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Lions Clubs International

MD 40 Lions,

Do you know that because of your generosity, we have donated \$144,777 towards the Campaign 100 Program. Just think what your donations have done! They have helped people through tornadoes, floods, fires and earthquakes, not to mention eye surgeries and diseases. All I can do is to say THANK YOU to the clubs and individuals who continue to help those who are in need of LCI's help.

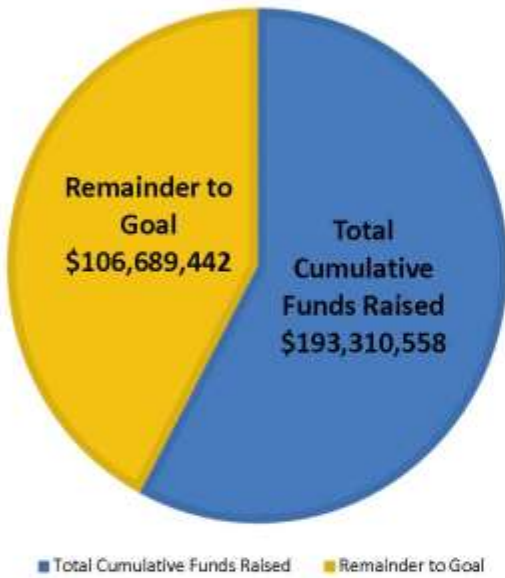
We are in the second half of the Lion's year, so please remember to make your club donations soon. The year will be over before we know it. Thank you to the District coordinators, Lion Glenna Ladegaard, and PCC Melissa Washburn.

PDG Gemma Ferguson

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**PROGRESS TO GOAL
(7/1/2017-2/22/2021)**



**FUNDS RAISED SNAPSHOT
(7/1/2017-2/22/2021) in USD**

Cumulative Cash	\$174,404,444
Cumulative Pledge, Lions Legacy, and Model Club Balances	\$18,906,114
Total Cumulative Funds Raised	\$193,310,558
Campaign 100 Goal	\$300,000,000
Funds Raised Increase over Last Report (2/19/2021)	\$1,892,401
% Overall Goal Achieved	64.4%
Total Model Clubs	2,692
Total Lead and Major Donors	485

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Since last week's report, LCIF has raised \$1,892,401. The largest increases were in CA IV with an increase of \$1,008,920, CA V with an increase of \$137,623 and CA I with an increase of \$129,875.
- There are 22 new Model Clubs since last week's report. CA V and CA VI each have eight new Model Clubs, CA IV has two new Model Clubs, and CA I, CA II, CA VII and CA VIII each have one new Model club.
- There are no new lead donors. One lead donor completed their pledge and another lead donor made a large donation. These lead donors are from CA V and their donations totaled more than \$200,000.

**CUMULATIVE FUNDS RAISED BY CONSTITUTIONAL AREA
(7/1/2017-2/22/2021) IN USD**

CONSTITUTIONAL AREA	Total Funds Raised	Cumulative Cash	Pledge, Lions Legacy, and Model Club Balances	Cumulative Goal through June 30, 2021	% Cumulative Goal Achieved to June 30, 2021 Goal	Funds Raised Increase over Last Report (2/19/2021)
I	\$26,853,727	\$22,644,220	\$4,209,506	\$35,326,363	76%	\$129,875
II	\$2,161,162	\$2,018,356	\$142,806	\$3,592,915	60%	\$13,335
III	\$4,272,517	\$3,482,679	\$789,838	\$5,930,605	72%	\$15,650
IV	\$19,438,297	\$18,868,515	\$569,782	\$28,087,059	69%	\$1,008,920
V	\$104,586,705	\$101,296,306	\$3,290,399	\$107,365,949	97%	\$137,623
VI	\$18,325,121	\$11,158,588	\$7,166,534	\$22,676,558	81%	\$106,137
VII	\$3,677,877	\$3,276,760	\$401,117	\$4,809,210	76%	\$2,829
VIII	\$4,085,350	\$1,828,031	\$2,257,319	\$5,474,778	81%	\$12,865
NON-AFFILIATED/OTHER	\$9,909,802	\$9,830,989	\$78,813	\$10,227,131	97%	\$465,166
TOTALS	\$193,310,558	\$174,404,444	\$18,906,114	\$223,068,997	87%	\$1,892,401



New Mexico Lions Operation KidSight, Inc.

KIDSIGHT FUNDRAISER Vintage Lions Clubs Pin Collection



- Over 300 Vintage Club Pins Including Perfect Attendance Pins
- Pins donated to KidSight by Deming Lions Club
- Winning Ticket will be Drawn at the 2021 MD40 Convention in May



TICKETS

\$2 Each 3 for \$5

Please notify me at brymccool@gmail.com
or 575-973-0732 as to how many tickets you
would like. Thank you.



A Message from 1st VDG 40S Chris Hall

Greetings Lions,

CST Bryson has sent out the minutes from the 3rd District Cabinet Meeting. Included in with that, you will find some instructions on filling out a SWOT analysis, and also a form to fill out. More info. is available online if needed, look up "NAMI" (north american membership initiative) If more room is needed for your thoughts, please attach another sheet of paper. Your input "will" be appreciated! Any questions, feel free to contact me. Also, Please return completed forms to me and I will compile the results.

My contact info is:

1VDG Chris Hall

320-221-5908

ccentralmngrown@yahoo.com

In my Closing Comments at the Cabinet Meeting, I issued a "challenge" to the Lions of MD40. I stated that if I could raise \$1000 for LCI by March 20th in my name.....I would have my hair buzzed live at the State Convention. All donations go to PCC Melissa Washburn, don't forget to include my name. Question now is, will I be taking office with hair or without????

A Message from 1st VDG 40S Chris Hall

Greetings Lions,

I have been trying to work as NAMI Chair for the last year, and having heard some comments, mostly negative, I thought I would share this email I received from PID Jerome Thompson showing it DOES work!

Thank-You for your service!

1VDG Chris Hall, NAMI Chair

Dear Lions:

I am so excited to see what clubs across Constitutional Area 1 are accomplishing, even in the midst of a pandemic. The Lions of the United States and affiliate countries will not be distracted from our mission of service. Thank you!! Thank you for everything you are doing.

