

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 21 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING & MD21 CONVENTION

4th Council Meeting for 2021-2022
Embassy Suites Hotel by Hilton, Tempe, AZ
April 29, 2022
MINUTES

Call to Order at 4:06 PM

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Song

Lions Toast

CC Rosemarie Gabriel
Lion Linda Finley
2VDGE Maribel Dillard
PCC Ron Brown
DG Joyce Mayer

Protocol/Intro of Dignitaries

ID Justin Faber
PID Dave and PDG Ann Roberts
PID Dick Sawyer
PID John and Lion Karen Walker
PID Carolyn and PDG Norm Messier
PID Lewis and Gayle Quinn

PID N Alan Lundgren

Welcome

CC Rosemarie welcomed our international officers and thanked everyone for coming.
Opening remarks from ID Justin.

CC Rosemarie Gabriel

Lions Code of Ethics

All incoming officers

Roll Call of Council Members

Council Present: CC Rosemarie Gabriel, 21N DG Joyce Mayer, 21S DG Richard Hopkins
21N DGE Ken Leja, 21N 1VDGE Farhana Shifa Ahmed,
21S DGE Chris Gibbs, 21S 1VDGE/IPDG Keith Alexander
Absent: 21N IPDG Chuck Matthews

PDG Bobbie Ravenkamp

Council Minutes of February 26, 2022

- Motion to approve by DG Joyce, seconded by DG Richard. Motion passed.

PDG Bobbie Ravenkamp

Treasurer's Report

- Motion to approve the Treasurer's report and file for review by DG Richard, seconded by DG Joyce. Motion passed.

DG Joyce for PCC Tom Simmons

Mission to Serve Statement - All present

lead by PDG Phil Whitaker

Committee Reports

MD21 GLT

Workshops schedule will be published in the *Canyon State Lion* and also included in the convention program book for new officer training starting in April.

Read by DGE Ken for PDG Tom Price

MD21 GMT

Currently IP Douglas Alexander will charter new club One World Global Artists on June 4, with PIP Joe and VDG Daniel Elkins serving as their guiding Lions. They plan to become an LCIF Model Club. June 5 will be Tell-a-thon 2.0 fundraiser for LCIF with a goal to raise \$200K..

PDG Marie Cunning

LCIF

PDG Fred reported that MD21 will surpass \$1.05M raised since 2017 for Campaign 100!!!

PDG Fred Garmeson

LCI Convention (June 24-28/Montreal)

PID N. Alan Lundgren

PID Alan reported on his recent visit to New Brunswick and a requirement to be COVID tested BEFORE leaving Canada. Information for procedures will be provided. Presently only 26 Arizona Lions are registered of the 7,500 worldwide. This convention will be one of the least attendees but will still be a dynamic convention.

ID Campaign for PDG Marie Cunning

PID John Walker

PID John reported that our candidate will be visiting other MDs.

MD21 GST

Read by DG Joyce for PCC Tom Simmons

MD Election Procedures

Lion Linda Finley

Lion Linda reviewed mandated voting procedures and requirements for valid ballots to be counted.

Childhood Cander

Lion Sheila Palazzolo

Lion Sheila reported on \$3,133 and \$4,866 funds raised with matching funds from United Health Care.

Vision

Read by DG Joyce for PCC Jim Sterenberg

Hunger

Lion Rachelle Barrett

Lion Rachelle reported about this weekend's fundraiser/food donations that will be donated to food banks in the west valley. She requested and the DGs concurred that Taitwister "collections" from this weekend would be designated for the food drive.

Environment

Read by DG Joyce for Lion Everett Peterson

Vision & Reading Action Program

Lion Muriel Stevens

Lion Muriel reported on the "Reading Between the Lions" program.

Peace Poster

Lion Grace Miller

Canyon State Lion

PDG Les Daviet

PDG Les reported that the Canyon State Lion is solvent.

Candidate for 3rd VP – Video of AP Singh for VP – "Lead to Serve/Serve to Lead"

Council Meeting adjourned – 5:26 p.m.

April 30, 2022 – 9:15 a.m.
MD21 Convention Called to order

CC Rosemarie Gabriel

Invocation
Presentation of Flags
Pledge of Allegiance
Song

Lion Linda Finley
Hamilton High School ROTC
DGE Ken Leja
DGE Chris Gibbs

Parade of Banners – these clubs paraded club banners:

Phoenix Baranguy	Mesa Thunderbird	Safford
Phx Baranguy LEO Club	Payson	San Tan
Buckeye Festival	Peoria Pioneer	Sun City Midweek
Catalina-Oro Valley	Phoenix Phil-Am LEO	Sun City Host
Florence	Phoenix Jewel of the East	Tucson Breakfast
Marana Host	Phoenix Phil-Am	
Mesa Fountain of the Sun	Phoenix Lions Without Borders	

Lions Toast

DG Richard Hopkins /Everybody

Protocol/Intro of Dignitaries

PID N. Alan Lundgren

Welcome Address

CC Rosemarie Gabriel

Housekeeping

PDG Fred Garmeson

Mission to Serve Statement

DG Joyce Mayer / Everybody

Committees

Certification/Credentials/Voting

Lion Linda reviewed the requirements for delegates and voting procedures.

