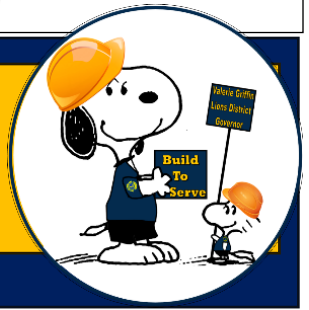


District 4-C3 Alameda and Contra Costa County



The Lionizer



Lions District Governor Valerie Griffin "Build to Serve"



Hello Lions of District 4-C3,

Here we are in the month of August already as I prepare this. I bring you greetings from our newly installed Lions International President Mark Lyon as we were able to meet with him in Hong Kong at the Lions International Convention. IP Mark Lyon's motto is "Rooted in Service". Service is why we are truly Lions, We Serve, to serve others. It is the foundation to Lions, the roots of a tree of life, a life of service. I will share more about that at our first District Cabinet meeting on Sat. Aug 29th. The International Convention was so inspiring as it brought together so many different countries with different cultures, traditions and beliefs but they were all in this huge convention hall with the same heartfelt goals of helping one another, service to help our communities and the world.

We have our awesome District 4-C3 Cabinet team in place. Our amazing Zone Chairs will be reaching out to their clubs, introducing themselves, meeting with Club Presidents and Secretaries and will join me as we make Club visitations. We have an all-star team in our GAT (Global Action Team) focused on GET (Global Extension), GLT (Global Leadership), GMT (Global Membership) and GST (Global Service). This GAT team and myself have developed goals and plans for our district. We have some impressive goals to work towards, but it takes everyone in our District working together. Going back to IP Mark Lyon's motto "Rooted in Service", that tree or forest does not grow, flourish and survive without water, oxygen, sunlight, and nutrients. Lions Clubs and District will not grow, survive and flourish without membership growth and adding clubs, increase service projects, reporting service, and future leaders stepping up and leading by example.

We are setting up Leadership training for all Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and Club Treasurers and Zone Chairs. Those "trees" need each on the same plan to help each other to grow, survive and flourish.

We have some great ideas for starting new clubs and at the same time assisting struggling clubs to flourish. Sounds like that "tree and forest of District 4-C3" that I mentioned are going to be growing through extension and membership.

Finally Service, "Rooted in Service". A tree or forest will not survive, grow and flourish without ROOTS. Our service projects are the ROOTS of our District. We need to hold service projects by our clubs, zones and our District. If you need Service project ideas, reach out to our ZC, Cabinet team, GAT team and myself. But here is where Lions of 4-C3 need to help our District forest. Report your club service to the Lions Portal. We will be offering Service reporting meetings during the year. Report the club service hours and projects. Take PRIDE in what we are doing, accomplishing and providing for our communities and worldwide. Service builds membership. Let Lions International know how much amazing service heroes we have in District 4-C3. RYSP – Report Your Service Project.

I would like to see Lions helping across our District. We can develop a Lion Pride List. Lions helping Lions and Clubs. We have a number of smaller clubs that don't have enough active members to hold service or fundraiser events. We can have a Lion Pride List of members names that would be willing to help out at other clubs events. "Trees in a forest have to sway and work together to weather the elements". I know that there are quite a few of you that do this already without a list but if we have a Lion Pride action list on the website it might encourage smaller clubs to be able to plan a project. I will place my name on this list. Please reach out to me if I can help at your events.

I'm a proud Lion, always a Lion. I am District Governor of District 4-C3 this year only, but I am always a Lion, a proud Lion.



My motto is **"Build to Serve"**.

Your Lions District Governor Valerie Griffin



Koshy John
District 4-C3 Second Vice District Governor

As a Lion I have been able to promote and work on many community service projects. These projects range from providing food during Covid, working at food banks, packaging food, vision screenings, providing backpacks and personal hygiene kits to underserved youth.

As Second Vice District Governor, I am committed to working collaboratively with the District Governor Valerie to achieve the district's goals and strengthen every club. My focus will be on service, teamwork, leadership development, and

membership growth.

