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CALIFORNIA LIONS



Council of Governors
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August 4-6, 2017

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Attendance

COUNCIL OF DISTRICT GOVERNORS

CC Robert C. "Rob" Manning
4-C1 Marianne Keesee
4-C2 Leslie Mize
4-C3 Rajen Thapa
4-C4 Mario Benavente
4-C5 Thomas "Nick" McNicholas
4-C6 Robert "Bob" Stewart
4-A1 Eileen Guadagnolo
4-A2 Chiragkumar 'Kevin' Patel
4-A3 Norm McDaniel
4-L1 Steven Morgan
[4-L2 Theresa "Tessy" Prumatico]
4-L3 Bhee Donoghue
4-L4 Judy E. Barr
4-L5 Michael Jones
4-L6 Neil "Butch" Seefeldt Jr.

2 VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS

4-C1 Elisa Coyle
4-C2 Charles Mike O'Neill
4-C3 Charles Duke Dunham
4-C4 Helen Casaclang
4-C5 Sarah Enloe
4-C6 Richard E. "Rick" Silveria
4-A1 Claudia K. Miller
4-A2 William "Van" VanLandingham
4-A3 Juanita G. Nichols

1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS

4-C1 Sue Kerr
[4-C2 Barry Bialkoski]
4-C3 Calvin "Skip" T. Zehnder
4-C4 Cindy Smith
4-C5 Douglas Wight
4-C6 Thelma R. Batilo
4-A1 Donald Gall
4-A2 John Burns
4-A3 Dave Hubbard
4-L1 Sondra Tersigni
4-L2 John Nelson
4-L3 Ken Blackwood
4-L4 Randy McMillan
[4-L5 William Hannon]
4-L6 Mercy Walters

4-L1 Connie Janson
4-L2 Gary K. Hall
4-L3 Nicolas D. "Nick Delicana
4-L4 Mark A. Piva
4-L5 Ronald "Ron" Charleston
4-L6 William "Bill" Browning Jr.

MD-4 Executive Administrator Cass Cara

NOTE: [] not in attendance * not at all meetings AC not in attendance [x], no AC [na]

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COUNCIL SESSION I, June 3, 2017

Call to order: Council Chair (CC) Rob Manning called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He expressed his honor to be the council chair. He then introduced District Governor Steven Morgan, 4-L1, who gave the invocation. He then introduced District Governor Judy Barr, 4-L4, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. CC Rob introduced District Governor Eileen Guadagnolo, 4-A1a1, who led the song “My Country Tis of Thee in celebration of Lions 100 years. Rob then presented DG Kevin Patel, 4-A2 who danced a spiritual dance to music.

Passing of the Gavel: IPCC David Radtke came to the podium to pass the gavel to CC Rob and wished him the best of luck.

Introductions: CC Rob established protocol (governors in reverse order). IPID and GMT Leader Lion Howard Hudson and Lynn Hudson; PID GST Leader Lion Larry Dicus and Jane; PID Robert G. Bob Smith and Lion Vickie; PID Lion Dr. Bill Iannacone; IPCC David Radtke and Lion Penny; PCC GLT Area Leader Lion Denny Grotrian and Lion Susan; PCC and Endorsed International Candidate Lion Derek Ledda; PCC and GLT MD Coordinator Liz Crooke; PDG and LCIF MD Coordinator Lion Roger Powell and PDG Judy; PCC David Johnson and Dana; He then introduced his wife with a few ooooes. He introduce PCC Sue Olin and Lion Bob. To do a few things different, he started the Governor introduction from 4-L6 to 4-C1. He then asked groups to stand and be recognized.

CC Rob asked Lion Vickie Smith to speak about the Cop Walk for Parkinson’s disease that took place in 4-C5. Lion Vickie graciously thanked all the Lions for their support last April. Proceeds of \$35,000 were donated to the Parkinson’s Association in Northern California, which was their first walk. There were 477 walkers from all over California, friends from Indiana, PID from North Carolina and a Governor from Nevada. She indicated that PDG Susan Royce from 4-c5 and she are in the process of planning another walk for April 7, 2018. She invited all to come and bring friends. She expressed her gratitude.

CC Rob thanks the Hosts of 4-C5 for hosting and commented on the fabulous entertainment.