Lion Linda Finley

International Convention – 5/24-27/22 - Montreal

PID Alan urged Lions to register now and check the requirements for entering Canada and also a negative COVID test within three days of departure from Canada.

PID N. Alan Lundgren

Video of AP Singh for VP – “Lead to Serve/Serve to Lead”

MD21 Endorsed Candidate

PDG Marie noted that she’s been a Lion since she was 12 years old serving with her grandfather. She’s been on six medical missions that have changed lives and knowing that children will have normal lives because of Lions. She looks forward to representing Arizona if she is elected an ID.

PDG Marie Cunning

USA/Canada Forum – 9/15-17/22 – Calgary

DGE Chris reported that registration is \$285 which includes three meals. Hotel reservations are not included.

DGE Chris Gibbs

Introduction of ID

PID Alan noted that ID Justin is one of eleven CA-1 International Directors.

PID N. Alan Lundgren

Roundtable Discussion

ID Justin noted that one of the biggest issues he’s asked about is MyLion and MyLCI. The board has budgeted \$2.8M to revamp the programs, with \$1.7M going to Salesforce for the revamp. He noted that 31% of dues goes to leadership funding to support ALLI, FDI, LCIP, DGE VDGE and all other training. 2VDG training will be similar to ALLI.. MD11 is conducting a plot program for leadership accountability.

ID Justin Faber

He noted the many Facebook entries about the Lions involved in Ukraine help to the Ukrainian Lions.

LEO/Lions will be receiving more emphasis in DGE training.

PDGs/ZCs – ID Justin stated that PDGs are now prohibited from serving repeat terms as VDGs or DGs. Additionally, Zone Chairs may only serve three terms during their entire Lion history. Yes, it places greater emphasis on developing new leadership opportunities for new leaders instead of retreat terms. LCI is promoting diversity and inclusion and always looking for ideas for recruiting ideas.

Break for sessions 11:00 a.m.

The Role of District Governor
Lions Quest
LEOs

PID Carolyn Messier
PID Lewis Quinn
Lion Kaz Kashiara

Luncheon and Awards

CC Rosemarie, DGs Joyce and Richard

Lion Katrina Frost	Kids Sight Award (one of top 10)
Lion Deborah Bushey	21N Grassroots
Lion Richard Sarter	21S Grassroots
LEO Prathan Shyam Prasad	LEO of the Year
Lion Vaneza Hodges	MJF
Lion Marijo Gabriel	MJF
Phoenix Baranguy	200% Model Club
Lion Muriel Stevens	International President Certificate
Lion Ray Mayer	International President Certificate
Lion Rebecca White	International President Leadership Medal
Lion Lorenzo Ortega	International President Leadership Medal
DGE/PDG Ken Leja	International President Medal
Lion Muriel Stevens	International President Medal
LEO Ally Ko	International President Pin

New member induction

ID Justin Faber

ID Justin inducted three new Lions!
Lion Robert Arnold
Lion Carmen Murrieta
Lion Gregory Hofacre

Sponsors:
PDG Ray Clark, Chandler Sun Bird
Lion Elodia May, Marana Host
Lion Mark Rabinowitz, Tucson Breakfast

Lions International Guest Speaker

ID Justin Faber

ID Justin shared remarks from IP Douglas Alexander who has not forgotten his own humble beginnings and concerns after troubles to find ways to keep moving forward. IP Alexander projects that we are all family, and our greatest weakness is giving up. Try one more time. There's just one word explaining Lions – HOPE. Lions give hope. ID Justin reminded us that when we recruit members to remind people that membership is by invitation and that 100% of club members must agree. He also emphasized personal giving to LCIF. Lions is our family and we need to help ourselves.

Guest Speaker

AZ Cancer Foundation for Children

Tyler Mahnke, Dir. Of Development/Phoenix

The AFFC program serves as “cancer warriors” providing help that is 100% free to families where 76% are in poverty. The program is primarily in Maricopa County for social, emotional and financial help. One child per day is diagnosed with childhood cancer. Ava's Tree House is a new facility that received a \$10M budget with the award of a Goldy Award from Garth Brooks, Paul and Amy Goldschmidt.

Break for Sessions

Read Between the Lions
Newsletters: Creative Communications

Lion Muriel Stevens
Lion Peri Hammons

Necrology / Memorial Service

Lion Linda Finley

Break for evening / 70's Themed Dinner

Drawing for raffle of PIP Joe Preston's Painting

May 1, 2022

8 a.m. 21N and 21S held separate Cabinet meetings

10 a.m. Voting for both districts.

Reconvened convention 11:04 a.m.

CC Rosemarie Gabriel

Invocation Lions' Prayer

PID Lewis Quinn

Raffle and 50/50 conducted by Phoenix Phil-Am Lions Club

State Projects

Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Foundation

Lion Annie Hamu

Lion Annie reported that the land is paid off. There are also three new benches for outside seating.