I will actively support the District Governor by promoting the district's vision and strategic priorities, encouraging open communication between district leadership and clubs, and helping ensure that clubs receive the guidance and resources they need to succeed.

I will champion membership growth by encouraging clubs to recruit new members, engage existing members, and charter new clubs where opportunities exist. I will also promote meaningful service projects that address community needs while increasing the visibility and impact of Lions.

Leadership development will be another priority. I will identify and mentor emerging leaders, encourage participation in district and multiple district training programs, and help prepare the next generation of Lion leaders.

DG Valerie, I am wishing you success and growth as you pursue to "Build to Serve".



Laxmi Chaudhary
Immediate Past District Governor

Serving as District Governor was one of the greatest honors of my Lions journey, and it is now my privilege to serve as Immediate Past District Governor in support of District Governor Valerie Griffin. Having experienced the responsibilities and opportunities of district leadership firsthand, I understand the importance of having a trusted team that offers encouragement, guidance, and unwavering support.

My commitment is to stand beside District Governor Valerie Griffin by sharing my experience whenever it is helpful, while fully supporting her vision and respecting that this is her year to lead. I believe strong leadership is built on collaboration, mutual respect, and service above self. I will continue to promote unity among our clubs, encourage leadership development, and inspire our Lions to work together to achieve the goals of our district.

My Wish for District Governor Valerie Griffin

My heartfelt wish for District Governor Valerie is a year filled with good health, wisdom, strength, and joy. May she lead with confidence, compassion, and integrity, inspiring every Lion to serve with enthusiasm and purpose. May her year be marked by successful service projects, membership growth, strong friendships, and lasting accomplishments that will benefit our district for years to come.

It is an honor to continue serving our Lions family, and I look forward to supporting District Governor Valerie and our entire district as we work together to make this an exceptional year of service.

Laxmi Chaudhary
Immediate Past District Governor
Serving With Integrity



Lions District Secretary Victoria Redstone 2026-20270

I have been a very proud Albany Lion for almost 20 years. I have worked hard on many Lion projects over the years. DG Val and I have worked together on building our club crab feed fundraiser as well as our Back to School backpack project and our growing Leos club.

DG Val is my twin sister and my best friend. I plan to help her with anything she needs. She has big heart and lots of wonderful ideas for this new Lion year as DG. I want to help her achieve her ideas and projects she has planned for this upcoming year. It's going to be hard work, but fun at the same time! DG Val is our gal!!!



Bruce Barbara District Administrator 2026-2027

For the past 11 years, I have supported Special Kids Day through admission and registration. I have also served as District Administrative Assistant for District 4-C3 during 2024-2025 and again for 2026-2027, helping maintain Lions Portal records for club members, officers, and zone club assignments.

My hands-on service has included building the stage for the Comedy Night mental-health fundraiser, building a Christmas parade float, cooking and serving food at the Veterans Stand Down, and serving food at the Big Cat Poker Run fundraiser. I have also supported Magic Yarn by constructing a measuring board and other needed fixtures and tools.

I was honored to receive the District Lion of the Year Award for 2024-2025.

In my administrative role, I will help keep the Lions Portal accurate and current as clubs report membership, officer, and assignment changes. Timely, reliable district records will help Governor Valerie and district leadership communicate effectively, make informed decisions, and keep clubs connected to district programs.

I will support directory data entry so the district directory can be completed accurately and on time. I will continue assisting with Special Kids Day admission and registration, helping create a welcoming and organized experience for participating families.

Beyond administrative work, I will be available to support club-level service projects and fundraisers whenever possible. I will also participate in the Veterans Stand Down, continuing our Lions tradition of serving veterans and strengthening our connection with the broader community. My goal is to be dependable, organized, and ready to help turn district priorities into completed work.

My wish for Governor Valerie is a successful, visible, and connected year of leadership. I hope she is able to visit clubs regularly, be present at district events, and encourage every club to take part in fundraisers and service projects.

