

DISTRICT 21N – DISTRICT CONVENTION MINUTES – NOVEMBER 6, 2022 – SHERATON HOTEL & SUITES, TUCSON, AZ

21N DISTRICT CONVENTION called to order at 8:30 a.m. by DG Ken Leja who welcomed attendees.

Invocation given by Chaplain Linda Finley; Pledge led by DG Ken; Song - God Bless America; Lions Code of Ethics by SVDG Maribel Dillard.

Protocol established by MD21 Conference and Introductions by IPDG Joyce Mayer - 21N DG Ken Leja; PID Dick Sawyer; PID David Roberts; PID John Walker; 21N IPDG Joyce Mayer; 21N FVDG Farhana Shifa; 21N SVDG Maribel Dillard; MD21 Council Chair Phil Whitaker; PCCs; PDGs; MJFs and all Lions were recognized.

Lions Trivia by Lion Karen Leja.

Roll Call with five executive officers present; eight zone chairs representing 11 zones; three PIDs; nineteen clubs present with seven presidents, three secretaries and forty total lions present.

Kickoff Minutes and current budget income and expenses presented – motion to accept as published by IPDG Joyce, second by 2VDG Maribel, approved.

Zone Reports: See submitted reports at end of these minutes:

ZONE 1	PRESCOTT	GLORIA GROSE
ZONE 2	CHINO VALLEY	KAREN LEJA
ZONE 3	VERDE VALLEY	KAREN LEJA
ZONE 4	FLAGSTAFF	GEORGE WATT
ZONE 5	WHITE MTNS	KAREN LEJA
ZONE 6	SUN CITY	MARYJANE BARJOSE
ZONE 7	SURPRISE	CHRIS HALSEY
ZONE 8	RIVERFRONT	ROGER PETERSON
ZONE 9	CAMELBACK	WALT BARTLOW
ZONE 10	PHX METRO	MAKSYM 'MAX' BANDARYEV
ZONE 11	PHX D/T; M/T	JOYCE MAYER
ZONE 12	SCOTTSDALES	JOYCE MAYER

Administrative Reports:

District 21N Admin Ellen Yopps – all zone expense reimbursement forms and zone reports for this district convention and any November visitation are due to her by November 20.

GLT Leadership PCC Debbie Vine – Midyear Leadership Forum with training was done Saturday, November 6, and thanked all presenters for their presentations.

GMT Membership PDG Marie Cuning – District 21N was up 15 members since July 1 and she promised DG Ken one new club for the District.

LCIF PCC Rosemarie Gabriel – Campaign 100 Int'l goal was \$100 million and currently has raised \$325 million; with 21N at \$801,000. Full report at end of these minutes.

New Business:

Recognitions – 1VDG Farhana Certificate of Achievement as a Certified Guiding Lion; Camelback Mtn Lion Sally Shears and Lion Sunshine McGee received Melvin Jones Fellow from their club.

Call for 21N District Officers was given by Nominations & Elections Lion Linda Finley, Club letters of endorsement and nomination are due to Lion Linda before Christmas Day. Elections of District Officers will be done on February 25 during the District Convention in Sun City.

21N District Convention – Chair Rob Mayer will be February 25, 2023 at All Saints of the Desert, Sun City.

MD21 State Convention – Chair Rob Mayer will be May 19-21, 2023 at the Doubletree, Tempe.

LCI Convention – Chair Joyce Mayer - will be in Boston in July 7-11, 2023; register if attending and parade shirts will be the current teal.

Closing:

Tail Twister – Lion Rachele Barrett made the most of a captive audience (after meeting deposit of \$165)

Rededication to Lions – Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Foundation will be January 21, 2023, in Fort Thomas, Guest speaker is PID & current board appointee Carolyn Messier; 9-10 am visit memorial & archives; 10-11 am program; Luncheon at Eastern Arizona College, noon to 2:30 pm.

Benediction given by Chaplain Linda.