Motion CC Rob asked for a motion to accept the Joint 2017 council of governors meeting minutes.
Motion: DG Rajen Thapa, 4-C3
Second: DG Steven Morgan, 4-L1
Passed

Motion CC Rob asked for a motion to approve the financials as presented
Motion: DG Mike Jones 4-L5
Second: DG Eileen Guadagnolo 4-A1
Passed

Motion CC Rob spoke of changes to the Policy and Procedures allowing Lions to be appointed as GAT team members regardless if they just came off of a standing committee so they would not be restricted by waiting out a year and MD4 missing the opportunity to serve on the 3 year position. Presented by the Constituon and Bylaws.
Motion: DG Neil Seefeldt, 4-L6
Second: DG Mario Benevente, 4-C4
Passed

Motion CC Rob indicated a motion brought forth by the Constitution and Bylaws committee to include in section 4.9b of the Policy and procedures manual regarding needing 2 signatures on checks the wording would include EFT electronic funds transfer with approval in lue of written checks.
Motion Mike Jones 4-L5
Marianne Keesee 4-C1

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- Passed
- Motion CC Rob explained how Diabetes is a strong focus of Lions and MD4 would like to form an ad hoc called Lions Eyes on Diabetes to end June 30, 2018.
Motion: Marianne Keesee 4-C1
Second: Bhee Donoghue, 4-L3
Passed
- Motion CC Rob asked for a motion to continue the ad hoc committee Lions Eyes Across California to end June 30, 2018.
Motion: DG Steven Morgan, 4-L1
Second DG Mike Jones, 4-L5
Passed
- LCI CC Rob introduced IPID Howard R. Hudson.
PID Hudson thanked the assembly for their support and love these passed two years and how good it is to be back home. They are not traveling as much but are able to enjoy traveling in MD4. The year was such a success it made MD4 look unprecedentedly good. He announced the endorsed candidate Derek Ledda and indicated that it is not unusual to have the following candidate step aside one year, because the US only has 5 spots and if it was always filled by CA the smaller districts would not have a chance, but Derek will be back in Las Vegas.
PR is enthusiastic about supporting the Lions Rose Parade Float in the amount of a \$75,000 allocation from Lions Clubs International
The International guests for the MD4 Convention in San Diego will be PIP Sid Scrugs and Judy who have accepted the invitation. The Sub-Districts have mostly invited a guest for their conventions and he urges them to start a dialogue with their guests. They should get to know them and some will be at the USA Canada Forum in Portland.
Ojai, California has been accepted as the location for the International Board Meeting, it will be the 3rd Intl board meeting in the last 6 years and a phenomenon. He has asked the council to help service the event. Lions will be invited to attend the dinner, but there are a limited amount of tickets (\$TBD).
Service is Lions entire function and service drives membership. For years LCIF and LCI have been viewed as separate and the initiative is to bring them closer together Umbrella.
- Office CC Rob introduced Cass Cara Executive Administrator. She indicated the financials are in the books and PDG Pat Casey Gillum and she are working on the review material.
Invoices will be generated when she returns to the office after procuring the names of the treasurers, many are missing from the download; she asked if districts could find someone to assist the clubs in submitting PU101 and to please remind the clubs of the raise in dues to \$18.
ROR forms are available in the big yellow box and expense forms for those who are working out of their budget. She mentioned that funds are low so checks will be held up, and that there is \$40,000 in outstanding dues. Coming up are the MD4 Excellence award submission expected by the end of the calendar year; Student Speakers Contest material will be available online at the MD4 website manned by the amazing Lion Linda Pugliese webmaster. Just the clubs need to order packets. The district officer (Zone, Region, District packets will be brought to the Fall meeting to be brought back to the districts for distribution. Also coming up is the Peace Poster and Peace essay, she asked that everyone read the rules. The district winners must reach the office by December 8th for the judging. MD4 directory is not available because it has too much missing or incorrect information and will be finished shortly, printed and mailed.
A small amount of office construction work still needs to be done, along with electrical, PDG Mike Brown will come up and fix the outlets.
She then announced to PDG deaths if Dennis Noble 4-A1 and Gerry Taylor 4-C1, and that there are old photos for recognition.

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CC Rob indicated he's been to the office and speaks with Cass once a day.

