



Hello fellow District 4-C2 Lions,

First, I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year. Let us hope that the tragedies of the past year are behind us and that 2018 will be a positive year for all of us, as well as our Lions District. We were again challenged by the many fires in our District this past October, which left many of our Lions homeless, without jobs and dealing with the tragedies of their neighbors. As Lions, we came together to serve and worked tirelessly to meet the needs of our fellow man, as they tried to get their lives back together. We continue to provide whatever assistance that we can, while we all get back to our normal life. That is one of the things we do as Lions. WE SERVE!

You may have seen the article in our recent Lions Magazine which talks about the fires in Northern California and how the Lions responded. We must also keep in mind that as our fire ended, the southern part of our beautiful state became the next target of the horrific fires. As these fires come to an end, we must give thanks to the Lions in Southern California for stepping up to the plate to address the same problems that we also faced. This is one of the reasons we are Lions. WE SERVE! WE HELP!

I hope you all enjoyed the Holiday Season and that you are looking forward to this new year. In December, I took a respite from my club visitations to take part in the final farewell to our Mickey Mouse Christmas house, which has been a Mize family tradition for 48 years. Team Mize was honored to be presented with a proclamation from the Marin County Board of Supervisors for almost half a century of sharing our holiday spirit with our community. I am now looking forward to completing my club visitations in the coming weeks. Seeing and hearing what each of our clubs are doing in their various communities is one of the most rewarding parts of serving as a District Governor.

On Friday, January 5, I attended the funeral of one of our District's long-time members. Lion Frank Truttman, Sr. was a Past President of the West Marin Lions Club and had been a Lion since December 1, 1950. Lion Frank was 95 years old and a Lion for 67 years. I believe he might be District 4-C2's longest serving Lion. The District sends our

thoughts and prayers to the Truttman Family and the West Marin Lions Club as they face the loss of this fine Lion. His son, Frank Truttman, Jr. followed in his father's footsteps and is a Lion. He is currently serving as club Secretary and will carry the torch to ensure the legacy lives on in his club. If you know of any Lions that have been a member for over 65 years, please let me know. I would like to honor their service to Lionism, in some way.

February will be a travel month for me. I will be attending the Council of Governors Quarterly meeting in San Diego on February 7 & 8, followed by the MD-4 Convention on February 9,10 & 11. Lucky for me, it is also held in San Diego. Our own District 4-C2 Cabinet meeting will then be in Eureka on February 24. Please make sure that you get your registration form in ASAP. I plan to arrive on Friday evening and will be spending the weekend to take the time to enjoy the many splendors that the northern portion of our district has to offer. Remember Lions, if I can go from San Rafael to San Diego, then turn around and drive all the way up to Eureka, you can certainly make the trip up to Eureka from anywhere in our District. Let's have fun in Eureka.

My mention of the MD-4 Convention reminds me that you can still register to attend. This is a great opportunity for you to attend forums and activities about what the Lions are doing and pick up ideas to bring home to your own clubs. Get information on the Lions MD-4 website, <http://www.md4lions.org/> or contact me.

The Lions Leadership Institute is fast approaching. They made it easy for our District members to attend by holding it at the Courtyard by Marriott in FAIRFIELD. This is in our district, folks. This is an opportunity to receive leadership training, which can be used not only in your Lions activities but in your personal life as well. The District will pay \$200.00 of the \$300.00 fee for your attendance, which includes a two-night stay with lunch and dinner paid for. You can't even stay at home for that price! This seminar is January 20 – 22. By the time you receive this message, the registration deadline will probably be over. However, if you are truly interested in attending, I may be able to get you in, if you act fast. Please consider taking advantage of this valuable offer. Registration and more information is available on the MD-4 website listed above or contact me.

Please continue your good work for your communities. I thank you all for your dedication to Lions and our wonderful District.

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Remember..... IF YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU CAN DO IT!