Adjournment at 10:10 am to attend 10:15 am MD21 Conference & Leadership Forum closing session for MD21, 21N and 21S Election Results.

Respectfully Submitted,
21N CST Lion Linda Finley

Submitted Zone Reports:

Zone 1 Chair Report – Lion Gloria Grose

Prescott Evening

Had a book drive collecting over 1,000 books that were donated to new K-8 grade teachers for their classrooms; held a yard sale with funds going to local schools; coordinated a service project collecting plastic bags for conversion into a school bench; participating in annual stocking stuffer bazaar and angel tree for Salvation Army; collecting glasses and participated in annual Yavapai county Stand Down helping local veterans.

Prescott Noon

Does newspaper collection; collects donations for St. Vincent DePaul in lieu of a turkey drive and the Veteran's Day parade.

Prescott Valley Early Bird

Provided safe trick or treat for kids in Prescott Valley with over 3,000 participating; held a white cane day; adopt a school program providing supplies for teachers; conducts student of the month program honoring one student from 3 middle schools every month; highway clean up twice a year, read across American, Flags for First graders and our biggest fund raiser selling Christmas trees.

Prescott Sunrise

No report

Zones 2-3-5 Chair Report – Karen Leja

Zone 2:

Chino Valley Morning – 21 members

Coordinated the annual Territorial Days parade including 32 entrants.

Sold 3200 tickets for their gun raffle.

Coordinated and served food for their annual Pancake Breakfast – about 400 people in attendance.

Continue to do vision screening and provide eye exams and glasses.

And, now working diligently on setting up their Holiday tree sales lot – a major fundraiser for the club.

This club works well together as a team and partner well with local businesses.

Chino Valley Lioness Lions – 21 members

Held a luau/membership recruitment gathering; a Yard Sale Oct. 1 & 2; a bubbles booth at National Night Out, Oct. 4th and collect hygiene products and food for homeless children in their area.

Ongoing, picking up leftover bread/muffins from Wildflower Bread Company and deliver to the Senior Center.

Chino Valley Noontimers – 11 members

Held White Cane Days Oct. 7 & 8 at Safeway; a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Oct. 15th at the Senior Center. Continuously collect eyeglasses and participate in vision screenings.

Zone 3:

Camp Verde – 7 members

Cottonwood – 16 members

Sedona-Oak Creek – 18 members

Provided eye exams and glasses to two adult individuals.

Put together 20 personal care bags for local homeless; 20 personal care bags to the local women's shelter and provided and served two community dinners for people in need; 50 people at each event.

Zone 5 – Zone Meeting

On Oct. 10th, a Zone dinner meeting was held at Licano's restaurant in Show Low. District Governor Ken and Lion Karen attended to meet the members and hear about all the activities of the clubs.

Zone 5

Holbrook – 10 members

Held a membership drive on October 22. Volunteered for a 5K run at the Old West Days.

Donated and assisted with the Bread of Life homeless shelter fundraiser, which serves about 50 people a week (this is the only men/women shelter in Navajo County).

Sponsor several organizations: food banks, canine companions, two other seeing eye/companion programs we found through Lions conventions; Melvin Jones Memorial, Lions International Foundation.

Holding an eyeglass collection event Dec. 1, 2, and 3. At this event will be offering home baked cookies to share with the public and promote Lions.

Met with another organization to see what large community project could be accomplished if working together in 2023. Being a small club, the members recognize working on joint projects will be better at this time.

Overgaard Ponderosa – 31 members

Full club participation of the community Halloween "Trunk or Treat" where 500 children were served.

The Arizona Vision and Hearing Foundation Mobile Vision Unit visited Heber Overgaard for two full days conducting full vision exams for 29 adults with the help of Greg King and Ophthalmologist Dr. Christian Risser.

Their community created a non-profit organization named "Heber Overgaard Community Resources Network" and has acquired a Thrift Store, and Ponderosa Lions Club is a founding member and will assist in operating the new Thrift Store. Participated in the "Show Low Veterans Stand Down", offering free vision exams plus free readers as necessary.

