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Friday 02/9/2018

The leadership luncheon was held on Friday afternoon with special speaker Sharon Giovinazzo, President & CEO of World Services for the Blind. GLT awards were presented by PCC Liz Croke, GLT Coordinator.

The Welcome Dinner – dine with a VIP presented Carnival de Fantasia, there was a disc jockey, dance cards, and costume contest.

Saturday 02/10/18

OPENING CEREMONIES

Host PDG John Ruiz announced the 5/11 Color Guard would be presenting the flag. He then introduced DG Steven Morgan who gave the invocation. The USMC-MCAS San Diego presented the flag. PDG John Ruiz then introduced DG Judy Barr who gave the pledge of Allegiance. PDG John introduced DG Eileen Guadagnolo who led an American patriotic song, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" then the National Anthem.

PDG John then introduced California State Senator Toni Akins who welcomed the members to San Diego. Senator Akins, welcomed PIP Sid Scruggs then bragged about the SD weather jokingly apologized for it. She welcomed all commending Lions for their commitment and support to vision and the youth and the importance of volunteering. She thanked the Lions for their service locally and around the world. She remembers the Lions helped her get glasses when she was young. She had been an honoree member. Asked if every one started their meeting with bad jokes. The assembly broke out in laughter. She mentioned the new LGB Club. She mentioned that in politics people aren't always nice and positive, but she is grateful for people like Lions and all they do. She thanked the Lions and encouraged them to keep doing what they do. She hoped those from further away enjoy San Diego.

CC Rob presented the Senator with a Resolution of Appreciation.

CC Rob introduced Lion David Beeman to announce the flags for the flag ceremony.

IPCC David Radtke introduced Council Chair Rob Manning with a heartfelt message.

CALL TO ORDER: Council Chair (CC) Rob Manning called the meeting to order.

So you come to the

INTRODUCTIONS:

He then established protocol introducing PIP Sid and Judy Scruggs, IPID Howard and Lynn Hudson, PID Jack and Mary Epperson, PID/Area GST Leader Larry and Jane Dicus, PID Sangeeta Jatia from India, PID and 3VP Candidate Brian and Lori Sheehan, PID Bob and Vickie Smith, PID Dr. Bill Iannaccone and Lion Pamela, Area GLT Leader PCC Denny and Susan Grotrian, His wife Lucy then he introduced the DGs and their partners. IPCC David and Penny Radtke, PCC Mary and Randy Rynearson, PCC and endorsed candidate for International director Derek Ledda, PCC GLT Coordinator Liz Croke, PCC Bill and Margaret Dunlevy, PCC LCIF coordinator Roger and Judy Powell, PCC Dave and Dana Johnson, PIP KK Fukushima's spouse Denise, GMT coordinator PDG Buck Larson, GST coordinator PDG Norm MacKenzie, New Club development Coordinator PDG Karen Fillmore, than as a group he asked to stand and be recognized: IPDGs, 1VDGs, 2VDGs, PDGs, Executive Administrator Cass Cara.

EXECUTIVE RPTS:

LCI CC Rob introduced IPID Howard Hudson.

Exhibit A PID Howard thanked all the California Lions for allowing them to serve as ID.

He proclaimed that we did have a wonderful convention in Chicago and is looking forward to the convention in Las Vegas and he's pleased to have the convention chair PID Jack Epperson in attendance as well as PDG Bill Newyear who will be the Parade Chairperson and PDG Marcia Newyear who is the host committee chair for DGE school. He encouraged all to attend. In Chicago LCI introduced 2 new

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service area causes: Diabetes and Childhood Cancer (previously pediatric cancer). Also in Chicago, LCI unveiled the concept of the Global Action Team. He felt MD4 is blessed to have three Western state area Leaders in our multiple. He asked all to emphasize service to grow membership. He indicated the Vice governors have all be trained and will continue their training in DGE school. Encouraged attendance in the Family and Women's Membership Development Seminar. He announced the 50th anniversary of LCIF and how we realized the grants for the state disasters. He assured the association is in good hands. He announced the Governors endorsement of PID Brian Sheehan. On behalf of President Naresh, he thanked all for the members for the service they are providing, in their communities and around the world.

