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International Board of Directors Approves Dues Adjustment Resolution

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

At the International Board of Directors meeting in October, the Board voted to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that will be voted on at the International Convention in Singapore in 2020.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues by US\$3 effective July 2021, raising dues to US\$46, then adjusted annually for U.S. inflation thereafter. We will use a three-year inflation average not to exceed 3.0% or be lower than 1.5%.

Why an international dues adjustment is needed

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

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Dues Adjustment Resolution continued.....

As we consider this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as a new online learning platform, development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and others tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

Why your help is needed

Essentially, we have to decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive. Lions is more than a way of life. It's also an investment of money, time, energy and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see.

We need you to help our members and leaders understand why this adjustment is needed. We have developed an international dues adjustment FAQ and PPT to help you present it to your Lions.

I hope that you will see this adjustment as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions. Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

International President

Campaign 100 Pledge Form

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Edward V. DeArmond Jr.
District Governor 40 N

February 28, 2020

Multiple Council Chair Annie Miller,

I would officially like to declare my candidacy for Multiple Council Chair. I am currently serving as the District Governor for 40N. Prior to this position, I have held the following during my time as a Lion.

District 40 N (65823) District Governor Elect 5/16/2019 – 6/30/2019

District 40 N (65813) First Vice District Governor 7/1/2018 – 5/16/2019

District 40 N (65813) Second Vice District Governor 7/1/2017 – 6/30/2018

Gallup (13532) Club Second Vice President 7/1/2016 – 6/30/2017

District 40 N Zone Chairperson 7/18/2014 – 6/30-2015

District 40 N GLT Coordinator 7/1/2011 – 6/30/2013

Gallup Lion's Club Treasurer 7/1/2011- 6/30/2012

District 40 N Zone Chairperson 8/14/2010 – 6/30/2011

Club Membership Chairperson 7/1/2010 – 6/30/2011

Gallup Lion's Club President 7/1/2008 – 6/30/2009

Sincerely,

Edward DeArmond
District Governor 40 N



Gallup Lions Club
3300 East Aztec Ave
Gallup NM 87301

Thursday February 27th, 2020

To whom it may concern:

This letter from The Gallup Lions Club is to formally endorse our current 40 North District Governor Edward DeArmond for Multiple Council Chair.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeff Sakasitz
Gallup Lions President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Sakasitz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'J' and 'S'.



February 1, 2020

Melissa Washburn
Lions MD40S District Governor

RE: Intent to Seek Office

Dear District Governor Washburn:

I am pleased to inform you that I intend to seek the office of District Governor for MD40S for 2020-2021. My qualifications are listed below:

- I am an active member in good standing of the La Mesa Lions Club. Offices held in the La Mesa Club are:
 - Director 2015-2016
 - President 2016-2017
 - Immediate Past President 2017-2018
 - La Mesa Lions Club Board of Directors 2015-2018
- I served MD40S as Zone 2 Chairperson 2017-2018
- I served as 2nd VDG for MD40S 2018-2019
- I am currently serving as 1st VDG for MD40S 2019-2020
- Lions training:
 - Leadership Forum, Omaha, NE 2016
 - ALLI, Denver, CO 2017
 - Wyoming Lions Leadership Institute Sept. 2018
 - VDG Training, Salt Lake City March 2019
 - LCI On-line FVDG Training Fall 2019

I have complete VDG training in Salt Lake City and on-line LCI training for FVDGs in preparation for DGE training in St. Charles, Illinois and through serving as 1st VDG for MD40S this year.

I look forward to working with the members of 40S and 40N in growing and improving Lions in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

William L. McKinney
William L. McKinney



Lion Bryson McCool, Secretary
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La Mesa Lions Club

29 January 2020

Lion Melissa Washburn
District Governor D40S

Dear DG Melissa:

This is to announce the La Mesa Lions Club has unanimously nominated Lion Bill McKinney for District Governor D40S for 2020-21.

Lion Bill joined Lions in 2014. During his very active time as a Lion, he has served in various capacities both within the La Mesa Lions Club and in D40S. More specifically, he has served as Club President (2016-17), Zone Chair (2017-18), and a Club Director (2015-2018). He also served on and directed numerous Club committees and has been involved in every Club fundraiser and community service project since he joined. He is currently serving as D40S 1st Vice District Governor. He is also been a member of the Dona Ana Lions KidSight Team.

In Lionism,

BRYSON MCCOOL, Secretary
La Mesa Lions Club

Serving Today For a Better Tomorrow!

2nd Vice District Governor Announces Candidacy

Alamogordo Evening Lions Club has unanimously endorsed Lion Chris Hall as candidate for 1st Vice District Governor of MD40S for 2020-2021.