Payson – 16 members

In July, installed a new member and celebrated the past Lions year accomplishments with festivities and awards.

Designed and entered a float in the Rodeo parade and had a booth at the 3 day Oldest and Continuous Rodeo.

In September, completed eye screenings for over 1,300 students in Payson & Pine; participated in the 'Veterans Stand Down', screening over 2 dozen veterans; cleaned up a mile section of Highway 260 and held their largest and most profitable Estate Sale to date.

In October, they installed three new members; held their annual Gone to the Dogs event; participated in the annual Payson Aerofair; held an estate sale and had a "Trunk" at the Towns Trunk or Treat event.

Currently, their See's candies and the 2nd Historical Ornament sales are in full swing along with another Estate Sale; prepping to put up over 100 flags for Veterans Day and planning for their 60th year next May.

Pinetop – 17 members

Show Low – 6 members

Held annual "Shoot the Deuce" as fund raiser and gave away approximately \$8,000 in donated raffle prizes and awards.

Assisted Springerville Lions with school eye screenings. Vision Van came to Vernon & club provided check in and lunch.

Springerville – 5 members

Conducted school eye screenings with Show Low Lions help.

Zone 6 Zone Chair Maryjane Barjose

Buckeye Festival – currently 9 members – President Chris Halsey

Few members but doing great things

Projects – vision screening at Elementary School; delivered 44 dictionaries to 3rd graders; donating items for the school; provided lunch for teachers on in-service day; getting ready to start cubs club by next Lions year.

Fundraiser – Pancake breakfast/spaghetti dinner

Sun City Early Birds – currently 28 members – President Judith Krieg

Projects – white canes/food bank donations; collecting and sorting of glasses

Fundraisers – Candy sales and Salvation Army bell ringing

Sun City Host – currently 24 members – President Debbie Bushey

They know how to make money

Projects – Collecting glasses, phones, hearing aids, aluminum cans, used furniture; sort food & support local food bank.

Fundraisers – Fry's reward, Salvation Army bell ringing, parking lot sales.

Sun City MidWeek Bell – currently 23 members – President Beck White

Just celebrated 50 years Club Anniversary

Projects – Eyeglasses collection, plastic bags crocheted into mats for homeless persons

Fundraisers – flower delivering

Sun City West Sunrise – currently 16 members – President Larry Salvage

Projects – collecting used glasses, service work at Camp Tatiyee, assisting individual to obtain an eyeglasses

Fundraisers – participating in rummage sales, luminaria and peanut brittle sales

Peoria Sunset – currently 25 members – President John Walker

This club really knows how to get stuff done

Projects – Supporting Peoria Public Library's Community Literacy efforts and book sales; packed lunches & toiletry kits for Hope 4 Phoenix, writing encouragement cards for the homeless, sponsors and pack 80 weekend food bags monthly for 4th Friday at Peoria Elementary, conduct vision screening to over 532 students so far this year, collecting coats and jeans for homeless,

Fundraiser - supporting the Hopekids fundraiser walk

Phoenix Rainbow – currently 69 members – President Ben Beranco

Projects – Zumba project for diabetes, getting ready for medical mission 2023

Zone 7 Zone Chair Chris Halsey

Phoenix Unity Family; Peoria NW Valley; Peoria Pioneer; Surprise; Surprise Sun Village; Wickenburg

My first round of visits was on Leadership. My next round of visits will be on Membership and Retention. When you ask someone to join your Lions Club, your work is just beginning. There's Orientation, Introductions, making that new member feel welcome and involved. Remember, that new member joined to volunteer and serve. Treat them with respect and you won't have to worry about them going out the back door.