He then introduced PIP Sid Scruggs.

INTL. PIP Sid PIP Sid was grateful protocol was established and joked that anyone not introduced should stand and be recognized. The assembly was jovial.

He indicated he is pleased to be invited to MD4. He recognized that everyone was wearing the lion pin liek him and that this is the family of Lions. While there is the proud past and bright future in the middle is the L, which is for leadership. He thanked all for stepping the to the middle to be leaders.

CC Rob invited PID Brian Sheehan to the microphone.

INTL. GUEST PID Brian Sheehan thanked all for the warm welcome and for the generous endorsement. He made a joke and all laughed. He thanked the assembly again for the opportunity.

FOUNDATION REPORTS:

LCIF CC Rob introduced LCIF-MD4 Coordinator PCC Roger Powell. PCC Roger brings greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Lions clubs International Foundation, Our Foundation he proclaimed. He reminisced that last year MD4 was #1 in Constitutional Area 1 and today MD4 has been #1 for 5 years. Another event coming up. So far this year 7 districts will get the Chairpersons medal of Excellence for outstanding contributions. How you get that is 10% more than last year and reach a Goal of \$30,000. They will be recognized Sunday and when he visits the districts in the fall. 4-C1, 4-C4, 4-C6, 4-L1, 4-L2, 4-L4, 4-L6. There are 5 months left. 100% clubs will be awarded at the Melvin Jones Breakfast Sunday morning. He will have pins available for those who may want to make a contribution.

LCIF this summer in Las Vegas will role out a new Diabetes campaign; a 3 year \$3 millions. Each club should have a LCIF coordinator. He asked any district coordinators to stand and be recognized. He indicated that what they are doing is important and in recognition of the 50 year celebration he pined CC Rob with a new pin;

California Lions Foundation CC Rob introduced PDG Gil Smith, President. PDG Gil indicated that donations to the foundation have increased since the COG which he reported is a little over a year taking donations of \$127,000 now plus + \$15,000 . He asked to keep in mind that all donations to CLF stay in California. PDG Alberto Montes De Oca created and donated a \$10,000 pin to be raffeled off. PID Larry Dicus and PID Bill Crawford are the architects of the CLF. Donations and pledges are up to \$145,000. To be a founding member contribute \$1000 for A KK Fukushima or \$25000 for a Reginald Harris Donation. They have taken in \$11000 in stock donations. Remember to read the Leader article.

Student Speakers Foundation CC Rob introduced PDG Chris Ohrmund, president She thanked the sitting council for allowing them to have their board meeting and report. Contributions from the Districts for six (6) months ended December 31, 2017 are \$73,039.89, which is approximately \$40,000 less than last year. This increase in contributions is the result of a donation from the estate of

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Lion Bill Redding, who served as our Foundation Director and Treasurer for many years. The four (4) Fellowships continue to be a very meaningful way to honor Lions and others. There is also a second, third and fourth All Fellows, the Al Ohrmund Supporter Award, "Supporter Patch" program. Please stop by our Foundation display table and pick-up the various donation forms. The Foundation also collects used ink jet cartridges and used cell phones. She recognized many Lions for their support. She commended the students who enter the contest and the adults duty to support them.

Youth Exchange Foundation

CC Rob introduced PDG Steve Blumin, president. PDG Steve approached the stage in his helmet with horns and Japanese coat. He recapped the purpose of the program and indicated that the program was started by a club in northern California and Japan in 1961 before it was picked up by LCI as a program for world peace. The students are there to learn cultures around the world. The soul purpose of the MD4 Youth Exchange foundation is to give out scholarships. He indicated that they still have raffle ticket for sale and need your help. He asked Lions to support the program, come to their exhibit and attend their seminar. They gave out \$6600 to 20 of the 29 students who required help to go oversees. They hosted 44 students in California from around the world. At the camp they all participated in the activities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Constitution & Bylaws

CC Rob introduced Lion Seanne Valtr, Chair
Chair Seanne thanked the Council for their support in updating the Policy and Procedures. On the ballot is the budget and the Youth Exchange committee verbiage that clarifies the committee structure and responsibilities. They have approved the ballot. They are ready to discuss any concerns the governors have.