Compliance

CC Rob introduced Lion Deborah Braun Compliance Ad Hoc Committee member. Lion Deb was thankful to be welcomed back. She indicated the report is in the book and recap 4 district completed audits and has a copy with her, 3 were sent back to the governors because they were incomplete. She indicated the only information she is looking for is the club and district tax id numbers. They are not delving into anyone's accounts or getting into their business, only checking to see if they are compliant. Currently she has 57 clubs who has contacted her with issues they have that she is patiently looking into. She reiterated that the door was opened to supply a toolbox with all of the tools for Lions Clubs and Districts to work with. One with LCI one with IRS and 3 with the California agencies. LCI has been very helpful and has voiced that they are behind the effort. PDG Manny is tending to the material to be posted on the website. She will send out a reminder to the governors. They plan to take this forward and thanked everyone.

CC Rob indicated that the Franchise Tax Board as sent a letter to MD4 asking for the tax id numbers and that we need to move rather quickly on this.

CLF

CC Rob introduced President PDG Gil Smith shared his pleasure with the progress they are having, He announced the executive members, DG Marianne Keesee Secretary, CC Rob Manning Treasurer, PDG Alberto Montes De Oca and advisor PID Larry Dicus. He thanked the council for their support. They have received \$80,000 in funds, 4 founding clubs, pay pal, designated donation. Focus raising at all levels and cooperation. PCC David Radtke and are taking the lead. Publicity Brochures have been distributed to the governors. Congratulations to Lions Tina Tsai. They have been effective with action plans. Thursday was the annual meeting and anyone can attend. Some unique aspects are: 1. \$500 to \$10,000 grants; 2. Every dollar donated stays in California, 3. Starting to take designated grants: if you are not a 501c3 the foundation will receive donations on your behalf. They do not have to be matching. He presented awards and asked PID Larry Dicus and Rod to help him. Awards went to Vice Governor John Burns founding member and Kay K Fukushima; Next they awarded a founding club award to the Riverdale Lions accepted by ?, and the Alemda Breakfast Lions Club accepted by PDG Jim Lee. Lastly, a Life member award was presented to Lion Andrea De Guzman.

LCIF

CC Rob indicated that the CLF is a smaller local foundation but second to none is LCIF and introduced PCC Roger Powell. He thanked PID Howard for mentioning bringing them all together. He recognized District Coordinators PCC David Radtke and PDG Esther Lee. He thanked his wife PDG Judy for all her help. He then indicated that MD4 did good again this year being number 1 in Area 1. The goal was \$400,000 raised \$451,000. 100% clubs has increased by 400%. Participation has increased by %60. Awards will be given at the MD4 Convention in San Diego. The new goal is set at \$500,00 and encouraged the governors to help initiate a coordinator in every club. The Board is meeting and the grant process will be online and combined. Pulling together all the USA coordinators. A grant-sharing program is being unveiled 2018. Districts raising over \$10,000 receive back a 15% grant to be used as you see fit for humanitarian projects. You'll need to set up a grant committee; you will not have to ask for the money but will need to account for it. He is proud of MD4 and thankful.

SSF

CC Rob introduced PDG Chris Ohrmund. PDG Chris thanked everyone who serves. She is happy to report on the foundation and asked Rob to hold a plaque. The plaque is for the school of the winner class of 2018. She will email out to the governors a 5 year comparison of giving. She indicated that any questions anyone has to please ask. She handed out awards to the DG IPDG and Trustee and asked the awards be presented at the appropriate time. She mentioned the all fellows awardees. She thanked everyone for all they do for the Student Speakers.

Committees

Rob indicated the Committee reports are next and to keep them short.

