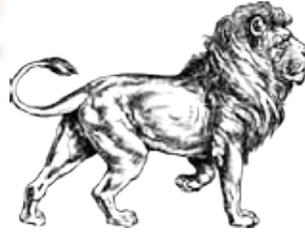




# MULTIPLE DISTRICT FOUR

CALIFORNIA LIONS  
*International*

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## *From the Council Chair*

CC Richard A. Wilmot Sr.



December's highlight was our International President Wing-Kun Tam's visit to the Tournament of Roses Parade and the wonderful time we had: visiting the

homeless shelter and serving lunch to those in need; visiting the lighthouse that was repaired and put back into service; and planting trees. Other activities that stood out were the club president's visit with the international president and the interaction that they had. There was also some time for the MD-4 multiple district governors to host a dinner with the international president and to have a sit-down meeting and express their support and concerns for their year as governor.

In January most of my time was spent preparing for the MD-4 Convention in Ontario, Calif. from Jan. 31 to Feb. 5, 2012.

I want to thank Convention Chair PCC Ed Bordenkircher, Host (4-L4) District Governor Ken Sherwood and their entire support staff for all of the hard work and the complicated last minute adjustments requested by presenters and myself. If you were there I hope you took the time to introduce yourselves to the visiting International Guest PID Phil Nathan and his lovely wife Heidi. They were remarkable people to talk to; Sandi and I felt very lucky to have such a wonderful couple share our convention with us and to hear stories of their travels. You also got to see and hear his presentation and humor from over there.

If I try to thank everyone who helped out or did something special for the convention I will miss someone, but for those of you who really stood out and received my personal thank you notes, you deserved them and to everyone else that helped thank you for all of your hard work.

We of course had an election for the

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## *From the International Director*

ID Robert "Bob" Smith



Congratulations to PCC Larry and Jane Dicus on their endorsement for international director. We must compliment ALL FOUR candidates for their well-run campaigns. All displayed pride and integrity as they traveled up and down the state of California. We are proud to have each and every one of you as friends. Your commitment to Lionism is exemplary!

### **San Francisco Board of Directors Meeting**

We really want to thank the Host Committee and the Lions of 4-C4 for all of their efforts in making the week go so well. We are extremely proud of PDG Larry and Irene Wong, DG Esther and Leland Lee, PCC Emil and Yvonne Kantola, PDG Eugene Chan, PDG Mike and Jane Simonini, a host of Multiple District Four Lions and especially those from District 4-C4. Vickie and I have received numerous compliments from other board members and LCI staff members. It was managed efficiently and seemingly effortlessly by all involved. The venue, tours, dining experiences and transportation were extraordinary! We are so proud to be California Lions.

An added attraction was meeting with President Tam and more than 60 club presidents in Burlingame. Burlingame Lions Club hosted a wonderful breakfast that met President Tam's expectation of sharing ideas. Club presidents from as far away as Redding attended the function in the Burlingame Lions' spacious clubhouse.

Thank you to the Lions of Multiple District Four!! We are extremely proud of your actions, commitment and dedication. As our membership numbers go up, we can all say

"WE BELIEVE"..■

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## *From the MD-4 Secretary*



Vice Council Secretary Liz Crooke, DG 4-C6  
**Create a Miracle**

IP Tam visited with club presidents from Northern California in mid April following a very successful International Board meeting in San Francisco.

President Tam's message to those attending was, "Our year is not over," and he asked us to serve our clubs (and districts and communities) until the very last moment. He shared that for some, the tendency as the year draws to a close might be to not keep up maximum effort, and let next

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## Global Leadership Team

By PDG Chris Morris, MD-4 Global Leadership Team Coordinator



Look at the new Certified Guiding Lion Training and you will see a number of changes put in there to help a new Lions Club be successful. A few years ago Lions went from

having a single Guiding Lion serve for one year to help a new club get started. Over a decade ago Lions decided that a club needs two years of support to get started and suggested that each club have two Guiding Lions for the two-year period. This works out well as two people can do a much better job of covering club meetings and events than one.

In the new program Lions have also added mentors for four club officers: the president, secretary, treasurer

and membership chair. These are to be currently serving club officers who can help the newbies get up to speed. Over the years we have seen many new clubs have problems with finances, reporting and keeping membership numbers. This is designed to support the new club officers and give more resources to the Guiding Lions.

Our other new support team is headed by the governor team, the governor, VDG, the zone chair and the Guiding Lions as a team to be there as a resource for the new club for their first two years.