Lion Chris is a member in good standing and meets the requirements for this position. He has held the offices of Vice President, President, served on the Board of Directors, Zone Chair for two years, and served as District Chair for the Youth Exchange/Camp Program for six years. Offices held were in MD5M which serves Minnesota, Manitoba, and northwest Ontario. There are twelve Districts, 5M2 serves south central Minnesota with 65 clubs in three regions. Attended advanced training at MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Minn. In April 2011, Paul Barbour Lions Regional Leadership Institute in Colorado, then straight to USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Spokane, WA where he received his Bachelors Degree from the Lions University.

Alamogordo Evening Lions Club



TREASURER

Feb. 1,2020

Melissa Washburn

MD40S District Governor

RE: Intent to Seek Office

District Governor Melissa,

I am pleased to inform you of my intention to seek the office of 1st Vice District Governor for MD40S in 2020-2021.

Qualifications are:

- Member in good standing with the Alamogordo Evening Lions Club
- Offices held with MD5M:
 - 1st Vice President
 - President
 - Board of Directors
 - Zone 1 Chair-2 years
 - District Chair-Youth Exchange/Camp-6 years
 - Current 2nd Vice District Governor-MD40S
- Training: MD5M Regional Lions Leadership Institute-Minnesota-April2011
- Paul Barbour Lions Regional Leadership Institute-CO. -Sept.2019
- Sept.2019 USA/Canada Leadership Forum
- Received Bachelors Degree from Lions University

I am looking forward to this exciting new opportunity to grow, not only as a Lion, but also in a leadership role.

Sincerely,

Chris Hall



Edgewood Lions Club
P. O. Box 876
Edgewood, New Mexico

January 23, 2020

District Governor 40-N Lion Ed DeArmond,

It is without any hesitation, or reservation, that the Edgewood Lions Club is unanimously nominating Lion Deborah Bryan for the position of District Governor for the District 40-N for the Lion Year of 2020-2021.

Lion Deborah was elected unopposed to, and is currently serving, the District 40-N in the position of 1st Vice District Governor, and she previously served as the 2nd Vice District Governor. She is an active member in good standing in the Edgewood Lions Club. With a giving heart she continues her 30+ Lion years history of being active in her community, Club events, Zone events, District events, and MD events.

1st VDG Deborah Bryan currently is a Melvin Jones Fellow, Hap Beyer Award recipient, Guiding Lion, and immediate Past Club President. Most importantly, her positive attitude glows, and is contagious, whenever she wears her Lions Club vest.

Lion Deborah has also served Lions in a wide range of roles from being a member picking up trash on the highways to helping to organize a USA/Canada Forum. Her active leadership experience ranges from, but is not limited to, Club and event Chairperson to District Cabinet positions. She is a Lion whether it be as helper, student, trainer, or leader.

Lions Deb and Bill Bryan have been married for 45 years. They are the parents of two adult sons; and proud grandparents of two grandchildren. Their Lion family membership is multi-generational and includes both of their grandchildren who are active Leos. Her life experiences and roles are quite varied with the array of interests, activities, and adventures she has shared with her family.

Serving as Vice District Governor Lion Deborah has been able to help to continue to build and sustain our membership. She has the leadership and guidance experience to take 40-N into the future and bring Unity to the Lions of MD40 near and far.

Sincerely,

Edgewood Lions Club membership

Greetings from Moriarty NM

I joined Lions, November 1987, as a member of the Moriarty Lions club.

In Lions at the club level I have held every office except club Treasurer.

I was the 1st Lady President of the Moriarty Lions club.

I have been a member of the Moriarty Lions club, Albuquerque Northeast Lions Club, and finding my permanent home in the Edgewood Lions Club.

As a member of the NM Pin Traders club I held the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

I have been honored 2 times to receive a Lion of the Year award

By being a member of these clubs I was able to serve as Zone chairman 7 times.

I have chaired numerous committees at the Club, District and Multiple District levels. I have served as District 40N Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer 2 times.

I have received the 100% Presidents award and 100% Secretary award.

I am a Certified Guiding Lion

I have been the Convention Chairman for 2 District Conventions and 1 MD40 State Convention.

I was very involved with the USA/Canadian Forum that was held in Albuquerque NM. I worked with the mailings and registration.

I have received 2 International Presidents Certificates of Appreciation.

I am a CB "Hap" Beyer "Scroll of Honor" member and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Even after 30+ years, to this day I feel such overwhelming pride every time I put on my Lions Vest.

My Husband Lion Bill and I have been married for 46 years. We have 2 sons and 2 Grandchildren. (Leo William and our lovely Granddaughter Leo Dannie)

I have been involved with 4H, was a Hunter Education Instructor, and volunteered at the Torrance County Fair.

