

BLESILA SANCHEZ - TROTT

"Service with Love"

Lion "Blessie" was born, raised, and educated in Manila, Philippines. She is a business entrepreneur in the field of printing and publishing. She was involved with Lions even before she immigrated to the U.S.A. She was President of the Quezon City Silangan Lioness Club in 1994, when she received recognition from Lions Clubs International as one of the Top Ten Lioness Club in the world for the Club's health and nutrition program for impoverished children in Metro Manila. She also served as District President of Lioness District 301-D2.

After she settled in San Diego in 1998, she was unexpectedly tapped to help in organizing the San Diego Executive Lions Club and was soon elected as Charter President. Thus began her active involvement with the programs and projects of the Lions Club International District 4L6. She has served as Region and Zone Chair multiple times, and chaired the Students Speakers Contest at the Zone and Region level. She is currently a member of the Escondido Host Lions Club and a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

While Blessie blends her Lions activities with her business, she has not lost sight of the needs of her native land. She sponsored the visit of the "Children of Mother Earth", a 30-children cultural and interpretative dance group on four occasions. The performers are children born and raised in the garbage dump in Manila, Philippines, whose performance was featured in the Lions magazine.

A tireless fund raiser, Blessie co- chaired a successful District fund raising event to benefit the victims of the earthquake and tsunami disaster that hit Japan in 2010. The non-Lions who helped her in conducting the fund raiser became the core of a new Club, the San Diego United Lions Club. In 2011, she again spearheaded a successful fund raising event that benefitted the victims of Typhoon Sendong, one of the severest typhoon that hit Cagayan de Oro, a city in southern Philippines.

Blessie looks forward to serving District 4L6 to the best of her ability with the support of her husband, Weldon and her four children. She envisions that all Clubs in the district would have more quality members who are faithful to the principles and objects of Lionism, whose values and practices conform with the ethics of Lionism, and who can translate into action the Lions' motto "We Serve", with commitment and dedication. She believes in the truism that "it is in serving others with love that we can best serve ourselves".