Combined Projects and Fundraisers – Hart Pantry, Drive by Donations of Food & Dollars, eyeglass collection, pancake breakfast, Leader Dogs for the Blind, fruit gleaning, Flags for 1st graders, Western BBQ, recycling, Treasure Sale, Gain Safety Night, Vision Screening, kindness cards, environment projects, 50/50 raffle, White Cane Day, friendship benches, turkey collection, fundraising with Savers, starting a Leo Club, high school golf team sponsorship, Salvation Army bell ringing, Food for Kids, Big Game raffle, floral deliveries, Kidz Event, providing glasses for those in need and mobile eye unit volunteering.

Zone 8 Zone Chair Roger Peterson – no report received

Bullhead City, Kingman Mohave, Lake Havasu City Daybreakers, Salome

Zone 9 Zone Chair Walt Bartlow

Camelback Mountain

Recently celebrated 67th Anniversary and is doing well

Projects and Fundraisers – Diabetes Awareness, Zumba Stride, Turkey donations and service for Freedom Academy in Phoenix, tree planting at Vista del Camino in Scottsdale, Western Night dinner raised \$400 for Camp Tatiyee, collected 760 pairs of eyeglasses, 10th annual baby photo contest.

Fountain Hills Community

Club has updated its website and it looks good.

Projects and Fundraisers – having a booth at Fountain Hills Art Festival over Veteran’s Day weekend; working to obtain a People’s Choice award for the Peace Poster Contest; raffling a crocheted blanket; participating as Lions in the Fountain Hills Thanksgiving Parade; collecting eyeglasses and having success with Lions Mint Sales.

Phoenix Asian American

Club has been very active lately.

Projects and Fundraisers – discovered a way to work with Ironman Triathlons as a fundraiser and promoting healthy lifestyles; selling coupon book; their Leos and Cubs recently joined with other Pilipino organizations to do a dance demonstration during halftime at a Phx Suns game; have eyeglass reading sessions on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at the 3000 Club.

Phoenix Jewel of the East

Club has found ways to extend its impact and presence on social media

Projects and Fundraisers – volunteered for a day at Feed My Starving Children; did Hearts and Hands with St Vincent De Paul; their Leos have worked at Andre House every 3rd Saturday and 4th Sunday since July, worked with St Mary’s Food Bank, their Leos and Cubs wrote the September newsletter; their Cubs are setting up LinkedIn platform, maintaining the club website and creating a YouTube channel.

Phoenix Metro

The club raised over \$3600 in a special fundraiser to honor two very dedicated Lions who passed away and purchased benches and books to honor the memories of their two Pathways to Reading co-chairs - Lions Karen Pryce and Karen Buckles.

Zone 10 Zone Chair Maksym ‘Max’ Bondaryev

Members added 17 - Members dropped 5

My personal comments: I am extremely privileged and honored to be the Zone Chair for these 4 superb clubs! As you read through this report, all four clubs have continued to make major impact in Arizona, Mexico and Philippine communities. All 4 clubs continue to work on their actions plans to address club communication, membership recruitment, activities planning with multi-club collaboration, working together to maximize impact on above mentioned regions. These clubs promote fundraising through raffle tickets at various events which are greatly supported by other lions and sponsors.

Phoenix One World Global Artists LC - Currently 25 active members

This club is unique because most of the members are professional artists, creators and originators in their respectful fields. The leaders are very motivated but they lack matching existing members with service commitment. Club leadership needs more guidance on how to collect and pay required dues on time and additional leadership training. There were 2 club members dropped as informed for reason, I was not told and the club is making improvements with the guidance of guiding lion PIP Joe Preston.

Club members had successful service projects in collaboration with other lion clubs (Phoenix Asian American LC, Barangay LC) within the district and LC of Rocky Point.

250+ backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed to children in need. Three Hundred vision screenings were performed on that day. Club conducts meetings by Zoom and on the last meeting, members discussed a planning of fundraising service such as “Painting for a cause” with children with a main concept of Thanksgiving and Christmas, Fundraising exhibits during business mixers and Philippines consular outreaches in Phoenix. Club will start its own website soon to promote club's mission, activities and service opportunities. Club's Facebook page

<https://m.facebook.com/people/Phoenix-One-World-Global-Artists-Lions-Club/100080347548751/> is not updated yet and club leadership to improve communication with the rest of the club members to discuss and promote service opportunities within the club.