In the past 30 days, we have seen clubs beginning to turn the lights back on; host meetings either in person or virtually; and, to find creative ways to safely serve. Some of our successes include:

1. We have expanded our footprint of service into 76 new communities and added 2300 charter members, who are all excited to provide much need service in their communities.
2. The number of Lions leaving out association has decreased in the past 7 months by 6%.

Jerome Thompson
Past International Director,
GAT Constitutional Area 1 Leader

Campaign 100 Pledge Form

Your gift will empower the service of Lions as they take on global challenges, making the world a better place today and for generations to come.



PLEDGE INFORMATION:

I/We pledge a total contribution of US\$_____ to Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Included is an initial payment of US\$_____.

I/We would like to make pledge payments*:

- Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually Annually

** Pledges equivalent to or greater than US\$5,000 may be fulfilled over five years. Pledges equivalent to or less than US\$4,999.99 may be fulfilled over three years. If no payment schedule is selected above, the pledge will be deemed payable in equal annual installments over three or five years, based on pledge amount.*

Visit lcif.org to donate online and to learn about other ways to donate.

DONOR INFORMATION:

For pledge recognition and recording purposes, please provide the following information. Regarding disclosure of your name and gift amount, please check one box below.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

Email _____ Phone _____

- I/We permit disclosure of my/our name(s) and gift amount in Lions' publications.
 My/Our gift is to remain anonymous.

Signature _____ Month/Day/Year _____

Club Number _____ Member Number _____

LCIF 0310 BR 418

Send donations to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation | Department 4547 | Carol Stream, Illinois 60122-4547 | USA

For more information call 630.203.3836 or email donorassistance@lionsclubs.org.



Candidacy for position of Multiple Council Chairperson MD40

February 9, 2021

Multiple Council Chair, Ed DeArmond,

I am announcing my intention to run for Council Chair for 2021-2022 at the MD40 convention to be held in Albuquerque by video. The Carlsbad Downtown Lions board has approved my request.

I have been a member of the Carlsbad Downtown Lions since 1997. At the club level I have been Tail Twister, Lion Tamer, Secretary, Treasurer, 1st Vice President and President. Currently I am the club president again. At the District and Multiple District level my achievements are:

- ❖ Zone Chair
- ❖ Region Chair
- ❖ Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer
- ❖ Lions Symposium co-chair
- ❖ USA/Canada Committee Chair
- ❖ International Committee Chair
- ❖ 2nd and 1st VDG
- ❖ District Governor for 2017-18
- ❖ MD LCIF Coordinator for 2018 to current
- ❖ Council Secretary/Treasurer
- ❖ Currently the NM Lions Eye Foundation treasurer

Being a Lions for over 22 years, I have been awarded:

- ❖ Hap Byers Award
- ❖ Lion of the Year (2 times)
- ❖ Presidential Awards (4)
- ❖ Progressive Melvin Jones

With the pandemic, we have had so many problems, but we have the greatest Lions to overcome them. I would be honored to be the next MD40 Council Chair

Sincerely,


PDG Gemma Ferguson



February 9, 2021

Multiple Council Chair, Ed De Armond:

The Carlsbad Downtown Lions have endorsed PDG Gemma Ferguson's intention to run for MD 40 Council Chair for the year 2021-2022. She has been active in the club for years and is currently in good standing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lon Francis Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" at the end.

Lon Francis Davis
Immediate Past

Wesley W. Brown, Jr.
 Lions MD 40N 1st Vice District Governor
 107 Road 5018
 Bloomfield, NM 87413
 505-320-6329



February 21, 2021

Deborah Bryan
 Lions MD 40N District Governor

Re: Intention to seek office

Dear District Governor Deborah Bryan,

I am pleased to inform you of my intent to seek the office of District Governor for MD 40N for the year 2021-2022. In addition to holding office as 2nd VDG and 1st VDG, 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
○ 2 nd Vice District Governor	40N	2019 – 2020
○ Past President	Farmington Evening Lions Club	2019 – 2020
○ Currently serving as VDG	40N	2020 – 2021
○ Multidistrict Advisory Committee		2020 – 2021
○ New Mexico Eye Bank Officer		2020 – 2021
○ New Mexico Eye Foundation 3-year Trustee		2020 – 2021

- Lions Training:

○ Zone Training	40N	2012
○ Colorado Lions Leadership Institute		Sept. 2019
○ Completed Lions University Bachelor's Degree		Sept. 2020
○ Currently enrolled in Lions University Master's Program		Active
○ Currently participating in DGE VDG Training		Active
○ NAMI Webinars		January 2021

- Goals for continued Leadership training:
 - District Governor training online
 - St. Charles training in April/May 2021
 - USA / Canadian Forum in September 2021
 - Lions International training online

While working with NAMI, my goal is to strengthen our New Mexico Lions Clubs while working to support Lions International in their goal of membership growth. I feel that this is attainable by working with Multi Council and the Districts in supporting the growth of our clubs and involvement of our club members, as well as training our leaders through the GLT. Also, working with the state-wide clubs and Districts in the redistricting process.

Sincerely,

Wesley W. Brown, Jr.

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE MD40 CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Based on a suggestion by Lion Christie Boyer (Edgewood Lions Club), the La Mesa Lions Club is proposing the following change to the MD40 Constitution and By-Laws, which has been reviewed and approved by MD40 Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chairman Bryson McCool:

PROPOSED CHANGE: Rewording of ARTICLE VII MULTILE DISTRICT AND DISTRICT REVENUE SECTION 1. CONVENTION ADMIN FUND TAX AND PER CAPITA TAX of the MD40 Constitution and By-Laws.

Current Wording: Campus Club members between the ages of legal majority and thirty (30) years of age only pay one-half the annual Multiple District and District dues. Students and Campus Club members over the age of thirty (30) will pay full Multiple District and District dues.

Proposed Change (Highlighted and in Italics): Campus Club members *and Lions Club members who have been verified by LCI to be a student (i.e., currently enrolled in an educational institution and are between the ages of legal majority and thirty (30) years of age)* only pay one-half the annual Multiple District and District dues. Students and Campus Club members over the age of thirty (30) will pay full Multiple District and District dues.