*It's Not Your  
Old Guiding  
Lion  
Training!*

We have seen that if a club is successful in their first two years, they usually are on their way to being a successful club for the long term.

The new Guiding Lion Training is available on line on the LCI website at: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/start-a-new-club/programs-mem-guiding.php>

If you are going to be doing Guiding

Lion Training, the new PowerPoint presentation is also on the website. If you have not been to the LCI website lately, you need to take a look again. Over the last two years the number of courses and the materials in the Leadership area has been expanded and dramatically improved.

It takes a team to make a new club successful. This new program is designed to help and support our new Lions to help them to be more successful. Take a look at the new Guiding Lions Training. It just makes sense! ■



## Global Membership Team



By Your friend,  
PDG Chuck Cassy,  
MD-4 Global  
Membership Team  
Coordinator

Is your club under 20 members? If so,

are your club members making a contribution and making a difference in your community? Are your Lions having fun and feeling good about being Lions? I'll bet most Clubs under-20 are in crisis. Under-20 clubs are close to no longer being clubs! But they are not doomed; they can reinvigorate themselves! One of the biggest problems is that they've become clubs that prospective members wouldn't want to join.

There is hope, but there are challenges to having a great club once more. There are some important lessons to be learned from clubs I've seen which have reinvented themselves:

1. The club needs leadership. There has to be a small group: even two people who decide and are determined to reverse the downward course of their club.

2. They need to agree on a plan as to the steps that will need to be taken.

3. The steps need to be to have good, interesting and fun meetings. Consider changing or varying meeting times and places to make meetings available to new members.

4. Reach out to the community. Get a website. Make your club known again in your community.

5. Have meaningful, relevant projects. Lions need to feel good about our service to our communities. Start with one good project.

6. Get training on how to recruit new members and how to keep them once you get them.

I don't think how we get clubs back to

being of service to the communities is complicated. The Lions I've seen who have re-made their clubs viable again have, in some way, followed these or similar steps. They have also not been afraid to ask for help from their GMT and GLT leadership and district help. That leadership is just waiting to be asked to help.

One of the real dangers is Lions, this time of year, get the idea that we'll wait until next year and then we'll get busy changing things. Well, next year may be too late. Now is the time to start taking steps to meet your club's challenges, stop talking, and start doing.

Dream for just a moment... what would your club be like if it had 25 members, 30 members, 50 or even 100 members? Think of the projects, the impact, the difference you'd make. Best of all, think of all the friends you'd have.

Now, stop dreaming and start doing. Be the leader you know you can be! The satisfactions will be immense. ■



## California Lions give the Lions Share - LCIF

By PID Bill Crawford, LCIF Coordinator

We recently marked the one-year anniversary of the Fukushima

earthquake and tsunami, the most powerful known earthquake to ever hit Japan. It caused more than 15,000 deaths, 26,000 injuries and extensive structural damage in north-eastern Japan. Japan's Emperor Akihito said in a memorial ceremony at Tokyo's National Theatre, "We shall not let our memory of the disasters fade ... I hope all the people will keep the victims in their hearts."

Thanks to your work and the generosity of thousands, more than US\$21 million was raised by Lions, with more than \$300,000 donated by California Lions. Nearly half of the funds raised were used to support immediate needs such as food, clean drinking water, temporary shelter, and clothing. Currently, the Japanese Lions have transitioned into mid- and long-term rebuilding efforts. Recently, the Lions initiated a project to reduce radiation levels in buildings and homes through the use of 2,000 high pressure cleaners. This project will help an estimated 20,000 people and is just one of the many ways Lions are helping community members rebuild their lives.

This story dominated the headlines for months, while another quiet disaster was

taking place every day – children dying from measles. Not only do 450 children die every day from measles, but many more who contract measles have serious side effects, such as pneumonia, that cause lifelong adverse health conditions. The real tragedy is that this is so easy to prevent: It costs just one dollar to save a child from measles.

LCIF Chairperson Sid Scruggs visited Nepal in February and kicked off a campaign to vaccinate 9.9 million children in Nepal against measles this year. Meanwhile, to help vaccinate 157 million children worldwide, Lions have committed to raising more than \$10 million as a match to the Gates Foundation's challenge grant of \$5 million. More than \$1.2 million has been raised for measles vaccinations to date.

I encourage you to go on line at the following link: <http://www.lcif.org/EN/lions-center/coordinator-center/reports.php> and review the report on the giving by our California Lions by district. Note: some districts cross borders so they were included only in California.

Thank you again for your support of the people in Japan during a major disaster and thank you in advance for your support of the children of the world receiving life saving measles vaccinations.