I am looking forward to my year as DG 40N.

Lion Deborah L. Bryan

1st VDG 40N



FARMINGTON EVENING LIONS CLUB

Linda Fourr, President Peter Doerfert, Secretary Donna Talley, Treasurer

Ed DeArmond, Jr.
Lions MD 40N District Governor

January 27, 2020

Dear District Governor Ed DeArmond, Jr.,

Farmington Evening Lions Club has unanimously nominated Wesley W. Brown, Jr. for the position of 1st Vice District Governor for MD40N. Lion Wesley has been very active in the Lions Club holding many offices in various capacities in MD40N and within the Farmington Evening Lions Club (FELC):

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|
| o Zone Chairman 2A | 40N | 2010 – 2013 |
| o President | Farmington Evening Lions Club | 2017 – 2019 |
| o Zone Chairman 2A | 40N | 2017 – 2019 |
| o Past President | Farmington Evening Lions Club | 2019 – 2020 |
| o Currently serving as 2 nd Vice District Governor | | 2019 – 2020 |

He has also chaired numerous Club committees and served in every fundraiser and community service project with FELC.

In addition to FELC, Lion Wesley has been a member and held offices in the Ration Lions Club and the Ordway, CO Lions Club. He has shown a dedication to Lionism and is felt to be worthy of the honor to continue his service by holding the office of 1st Vice District Governor of MD40N.

Thank you for your consideration of Lion Wesley W. Brown, Jr. for the position of 1st Vice District Governor for MD40N.

In Lionism,

Linda Fourr, President
Farmington Evening Lions Club

PO Box 417
Farmington, NM 87499

Wesley W. Brown, Jr.
 Lions MD 40N 2nd Vice District Governor
 107 Road 5018
 Bloomfield, NM 87413
 505-320-6329



January 17, 2020

Ed DeArmond, Jr.
 Lions MD 40N District Governor

Re: Intention to seek office

Dear District Governor Ed DeArmond, Jr.,

I am pleased to inform you of my intent to seek the office of 1st Vice District Governor for MD 40N for the year 2020-2021. My qualifications are listed below:

- I am an active member in good standing of the Farmington Evening Lions Club. I have held office in several clubs.

○ 1 st Vice President	Raton Lions Club	1982 – 1983
○ President	Raton Lions Club	1983 – 1984
○ 1 st Vice President	Ordway, CO Lions Club	1986 – 1987
○ President	Ordway, CO Lions Club	1987 – 1988
○ Zone Chairman 2A	40N	2010 – 2011
○ Zone Chairman 2A	40N	2011 – 2012
○ Zone Chairman 2A	40N	2012 – 2013
○ President	Farmington Evening Lions Club	2017 – 2018
○ Zone Chairman 2A	40N	2017 – 2018
○ President	Farmington Evening Lions Club	2018 – 2019
○ Zone Chairman 2A	40N	2018 – 2019
○ Currently serving as 2 nd Vice District Governor		2019 – 2020
○ Past President	Farmington Evening Lions Club	2019 – 2020

- Lions Training:

○ Zone Training	40N	2012
○ Colorado Lions Leadership Institute		Sept. 2019

- Goals for continued Leadership training:
 - Alli Training Class, if available
 - Vice District Governor Training in Albuquerque, NM in April
 - USA / Canadian Forum in September 2020

There is a need in New Mexico to increase the membership and lead the district to work as a club to reach our membership goals. I plan to work closely with our clubs and membership committees to increase membership and work to create more clubs, while also strengthening our current clubs.

Sincerely,

Wesley W. Brown, Jr.
 2nd Vice District Governor 40N



Edgewood Lions Club
P. O. Box 876
Edgewood, New Mexico

March 12, 2020

District Governor 40-N Lion Ed DeArmond,

It is without any hesitation, or reservation, that the Edgewood Lions Club is unanimously nominating Lion Bill Bryan for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor for District 40-N for the Lion Year of 2020-2021.

Lion Bill is a very active member in good standing in the Edgewood Lions Club. He is currently finishing a 2-year administrative term as the Edgewood Club President. He served in every way with the heart of a Lion for a couple of years before being officially inducted in 1987. Since 1992 he has been elected to serve as Club President for six Lion's years in three different Clubs and selected to serve as Zone Chairman five times and Region Chairman twice.

Most importantly, his positive attitude overflows, and is contagious, whether or not he is wearing a Lions Club vest. Lion Bill currently is a Melvin Jones Fellow and Hap Beyer Award recipient. His success as an active leader, and team member, has no doubt been drawn from his personal experiences ranging from his military leadership skills to teaching gun safety in 4H to being a lifelong friend to many. He is a Lion whether it be as helper, student, trainer, or leader.