Rationale For Proposed Change: The current wording concerning student members and their dues schedule is confusing. The LCI Student Member Program allows students who qualify to become a member of a Club or who are a member of a Campus Club to only have to pay one-half of the LCI dues. When a student joins a Campus Club, they are certified at that time by LCI to be currently enrolled in an educational institution and are between the ages of legal majority and thirty (30) years of age. However, when a student joins a standard Lions Club, the Club Secretary must file a Student Member worksheet with LCI to verify the student is currently enrolled in an educational institution and is between the ages of legal majority and thirty (30) years of age. As with LCI dues, a qualified student member of a Club should only have to pay one half of Multiple District and District dues.

The proposed change will be voted on at the MD40 Convention in May 2021.

Candidacy for District Governor



MD40S District Governor
Lion Bill McKinney

RE: Intent to seek Office

District Governor Bill,

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the office of District Governor in MD40S for The 2021-2022 year. I am looking forward to the new challenges we are facing, but working with new technology to conduct meetings and to stay in touch. Still, nothing is better than the face-to-face meetings.

Qualifications are:

- Member in good standing with the Alamogordo Evening Lions Club
- 17years as a Member, Joined in Minnesota in January 2004
- Offices held in MD5M:
 - Vice President
 - President
 - Board of Directors, 8yrs.
 - Zone 1 Chair, 2yrs.
 - District Chair-Youth Exchange/Camp, 6yrs.
- Offices in MD40S:
 - 2nd Vice District Governor-2019-2020
 - 1st Vice District Governor-2020-2021
- Training:
 - Regional Lions Leadership Institute, Mahnomen Minnesota, April 2011
 - Paul Barbour Lions Regional Leadership Institute, Colorado, September 2019
 - Bachelors Degree, Lions University, USA/Canada Leadership Forum, Sept. 2019
 - Masters Degree, Lions University, USA/Canada Virtual Forum, Sept. 2020
 - Currently completed the training for my Doctorate Degree, working on producing a video to submit for critique.

Moving forward in Lionism,

Sincerely,

1VDG Chris Hall

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "1VDG Chris Hall".

Candidacy for District Governor

MD40S District Governor

Lion Bill McKinney

RE: Intent to seek Office

District Governor Bill,

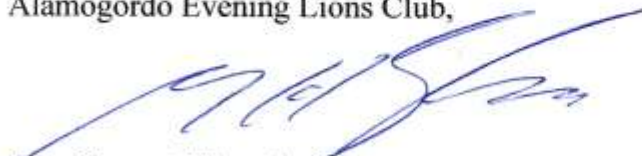
The Alamogordo Evening Lions Club unanimously endorse Lion Chris Hall as a candidate for the office of MD40S District Governor for 2021-2022. Lion Chris is a member in good standing and meets the requirements of the position. Offices held are:

- Club Vice President
- Club President
- Board of Directors
- Zone Chair
- District Chair
- 2nd Vice District Governor
- Current 1st Vice District Governor

Training includes:

- Lions Regional Leadership Institute in Minnesota
- Paul Barbour Lions Regional Leadership Institute in Colorado
- Attended 2019 USA/Canada Leadership Forum, and the 2020 USA/Canada Leadership Virtual Forum
- Has earned his Bachelors and Masters Degree at the Lions University
- Currently working on his Doctorate Degree

Thank-You for accepting our Endorsement,
Alamogordo Evening Lions Club,



Lion George Elizondo, Treasurer



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February 22, 2021

Dear District Governor William McKinney:

This letter is to inform of my intent to run for D40S 1st District Vice Governor. I have served in multiple capacities as listed below.

- Club President 2015/2016
- Club President 2016/2017
- Zone Chair 2019/2017
- Leo Club Advisor 2017
- D40S Leo Chairperson 2017/2020
- D40S District Youth Chair 2017/2018
- Leo Club Advisor (Centennial) 2017/2018
- Leo Club Advisor (Zia) 2017/2018
- LCIF Club Coordinator 2018
- Club President 2018/2019
- Leo Club Advisor (Centennial) 2018/2019
- Club President 2019/2020
- Club President 2020/2021
- D40S 2nd Vice District Governor 2021

My goal in Lions, as with most of us, is to serve. I prefer Club based service above all else but have recently seen the need for service on the District level. I will do my best to serve our District well.

Sincerely,
 Philip VanVeen
 2nd VDG

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William McKinney <md40slionbmckinney@gmail.com>

1st VDG D40S Sponsorship

2 messages

Lion Diana <lchostlionssecretary@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 22, 2021 at 10:07 AM

To: Bill McKinney <md40slionbmckinney@gmail.com>

Cc: philipvanveen@gmail.com

Good morning, Bill,

The Host Lions Club has nominated Lion Philip VanVeen for 1st Vice District Governor D40S.

Lion Philip has been very active during his time as a Lion. More specifically, he has served as Club President (2015-16), (2016-17), Club LCIF Coordinator (1/2018-6/2018), Club President (2018-19), (2019-20), Club Membership Chairperson (2021-22). He has also served on and directed numerous Club committees and has been involved in every Club fundraiser and community service project since he joined.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

In Lionism,
Diana Rodriguez, Secretary
LC Host Lions Club

William McKinney <md40slionbmckinney@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 22, 2021 at 1:47 PM

To: Lion Diana <lchostlionssecretary@gmail.com>

Thank you very much Lion Diana!

Bill McKinney
DG40S

[Quoted text hidden]



February 24, 2021

Bill McKinney
Lions D40S District Governor

RE: Intent to Seek Office

Dear District Governor McKinney:

I am pleased to inform you that I intend to seek the office of 2nd Vice District Governor for District 40S for 2021-2022. My qualifications are listed below:

- I am Active member in good standing of the Artesia Downtown Lions Club since 09/1/1995. I have held every office in the Artesia Downtown Lions Club. My most recent offices are:
 - President 2021-2022
 - 1st Vice President 2018-2020
 - Secretary 2015-2017

- My D40S offices held are:
 - Zone Chair 2020-2021
 - Secretary/Treasurer 2018-2020
 - GST Coordinator 2017-2018

I look forward to learning and serving our district in this position and furthering Lionism in our great state of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa Williams



February 24, 2021

Lion Bill McKinney
District Governor D40S

Dear DG Bill:

This is to announce that the Artesia Downtown Lions Club has nominated Lion Melissa Williams for 2nd Vice District Governor D40S for 2021-2022.