I also wish for a year in which goals and important tasks are completed on time, especially district-wide responsibilities such as the directory. With clear communication, active participation, and consistent follow-through, I believe Governor Valerie can lead District 4-C3 through an outstanding year of service.



District Administrative Assistant Michelle Strong 2026-2027

My Dad joined lions in 1964 when we were kids we were brought along at all kinds of events and fundraisers. I remember serving snow cones and soda when I was knee high to a grasshopper. My Mom was what was then called a "Dandelion" (wife of the lion member) and did tons of work with and for the club. Then the Lioness Clubs formed and I was ASKED to join the Lioness in 1994 and was still a member when I took on dual membership when I was ASKED to join Lions in the late 2009. Stayed dual until Lioness dissolved. I was club President and Secretary of both clubs and in

2024 I accepted the position of Lions District Secretary of 4C3. I was raised in a charitable atmosphere since I can remember and have always had compassion and awareness for those less fortunate than myself.

I learned It's not all about what you can give monetarily, but your physical presence in community service makes an impact on the receiver and the giver. (continued)

(Michelle Continued) I stay because it's a great way to seek out and find those in need with a group of people that want to make a positive difference in the world we all live in.

I am delighted to be a part of Valerie's team and build to serve with her. I will do my very best to get the communications from the clubs to you all in a timely manner.



Global Leadership Denny Grotian

District 4-C3 Governor 2013-14 and 2014-15 Council Chair for the Lions of California. sponsored 56 Lion members and assisted in the chartering of 9 Lions Clubs. A presenter at numerous USA/Canada Forum, LCI Conventions, a faculty member for RLLI, ALLI, FDI and LCIP - chosen by 5 Intl Presidents to serve as a Group Leader for DGE School -received numerous awards and honors including the highest LCI Ambassador of Good Will. Serving as the Global Leadership Team Coordinator with the team of PDG Duke Dunham, PDG Manil Shrestha and PID Ken Iberra. I wish Valerie to have the best governor year ever !



GST PDG Skip Zehnder/ Student Speaker

Lion for 41 years. Currently Treasurer for Lions Club of Brentwood and Student Speaker District Chair.

WE SERVE. Service is what we do, and it is important to get that service reported accurately to the District Governor and International. My role as GST for the District is to explain to the clubs the importance of reporting. I will also make sure that the clubs know how to report their service.

District Governor Valerie has a tremendous record of service to Lions and communities around her. I wish her a wonderful term as District Governor and wish her and Stu a wonderful year



Gobind Prasad Upadhyay District Global Extension

Serving in Lions has been one of the most rewarding parts of my life. I served as President of the Fremont Sagarmatha Lions Club in 2023–2024, followed by Zone Chair in 2024–2025 and Region Chair for the 2025–2026 Lions year. In each role, I worked with fellow Lions to support community service projects, strengthen our clubs, encourage membership growth, and develop future leaders. Every opportunity has reinforced my commitment to our motto, "We Serve." For the 2026–2027 Lions year, I am honored to serve as the Global Extension Team (GET) District Coordinator under District Governor Lion Valerie. My goal is to help grow our district by establishing new clubs, supporting

club extension efforts, and reaching communities that can benefit from Lions' service. I will work closely with the District Governor and Past District Governors. district leadership, Zone Chairs, and club leaders to identify new club and membership growth opportunities, mentor new clubs, and encourage collaboration across the district. By strengthening our Lions family and expanding our service, I hope to make Governor Valerie's year a successful and memorable one. I wish District Governor Valerie a wonderful year filled with good health, happiness, and success. May her leadership inspire our members, strengthen our district, and touch many lives through service. I look forward to working with her and supporting her vision as we continue to grow and serve our communities together.



District Woman's and Families Chairmen Kathy Doty

Hello Lions,

I am Lion Kathy Doty, District 42C3 Family and Women's Specialist and a proud 16-year member of the Byron Delta Lions Club. I joined Lions to give back to my community, and over the years I've gained new skills, enjoyed many Lion adventures, and made lifelong friends. Being a Lion has enriched my life and I'm grateful for the chance to serve through both District and BDLC projects.

