

**District Governor
Brad Weeks
Rancho Santee Lions Club**

Our motto is “WE SERVE”, and that is all we ask of you as Lions. In all my years as a Lion, I’ve learned a lot but I am not going to claim to know everything. To me, I see many things as being simple but it may seem to others as complex. I plan on scheduling as much training as needed through out my year when needed.

I want to bring back the “Proud Lion” and the “Proud Sponsor” awards to this District. Rules will be in the Directory. I would like to see all of the Club Secretaries earn the 100% Secretary Award and all the Presidents earn the Excellence Award. The rules are not hard and they are easily obtainable, you can even carpool to make all the meetings and meet the requirements. If the Clubs can earn these 2 awards then the Zone & Region Chairs can easily earn their Awards which follows up the chain.

The Clubs are our most important asset in Lions. Without the Clubs, we have no District; no District, we have no Multiple Districts and we have no reason to have a worldwide Lions Clubs International organization. So with out the over 45,000 Clubs worldwide, we as individuals would probably not help the millions of people that are helped every day through out the world via this great organization. As a volunteer team, we do so much more than as an individual.

We did not join Lions for the awards, but awards will be given to those who are deserving. Awards are, in part, based upon the activity reports submitted each month by the Club Secretary. If I don’t know what you are doing and who is doing it, then you can not blame me for not recognizing the hard work your Club or an individual is doing. Please do not inform me verbally. I am getting older, and I forget what I do not remember.

Let’s all help to make this a great Lion Year, not just for me, but for all of you. Nothing is more fulfilling than to bring hope to those in need, a smile to a young child, a simple thank you from someone you helped, even in a small way.