2. Phoenix Barangay LC:

Membership growth (7 members) is strongly encouraged by leadership. With current membership standing at 50. Club is changing orientation of their new member process and will be conducted 15 min before monthly club member's meeting. Club officers need some refresh leadership courses, but participating in district events.

Club is engaged in many service activities in Arizona, Mexico and areas of Philippine (Maasin). Vision screening of 560 students in Mountainside middle school in Scottsdale. Participation and volunteering in American Asian community festivals. Many volunteer hours sorting reading glasses in 3000 Club in collaboration with PAALC. Volunteering at Feed my starving Children Food packing in Mesa. Club is getting ready for November Turkey Distribution at St. Vincent de Paul. Participation in joint annual Christmas Party at PDG Marie Cuning's house for Lions and Chamber of Commerce. Medical and Humanitarian Mission in Philippine City of Maasin, Leyte October 22-24 Vision Screening: 3200 patients Candidates for Cataract Surgery: 250 patients Total Distributed Glasses (Readers & Far Vision): 2955 pairs Dental Procedures: 105 patients, with 196 total extractions Pap Smear/Women Well check: 98 patients (with pathology/lab results) General Consultations with club's 2 doctor volunteers from Chicago & Houston: 160 patients Hospital on wheels Plastic / Reconstructive surgeries (cleft lip, hernias, Tumors/Cysts 148 surgeries, 5 of them major) For Diabetes screening: a total of 491 patients served and tested with HbA1c. Above 6.5% = 110 patients Also while in the Philippines, club members handed out 1,200 relief goods consisting of 5 kilos rice, canned goods and toiletries to the poor families of Maasin, Leyte. Club has a strong presence on social media sites such as Facebook page <https://m.facebook.com/groups/495377033873095?> Group view referrer=search and E-club web page https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/phoenix_barangay/projects.php.

3. Phoenix Phil Am Lions:

Excellent club with membership growth of 9 members with 1 member dropped and 101 active members as of today. Club leaders are communicating well with club members, finding and matching members to tasks and services and reflect almost total participation in such service activities. Members and leaders participate in learning sessions and in district events. Monthly meetings in-person with many club members present.

Club members make a great impact to communities in Arizona, Mexico and Philippines and engage in many meaningful service projects as a club alone and also in collaboration with other clubs of Greater Phoenix. Many volunteer hours sorting eye glasses in 3000 Club in collaboration with PAALC. Club will obtain through grant its own vision Spot machines to conduct more vision screenings. Volunteering in St. Mary's Food Bank and St. Vincent de Paul, Diabetes Awareness through "Yes to Line Dancing, No to Diabetes", Operation Homefront: Dollar Tree Toy Collection and, Holiday Meals for Military, Humanitarian missions in Rocky Point, Food Pantry and Serve Harvest Fest Meals at Midtown Primary School, Phoenix Children Hospital ToyLand, with Pediatric Cancer volunteering event, Tacloban City, Philippines medical Mission, Protecting The Environment through Water bottle recycling and donating to St. Joseph's Church, Adopt a street and Adopt a Highway, and Collaborating with other Lions Clubs in cleaning picnic area in Tonto National Forest. Fundraising events: Through Fry's Community Rewards Program (ongoing), Lumpia Shanghai (filipino EggRoll) fundraising (ongoing), Pork Barbecue Fundraising (ongoing), Halo-Halo Turn Hunger Into Hope, 100 Campaign, Leo's Project STRIDES fundraising Walk/Hike (ongoing), Arizona Succulents For a Cause (ongoing), Deserts & Snacks For a Cause (ongoing), Collaborations, volunteering and organizing events with other organizations like Filipino Club of Arizona, Council of Filipino Organizations. Club has a strong presence on social media like Facebook, <https://m.facebook.com/groups/255006906382407?> Group view referrer=search, and maintains an exemplary webpage <https://www.phoenixlionsclubs.com/> about club's activities, projects and opportunities to serve and to learn about the club.