Lions Deb and Bill Bryan have been married for 46 years. They are the parents of two adult sons; and proud grandparents of two grandchildren. Their Lion family membership is multi-generational and includes both of their grandchildren who are active Leos. His life experiences and roles are quite varied with the array of interests, activities, and adventures he has shared with his family.

Serving as a Lion, Bill has contributed to LIONS in many ways. He has suggested many successful ideas for feasible projects and events that all Club members have enjoyed participating in. He is thoughtful, encouraging and a strong successful leader. With his guidance and ability to unify people to reach amazing goals Lions Clubs will benefit from his broad range of experiences.

Sincerely,

Edgewood Lions Club membership

Hello Fellow Lions

My name is Bill Bryan and I am running for the position of 2nd VDG 40N 2020-2021.

I have been a Lion officially since 1987, but joined the Moriarty Lions Club in 1985. I have been a Member of the Moriarty Lions Club, Albuquerque Northeast Lions Club, and finally the Edgewood Lions Club.

I have held the office of Presidents in all 3 Lions Clubs which I received a 100% Presidents award from all three clubs. I sat on the Board of Directors in all 3 clubs and held the position of Membership chairman. I have held the office of Zone Chairman 7 or 8 times, Region Chairman, and served on many District and Multiple District chairs.

I was a Leo Club Advisor, and helped with the charter of the Edgewood Lions Club. I helped with sorting mail and as a registrar at the USA/Canadian Forum when it was held in Albuquerque NM.

I sat on the committee when the CB Hap Beyer award was rewritten the 1st time. I was the President of the New Mexico Pin Traders Club for 4 years. I am a Pin Trader

I am a CB Hap Beyer award, and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

As the traveling companion of DGE Deborah, I as VDG promise to visit all the 40N Clubs and continue on with this promise as I advance up to District Governor.

I have been a 4H Leader and Hunter Education Instructor.

I have been married for 46 years to DGE Deborah Bryan. We have 2 Sons, Lion Wayne Bryan and Greg Bryan and 2 Grand Children, Leo William Bryan and Leo Dannie Bryan.

I am a Military Veteran, of the Viet Nam war.

I am an old car enthusiast, and have a 1946 Chevy P/U in the process of being restored.

LCIF response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

This is an update from LCIF and the grants they have recently disbursed.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, LCIF has awarded a total of US\$925,000 for 14 Emergency grants to Districts and Multiple Districts across the globe. As of March 30, 2020, CAIV has received US\$400,000, CAV has received US\$295,000 and most recently CAI has received **US\$200,000 for MD20 (New York)**. In New York, Lions plan to aid food banks, pantries, and movement of purchased medications by providing labor to gather from sources, load/unload, sort and stage for delivery of all contributed food and medication. The number of requests being received has significantly increased since last week. We expect this to be the trend moving forward.

As a reminder, LCIF is giving *priority consideration* to support regions with extreme rates of confirmed COVID-19 cases. The focus will be on addressing those needs that exist within local medical and emergency management systems that are coordinating efforts with the World Health Organization (WHO) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDD) guidelines. For inquiries on emergency grants please contact lcifemergencygrants@lionsclubs.org

Updates on LCIF's response to COVID-19 can be found here <https://lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-response> as well as our Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/LCIFLions/>

Please remember that even though most clubs aren't meeting, there are more needs than we could have imagined.

Stay safe and be well.

Lion Gemma
LCIF MD40 Coordinator

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To Remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

To Hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.



Hello Lions and Leos,

Hope everyone had a Blessed Easter and are staying healthy. As of April 13th, 2020, I am making the announcement of the cancellation for the MD 40 State Convention held in Gallup, due to CO-VID 19 and NM State Governor Ordinances. At this point, there are no future dates set for this event.

As we move forward there will be an election to take place for the Officers-elect coming into the year 2020-21. The District Governors will be in contact with you for full detail instructions on how this election will be held.

DG Ed DeArmond will be running for Council Chair 2020-21, he will be on the ballot with the other officers.

Please make sure all your dues are paid up to LCI for your Club delegates to vote.

Make sure you update the LCI website with your new officers.

I want to thank everyone on my cabinet, committees, chairpersons and members for the awesome experience I have had as Council Chair. I really enjoyed the journey of making new friends and learning new things.

Be Strong New Mexico

Lions have the *Courage* to make the change, the *Strength* to see you through it, and *Faith* that everything will turn out for the *Best*.

God Bless to All
CC Annie Miller

Make International President Choi a part of your induction day



Worldwide Induction Day (WWID) is April 25, 2020—a day when Lions clubs around the world welcome new members, serve their communities and celebrate membership together.