Camp Tatiyee

Lion Sherm McCutcheon

Lion Sherm reviewed the misconception about costs to campers and reminded everyone that campers aren't charged. Donations to the camp are down 48% from pre-COVID. The camp is pristine and accredited. The pool foundation slid after 64 years and repair is not covered by insurance. Renovations have been made to buildings for handicap enhancement. Camp will be at half camp until donations build up. Camp is not moving. There is a positive relationship with the community and the adjacent camp. Efforts are being made to get the title settled and there is a donor agreeing to help purchase the land. No open house is scheduled for this year. COVID vaccine is required for everyone. Staff and volunteers have been working to make the camp fire safe. Cost per camper is \$650 but with half staff it's really \$1,650 per camper.

Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation

PCC Jim Sterenberg

PCC Jim reported that a mega corporation buyout of partner surgical facilities through out the state resulted in increased pricing for surgical facilities making it difficult for Lions to provide services. Previous pricing arrangements are no longer in effect.

LCIF

PDG Fred Garmeson

BANG!!! As of Friday, MD21 has made cash and pledge donations of \$1,150,000+ since 2017. PDG Fred will be sending out the club Campaign 100 patches. He thanked the LCIF team for their efforts and reminded everyone that there are still two months left on the campaign and to consider making a club and/or personal pledge or upgrading a pledge that will count through June 2025 if made before June 2022.

Lions Foundation of Arizona (LFA)

PID Dave Roberts/Lion Eddie Richardson

PID Dave reported that the 32nd Street property is sold to the Arizona Foundation for the Visually Impaired for \$2.5M, with LFA having use of the building for five years for meetings. Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation has 18 months remaining on its lease. Lion Debbie Bushey of Sun City Host LC asked when clubs would be receiving reimbursement for loans made to LFA. Lion Eddie Richardson, LFA Executive Director, stated that LFA will soon be paying back \$100,000+ in loans to clubs. PID Dave stated the LFA is reorganizing its mission and will become less of a property manager and become more of a charity for the Lions of Arizona. He advised that more information will be forthcoming about LFA's new look.

Remarks from CCD Phil Whitacker, DGEs, VDGEs.

CCD Phil Whitaker, DGEs Ken Leja and Chris Gibbs, 1VDGEs Farhana Shifa and Keith Alexander, and 2VDGEs Maribel Dillard and Joe Osborne were presented with bouquets of roses and they thanked everyone for their best wishes for a successful next year.

Thank yous

CC Rosemarie Gabriel

Thanked the MD21 Leadership and Convention Team and presented them with small trophies. ID Justin thanked PID Alan for being his escort and showing him around our beautiful state. He also thanked CC Rosemarie for being a good sport about the numerous issues about the "misplaced" MD21 gavel and bell during the course of the convention!

Tail Twister

Lion Rachelle Barrett

Lion Rachelle reported significant achievement in donations of food and cash and thanked all for their support.

Election Results -

Lion Linda Finley

Lion Linda reported that all candidates on all slates for project board positions were elected.

Arizona Lions Vision and Hearing Foundation of MD21

District 21 North	Jim Frost	Phoenix Valley of the Sun LC	1-year term
	John Tanner	Overgaard Ponderosa	1-year term
	Donna Harris	Overgaard Ponderosa	2-year term
	Ron Smith	Phoenix Asian American LC	2-year term
	Richard Liebhaber	Phoenix Valley of the Sun LC	3-year term
District 21 South	Sheila Bruce	Tucson Cyber LC	2-year term
	David Pryce	Mesa Sunland Springs Village LC	2-year term
	Cheryl Mossing	Maricopa LC	3-year term
	Carol Tvorak	Yuma Quartermaster Evening	3-year term

Lions Camp Tatiyee

District 21 North	Lucky Morr	Payson LC	2-year term
	Debbie Bushey	Sun City Host LC	3-year term
	Kathleen King	Flagstaff Noon LC	3-year term
	Brian Woloshin	Phoenix Metro LC	3-year term
District 21 South	Steve Ravenkamp	Globe LC	1-year term
	Nanette Rutkowski	Globe LC	3-year term

Lions Foundation of Arizona

District 21 North	Paul Randall	Phoenix Lions	3-year term
District 21 South	Steven Thomas	Tucson Breakfast LC	2-year term
	Lon Sage	Buckeye LC	3-year term
	Sanford Shiff	Tucson Breakfast LC	3-year term
	Su-Lin Trepanitis	Tucson Downtown LC	3-year term

Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Foundation

District 21 North	Annie Hamu	Kingman Mohave LC	2-year term
	Karen Leja	Prescott Evening LC	2-year term
District 21 South	Sheila Palazzolo	Tanque Verde LC	2-year term

Benediction

Lion Linda Finley

Adjourned convention at 1:10 p.m.

CC Rosemarie Gabriel

CC Rosemarie thanked everyone for coming and wished all a safe trip home.

Respectfully submitted,
 PDG Bobbie Ravenkamp, Secretary Support
 For DG Joyce Mayer, Secretary/Treasurer MD21