"Let us grow together to create peace around the world."



## Lions International Peace Poster Contest

MITCHELL MIYA WINS STATE WIDE COMPETITION

Multiple District Four Winner: Artist Mitchell Miya, District 4-A2

Sponsored by: Hanford Breakfast Lions Club

Honorable Mention:

Sponsored by: Milpitas Executive Lions Club District 4-C6 Artist Sophie Fu

Honorable Mention:

Sponsored by: Enterprise Lions Club District 4-C1 Artist Karly Chin

Please order your kit 2012 NOW!

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/youth/peace-poster/index.php>

## Student Speaker Contest

By Committee Chair Carol Ann Linehan

The old cliché goes April showers, May flowers and June brides! To California Lions it means, April district contests, May area contest and June final contest.

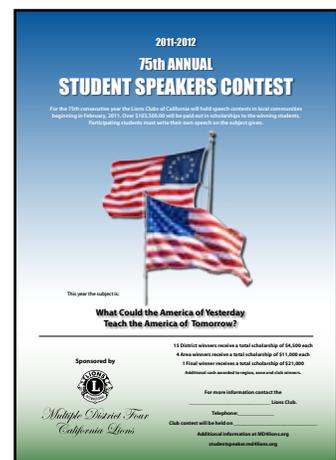
The 15 district governors picked a really great topic for this year -- "What Could the America of Yesterday Teach the America of Tomorrow?" -- which led to very interesting speeches.

The students have been impressing us with a lot of thought-provoking ideas. They are highlighting well-known figures both from the past, like Edison, Carnegie, Martin Luther King Jr., to the modern day, like Steve Jobs and Bill Gates, to name a few. The students are reminding us about the Depression, wars and civil rights. In their speeches, the students noted that past experiences should teach us the importance of working together, savings for your future, having dreams, that nothing in life is free and that supporting and volunteering in your communities are always necessary endeavors.

At the final contest June 2 in Sacramento, Jake Chambers, a 16-year-old junior at Calaveras High School representing Area 1, District Four A-1 and the San Andreas 49er Breakfast Lions Club won a total of \$21,000 in scholarships for having the speech judged the best. As Jake said, "It is true we must look back on our history, but not to find what we did wrong, but rather, to embrace and improve on that which we did right." ■

<http://www.MD4lions.org/office.html>

<http://studentspeaker.MD4lions.org/>



## International President Dr. Tam Visits



By Council Treasurer DG Dennis Drag Ph D

As International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam himself has stated, the IP's visit to Southern California to ride in the Rose Parade is an exceptional occasion in that rather than the usual day or two spent at a Multiple, it offers as many as six days for Lions to meet the president and get to know him.

At his arrival in Los Angeles, President Tam was greeted by Former International President Kay Fukushima and Denise, ID Bob Smith and Lion Vicki, PID Bill Crawford and PDG Julie, IPCC Larry Dicus and Jane, PCC Roger Powell and PDG Judy, DG Dr. Dennis Drag and Lion Leslie and current district governors visiting from around the state. That evening Lions Float, Inc. hosted the annual reception for Dr. Tam and all Lions who were able to attend--over 300 guests in all.

A series of visits to Lions projects afforded Dr. Tam opportunities to see first-hand some of things that Lions are accomplishing in this part of the multiple. One of these, arranged by District 4-L4 DG Ken Sherwood, was at the Hearing and Research Center at the University of California, Irvine, where the professors have a Lions Club. They made a presentation on the state-of-the-art research they are doing, displayed some of the hearing assistance products they manufacture, took the group on a tour of the facilities and provided lunch for the attendees.

At Queensway Bay Harbor in Long Beach, Dr. Tam and visiting DGs saw the Lions

Lighthouse for Sight, designed by DG Dennis and funded by the Downtown Lions of Long Beach in cooperation with the city, with PDG Vito Romans having led a \$225,000 fund-raising project to support its construction. At Riverfront Park in Maywood, members of both the Norwalk and Maywood clubs assisted Dr. Tam in planting two trees. District 4-L2 presented him with a plaque acknowledging that five trees had been purchased to be planted in his name at Barley Flats in the Angeles National Forest.

Another visit, arranged by 4-L3 DG Joel Pastor, was to the Beacon of Light Homeless Shelter in Wilmington. Dr. Tam and the governors prepared and served 75 plates of food, and he spent several hours eating and talking with the homeless.

The experience touched Dr. Tam so deeply that it was the lead story in his first March blog.