International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi invites you and your club to participate in this year's celebration: all clubs that [register at lionsclubs.org](https://register.at.lionsclubs.org) will receive special digital content, including an induction video from IP Choi to use during your event for your new members and their sponsors.

SERVING SAFELY TOGETHER

A message to all Lions from International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Dear Lion,

I want to thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and your community healthy during these difficult times. Your courage during this global crisis has shown those around you that, even though the coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed the way we live, it has not changed who we are as Lions.

We are hope. We are kindness. And we are in this together.

Remember, Lions have served for more than a century. We have faced incredible challenges for more than 100 years. And we have always been there, serving, restoring hope, and bringing our communities together. We will get through this incredible challenge, just as we always have.

Let us continue to put our kindness in action by putting health and safety first. Let us continue to be what our communities need us to be—Lions.

Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

Closing the Distance with Technology

Now, more than ever, communication is so important. Clubs all over the world are finding new ways to communicate with members and their communities.

Here are three resources that can help you stay connected:

- Virtual meetings – Visit the blog to learn about how you can move your club meetings online and continue your important work as Lions.
- Social media – Social distancing doesn't mean social isolation. Visit the Lions SMiLE website and discover tips on how to stay active on social media or learn how to create an online presence for your club.
- Storytelling – Let your community know how you're serving safely. Post your stories on social media using the hashtag #WeServe so Lions around the world will be able to see it too. And be sure to include a photo if you have one.

In a time of social distancing, let's make sure we find ways to stay connected to our families, clubs and communities.

Lions matter now more than ever, and Lions around the world are showing their communities just how much they can get done while serving safely in their homes.

Visit the blog to learn Five Ways to Serve Safely and discover new ways that your club can make a difference in your community while staying healthy.



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Essilor Vision Foundations
Changing Life Through Lenses Program for
providing almost 1400 pairs of glasses to
New Mexicans to date!**

NMLOKS, Inc. Newsletter

Operation KidSight Central Office Rockin' & Rollin' And Listening

Big Savings on Cataract Surgery. Due to the continued networking efforts by the New Mexico Lions Operation KidSight Central Office, we have discovered an eye surgery game changer! Southwest Eye Institute in El Paso has extended to the Lions an outstanding price for exams/evaluations and cataract surgeries. The initial eye exam/evaluation for potential candidates is only \$135 and that can be performed the same day as the first eye surgery if requested to save the travel back and forth for the patient. The total fee per eye for the cataract surgery is \$950! Southwest Eye Institute is also working on getting Lions a special price for treatment of Keratoconus. The evaluation for these referrals is only \$135.



VSP Eye Exam and Glasses Vouchers. The NMLOKS Central Office recently requested and obtained VSP Sight for Students and VSP Eyes of Hope (adult program) gift certificates through Lions Clubs International. The certificates cover a FREE eye exam and glasses through a limited network of vision services providers' offices that carry the special line of frames called Altair and Otis & Piper.



NMLOKS Spare Pair Program. Dr. Mamie Chan, OD, from Albuquerque recently called the office to ask about the Spare Pair program after receiving a request form for a copy of a current prescription and pupil distance measurement for a Spare Pair of glasses. Once we explained how the program works, she asked if we could send some additional information that she could put in the American Optometric Association Newsletter. We were also able to share with her that she can open her own Essilor Vision Foundation Changing Life Through Lenses program to be able to do more charitable work for her clients in need.



The Central Office has been lucky enough to find a couple of community volunteers to help with the Spare Pair program. Fayth Franzoy, who is the Community Liaison for the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, is in Las Cruces and former Lion Bubba Plexico who is in Hobbs and they are taking the Essilor Spare Pair frame kits to schools as needed for students to choose their frames in addition to hand delivering the glasses once they are shipped back from the lab!

The NMLOKS Central Office received a call from the Dona Ana County Fire Department that a 19 year old volunteer in their training class broke her glasses and needs some assistance in getting another pair which we are going to help take care of!

Special Color Blindness Glasses. Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions President Sam Pirelli and his wife, Katherine, provided us with information on EnChroma, a manufacturer that makes eyeglasses to correct colorblindness. The NMLOKS Central Office is working with them to see what kind of discount they would be able provide to Lions Clubs when they try to help an individual who is color blind but does not have the financial means to get the special glasses.



NMLOKS, Inc. Newsletter (Cont'd.)

Operation KidSight Central Office Rockin' & Rollin' And Listening

NMLOKS Partnership with the Las Cruces Public Schools. Recently the Las Cruces Public Schools contacted the NMLOKS Central Office to see if there was any way the Lions could donate a specialized Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE) hearing screening device to allow the school nurses to provide hearing testing for special needs and other students. The Las Cruces Sunrise Lions Club provided the funds to purchase the device.



