

District Governor**John Kirk (Lion Cecilia)****National City Host****WE MUST BE MORE ACTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES**

Lion John was born in Portland, Oregon. Raised in central Oregon and southwestern Idaho. He didn't like milking cows, so he joined the US Navy to see the world and he did. He served 20 years on various ships, two tours in Vietnam on the riverboats and as an advisor to the Vietnamese Navy. Chief John retired after a final tour of instructor duty at the NROTC Unit at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Since retiring from the Navy, Lion John has worked at several occupations, ending up in the construction field as an estimator. Presently he devotes his time and energies to volunteering in his community.

Lion John is married to Cecilia. They have one daughter, Denise, son-in-law Bernardo and two grand-children, Bernardo and Eric.

Lion John joined the National City Host Lions Club on September 1, 1994. He has served as Club Secretary/Treasurer, the most learning position on the club level (everyone should fill these positions during their Lions career). Vice president, President, Sweetwater Zone Chairman, South Bay Region Chairman and District Tail Twister.

National City Host Lions Club honored Lion John with a Melvin Jones Fellowship, he was the Lion of the Year, the same year National City Host Lions Club was named the Districts "Best Small Club". Lion John has an International President's Leadership award. He also has two Presidents Awards, one Presidents Appreciation Award and several Certificates of Appreciation.

Lion John is very involved in the National City Host Lions Club's sight program with the elementary schools and senior centers in National City.

Lion John is a Life Member of the "Veterans of Foreign Wars," a member of the "Fleet Reserve Association", a member of the "American Legion", a Board Member of "Christmas in July "National City", and a member of "Spirit of the Holidays in National City".