Other highlights of the visit included the traditional placing of flowers on the Lions float, attending the annual Pasadena Host Rose Parade Breakfast, meetings with the DGs and club presidents, and a breakfast with the international presidents of Kiwanis, Optimists and Rotary. At the Pasadena Club event, Dr. Tam was presented with the traditional orange tree to be planted at the City of Hope.

Throughout President Tam's visit, different DG's and their companions had an opportunity to ride with him to the projects and events, offering some rare one-on-one time with him and prompting him to comment that this first-ever experience for him was an excellent idea. ■

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endorsement of an international director for MD-4 and congratulations to IPCC Larry Dicus for the win and good luck in your campaign for election at the international convention. I do want to thank the other candidates for their rousing support after the election of our endorsed candidate, especially PDG Howard Hudson for his excellent words.

All Sandi and I want to say is that we are thankful we are in Multiple District Four as no matter what is happening or what is the number one priority of the moment, there is always someone or group that will step forward and make it seem as if everything is running beautifully every minute.

I hope everyone had as much fun as I did and you are looking forward to the 2013 Convention in Sacramento.

I also want to say I am sorry that I was unable to attend the international board meeting held in San Francisco. I did hear from many of the attendees that it was a special event and was a look at the international organization they would probably never have a chance to do again in the near future.

The Student Speaker contests for clubs, zones, regions, districts, areas and the final have completed. I have attended a few of the contests and have seen widely varying presentations and ideas. That goes to show you that stimulating subjects will invoke the imagination of youth and bring forth very different ways of looking at a subject. I applaud each and every speaker for their presentations and hard work to achieve them, and especially congratulate winner Jake Chambers and his sponsoring club, the San Andreas 49ers Breakfast Lions.

... Crooke

year's leaders start to take over. He has committed to remain focused on his responsibilities as international president until he "crosses the stage" in Busan to hand the gavel over to the incoming international president. He has asked us all to maintain our own focus in the same way.

President Tam stressed his belief in Lions and his belief that with our efforts, miracles happen. By continuing to serve

until the very last moment, we have opportunities to create more miracles for those who depend upon us. In his own engaging way, he moved that room of Lions to refocus and double their efforts, so not one miracle that can be accomplished will be missed.

While we are definitely on the "downhill side" of this Lion's year, there is still plenty of time left for Lions work. As leaders it is our responsibility to follow

President Tam's lead and encourage the leaders in our districts to "stay the course" until the very last moment of this year. Miracles in the areas of service and membership are still possible. President Tam specifically encouraged the Lions of California, saying that, once the Lions in California accomplish something, we set the bar for others to follow.

President Tam has asked us to stay engaged and stay on course; let's just do it! ■

Congratulations to the district governors for having put forth all of the work you have this year and remember IP Wing-Kun Tam's request that we do not stop working to achieve your individual goals for this year until you pull the ribbon from you successors' badge at the international convention.

This Council of Governors will have a lot of training assignments for the district governors; district governor (elects), 1st VDG(E)s and 2nd VDG(E)s.

The GM teams will be presenting the changes to their district team's projections for the next three years, including their achievement of their goals or what they have recommended to their successors to help them for the following years.

I wish you all an enjoyable trip to Busan, South Korea and may you have fair winds and pleasant accommodations for your stay.

I am not a numbers person so I will only say this: for those of you that reach a positive membership goal, you have a lot to be thankful for. Those who worked as hard as you could and brought the message to your clubs and they had a successful year, then you have a lot to be thankful of also. But no matter what, if you tried to do the best you possibly could do then you should be thankful for the results you received.

Sandi and I will always be thankful for this chance to have become friends with all of you and we want to thank you for your commitment to helping others through Lions. ■

## Thoughts about the MD-4 Lions Web sites

By Lion Ron Raines, Webmaster



Well, to state the obvious, "It finally has come time to express myself."

When I took over the MD4 Webmaster duties, I stayed with the current design and struggled with it over recent years. I have grown, as we all do. So, I just had to "express that growth." Our site, [www.MD4Lions.org](http://www.MD4Lions.org), looks just a bit different now.

I reported in the previous issue that I have been developing web skills in the area of registration and payment online forms, so typical in today's commercial websites. Some clubs and multiple districts are also heading this way. My hope is that with the skills, I can do the same at the least possible budget impact (cheaper).