Some of my service has included roles such as Zone 1 Chair, District Peace Poster Chair, District Ear of the Lion Chair, Student Speaker Chair, Membership Chair, and Editor of the BDLC Lair newsletter. I've also served as BDLC President in 2016 and 2025, and I was honored to be named District 42C3 Lion of the Year, 2025–26.

This year, my goal as District Family and Women's Specialist is to encourage participation and growth among Lion family members across our District. I'm exploring several fun ideas and look forward to supporting our clubs. I'm excited to support District Governor Valerie Griffin and I am looking forward to serving alongside all of you in District 42C3.

With best regards,

Kathy Doty

District Family and Women's Specialists



Linda Barbara Vision

Throughout my Lions journey, I have been committed to strengthening our organization through leadership, service, and growth. As a Past District Governor and Multiple District 4 Global Extension Team (GET) Coordinator, I have worked to develop new Lions clubs, mentor leaders, train members, and support districts in expanding service to their communities. I have also championed meaningful service initiatives, including leading the Northern California chapter of The Magic Yarn Project, bringing comfort to children experiencing medical hair loss. My passion is to help Lions grow stronger so we can serve more people, create lasting community impact, and inspire the next generation of Lion leaders. As a Past District Governor, my commitment is

to be a trusted partner in helping District Governor Valerie have an exceptional year. I will provide guidance, encouragement, and practical support in developing new clubs, strengthening community outreach, and creating opportunities for sustainable growth.

2. As Multiple District 4 Global Extension Team (GET) Coordinator and a Past District Governor, I am committed to being a trusted partner in helping District Governor Valerie have an extraordinary year. I will be available to share ideas, mentor emerging leaders, help overcome challenges, and celebrate every success along the way. By working closely with Valerie, our district leadership team, and our clubs, I will help create opportunities for sustainable growth while ensuring our Lions remain focused on serving their communities with compassion and purpose.

Most importantly, I want Valerie to know she has a teammate who genuinely wants her to succeed. I will stand beside her with honesty, encouragement, and unwavering support, helping turn her vision into reality. I hope that, together, we will build stronger clubs, inspire new leaders, and make her year as District Governor one that is both impactful and deeply rewarding.

My wish for District Governor Valerie is that this year is filled with joy, purpose, and meaningful service. I hope she feels supported, inspired, and confident in every decision she makes. May she build lasting friendships, create unforgettable memories, and leave a legacy of compassion, kindness, and leadership that will inspire others for years to come. It is an honor to support her on this incredible journey.



Duke Dunham Hunger and Student Speakers

In my 35 years of Lions I'm happy to say that I've done a significant amount of "giving back" to those who can use a helping hand. At the club level, my club has provided numerous donations to various organizations in our community, including LCVI and other Lions organizations and provided meals and supplies to various shelters in our service area. As a Past District Governor I have enjoyed staying in touch with our district and watching some things change and some stay the same as we continue down our successful path. I look forward to how our district can help our community and what I can do as Hunger Chairman do lead that along. I plan to organize canned food drives at all levels, I'm looking into an afternoon working at the food bank for us and a project for our district to prepare a meal at a shelter in our district. And, I'm open

to other ideas. At the end of District Governor Valerie's year I want us all to look back and celebrate the assistance that we provided to our communities. Congratulations to DG Valerie for taking the lead for the upcoming year. Let's all remember that it's up to us to support her in our roles and we'll all look back at the end and appreciate our success. PDG Duke Dunham



David Williams Diabetes

Joined the San Pablo Club March 1, 1970

Was Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 125, Sponsored by the SPLC

Served 3 terms as Club President

Served as Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, Club Marketing Chairperson, Club LCIF Coordinator, Served as Club Membership Chairperson, Served as Club Lion Tamer, Served as Club Bulletin Editor

Was awarded Lions Life Membership on June 24, 2009

Transferred to the Walnut Creek Ygnacio Valley (Commuters) Lions Club August 13, 2019