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GST Area	<p>He introduced PID Larry Dicus, GST Area Leader.</p> <p>PID Larry spoke about clubs reporting activities has been raised from 35% to 65% from being challenged. An example is Vie Pres. Tam asked Lions to plant 1 million trees and Lions came through. Now the challenge is to impact 200 million people, which will take more members and more leadership training, which is why the GST was created. He is honored to be asked to head up the GST in the area and working closely with IPD Howard GMT area Leader and PCC Denny Grotrian GLT area Leader Initiate and facilitate service in California and that KidsSight is a preferred project. This will be a tool to help track the youth in service and understand the global initiative they are being asked to do.</p> <p>CC Rob said we are long over due and couldn't have a better team then introduced PCC Liz Crooke, MD4 GLT Coordinator.</p>
GLT	<p>PCC Liz indicated the applications for the Lions Institute are available on the MD4 website. No longer will they accept applications late deadline to register is New Years Eve in Sacramento, 2nd in Ontario and the dead line ins February 25, 2018. Its important to respect these deadlines because there is pre-work to do. She asked the 2nds to stand and commended them for the training they had on the prior Thursday with dedication class and leadership. She wrapped up with tasking everyone with working on one of the 4 goals: the Lions to leaders initiative. GLT coordinators will be tasked to identify 10 immerging leaders. She asked everyone to look out for members fitting this program and give those names to the coordinators and help identify the areas of need and identify mentors. She looks forward to everyone being involved. She is available for questions.</p> <p>CC Rob thanked Liz for her leadership.</p>
GMT	<p>CC Rob introduced PDG Buck Larson MD4 GMT coordinator. He thanked the Council and the previous council for choosing the team and they have developed 5 programs for the district to choose from for presentation. He believes the team can help Lions Grow. He announced the team presenting will be in the 4-C's him and Mike Ferrier and Jack Van Etten, PDG Kent Christensen 4-A1,2,3, PDG David Hebebrand 4-L1,2,3 , PCC Mary Rynearson 4-L4,5,6. Their goal is to develop 15 strike teams to bring the districts the tools to grow and they will be working extremely hard and he is asking the governors to buy in to what they are doing. Membership is growing and he plans to get to number 2. He said they are going to have some fun.</p> <p>CC Rob said there is no doubt they twill get there soon.</p>
Constitution & Bylaws	<p>CC Rob introduced Lion Seanne, Chair</p> <p>Lion Seanne introduced the committee and governor members. The committee is reviewing the Policy and Procedures for updates and comparing the international Constitution and Bylaws with the MD4 C&B. She also</p>
Budget and Finance	<p>CC Rob indicated that he had a feeling the committee would be very busy this year.</p> <p>CC Rob introduced PDG Kaz Sato Chair</p> <p>PDG Kaz introduced the committee then thanked everyone for passing the per capita tax but will not spend it all. He indicated the committee met with the members on budget requests who all had increases. The committee will meet in Santa Barbara and look at past budgets to create the 2018-2019 budget.</p> <p>PDG Kaz introduced PDG Pat Casey Gillum reviewer for the 2015-2016 books. Pat thanks Kaz, Cass and PID Howard and indicated complexities slowed the process but after rectifying a few little glitches but with a few entries they are presented with a full review. She spoke about retained assets, prior year postings, journal entries, reconciliations are done except for brokerage account which is being finished. \$9000 loss, which has too come from the reserves. She recommends monitoring the costs. The has submitted the engagement letter for the next year. She enjoys doing the work and looks forward to working on the 2016-2017 books.</p>

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- MD4con CC Rob introduced PDG Mike Schaefer, chair
PDG Mike introduced the committee members and governor members.
goal is to make sure the con is successful and memorable and joked in the middle of the state. He indicated the committee met with the host committee and stated the venue Crowne Plaza is a great place with a Hawaiian theme and the host committee John and his team are prepared and ready to go. He brought attention to the governors that we do not have a sight for 2019 or 2020 and asked that they go back to their districts and to encourage the members to think about hosting. The committee is willing to help with bids what ever they can. He club pay dues at the convention its against the rules and is planning to enforce the rule that dues must be paid at least 15 days in advance. They are available for questions and thanked all for allowing them to do their job.
- Lion and Lioness CC Rob introduced Lion Lioness Joanna Spiller.
- Club Services Lion Joanna introduced the committee and governor members. She thanked those who have been helping them. The committee was formed last year and to work on the endorsed project. Contacted Out of the 27 projects 18 had support of at least 4 districts June motion passed to drop 4 projects, 5 were given a year to comply. When they met it was decided to contact the projects and follow the criteria, the dropped projects are encouraged to reapply. There are over 400 lioness members 85000 donated mostly through Lions projects. They are extremely active in the communities. The Lioness clubs will be encouraged to continue serving.
- Student Speakers CC Rob introduced Lion Ed Smith.
Lion Ed announced the topics for discussion. He will announce the final chosen topic at Session II.
- They are: Vocational or College Education – What are the Future Needs?
 - On Sunday he will announce the final topic at Session II.
 - What Role does Integrity and Civility Play in Today’s Society?
 - The Next Amendment to the US Constitution Should be _____?
 - Economic/Agricultural Growth vs. Protecting our Environment – What’s the Balance?
 - Should the Minimum Wage be a Living Wage?