My skills can be observed at [www.Pacificon.org](http://www.Pacificon.org), where I am webmaster and forums chairman. We are doing the bulk of our convention registration and payment online. Also registration data is being passed to the registrar via spreadsheets as well as server-side email. The most important lesson for now is that the website is the brochure, the main promotional tool. We need to do this with MD-4 conventions and COG meetings. So those items now have prominence on our website. They also have their own unique URL: [www.convention.md4lions.org](http://www.convention.md4lions.org) and [www.spring.md4lions.org](http://www.spring.md4lions.org) (also fall, winter and summer) You can leave the "www" out.

Our website has the benefit of several experienced Lions in MD-4 who do contact me and keep that information current and relevant. I very much appreciate that. And I thank all of you, once again in this space.

The home page was becoming too cluttered. A good website home page "invites us in" and directs us to the appropriate "room" where we can present the information with more space and clarity.

The new COG meetings page is a home page for all COG meeting information from pre-meeting flyers, registration, and hotel registration to post-meeting minutes and reports. The Administration Office page is an effort by the office manager (Cass) in providing links to information that MD-4 Lions are using. Copies of important notices are often posted on the Administration Office page, and may also be found in the Library or COG Library pages.

Finally I would like to ask that all of us struggling with the computer and this "push" to use online technology to consider this. Please understand that at the other end of these email and online form submissions is a person who greatly benefits from this technology. It provides more time for other tasks. It saves time and keeps information more accurate. For example, misspelled names and wrong email addresses are less likely to happen when we computer cut and paste vs. hand-write or re-type the information.

I would enjoy hearing from other Lions who have thoughts, experience or even frustrations with technology. We need to mentor each other with some patience. [ronrainses@gmail.com](mailto:ronrainses@gmail.com) ■

## From the MD-4 Office

By Cass Cara, office manager

It's my privilege and pleasure to be here to aid the Lions any way I can.

The August dues (per capita tax) billing for the combined Multiple and District will be sent to the Club Treasurers. Their contact information will be obtained through LCI, so it is vital that the new officers give this information to LCI as well as logging into the LCI website and making sure the clubs officers are selected. <https://www7.lionsclubs.org/LogIn.aspx>

According to the MD-4 constitution we must base our billing on the number of members listed on your June 30, 2012, Membership Report. If you feel the number of members billed is incorrect, contact your District Governor. With the Governors approval we will adjust your account. Without approval, we cannot credit dropped members.

All classifications of membership in Lions Clubs International must pay multiple district and district dues. This includes life members, family and students.

- Invoice is payable upon receipt.
- MD-4 and District annual dues is billed twice a year in August and February.
- The MD-4 dues are \$14.00 (\$7 twice).
- For the District Dues \$ amount collected on behalf of your district, please check your district constitution.

*Order your  
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Speakers  
Packet Online  
by October 1.*

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**Calendar of Upcoming Meetings**

COG Joint: May 31-June 3, 2012 Sacramento, 4-C5

COG Organizational: August 3-5 , 2012 San Diego 4-L6

COG Fall : October 12-14, 2012 Fairfield 4-C2

COG Mid-Winter: February 6-7, 2013 Sacramento 4-C5

COG Joint: May 30-June 2, 2013 Torrence 4-L3

International Convention: July 5-9, 2013 Hamburg, Germany

COG Organizational: August 2-4, 2013 TBD 4-C3

*Check the Web site for details: www.MD-4lions.org  
Agenda/Schedules and Meal Registration Forms*

**Technology Tip: The PC is Not a Typewriter**

Thirty years ago typists could create neat, readable documents, but these typed pages were monotonous and dull-looking. Now every computer user is expected to create visually interesting documents.

To be a proficient user of the PC, we need to forget some of the rules we learned in typing

About the only thing the PC has in common with a typewriter is the keyboard layout.

To be a proficient user of the PC, we need to forget some of the rules we learned in typing and learn to use the many tools provided in word processing software.

Below are some helpful tips for using Microsoft Word 2007 to create professional-looking and visually interesting documents.

**1. One Space Between Sentences**

On a computer, use only one space between sentences and after punctuation marks (periods, colons, exclamation points, question marks,

quotation marks). Why was it necessary to have two spaces between sentences when using a typewriter? On a typewriter, all the characters were mono-spaced; that is, they each took up an equal amount of space. The letter "l" occupied as much space as the letter "m." Because characters were monospaced, inserting two spaces after periods helped to visually separate one sentence from the next. Courier is a font that is mono-spaced, like typewriter fonts.

Most fonts on the computer have characters that are proportional. That is, each character takes up a proportional amount of space—the letter "l" takes up about one-fifth the space of the letter "m" So you no longer need extra spaces to separate sentences. In fact, if you insert two spaces between sentences, you will see unwanted white spaces in a block of text.

Stay tuned for more tips.

