College after Rededication, 1:00 pm (\$35)

No tickets sold at door —(\$40 after December 27)

MUST R.S.V.P.

Muriel Stevens—520.668.6498 - muriel43506@yahoo.com

Mail payments to and must be received by Jan 4th:

Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Foundation

P.O. Box #519, Laveen, AZ 85339-0519

Sleep overs: Springhill Suites Marriott, 2855 W. Hwy 70. Thatcher, AZ

\$96.00/night **MUST Reserve by Jan 1st, 2022**

Phone: 928.428.6900

REGISTRATION FORM



Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Foundation
Rededication to Lionism event
January 14—15, 2022

Number of attendees for January 14th, 6 pm, Friday Night Meet 'N Greet: _____ (\$35)

Choose Meal: Steak Chicken Salmon

Number of attendees for January 15th, 1 pm, Saturday Luncheon: _____ x \$35.00 = \$_____
NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR After December 27th: _____ x \$40.00 = \$_____

Name(s) _____

Club: _____ State: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

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For further information, please contact Vice President Muriel Stevens,
muriel43506@yahoo.com or 520.668.6498

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

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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. (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.

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.

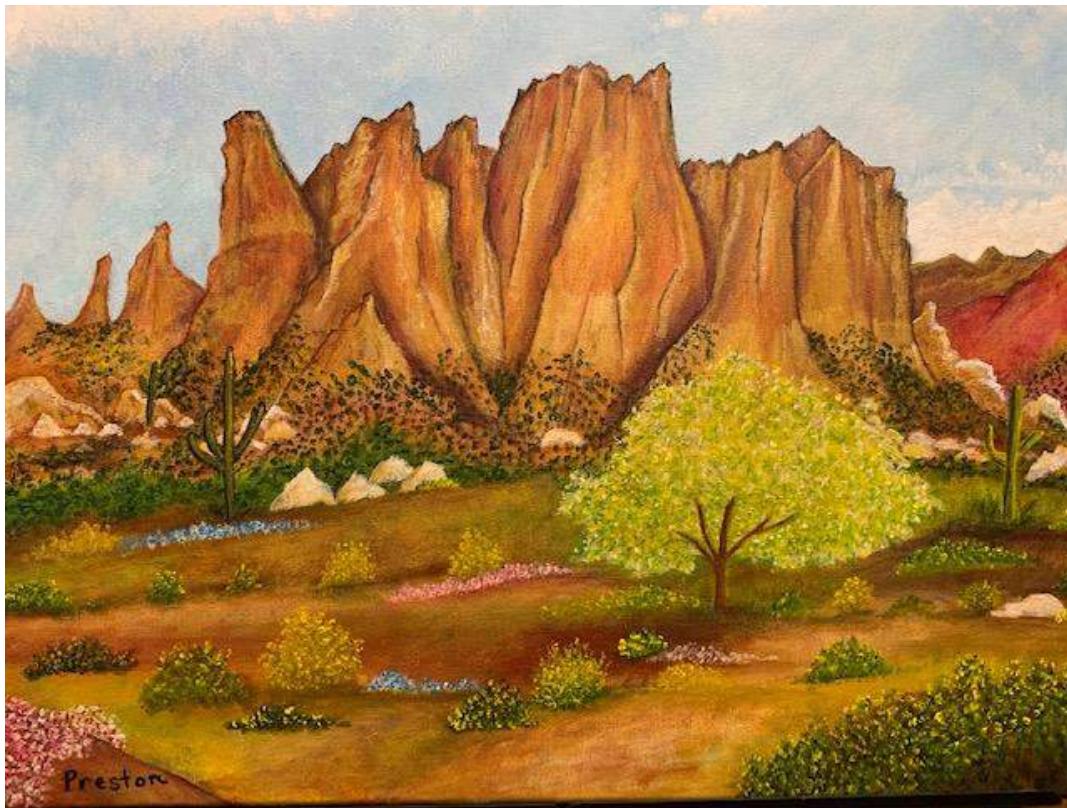
Name: _____

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



SUPERSTITIONS IN BLOOM

By PIP Joe Preston

16"x24" oil on canvas

Raffle: \$20 per chance

To enter:

Submit a donation of \$20 payable to LCIF with your name and contact information to:
PDG Fred Garmeson
6150 S. Pebble Beach Dr.
Chandler, AZ 85249

Or

By Zelle to 480-418-3603 - linked to MD LCIF account.

DO NOT SEND YOUR DONATION DIRECTLY TO LCIF.

Your donation will be forwarded to LCIF and your name will be entered into the raffle.
The raffle drawing will be at the MD Convention on Saturday April 30, 2022.