Budget & Finance

CC Rob introduced PDG Kazuyoshi Sato, Chair
PDG Kaz joked about wearing a hat and his facial structure (beard) and received laughter. He asked if they wanted the short or long version of the report. "Short" was shouted by the assembly. He corrected the pronunciation of his name "Kauhz" uyoshi. He announced the committee members and governor members. The financial position of the multiple is in stable and correct condition. He thanked all the Lions and officers who passed the increase in per capita tax, which produced a surplus and will next year if all the clubs pay their dues. The retained funds are invested in 8.21% return. The committee thanked EA Cass for providing all the material necessary for the creation of the budget. An independent CPA will review the MD4 financials. The State requires a lot in tax reporting. He thanked CC Rob for his help for the past 4 years using his computer. He is thankful for being allowed to serve on the committee.

Convention Management Exhibit M

CC Rob introduced PDG Mike Schaefer, Chair
PDG Mike joked about his attires.
He indicated that there is a lot of work to host this event and asked for recognition of the San Diego Convention Host Committee for there work. As of the close of business the previous night they certified 152 members. He announced the times of certification and location. He mentioned that a member needs their name badge and the two credential sheets (pink and yellow) to vote.
He indicated that we don't have a site for 2019 or 2020, but the districts are hard at work looking for a venue. Voting is from 7-10 am Sunday.

Presentation:

CC Rob introduced PID Jack Epperson, Chair of LCIcon
PID Jack shared a video of the marketing piece promoting LCIcon Las Vegas. Local Lions are in the video. Clips will be out on social media.
He mentioned that there were questions about the parade. The parade will be in the downtown area of the city, outdoors, and shorter than usual. MD4 is fortunate to be #42 step-off in line. They need

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volunteers. They have reserved special rates at the RV park in a beautiful location. There will be transportation to the parade area. He recommended going to the MOB museum.
CC Rob joked about the blue bathing suit in the video.

Centennial Celebration

CC Rob introduced Chair Lidia Martinez
Lion Lidia is honored to serve as centennial coordinator. The Challenge served 250 Million people. She shared a video message from the International President. California alone served 5,278,601 people served and that was from 50% of the clubs reporting. She recognized District 4-C5 for the extraordinary 85% club reporting. The second part of the challenge was to invite for impact new members and MD4 inducted 9268 centennial members and sponsored 86 youth centennial clubs. Challenged to connect with the communities and leave a legacy. MD4 completed 282 level 1 legacy projects, 101 level 2 legacy projects, 43 level 3 legacy projects. These are gifts we have given our communities, such as new signs, refurbishing playgrounds, little league scoreboard, facilities faucets, refurbishing Mateo's Dream and one particular project she highlighted was in 4-A1 the upgrading of the three sense trail in Calaveras Big Trees State Park. The level 3 project required a \$97,000 matching grant from LCI and involved 1000 hours from 14 Lions and 18 volunteers. She encouraged all to report and continue to start projects and invite others.

Presentation

CC Rob introduced GMT coordinator PDG Buck Larson. PG Buck Displayed the new awards made by 2VDG Elisa Coyle. He asked PIP Sid Scruggs to help present Lions with this award to:
4-A2 GMT PDG Dean Church, 4-A2 ZC Falguni Patel, 4-C1 Maggie Robeson, 4-C2 GMT PDG Phyllis Rogers, 4-C4 GMT Kevin Guess, 4-C6 San Martin Club President Jane Stevens, Cupertino De Anza Lion Ken Vincent, 4-A1 RC Carrie Guadagnolo, 4-L4 RC Mike Shaw and Club GMT Steve Lacey, 4-L6 GMT Art Arboleda, 4-L3 GMT PDG Sonja Menor and Jose Gorasa, and an AI Ohrmund award to 4-L2 Carl Dobluis.

MD4con management Committee Ballot Results: Both the Budget and the Bylaws measure changing the Youth Outreach Committee description passed.

CC Rob indicated that LCI Pins are available for purchase.

Closing:

CC Rob closed the meeting.