Lion Missy joined Lions in 1995. During this time, she has been very active in Lions Club and our community. She has served in various capacities both with Artesia Downtown Lions as well as D40S. She has served as club president for several terms and is currently club president, Zone Chair 2020-2021, Secretary Treasurer of D40s for terms 2018-2019, 2019-2020. She has also served many board positions and committee chairs for her club. We know that she will do well as 2nd Vice District Governor and recommend her for this position and will fully support her.

We Serve,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kay L Younggren'.

Kay L Younggren, Secretary
Artesia Downtown Lions Club

International Peace Poster Contest

Give your community the opportunity to get involved from home by getting creative. For more than 30 years, Lions clubs have given young people the chance to become our partners in peace and inspire the world through our International Peace Poster Contest.

Learn how your club can sponsor the Peace Poster Contest through a local school or youth group and engage your entire community through a virtual exhibition. Peace Poster Contest kits go on sale beginning on January 15, 2021. So visit the LCI Shop page to purchase your contest kit and start planning today.



AdultSight Eyeglasses Program

Statewide, Lions are still able to help people in their communities with glasses despite the current Covid-19 environment we are living in!

Here is the AdultSight Eyeglasses application that can be given out to community members statewide that have current prescriptions. If they do not have a current prescription have them add "Need Eye Exam" to the bottom of the application and we will refer qualified applicants to the closest participating office for their eye exam and glasses through the VSP Gift Certificate program. All applications for assistance should be returned to the Central Office in Las Cruces for processing if your club does not have the financial means to help them.

For eyeglasses only requests, if your club has the Changing Life Through Lenses sample frame kit we will contact you after processing each of your referrals applications with the next step in the process for you to help your referral.

If your club does not have the frames kit we will either arrange to send a loaner frames kit to you/ your club that will need to be mailed back to the Central Office when the selection has been made. Then you can set up a meeting with your referral for them to choose their frames or we can email frames pictures to your referral to choose their frame by picture alone.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lion Brenda Dunn at the Central Office at 575-525-5631 or nmlionskidsight@gmail.com or Lion Rita Graham at 505-688-1916 or spectaclewhiz@aol.com.

Provided by Lion Brenda Dunn

New Mexico Lions AdultSight Eyeglasses Program

1501 N. Solano Drive Las Cruces, NM 88001 575-635-8148 Fax: 575-524-1699

Eye Glass Application

Please Answer Every Question: (if it does not apply mark "no," "NA," or "none") otherwise forms will be returned, thus causing delay. If applicant is a minor or is living with and/or supported by parents, data required pertains to both the parent/guardian and applicant. The New Mexico Lions Eye Bank will not assume any financial obligation or responsibility until this application has been approved by a designee of the Eye Bank and/or Board of Directors.

Please Print Legibly

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Sex: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Married: _____ Single: _____

Number of Dependents: _____ Email: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian if Applicant is a Minor: _____

First time application for Eyeglasses or Eye Exam to the New Mexico Lions Eye Bank? YES or NO

Name of Employer: _____ Dates of Employment: _____ to _____

If no income, how are you supported? _____

Are you on Medicare/Medicaid or do you have any other medical/hospital insurance? YES or NO

If Yes, name of the company: _____

Annual Income		Assets	
Applicant Salary	\$	Amount of ALL Mortgages	\$
Spouse Salary	\$	Bank Accounts - Checking	\$
Parent/Guardian Salary	\$		
Social Security	\$		
Disability Pension	\$		
Retirement Pension	\$		
Welfare Assistance	\$		
Other Income	\$		
Total NET income (yearly)	\$		

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

YOU MUST HAVE A CURRENT EYE GLASS PRESCRIPTION (Less than one year old)

Attach a COPY of your Eyeglass Prescription. (Must be less than 1 year old)

EVERY BLANK MUST BE FILLED IN OR APPLICATION WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DENIED



Upcoming Event

2020-2021 Strides Contest- Sponsored by the NM Lions Diabetes Awareness Program.

The club with most creative Diabetes Event can earn up to \$100. \$75 or \$50 for each district 40N and 40S.

Please remember to submit a description and photos of your Strides event to Board Member, Lion Rose and her address is 2583 Calle Delfino Santa Fe, NM 87505 and her Email is: lionrosesantafe@aol.com Tell# (505) 231-2246. Please submit by 5/15/2021.

Judging will be done by the New Mexico Lions Diabetes Awareness Board.

New Mexico Lions Diabetes Awareness Program

46 Innaha Road, Tijeras, New Mexico 87059

Po Box 20508 Albuquerque, NM 87154

Email: Nm40ndiabetesprogram@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/nmlionsdiabetesawarenessprogram

HAVE YOU MET YOUR QUOTA YET?

Possibly not, but here is what the Santa Fe Quota Lions Club Branch have been up to since September when Santa Fe Quotarians became Lions!

Quota Lions have continued a Quota tradition of 100 years of service as new Lions! The small, but creative, service-minded group of women, have created a new logo that blends the old and new. This was created by the same Lion that submitted the 2020-2021 International Convention design Option 3 that prominently highlights both New Mexico and Arizona as well as the host city.



Continued services include:

Scholarships for deaf and hard-of-hearing college-bound students - funded primarily by a Leaping Leprechaun's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner supported by and held at the New Mexico School for the Deaf;

Purchase and delivery of food and other essential items for: Santa Fe Public Schools Adelante Program that provides for homeless students and their families;

Youth Shelters and Family Services Street Outreach Program that has a day shelter for homeless teens where they can shower, do laundry, and use computers and other resources.

Holiday Gift packages for Street Outreach teens in partnership with other organizations such as the Women's Council of Realtors Santa Fe. Packages contained hats, gloves, socks, blankets, toiletries, tooth brushes and paste, snacks, hand warmers, soups, etc. Bus passes and pharmacy gift cards were also provided. Funding was so generous that additional food, blankets and hand warmers were given to the program. There will also be a "Christmas in July" project this year.