Lion Brenda Dunn, NMLOKS Program Manager, was presented with a Special Recognition Award by Las Cruces Public School Superintendent Karen Trujillo at a recent school board meeting for her dedication and service to the students in the District. LCPS Director of Nursing Sandy Peugh and Deputy Superintendent for Operations and Leadership Gabe Jaquez were also involved with the presentation.



NMLOKS Central Office Helping Other Lions Projects. Several years ago, a retired Las Cruces optometrist donated several large boxes of brand new reader glasses to the NMLOKS Central Office. Recently, 300 pairs of those reader glasses were sent to Lion Carol Marshall (Albuquerque Breakfast Lions) who had requested them for a mission trip to a poor town in Mexico where she will be accompanying PDGs Tom and Rose Himrod and Lion Rita Graham.

The NM Lions AdultSight Eyeglasses Program. Beginning 1 March 2020, the NMLOKS Central Office will be handling the NM Lions Eye Bank Glasses Assistance Application Hotline (575-635-8148) to process requests left via phone messages by adults in need who have a current eyeglasses prescription. Qualified applicants will be referred to Lenscrafters or they will be processed through the Essilor Vision Foundations Changing Life Through Lenses program.

The Sunrise Lion's Club Annual Trap Shoot

The Sunrise Lion's Club Trap Shoot Scheduled for April 25 has been **postponed** until further notice. Las Cruces has closed the Shooting Range at least through April. The Sunrise Lion's Club appreciates your support. We will reschedule the event as soon as the social distancing restrictions are lifted and the range reopens. Stay safe.

New Mexico Lions Operation Kids Sight News

Dear Program Manager,

You have no idea how your package brightened our day! Just days before receiving the glasses I was stressing how I would be able to get Carlos new glasses during this time of COVID.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! You filled me with hope!

Here is a picture of Carlos with his new lenses (I should have added a pic of the old ones!)



Much Love, Thanks & Best Wishes,

Juliana Hernandez
Mother of Carlos Villegas
Gradsden Middle School
8th grader.

4-2-20

New Mexico Lions Operation Kids Sight News

Dear, NM Lions

Thank you for providing me with a spare pair of glasses. Now my mom doesn't have to pay lots of money for a new pair.

Sincerely, Carlos Villegas

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE PULL TAB COLLECTION STILL ON-GOING!

THE CLOSEST FOR 40 NORTH IS 1011 YALE, NE, ALBUQUERQUE. BRING THEM TO THE NEXT DISTRICT OR MULTIPLE MEETING AND SANTA FE CAPITAL CITY OR AN ALBUQUERQUE LION CLUB WILL DELIVER THEM FOR YOU. THIS ARTICLE IS FROM THEIR WEB SITE, MODIFIED FOR NEW MEXICO.

AND HEY! FOR SUCH AN EASY CLUB PROJECT, GET DOUBLE CREDIT ON YOUR CLUB ACTIVITIES REPORT TO LCI - HELPING YOUTH AS WELL AS THE ENVIRONMENT BY RECYCLING! THEY HELP WITH EVERYDAY EXPENSES, BUT SERVICE IS PROVIDED TO CHILDREN BY HELPING THEIR PARENTS.

With our membership in decline, LCI has a program for all of us to utilize. What a fantastic incentive for recruiting new members into your club. What a wonderful thing for LCI to do to bring in new members and to honor our Veterans, and Active Duty Military.

Provided by Lions 1st VDG Elect Debbie Bryan



Involve a Veteran Program

Service to others has many faces.

Those who serve their country have made great contributions and great sacrifices. Lions Clubs International recognizes the commitment and passion of these individuals. As a way of welcoming them into the global family of Lions, the organization offers veterans and active duty service members an entrance or charter fee waiver when joining a Lions Club.*

Lions International provides opportunities for leadership, personal fulfillment, and relationship building through community and global service activities, easing the transition to civilian life and connecting individuals who share similar life experiences.

Veterans and active duty service members have incredible experience to offer any Lions Club they join, or any new club they bring together. They don't just know how to get the job done - they know how to do it with teamwork and strong leadership. Their adaptability and practical service experience can create tangible contributions to their community, continuing the momentum of a life led in service to others.

Lions International is a place where kindness matters, and the 'Involve a Veteran' program offers servicemen and women the opportunity to be a part of our global service mission.

**See Veteran Program Qualification Criteria and Certification Form for complete details.*



Lions Clubs International

For questions about the Veteran Program, please contact:
Membership Development Division
Lions Clubs International
300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523 USA
membership@lionsclubs.org



Involve a Veteran Program



Fact Sheet

Lions Clubs International offers an entrance/charter fee waiver to qualifying veteran and active duty military/armed forces service members.