CC Rob announced the Hospitality suites one is hosted by the endorsed candidate Derek Ledda after dinner.

What Role does Integrity and civility play in Today’s Society?

CC Rob Recessed until 10:00 a.m. Sunday, August 6, 2018

CC Rob opened Session II.

CC Rob introduced Chaplain DG Steve for a prayer.

CC Rob introduced DG Judy Barr for the pledge; she also explained the stars and strips.

CC Rob introduced DG Eileen Guadagnolo for a song. DG Eileen led the assembly in God Bless America.

CC Rob complimented the hosting district for a wonderful COG. DG Nick introduced the host committee members and thanked the Double Tree hotel and staff. He also thanked the vice governors and especially Lions Dennis and Kitty Kramer, PDG Andy Anderson, and Mike and Sherri Retzlaff. He then thanked PDG Erv and Cat Gon and PID Bob and Vickie Smith.

CC Rob Called for a number of motions.

A motion was made to correct the member appointment from the Joint meeting of Emanuel Paje made to youth Exchange Committee to the Youth Outreach Committee.

Motion: DG Mario Benavente 4-C4

Second: DG Judy Barr, 4-L4

Passed

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A Motion was made to form an Academy Awards Ad Hoc Committee to end on June 30, 2018.

Motion: DG Keven Patel, 4-A2

Second: DG Bob Stewart, 4-C6

Passed

A Motion was made to form a Tax Compliance Ad Hoc Committee to end June, 30, 2018.

Motion: DG Neil Seefeldt, 4-L6

Second: DG Eileen Guadagnolo, 4-A1

Passed

A motion was made to accept the nominations of PCC Mary Rynearson 4-L6, PDG David Hebebrand 4-L1, PDG Kent Christensen, 4-A1 as MD4-GMT members for the term 2017-2020.

Motion: DG Rajen Thapa, 4-L1

Second: DG Mike Jones, 4-L5

Passed

A motion was made to accept the appointment of PDG Ken Ibarra, 4-C4 as a MD4-GLT member for the term 2017-2020.

Motion: DG Nick McNicholas, 4-C5

Second: DG Bhee Donoghue, 4-L3

Passed

A motion was made to approve the twinning of Multiple District 4 with other Multiples.

Motion: DG Mike Jones, 4-L5

Second: DG Steve Morgan, 4-L1

Passed

Committee Reports:

Intl Hospitality

CC Rob introduced Lion Leslie Drag, Chair.

Lion Leslie introduced the committee members and the governor members. She thank them and thanked members who diligently worked at the International convention PDG Andy Anderson, PDG Dennis Drag, PCC Derek Ledda, Lion Leland Lee, Lion Rudy Pedigat, PCC David Radtke, Lion Penny Radtke, Andrea DeGuzman. Chair Leslie felt the convention was a success even with the challenges of several rooms for the breakfast and there were 350 attendees. She indicated that a number of ticket sales were not turned in. The band added a great deal to the parade, and informed that member Sue Carner witnessed that marching in an orderly fashions was not one of MD4 Lions strengths. They have discussed they would need helpers. The plenary session had a good turnout and thanked them for respecting the seating cards.

At the convention In Las Vegas the MGM Grand is MD4s assigned hotel. Here will be a bus to and from the parade area for an 8 a.m. step off, but no bus to and from the hotels. The other Lions hotels will be the Tropicana, Excalibur, Monte Carlo, and New York New York. They are looking into some kind of a cocktail party or other event, but Venues won't be released until September. They will need to take into consideration the Saturday night show, which usually starts at 7pm. She indicated that prices are not cheap in Las Vegas after going through menus. She appreciates everyone's input and will meet with the governors about the parade uniform at the Organizational meetings.

Comment

DG Marianne Keesee congratulated Lion Leslie and the committee for making the event in Chicago a success.

Lions Float

CC Rob Introduced PDG Larry Wehage, president.

PDG Larry indicated his report is in the bluebooks and to read it. Rose bowl tickets have not been determined yet. The code, LCB1227, should be used when reserving a room at the DoubleTree Hilton in Rosemead, prices have gone up.

