

## DISTRICT CONTESTS:

### **BEST BULLETIN**

**CONTEST PERIOD:** The contest runs from August through April for the Lions' year.

**ENTRY DETAILS:** All club bulletins qualify (Lions & LEO Clubs). Each issue must be submitted to the District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and Cabinet Secretary

**AWARDS:** Awards will be presented at the District Convention for Large Club, Medium Club, Small Club and Electronic (e-mailed)

**JUDGING:** Judging will be based on the four sections listed below:

#### **Masthead and Address Panel:**

- Bulletin Name, Date of Issue, Issue Number
- Club Name and address
- District, Region and Zone
- Editor's Name, address, phone number
- Club Membership & Board meetings place, time, day
- Lions Logo and/or Club Logo

#### **General Information**

- Club President and Secretary with contact information
- District Governor with contact information
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors and Cabinet Secretary
- Region and Zone Chairs with contact information
- Club Roster with spouse's names

#### **Contents:**

- Resume of last meeting
- Resume of last Board Meeting
- Upcoming Programs or Guest Speakers
- Committee Reports
- Visitors
- Lions Clubs International information

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- Upcoming Club, Zone, Region, or District events
- Past club events
- Attendance boosting slogans
- Illustrations, photos, stories, humor, etc.
- Member personal items

#### **Presentation:**

- Legibility and neatness
- Writing Style
- Readability
- Well organized captions
- Graphics and photos
- Creativity and Originality



## VISITATION CONTEST

The purpose of this contest is to promote learning and friendship among individual Lions and Clubs. To share ideas and experiences to better the Clubs and Lions.

### 1. Contest Dates:

- I. August 1, 2023, thru April 1, 2024
- II. Winners will be announced at the District Convention

### 2. Protocol:

- I. Notify Club President and/or Club Secretary of the club being visited, the approximate number of Lions and the intended date of the visitation.

### 3. An official visitation will include the following:

- I. Any regular meeting of another Club, including Charter Night.
  - a) Visitations must not include someone from your Club selling tickets to a future event.
  - b) The District Governor nor a Cabinet member nor a Committee member shall count if making an official visitation.
  - c) Lions campaigning for a higher office will not be accepted.

II. To all Zone, Region, District Meetings and District Training Seminars.

- III. a) District Cabinet Personnel are not included.
- IV. To another Clubs sponsored social activity.
  - a) Fundraisers are not included.

### 4. The number of Lions required for an official Club visitation are as follows:

<u>Total Club Membership</u>	<u>Minimum Visiting Members</u>
19 or less Members	2 Members
20 TO 30 Members	3 Members
31 or more Members	4 Members

### 5. Visitation Points:

- I. One (1) point per minimum required member delegation making the legal visitation within the same Zone as home Club.
  - a) An additional five (5) points for each additional member making the same visitation to the same Club.

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II. Points are doubled if the visitation is to a Club outside of your home Zone.

III. Points are tripled if the visitation is to a Club outside of your home Region.

IV. Points are quadrupled if a San Diego County Club visits a Club in the Imperial Valley or vice-versa.

V. Individual Lions can score the same points as a minimum required Club delegation.

### 6. Awards:

I. Certificates will be issued to the first and second place winners of each of the 4 categories.

- a) Clubs with membership of 19 Lions or less
- b) Clubs with membership of 20 – 30 Lions
- c) Clubs with membership of 31 Lions or more
- d) Individual Lions

### 7. Reporting:

I. All visitation reports must be sent to the Cabinet Secretary within 30 days of the event beginning Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>

II. Reports are to be signed by the Club Visitation Chair, President, or Secretary.

III. All reports are to be postmarked no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>.

IV. Visitation reports for a given month not received by the Cabinet Secretary within 30 days after the event will be disallowed.

V. All decisions of the Cabinet Secretary are final.

## 100% CLUB SECRETARY



The Club President shall sign and certify that the below listed requirements for the 100% Secretary Award have been met as listed in the 2023-2024 District 4-L6 Directory. The certification must be approved by the Club's Board of Directors, be approved by the Zone Chair and forwarded to the Cabinet Secretary for verification and submission to the District Governor no later than September 1, 2024. If qualified, the recipient Club Secretary shall receive their award from the 2023-2024 District Governor no later than the second District Membership Meeting in LY 2024-2025.

### **The award period is from August 1 through April 1.**

#### Requirements which must be fulfilled:

1. The Club Secretary shall have submitted complete, accurate and timely Monthly Membership Reports as follows:
  - a) Manually submitted MMR's shall be postmarked no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Electronically filed MMR's must be submitted by the last day of the month for the reporting period.
  - b) Club Membership data including gains, losses, and totals shall be accurately tabulated and recorded.
  - c) Complete data, including sponsor's name and membership number shall be included for each new member.
2. The Club Secretary shall meet the requirements for the 100% Attendance Award.
3. The Club Secretary shall record, maintain and report accurate minutes for all Board of Directors and regular club meetings.
4. The Club Secretary shall have submitted complete and accurate Officer Reporting Form (PU-101), no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>.
5. The Club shall be in good standing with Lions Clubs International, MD4 and District 4-L6.
6. The Club Secretary shall personally attend the Secretary's Workshop at the District Lions Learning Day.
7. The Club Secretary shall attend at least two (2) District Governor Advisory Committee Meetings in their Zone during the year.
8. The Club Secretary shall attend at least three (3) of the District Membership Meetings during the year.
9. The Club Secretary has prepared and helped the transition for the incoming Club Secretary.

## STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST

"FOR A BETTER WORLD, WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE?"