Submitted by:

Holly P. Bostwick, President

Santa Fe Quota Lions Club Branch



We're throwing down the gauntlet!

THE ALBUQUERQUE BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB CHALLENGE!

We all know we need to get out and get moving now that the weather is warming up and we all know that walking is great exercise to keep ourselves healthy.

So, being inspired by Sandia Mountain's 1000-mile challenge, we at the *Albuquerque Breakfast Club* are issuing a challenge to **all** Lions Clubs in New Mexico to see who can rack up the most miles between April 1st and April 24th.

You can walk individually or as a club. Have walking buddies? You can count their miles, too. Any way you do it, track those miles as a club and after April 24th, report your total to Lion Rose at lionrosesantafe@aol.com.



LET'S GET WALKING!



Sandia Mountain Lions Club News

On March 6, while Edgewood Lions Club held a concurrent food drive at the Edgewood Smith's Grocery, five Sandia Mountain members held one in Cedar Crest at Triangle Grocery, both initiated by Lion Sammie Hutchison, a long time volunteer at East Mountain Food Pantry. Pictured are Lions Sammie, Kurt Read, and Jani Klatt behind the packed car ready to take some 425 food items, 14 pet foods, and \$1,271 to the Pantry. The \$1,200 represented her Covid relief check donated by one woman shopper after the food drives were promoted on local NextDoor neighborhood sites.

Sandia Mountain will repeat the online Gift Basket auction project in advance of Mother's Day.

Members are counting their exercise miles to support the New Mexico Diabetes Awareness Project in a 1000 Mile Challenge through February and March until the Club's April 6 meeting.



Provided By Lion Gerry Jones

NMLEF THANKS YOU!

Dear Lions,



I just want to give a big THANK YOU to all members/clubs that has given a donation to NMLEF or is participating in our Raffle Fundraiser. This is the only fundraiser we have to support our Foundation. So far, we have helped many clients with eye equipment and surgeries that have improved their vision. Thanks again for all you do.

Just a reminder to turn in your ticket money and stubs by April 28th 2021. We will be having our drawing on May 2nd, 2021.

NMLEF

Gemma Ferguson (Treasurer)

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PCC Annie Miller, NMLEF President

Any questions, please call 505-264-6208 or email - nmlionsroar@gmail.com

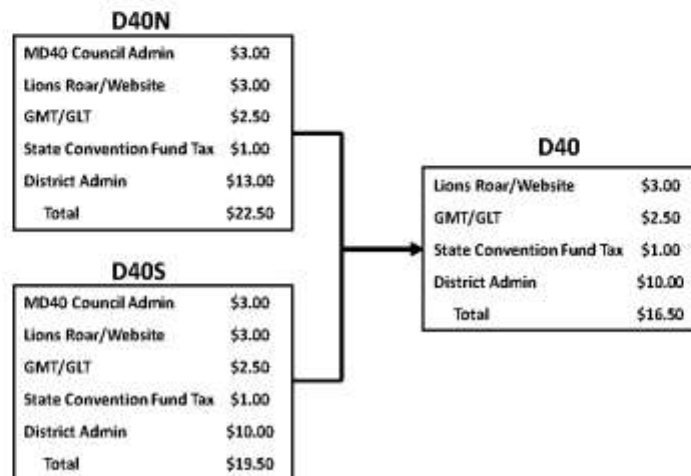
The Case for MD40 to Go to D40

At the 2018 MD40 Convention in Carlsbad, attending Lions voted if membership in MD40 went below 1,000, the process to go to one District would begin. At the 2019 MD40 Convention, the DGs announced MD40 membership had indeed gone below 1,000. Redistricting of MD40 then was discussed during the 2019-20 Council Meetings with a Committee being formed to devise a plan to go to one District for the review and approval by MD40 Lions. On 1 Jul 2020, we learned total membership in MD40 once again declined at the end of the 2019-20 year. There are some who are adamantly against redistricting while others simply don't understand the benefits of doing so. To address any doubts, the following discussion presents the advantages of MD40 going to D40.

Current Situation. MD40 has steadily been losing members and Clubs since 1983. In 2000, MD40 was composed of 89 Clubs. Today it is 52 (It was reported at a Council Meeting on 12 Dec 2020 that D40S is losing one Club and D40N possibly two. Two-thirds of new Clubs started after 2000 have since folded. Currently, over half of MD40 Clubs have 15 or fewer members. During the 2018-20 years (as well as the 2020-21 year so far), very few of MD40 Clubs have shown positive membership growth.

Membership. A District in good standing has 1250 or more members with a minimum of 35 Clubs. As of 1 Jul 2020, D40N and D40S each have 26 Clubs. As of 1 Dec 2020, D40N has 483 members and D40S has 443 members. **If MD40 redistricted today to one District, D40 would have 52 Clubs (probably 49 Clubs by 1 Jan 2021) and 926 members which is 324 fewer than the required 1,250 needed for one District in good standing.**

MD/D Dues. The \$3.00 for the Lions Roar/Website, \$2.50 for GMT/GLT/GST, and \$1.00 for the State Convention Fund Tax would be the same regardless whether there is MD40 or D40. If MD40 becomes D40, it means the \$3.00 for MD40 Council Admin would no longer be needed. If the District Admin amount is set at \$10 per Lion per year, the annual D40 dues would be \$16.50, a reduction of \$6.00 for D40N Clubs and \$3.00 for D40S Clubs.



LCI Dues. As of 1 Jul 2020, D40N pays \$20,812 (484 x \$43 annual LCI dues) in annual LCI dues while D40S pays \$19,307 (449 x \$43 annual LCI dues). It is understood these totals are actually less because some members are family members or students where their dues are \$21.50 rather than \$43. If D40N and D40S were each at 1250 members, the total annual dues for MD40 would be \$107,500 (2500 x \$43). Since the current MD40 dues are \$40,119 (933 x \$43), this means LCI is losing approximately \$67,381 (1567 x \$43) annually by permitting D40N and D40S to continue. If MD40 was currently one District with 933 members, LCI would only be losing approximately \$13,631 [(1,250-933) x \$43] each year. This could be the basis for a powerful argument by LCI to force MD40 to go to one District or possibly for MD40 Lions Clubs to be assigned to other Districts in AZ, CO, and TX.