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- Long Range Planning CC Rob introduced PDG Ron Hurd, Chair
PDG Ron gave a summary of what was done last year and what they are planning to do this year. The committee will present at the 2 Leadership Institutes and at the MD4 convention and is ready to assist the council.
- MarCom CC Rob introduced DG Norm McDaniel, 4-A3 for a presentation of My Lion App. At the San Diego MD4 Convention the PR Committee will hold a technology workshop and at the next Council of Governors meeting they will present on tips and tricks. He indicated that Lion Linda Pugliese the Webmaster has a new email address webmaster@md4lions.org. The Leader will be coming out a week after the COG. Lion Magazine is online 4 times a year online to get away from paper.
- Family & Women's CC Rob introduced Lion Ilga Whealy, Chair
Lion Ilga indicated she had two requests: 1. Who is the district representative for family and women's membership development? 2. The committee has a vacancy on the committee for one year. The Committee is planning an event at the MD4 Convention
- Youth Outreach VDG Thelma Batillo reporting for Lion Melanie Hunter.
VDG Thelma introduced the committee members and governor members. She indicated they committee uses GoToMeeting conference calls and that it works well for them. The Youth Institute is scheduled for April 13, 2018 at Teresita Pines. They are researching a northern site for a second event so they will be a larger budget next year. They plan to expand the presence of Leos on the website.
- Intl Relations CC Rob introduced Lion Lidia Jones. She thanked the Council for the motion to Twin. She has been working with Mexico and Multiple B. Lion Deb Braun spoke about her club twinning. Mexico as a Nation wants to twin with the United States.
I also want to cordially invite all the DG's to come to Monterrey, Nuevo Leon and celebrate this important event. I will send formal invitation later. Its Dec. 1 & 2.
Other news, LCI had launched a new way of twinning. All Districts and Clubs that wish to twin, can go now to LCI.org and fill in the on line application, then a list of Clubs/ Districts will appear to choose with whom you want to twin.
Once the application is complete and signed by Club President or District Governor, it will be documented by LCI and email as a formal document.
There will be no patch issued for the banner any longer, Clubs/Districts can do their own celebration.
The whole point is to do service projects and learn what other Clubs/Districts or even Multiples do in internationally.
- Fall COG CC Rob introduced the Host, DG Mike Jones, 4-L5.
DG Mike indicated the Ontario Radisson is changing their name to the Ontario Airport Hotel and they will be upgrading the hotel. The rooms are \$99 per night and meals are affordable; 2 buffets for lunch. The host committee is experienced and ready to provide a great time on October 27-29. The Theme is Privates of the Caribbean. He encouraged everyone to dress up.
He then took on the Keeper of the boot duties.
- ST SP Topic CC Rob introduced Chair Lion Ed Smith to announce the Student Speakers Topic. Lion Ed thanked and introduced the committee and governor members. He also thanked Lion Dr. Alan Winkelstein for his commitment and the Foundation Team. He announced the topic that the Governors chose: What Role Does Integrity and Civility Play in Today's Society?. He will be looking forward to the season ahead, he indicated that the committee made edits to the handbook, nothing significant, but wanted to move the District and Area Chair contact information to the inside front cover so people can find them if they needed to. The committee conducted a training for the District Chairs the previous day.

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- Scrapbook CC Rob introduced his partner Lucy Manning to announce the winner and honorable mentions. The winner is Marharlika Lions 4-C5, The 2 honorable Mentions are Loma Rica 4-C1 Ventura Downtown Lions 4-A3.
- Diabetes CC Rob introduced Lion Becky Stewart, MD4 Chair
Lion Becky informed that many got up early to go for a strides walk which can be credited. She's pleased that the council formed a Diabetes Ad Hoc committee for "Eyes on Diabetes California." Chair Marianne Keesee and is asking for more members. She is hoping it will become a legacy project.
An event in her district includes a 9 mile walk, or bike ride encouraging family to get involved. She encouraged all the district to visit ridesfordiabetes.org and come up with ideas for a project.
- Presentation CC Rob was pleased with the developments of the meeting. He then asked PDG Mike Retzlaff to start a video of Friends in Sight with Seal Beach Lions Club.

At the next COG there will be a presentation maybe form Lions In Sight.
- The Keeper of the boot collected fines.
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CC Rob Manning adjourned the session at approximately 11:30.

Submitted By: Executive Administrator Cass Cara

Approved By: Council Secretary Nick McNicholas