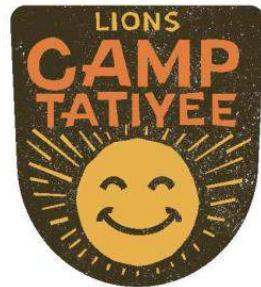
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Email _____ Phone # _____

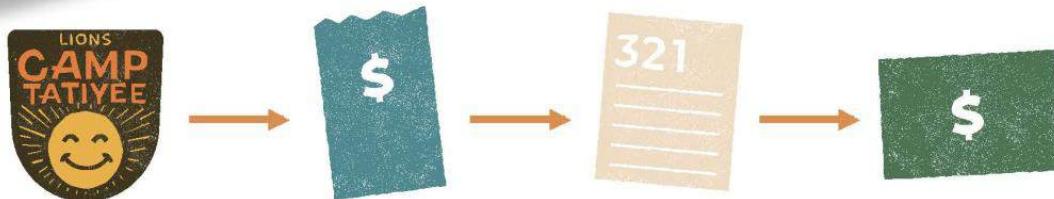


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Your gift will empower a camper with special or differing needs and change their life forever! Camp Tatiyee is the only free special needs summer camp in Arizona.



HOW DOES THE TAX CREDIT WORK?



Donate up to \$800 to Camp Tatiyee

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Visit ArizonaLionsCamp.org/Donors to pledge your support today with a credit card or fill out the form below and mail to listed address. You will be sent an acknowledgement for tax purposes. This tax credit does NOT conflict with school or foster care tax credits.

Complete this form and mail to: Lions Camp Tatiyee PO Box 6910 Mesa, AZ 85216
 Lions Camp Tatiyee is a 501(c)3 non-profit that operates solely on the generosity of people just like you.
 This donation to Lions Camp Tatiyee may be claimed as an itemized deduction on your federal tax return.

NAME: _____

STREET: _____

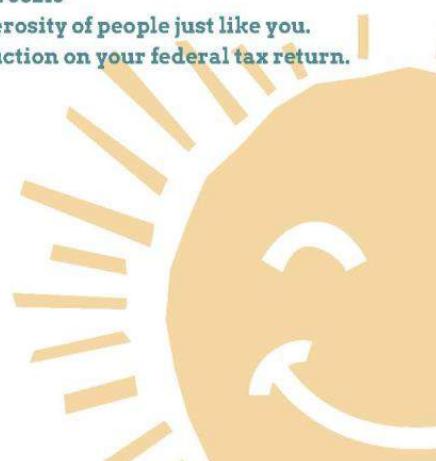
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AMOUNT OF DONATION: \$ _____

CHECK ENCLOSED PAYABLE TO LIONS CAMP TATIYEE

Qualifying Charitable Organization Tax Credit code: 20677





2021-2022

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Calendar of Events

MD21 "TOGETHER WE SERVE" CALENDAR 2021-2022

DECEMBER'21			
12/1/2021	Peace Poster Deadline to MD		District Governors
12/11/2021	HUNGER	various locations	Lion Rachelle Barrett/ rarebit@cox.net Leo Prathana Shyam Prasad (PJOE-Alpha) / prar248@gmail.com
12/15/2021	MD Peace Poster Deadline to LCI		CC Rosemarie Gabriel / rgabriel513@gmail.com
JANUARY'22			
1/8/2022	AZ SERVICE DAY	various locations	PDG Bobbie Ravenkamp / bobbie21b@gmail.com Leo Megan Fought (Basha) / foughtmegan1972@gmail.com
1/15/22	MJM Rededication	Ft. Thomas, AZ	MJMF
FEBRUARY'22			
2/5/2022	(3) 21N CONVENTION	TBD	DG Joyce Mayer / jmayer-cst-21-a@cox.net
2/26/22 (Tntv)	(3) 21S CONVENTION	TBD	DG Richard Hopkins / Richard-hopkins@leavitt.com
2/26/22 (Tntv)	(3) COUNCIL MEETING	TBD (Hybrid)	CC Rosemarie Gabriel / rgabriel513@gmail.com

MARCH'22			
3/12/22	READING ACTION PROGRAM	various locations	Lion Muriel Stevens / muriel43506@yahoo.com Leo Emma Watkins (Basha) / Ewatkins03@gmail.com
APRIL'22			
4/9/22	ENVIRONMENT	various locations	Everett Peterson / epeterson2009@gmail.com Leo Lion Jemimah Dela Cruz (Phx Barangay) /jemimahgomez@gmail.com
TBD (Mo/dd)	MD21 LEO FORUM	TBD	PCC Barb Daily / bebopp2002@yahoo.com
4/29 -5/1/22	MD21 CONVENTION	EMBASSY SUITES	CC Rosemarie Gabriel / rgabriel513@gmail.com
4/29/2022	(4) COUNCIL MEETING	EMBASSY SUITES (Hybrid)	CC Rosemarie Gabriel / rgabriel513@gmail.com
MAY'22			
5/1/2022	(4) 21N CABINET MEETING	EMBASSY SUITES)	DG Joyce Mayer / jmayer-cst-21-a@cox.net
5/1/2022	(4) 21S CABINET MEETING	EMBASSY SUITES)	DG Richard Hopkins / Richard-hopkins@leavitt.com
JUNE'22			
TBD	Various Officer Training	TBD	GLT
6/24-28, 2022	LCI Convention	Montreal, Canada	
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO! STAY SAFE ... ROARRR...			

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