1. This program will be eligible to the first 5,000 certified veteran or active duty service members from all Lions constitutional areas and will run through June 30, 2021.
2. Eligible persons for this program include active duty, retired and honorably discharged service members - including National Guard and Reserve personnel who were called to active duty for other than training - of governmentally recognized service branches from countries within Lions' scope of service (see Lions Clubs International Board Policy).
3. The **Involve a Veteran Certification Form** must be completed by the district governor or club secretary of the appropriate district of club. The form must be submitted to Lions Clubs International's Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services Department when reporting a new member using: MyLCI, Report of Charter Members for new clubs, or EMMR (Electronic Monthly Membership Report) for existing clubs. All information requested must be provided to avoid certification and processing delays. The fee waiver will be processed as a credit on the Lions club billing statement upon receipt of the certification form.
4. Clubs are encouraged to sponsor or defray club, district and multiple district and/or international dues for any eligible service member needing financial assistance.

Frequently Asked Questions – FAQ

- ? Where can I obtain an Involve a Veteran Certification Form?
 - The Veteran Certification Form can be downloaded from the LCI website or requested by emailing membership@lionsclubs.org
- ? Can existing Lions benefit from the Veteran Program?
 - No, the program is an incentive for new members to existing or new clubs.
- ? Can a members eligible for the Veteran Program also take advantage of other Lions discount programs?
 - Yes. As an example, a new member can qualify for both a charter/entrance fee waiver under the Veteran Program as well as a student dues discount if they meet the eligibility requirements for both programs.

Questions? Contact:

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 Lions Clubs International
 300 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523 USA
 Email: membership@lionsclubs.org
 Search: www.lionsclubs.org "Veteran Program"



Involve a Veteran Program

Qualification Criteria

Eligible persons for the **Involve a Veteran Program** membership benefit may receive an entrance or charter fee waiver when joining a Lions club.

The entrance or charter fee waiver is available for up to 5,000 qualifying members.

Eligible persons for this benefit include active duty, retired and honorably discharged military service members - including National Guard and Reserve personnel called to active duty for other than training - from governmentally recognized service branches serving in countries or territories listed in Lions Clubs International's Board Policy.

The benefit runs through June 30, 2021.

Certification Form

An **Involve a Veteran Certification Form** must be submitted to Lions Clubs International's Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services Department when reporting a new member using: MyLCI, Report of Charter Members for new clubs, or EMMR (Electronic Monthly Membership Report) for existing clubs. All information requested must be provided to avoid certification and processing delays.

The fee waiver will be processed as a credit on the Lions club billing statement upon receipt of the certification form.

Certification of Members

The district governor or club secretary is responsible for collecting, reviewing and maintaining copies of verification documents provided by the military service member. Documents provided should satisfy qualification criteria. Copies of verification documents **SHOULD NOT** be sent to LCI, but may be requested.

Definition

*Military service is service by an individual or group in an army or other militia, whether as a chosen job or as a result of an involuntary draft, and for purposes of this benefit includes those individuals committed to **Lions Clubs International's Purpose and Code of Ethics**.*

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Strides

LIONS FOR DIABETES AWARENESS

2019-2020 STRIDES CONTEST

(SPONSOR: NEW MEXICO LIONS DIABETES AWARENESS)

**THREE CLUBS IN EACH DISTRICT CAN EARN \$100, \$75 or \$50
FOR THEIR CLUB MELVIN JONES BUDGET FUND**

**HOW? SPONSOR A CREATIVE DIABETES AWARENESS EVENT IN THE DISTRICT
THIS LIONS YEAR!**

**WHAT? ACTIVITIES CAN INCLUDE WALKING, RUNNING, CYCLING, SWIMMING
OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY INCLUDING ANY OTHER ACTIVITY
YOUR CLUB CAN IMAGINE, LIKE YOGA, DANCE, ZUMBA, ROWING. THE ACTIVITY
SHOULD LAST AT LEAST 30 MINUTES OR HAVE A PRE-DETERMINED DISTANCE.**

**HANDOUTS? YOUR CLUB BROCHURE OR FLYER; LCI FREE MATERIALS; YOUR
LOCAL DIABETES ASSOCIATION; LOCAL DIABETES EDUCATOR OR COMMUNITY
HOSPITAL.**

**PLANNING HELP? SEE THE STRIDES FOR DIABETES SERVICE PROJECT PLANNER
ON-LINE. (GO TO LIONS CLUBS.ORG AND CHECK OUT RESOURCES) EIGHT PAGES
FOR PLANNING ANY EVENT! FROM GOAL TO HOW TO MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF
A PROJECT!**

**PLEASE SUBMIT DESCRIPTION AND PHOTOS OF YOUR STRIDES EVENT TO BOARD
MEMBER LION ROSE (505-231-2246) BY 4/15/2020 FOR JUDGING BY THE BOARD.
AWARDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE STATE CONVENTION. SCRAPBOOK OF ALL
ENTRIES WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED AT THE CONVENTION.**

LOOKING FOR A NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE?