4. Phoenix Lions Without Borders.

Club with a strong leadership and club's member participation in service projects. Current membership stands at 48, with 1 new member and 2 members dropped. Members and leaders participate in learning and in district events. Club is conducting monthly hybrid meetings with many club members present.

Club members make a great impact to communities in Arizona, Mexico and Philippines and engage in many meaningful service projects as a club alone and also in collaboration with other clubs of Greater Phoenix. Community Pantry for those who lost their jobs, and Medical Supplies for City General Hospital in San Pablo City, Philippines. Back to School

Drive for children in need in local community and in Candelaria, Quezon, Philippines Homeless Hydration and hygiene products, wash cloth, sandwiches, water and Gatorade distributed, Citrus harvesting and clean up, Repainting of the school building and Study shade roofs in Pangasinan, Philippine, Rocky Point "2 Fish Ministry" collaborating with other clubs including wellness check-up, BP check, diabetes Awareness, glucose testing, vision screening and eye glass distribution, feeding 200 people and 100 backpacks with school supplies distribution, Organizing and volunteering in many Asian American festivals and events, Club will obtain its own vision Spot machine to conduct more vision screenings. Fundraising opportunities: Virtual Community Panda Express Fundraiser, Through Fry's Community Rewards Program (ongoing), Poker for a Cause, Bowling for a Cause, Club has a strong presence on social media like Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/lionswob/> and promoting club's activities, projects and opportunities to serve on their website <https://www.lionswithoutborders.org/> .

LCIF Report – PCC Rosemarie Gabriel

Good morning! Thank you to all the clubs, individual Lions and Lead Donors who participated in the Campaign 100. Lions exceeded the goal with contributions totaling \$325 million. 21N contributed a total of 801,252 with 125,000 planned giving. Thank you again for making a difference.

What's next? We are all aware that, there is a continuous need of support here in Arizona, and around the world. You hear it from the news about Florida, Kentucky, Puerto Rico and the ongoing war in Ukraine etc. According to the United Nations data: 1 in 10 people suffer from Hunger; 1 in 3 do not have access to adequate food. Medium to large scale disaster will increase by 40% from 2015-2030. The no of Refugees will increase by 4%. Giving is Service. We might not be there on foot to help out when disaster strikes but our donations make it possible for other people to render assistance like food, shelter, education etc. Our world needs us.

LCIF Chairman, IPIP Doug Alexander advised that the 2022-23 LCIF fundraising goal is 50 million worldwide, 7 million for CA1 which AZ is part of. Our MD21 goal is 61,022 and District 21N goal is 34,247. As of Oct, our total donation is \$9,913. We have a lot of work to do for 7 months.

How can we work towards meeting our goals:

We need clubs and individual Lions to continue to support our Foundation and we want to encourage all clubs to participate regardless of the amount.

- Leadership by example. All officers need to set an example of giving to our foundation
- "Giving Tuesday" will be later this month, Nov. 29 – Let's invite our members and friends to contribute to LCIF and our State projects on that day.
- We ask LCIF Club coordinators to do their FUN Fundraisers.
- Kindly support our district fundraiser, "LCIF Football Pool", which is open to everybody, Lions and Non-Lions. Winners can choose between cash or split cash/LCIF donation or all LCIF donation.
- For Clubs and individual donors who made a pledge-to continue to donate towards their pledge completion.

Just a reminder to everyone that 100% of your donations goes back to the communities in need here and abroad.

IP Brian's theme for this year, "Together We Can", achieve our goal and together we can make a difference because Kindness Matters. Let's Roar for our Foundation! Roar!

Lion Rosemarie A. Gabriel

21N LCIF Coordinator 2022-23