Lions Required for MD40, D40N & D40S. Currently, MD40 has approximately 80 Lions who are in a Council or Cabinet position (i.e., DG, VDG, Zone Chair, Region Chair, or Committee Chairperson). D40 would only require about 30 Lions, a 62% drop in required positions. With a significant decrease in number of Lions needed for required Cabinet positions, the DG could be more selective (i.e., have better chance of getting a well-trained and qualified Lion to fill a position).

Annual Number of Meetings. D40N and D40S each have four meetings per year, one of which is their District Convention. MD40 has four meetings annually, one of which is the MD40 Convention. Going to one District means there will now be four meetings instead of eight that Lions will need to attend which will also result in a significant decrease in funds annually expended for mileage.

Theory: Redistricting Will Cause A Significant Number of Lions to Drop? There were some statements made at the 2017-18 Convention that in 1992, numerous MD40 Clubs folded because MD40 went from three Districts to two. That is totally unfounded. MD40 went to two Districts because the membership went below the 2,500 member level. There were several clubs that did fold, not because of redistricting, but rather due to withering membership.

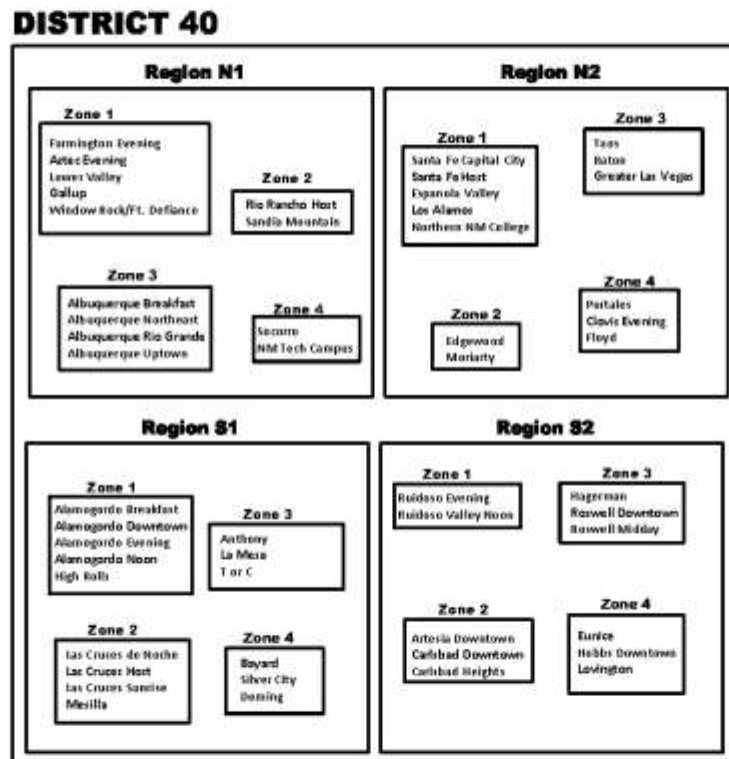
Since two-thirds of MD40 Clubs are “city limits” Clubs (Clubs who are totally oblivious to anything happening at the Zone, Region, District or Multiple District levels), they would not be affected at all by redistricting. The other one-third of the MD40 Clubs, who are active above Club level, are most likely doing well and would not fold (or members drop) because of an organizational change.

Proposed Plan. The current proposed plan for MD40 to go to D40 will result in minimal change to the current modus operandi. Hopefully, it will facilitate:

- Increasing membership growth, both with respect to recruiting new Lions and retaining those we already have;
- Providing a sufficient number of trained and qualified Lion leaders;

- A more efficient and effective utilization of resources to support membership and club development;
- Increasing attendance at District Cabinet Meetings and Convention;
- D40 DG receiving a larger travel budget from LCI;
- Lowering member dues; and
- The DG being more proactive than reactive when addressing any problems arising in the District.

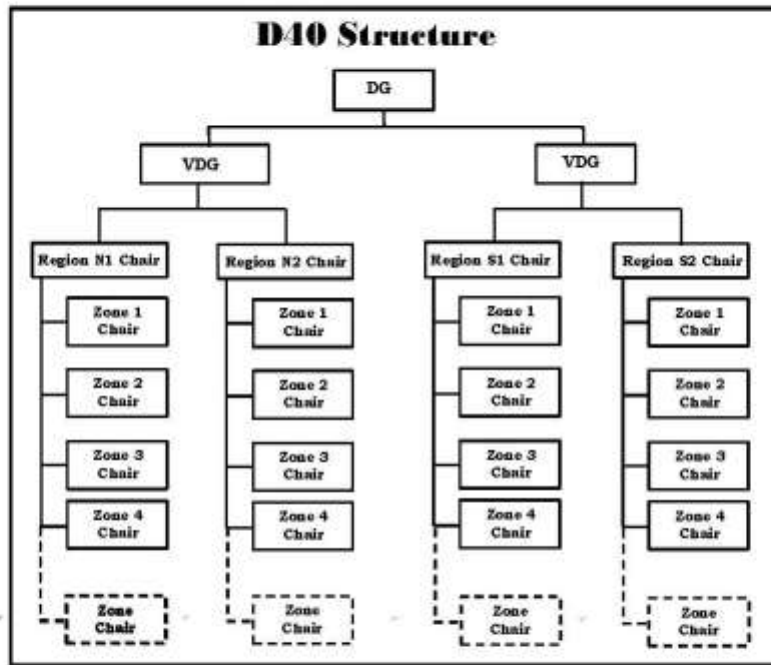
a. **Structure.** The primary goal of the proposed redistricting plan is to keep the “flavor” of MD40 and to make the transformation as seamless and painless as possible while ensuring the coverage of the Clubs is comprehensive and achieved with the most efficient and effective use of Lions’ resources. A possible layout of D40 is presented below.