2023-2024 TOPIC



A Student prepares and delivers a speech on a specific topic. The speech must last at least five minutes and no longer than ten minutes. The student first completes in a Club Contest sponsored by a local Lions Club.

### Club Contest Awards:

Winner:

**\$100 Cash**

All Runner-ups:

**\$ 25 Cash**

Zone Contest:

**\$150 Cash**

The winner of each Club Contest competes in the Zone Contest, each Zone consists of four to six Clubs.

Region Contest:

**\$250 Cash**

The winner from each Zone Contest competes in the Region Contest, each Region consists of two to three Zones.

District Contest:

**\$4,500 Scholarship**

The winners from the five Region Contests compete in the District Contest.

Area Contest:

**\$6,500 Scholarship**

The winners from the four District Contests compete in the Area Contest.

Area 1 – Districts 4-C1, 4-C5, 4-A1

Area 2 – Districts 4-C2, 4-C3, 4-C4, 4-C6

Area 3 – Districts 4-A2, 4-A3, 4-L1, 4-L3

Area 4 – Districts 4-L2, 4-L4, 4-L5, 4-L6

MD4 Final Contest:

**\$10,000 Scholarship**

The winners of the four Area Contests compete in the Final Contest.

**MD4 Final Contest Winner** receives a total of \$21,000 in Scholarship money and a total of \$500 in Cash prizes.

## 2023– 2024 STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST

### “TOPIC - FOR A BETTER WORLD, WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE?”

**October 1, 2023:** Deadline for Clubs to request “free” contest packet from MD4 website.

**December 1, 2023:** Deadline for Clubs, Zones, Regions to set contest dates and report the dates to the District Student Speaker Chair.

**February 26, 2024:** Last day to hold Club Contest.

**March 18, 2024:** Last day to hold Zone Contest.

**April 15, 2024:** Last day to hold Region Contest.

**May 6, 2024:** District 4-L6 Student Speaker Contest – Location TBD

**May 20, 2024:** Area 4 Contest – Date & Location TBD

**June 15, 2024:** MD4 Final Contest – Sacramento, CA

## SUPPORT THE STUDENT SPEAKER FOUNDATION

Harry J. Aslan Fellowship	\$200
Dwight E. Stanford Fellowship	\$300
Donald E. Snyder Fellowship	\$400
Fred W. Smith Fellowship	\$500

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## INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

### 2023 – 2024 CONTEST THEME “DARE TO DREAM”

Lions have provided an important reminder to the world that, through service, we can give and receive so much—joy, kindness, hope and PEACE. This year, young people have the opportunity to express their visions of peace through the lens of service.

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15, 2023 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

#### Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

- January 15: Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- October 1: Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- November 15: Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- December 1: Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to Lion, Diane Quinlan at 9206 La Paloma Ave, Fountain Valley, CA 92708.
- December 15: Postmark deadline for Multiple District 4 to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- February 1: International winners notified on or before this date.



## INTERNATIONAL PEACE ESSAY CONTEST

Your club can sponsor visually-impaired students in the Lions Clubs International Essay Contest! The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines, and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2023. Eligible birthdates are November 16, 2009 through November 15, 2012. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

### **“The contest theme is “Dare to Dream.”**

- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school or organized, sponsored youth group, or individuals may be sponsored as well.
- Essays must be no longer than 500 words, submitted in English, typewritten in black ink and double spaced.
- Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be disqualified.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be disqualified, and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

### **DEADLINES**

**November 15, 2023** – Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning essay to the district governor. Note: A participating club should notify its district governor in advance of sending an entry and confirm the date of the district judging at that time.

**December 1, 2023** – Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry directly to Brand & Creative at Lions Clubs International.

**December 1, 2023** – Postmark deadline for a district to send one winning essay to the multiple district council chairperson. A district not belonging to a multiple district must send its entries directly to Brand & Creative at Lions Clubs International (postmarked by December 1).

**December 15, 2023** – Postmark deadline for a multiple district to send one winning essay to Brand & Creative at Lions Clubs International.

**February 1, 2024** – Club presidents of international winners will be notified on or before this date.



*Lions International*

*District 4-L6*

*San Diego and Imperial Counties*

**PDG LEN BLOTTIN**  
**Past District Governor LY 2004-2005**  
**El Caion Valley Lions Club**  
**Congratulations DG Julio DeGuzman**

**and his Cabinet LY 2023-2024!**



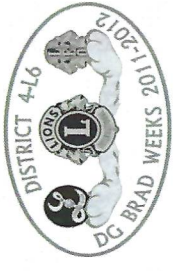
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**DG JULIO DEGUZMAN**  
**AND HIS CABINET LY 2023-24!**



**EL CENTRO HOST LIONS**

In the spirit of Club Visitations and Pin Trading, the Spring Valley would like to extend a welcome to any and all visitors to our Club. I am also collecting District 4-L6 pins for the District's historical collection. If you have pins you do not need, I will trade for them. See me if you are interested in becoming a pin trader.

***We look forward to seeing you.***



I would also like to extend my Hopes and Prayers to DG Julio and his Cabinet for a very fun year, a fruitful year and a learning experience to all.

**PDG Brad Weeks**

**CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES**

to



**DG Julio De Guzman**  
**1<sup>st</sup> VDG Leo Williams**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Elizabeth Yoe PhD and the**  
**2023-2024 District Cabinet**

from the

**Officers and Members of the**  
**Spring Valley Lions Club**

Home of the Santee Lakes Pancake Breakfast the last Saturday of every month

CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES

To

DISTRICT 4L6 GOVERNOR JULIO DeGUZMAN

And His 2023-2024 Cabinet



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