

Note from VDG Les Mize:

Here we are, the beginning of May, next month I will be flying to Chicago to attend the Lions International 100th Convention and be sworn in as your next 4C2 District Governor. It seems as if PDG Phyllis was just installed as Governor in Hawaii & soon to be PDG Audrey was installed in Japan. I have spent the past 2 years as 2nd & 1st VDG working under them as I learned what a District Governor is all about. We have spent many times together at our Council of Governors Meetings up & down the state sharing thoughts & ideas with our other 14 Districts as to what we do in 4C2.

Come July 1, 2017, I will be placed in the position that I have dreamed of for over 30 years or so. After 52 years of Membership in Lions International it will be my turn to be at the top spot in our District. Over these years, I have worked under many District Governors & other distinguished members of 4C2 & our Multiple and have learned from the best.

As you are reading this, I am still working on my Cabinet assignments & other committee chairs, which I need to complete. If you are interested in participating in my Cabinet, please let me know of your interests.

A number of years ago, I was approached by Lion Connie Marelich whom told me that when my time came to run for District Governor she would like to be part of my team. Well that time has arrived & I am pleased to have her on my team as your Cabinet Secretary. Connie & her husband Lion Tony are well known & highly trusted & respected Lions in 4C2 & I look forward to a good year. Of course, Connie will be taking over from District Cabinet Secretary Cyndi Wainright whom has been doing an outstanding job for DG Audrey & our District. I am pleased that Lion Cyndi will continue on as our District Web-Master as well as anything else that needs attention in the District.

Please make sure to make your reservations for the District 4C2 Convention, May 25 - 28 at the Red Lion in Redding. Let's show our thanks & support to DG Audrey & Lion Brian for a great year. Forms are included in this Blueprint. (a vote for me as DG would be welcome as well).

I will be holding a District Retreat on June 17, 2017 at the Earl Baum Center in Santa Rosa starting at 10:00AM. PDG Barry Fredenburg will be in charge of the various training sessions. It is called a Retreat, however I would like to think of it as a casual get together and informal presentation of my goals & plans for the 2017-2018 District. We will have training for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Region Chairs & Zone Chairs.

I encourage all clubs to try to be represented to hear what our plans are for your next Lions Year & continue to be trained in your new positions.

My primary goal for this get together is to have you all energized & excited to carry back to your clubs what you have learned so that the entire District will continue to grow & prosper as we continue to Serve our Communities.

As I am providing lunch, please RSVP as to how many from your clubs will be attending. The event should be over by no later than 3:00PM.

Thank you all in advance for your cooperation.

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"If you can dream it you can do it"

Training for soon to be 1st VDG Barry Bialkoski & soon to be 2nd VDG, Charles (Mike) O'Neill will continued to be held at the Council of Governors Meetings with the exception of the Culinary skills training which will be held at my retreat on June 17, 2017. and they thought I forgot them!!!!