There will be four Regions, two in the South and two in the North, each overseen by a Region Chair. Note that the definition of “North” and “South” is as it is currently in the MD40 Constitution and By-Laws: *Region 40 North* - All the territory of the State of New Mexico north of Highway US 60, but including Highway US 60, and also including the Clubs of Portales and Floyd, New Mexico, and Window Rock-Fort Defiance, Arizona, and *Region 40 South* - All the territory of the State of New Mexico south of Highway US 60, except Portales and Floyd, New Mexico.

In this “Bottom-Up” design structure, each Region will have Zones headed by a Zone Chair. Note the number of Zones and the specific Clubs in those Zones in each

Region will be formulated each year by the incoming DG and VDG's. The proposed D40 organizational chart is presented below.



Each year a VDG from the North will oversee the Region Chairs from the North and a VDG from the South will oversee the Regions Chairs from the South. The VDGs then become the DG by alternating between the North and South Regions (See explanation below). This will ensure the DG and VDGs are never all from the North Regions or South Regions.

b. **Initial Implementation Procedure.** For the sake of explanation, suppose at the 2021-22 MD40 Convention, it is announced that LCI and the MD40 Lions have approved the D40S Redistricting Plan which will begin immediately to be fully implemented by 2024-25. At the 2021-22 MD40 Convention, a coin is flipped to determine which District will have the 1st D40 DG. The following figures present how the implementation process will occur. If D40N wins the coin flip,

	D40N			D40S		
	DG	1st VDG	2nd VDG	DG	1st VDG	2nd VDG
2021-22	Mary	John	Janey	Larry	Bill	Nancy
2022-23	John	Janey	Justin	Bill	Nancy	Vacant
2023-24	Janey	Justin	Vacant	Nancy	Vacant	Jason

	D40		
	DG	1st VDG	2nd VDG
2024-25	Justin	Jason	Lion from D40N

If D40S wins the coin flip,

	DG	1st VDG	2nd VDG	DG	1st VDG	2nd VDG
2021-22	Mary	John	Janey	Larry	Bill	Nancy
2022-23	John	Janey	Vacant	Bill	Nancy	Jacob
2023-24	Janey	Vacant	Juan	Nancy	Jacob	Vacant

D40			
	DG	1st VDG	2nd VDG
2024-25	Jacob	Juan	Lion from D40S

Starting at the 2024-25 D40 Convention, the only new position that would need to be filled each year would be the D40 2nd VDG position as the previous year’s 1st VDG and 2nd VDG would each move up to DG and 1st VDG, respectively. D40 2nd VDGs nominees will alternate each year between the North and South Regions. Since the VDG’s will be assisting the DG to conduct visitations, this will help reduce the distance DG and VDGs will have to travel.

Each year, Region Chairs will be selected for each Region. It is envisioned Region Chairs could be future candidates for the 2nd VDG position.

1st and 2nd VDG's would work out a schedule with the DG to determine a visitation schedule such that every Club is visited. VDG's can help with visitations to represent the DG to ensure all Clubs were visited at least once during the year. The appropriate Region Chairs and Zone Chairs would be encouraged to be involved in the visitations if possible.

In Conclusion. MD40 membership at the end of the 2017-18 year was just over 1,000. As of 1 Jul 2020, it was 933. If we follow the same trend, we may very well be below 900 at the end of the 2020-21 year. Since we have been doing the same thing for the last twenty years with the same result (i.e., negative membership growth), maybe it is time to try a new approach that would allow more efficient use of our resources and time which might facilitate enhancing membership growth. Most importantly, D40 can always become MD40 again in the future if we increase our membership accordingly. It would also eliminate any chance of LCI deciding their best decision is to reapportion MD40 clubs to AZ, CO, and TX Districts!

MD40 Redistricting Planning Committee



CAN WE LIONS CONTINUE TO LIVE UP TO OUR MOTTO, “WE SERVE” DURING THIS TIME OF THE COVID?

If you have been following the Roar, you know that clubs have been active “a pesar de todo” – in spite of everything...like the corona virus. As the District 40N Global Service Chair, I hope for a comprehensive list of service projects for the past six months and the rest of the lion year. I am asking 40N Club Presidents to designate a Club Service Chair if there is not one officially or unofficially. Clubs may have someone who already has been the catalyst for how service projects can continue virtually or socially distanced and masked as the case may be!

This survey of past and future projects will be sent in hard-copy, but this is a heads-up to 40N clubs. Brief descriptions and pictures if you have any would be appreciated as well as the project lead contact information in order to share the details and results. Format below:

SURVEY OF 2020-2021 SERVICE PROJECTS

Club Name: _____ President: _____
 Service Chair: _____ Contact Numbers for Project Information (Email/Text/Cell) _____
 Date: _____

PROJECT/GOAL	DATE/VENUE	COMMENTS: Results/Impact/Suggestions to Clubs
1.		
2.		
3.		
Etc		

Any information you can send however it works (phone call, e-mail, text or mail) is appreciated and I will compile and resend to Club Presidents! Use as much space or your own format.

Thanks for taking the time to share your projects and giving advice to other clubs who might want to use your project as a model for their communities!

Lion Rose Himrod, District 40N Global Service Chair
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IMITATION IS THE SINCEREST FORM OF FLATTERY!

WE SERVE –  PANDEMIC OR NO PANDEMIC!

Here are just some of the wonderful projects submitted to date from clubs responding to a query re services provided in the first half of the Lions year! No copyrights, so feel free to imitate or modify for your community! Kudos to individual Lions donating connections and professional experience! Please continue to share your ideas – PDGLion Rose, GST 40N

Albuquerque Breakfast – Contact President Rita Graham for Club Project Lead info.

Fundraiser: Sold royal blue face masks with Lions Logo statewide.

Hunger Alleviation: collected 1,330 pounds of food and cash donations of \$1,580 and \$100 worth of Smith's gift cards. All delivered to the Road Runner Food Drive in September.

Literacy: Continued maintenance of a library at Joy Junction that acts as a Halfway House for homeless or those recently released from prison or in drug programs; involvement with Reading Works. Vision services planned. **Financial**

Literacy: Classroom sessions on how to budget now being offered to women.