Advertising the availability of talking prescription labels and large print meets one of our Lion missions. Brochures and sample letter for Eye Care Specialist's and more info available at 1-800-890-1180 or Lion Trish Bissell at 941-702-6608.



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Do you have trouble reading your prescription labels?

Now there's a solution!

How does it work?

The pharmacy will attach a booklet-style large print label to your prescription container. A 2D bar code is included which can be scanned with a smart phone to access detailed drug data.

Can data be translated?

Yes! Prescription data can be translated into any one of 17 languages.

How do I get this service?

Talk with your pharmacist today! They can help you get started with ScriptView large print labels and translation.

What does it cost?

There is no additional cost to you for this pharmacy service. This is a **FREE** program!



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Talking Prescriptions

Do you have trouble reading your prescription labels?

Now there's a solution!

How does it work?

The pharmacy will attach a small electronic tag to your prescription container. It contains the same data as the printed label.

Place the container on the ScripTalk Station Reader and hear the label spoken aloud.

What does it cost?

As part of En-Vision America's **Pharmacy Freedom Program**, the ScripTalk Station Reader is supplied on loan to patients at no cost. This is a **FREE** program.

How do I get talking labels?

Talk to your pharmacist today about using ScripTalk. They can help you get started with talking labels!

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Save money. Live better.



Kidsight & Smith's Community Rewards Program

Hello Lions of New Mexico!

We hope this email finds you all well.

We have just enrolled the New Mexico Lions Operation Kidsight, Inc. (NPO #24950) in the Smith's Community Rewards Program.

For those of you that shop at Smith's Food and Drug Supermarket we would greatly appreciate you taking the time and register/create an account online at the following link <https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/topic/community-rewards-3> and help us raise money for the foundation. **You do need to have a Smith's Rewards Card** to register and you can obtain that card at the **customer service desk** in your local store. Purchases will not count for us until your card(s) are registered!

Latest Kidsight Update: Over 33,000 kids and counting have been screened this year!

Thank you in advanced for your participation. As everyone knows, every penny counts to help the next child receive vision care and glasses!

Provided by Lion Brenda Dunn

Lions Do Have a Resource Both For Recycling Hearing Aids and Referrals for Hearing Aid Assistance

DIRECTOR TAMMY LITTS IS AVAILABLE TO SPEAK AT MEETINGS AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CENTER LOCATED AT 9500 MONTGOMERY BLVD, NE SUITE 215. SHE CAN BE REACHED AT 505-247-4224. She worked with Lion Ellie and the Transitional Leos in the past.

RECYCLING - The Center checks hearing aids first to see if they can be cleaned and used as loaners to clients waiting for hearing aids. If not, they are sent to a company named Starkey who saves parts for requested repairs.

HEARING AID BANK - The Albuquerque Speech Language and Hearing Center 's Hearing Aid Bank (HAB) is designed to assist people with limited resources to obtain entry level digital hearing aids at a reduced cost. The program is made possible, in part, by funding from United Way of New Mexico and is available to anyone in the State, not just Albuquerque. They received \$41,000 from United Way in 2012-2013.

(Capital City Lions have made a referral to a low income Santa Fean. She is calling the Center for an application form. She will also submit an application to our club using our eye exam and glasses form and will keep us informed as to her success.)

Provided by Lion Rose Himrod

New Mexico Lion Diabetes Awareness & Smith's Community Rewards Program

The New Mexico lions Diabetes Awareness Program (NMLDAP) is now supported by Smith's Community Rewards Program. Our non-profit organization number is 96006.

To register online: www.smithscommunityrewards.com customers must have a registered Smith's "rewards" card to link to our organization. If a customer does not have a "rewards" card they are available at the service desk at any Smith's or on an on-line Smith's account entering their "rewards" card number and choosing the organization they would like to support through their shopping.

Step by step enrollment instructions can be found at: www.smithscommunityrewards.com. All participants must swipe their "rewards" card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Thank you for your supporting The New Mexico lions Diabetes Awareness Program.

New Mexico Lions Operation Kidsight, Inc. has joined the AmazonSmile program

If you make purchases through Amazon you can now go to Smile.Amazon.com and get the same items and the same prices but Amazon will donate money to Kidsight for eligible purchases.

How does AmazonSmile work?

When first visiting AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization we ask that you choose New Mexico Lions Operation Kidsight the list of organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

We appreciate your ordering through Smile.Amazon.com going forward and giving to Kidsight.

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call.

Brenda Dunn

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