Vision: Essilor program supported and VSP vouchers available and ready for KidSight! Recycling eye glass donations!

Partnerships or Individual Initiatives: Grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions, meal preparation for a neighbor. Working with Catholic Charities on a fund raiser, counseling vets, helping with church food drives!

Farmington – Contact President Patrick Montoya for Club Project Lead info.

Shout out to Club for involving non-Lion volunteers!

Fundraisers: Successful Pig (really!) Raffle involved six Lions and one non-lion with a total of 18 hours. Yard Sale – Eight lions worked 48 hours with masks and social distancing.

Vision: Five Lions and one non-Lion brought KidSight to four private schools that included a head start and junior college day care. One Lion spent 10 hours paying for exams and glasses.



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Farmington continued...

Community Needs: Various. Meals on Wheels service, repair and remodel (\$12,000) of a Boy Scout hut involving a total of 6 Lions and 32 hours. Six Lions and 2 non-Lion Volunteers rang Christmas bells for the Salvation Army.

Lower Valley – Contact Club Secretary Norman Howey (the man with connections) for details!

Fundraiser – Turkey Shoot raised \$100 to complement donations from the club to Canine Companions (\$125), Salvation Army (\$100) and the Echo Food Bank (\$50). Any other Turkey Shoots? Real turkeys?

Sandia Mountain – Contact President Philip Tagg for Club Project Lead info.

NEW MEMBERS: TWO!

Hunger Alleviation: \$1,500 donated by artist member (from sale of his watercolors) to East Mountain Food Pantry that is administered by the Club. \$120 donated to Edgewood restaurant for Thanksgiving dinner for the community.

Fundraiser: Member driveway yard sale (socially distanced) netted \$1,683 for the above Food Pantry.

Vision: Continue to recycle glasses: \$431 to ship to Texas and plan to deliver others in the spring in a member's RV. Paid an out-of-work citizen's outstanding eye medical bill so that he could have cataract surgery in one eye.

Community Service: Various. Donated \$200 in Walmart gift cards for above citizen for five grandchildren he is supporting. Individually, members have donated more than \$1,000 for babysitting help, child care items, a used freezer and food. **Rapid-Response Committee** formed to use budget of \$500 to provide emergency funds for various short-term necessities.

Larger Community – The club donated \$225 to the Southwest Indian Foundation in Gallup through the sale of Mary Kay Cosmetics.

FUTURE PLANS – Virtual auction of gifts baskets on betterworld.org for Valentine season closing February 12! Late Spring drive-by tailgate yard sale!

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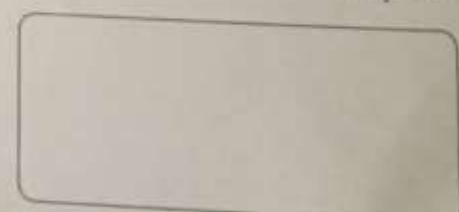
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Christmas Keeps on Giving at The Ranches!

The *Albuquerque Breakfast Lions Club* told you in January's ROAR about the Christmas party at which all the kids received new athletic shoes. Well, the support from other clubs was so great for this effort that we ended up with some extra funds we could devote to The Ranches.

We asked what they needed and were told that sports gear was always welcome. You can see from these smiling faces that the balls, bats, and gloves were a hit!

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 website, 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.

SFCC Lions Tom, Connie and Rose delivering tab tops to Ronald McDonald House were led by the late Lion Sara Filemyr who was hugged by Ronald who awaited them at the door.

Provided by Lion PDG Rose Himrod



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
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 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.

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Certification Form

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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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Improving Communication Among Lions

Lions! Here is how to access the MD40 Facebook page:

Log onto your Facebook page and enter

[MD40 NM Lions Club Forum](#)

in the search box at the top of the page. For first time users, you will need to ask the administrator (Jesse Dudley of the Moriarty Lions Club-thank you Jesse!) for permission to be a member. This is a closed group so it can be kept available for Lions business. Once you are approved, you can check for the latest posts about Lions in MD 40, post notices about your club and its fundraisers or service projects. This is a wonderful resource and the more folks that use it, the more useful it will be. Please give it a try.

Bill McKinney

DGE 40S

Eye Care

I read an interesting article on how to take care of our eyes last month. It was a five step approach on safeguarding maturing eyes. Most of us are engaged in taking care of family, children and grandchildren, neighbors and friends, with the covid 19 pandemic. We can only help others if we are in good shape ourselves, Lions. So here are the recommendations for safeguarding our aging eyes:

1. Regular physical exams with our primary care doctor to check for any diseases or conditions that may affect our eye health.
2. It is recommended that we complete a dilated eye exam every one to two years for the early detection of eye diseases. A disease such as glaucoma may not have any early signs or symptoms.
3. We should provide a thorough family history to our doctor. Are there family members with diabetes or eye disease? If so we may need the dilated exam every year.
4. We should see an eyecare professional at once if experiencing any double vision, loss or dimness in our eyesight, pain in the eye, fluid coming from the eye, redness and or swelling of our eye or eyelid.
5. We should be wearing sunglasses and a hat or visor when we are outside. These prevent the damaging affects of the sun which lead to the risk of getting cataracts. Are we using safety eyewear for mowing, welding, carpentry, etc.? We don't want to lose an eye due to neglect.

This is the perfect time for making the appointments we have been putting off. Your doctors and eyecare professionals are back in their offices again. Give them a call!

A friendly reminder from your Sight Preservation and Awareness Chair, Lion Rita Graham

Provided By Lion Rita Graham

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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What does it cost?

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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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<i>Constitution & By-Laws</i>	TBD
Diabetes Awareness	TBD
<i>Conventions</i>	TBD
<i>Global Membership</i>	TBD
<i>Youth Camp & Exchange</i>	TBD
<i>MD40 Website</i>	Shelly Smith
<i>MD40 Roar & Directory</i>	Jennifer Long
<i>Global Leadership</i>	TBD

Important Dates:

March 20, 2021	D40S District Convention	TBD
TBD	State Convention	TBD
June 25-29, 2021	International Convention	TBD

MD40 Club Charter Anniversaries

Alamogordo Breakfast	March 1971
Carlsbad Heights	March 1955

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