Served a Club President, Served a Club Treasurer, Served as Club Marketing Chairperson, Served as Club Bulletin Editor, Have participated in many District 4-C3 Special Kids Days, Have attended many District 4-C3 Conventions, Served as District Photographer over 10 years, Served on District 4-C3 GMT Club Success Team 2013-2014, Served as Zone Chairperson 2013-2014, Served as Zone Chairperson 2024-2025, Served as Region Chairperson 2025-2026, Served as District Chaplain 2014-2015, Was a Member of the USA/Canada Leadership Forum 2023 Host Committee in Reno, NV.

How My Role Helps: This year I will be serving as District Diabetes Chairperson. My duties will include keeping the Members of District 4-C3 informed of the dangers of Diabetes and how it relates to blindness, and how to communicate those dangers to both the blind and the general public in our area.

Wishes for our new District Governor: My wishes for Lion District Governor Valerie start with outstanding success in all endeavors. They continue with freedom from problems and hardships, both personal and for Lions. Also, good health and smooth sailing, as well as many new members and clubs, while keeping the ones we have.



William "Billy" Beyer Environment

I have proudly served our Lions community through consistent hands-on involvement and dependable leadership. Whether supporting club service projects, assisting with district initiatives, or stepping in wherever help was needed, my focus has always been strengthening our ability to serve. I've contributed time, resources, and organizational support to ensure our events run smoothly and our members feel empowered to make a meaningful impact.

2. Elaborate description of how your role will help District Governor Valerie have a hugely successful year (continued)

(Billy Beyer continued)

In my role, I will be a steady, proactive partner to District Governor Valerie—someone she can rely on for clarity, follow-through, and unwavering commitment. I intend to support her vision by helping streamline communication, reinforcing her priorities at the club level, and ensuring that every initiative she launches is carried out with precision and enthusiasm.

I will work to strengthen collaboration across clubs, encourage member engagement, and help create an environment where Valerie's goals are not only understood but embraced. By anticipating needs, offering solutions, and maintaining a positive, forward-moving energy, I will help amplify her leadership and contribute to a year defined by unity, growth, and impactful service.

My purpose is simple: to make her job easier, her message stronger, and her year unforgettable.

3. Your personal wishes for our new District Governor

My heartfelt wish for District Governor Valerie is that her year is filled with confidence, joy, and the deep satisfaction that comes from seeing her vision come to life. I hope she experiences strong support from every corner of the district, meaningful connections with members, and the pride of watching our service reach new heights under her guidance.

Most of all, I wish her a year where she feels appreciated, inspired, and empowered—knowing she is leading a district that believes in her and stands beside her every step of the way.



Birdie Forsythe Leo / Youth

While I have been a Lion only a few years. I helped start a Leo Club at Heritage High School. Providing several ideas for the students to give back to their community.

During Mental Health and Well being week- I chaired a Comedy Night for mental health and provided local schools with mental health aids such as sketch books, journals, coloring books and fidgets.

I increased service hours for the club by creating a team to oversee and read scholarship applications. I created a simple rubric for them so that scoring was fair and easy for readers. During the holidays we built a float for the parade. We engaged 21 members to build the float and walk with the Leo's behind it.

My focus is always on how can we make volunteering fun and bring more members into help

My hope is to help Valerie with the Leo Program. I would love to establish at least 3 more Leo Clubs this year. I would like to see the Leo's participate in a training and mentoring program, in a joint Leo Fundraiser and service projects for each of the derive weeks as well as a signature service project at each school.

My wish is for Valerie to have a fun and productive year. I wish for Valerie to have a successful and stress free year! I wish for her to learn and grow throughout the year and to teach us all some wisdom.



Michelle Heckle Youth Protect

Serve Oakland Chinatown Lions since 2022, Club Student Speaker coordinator, Zone 4 Chair 2025-2026, participate in multiple service projects. Attend and participate in 2025 Lions International Conference, Orlando; Zone Chair training. I look forward to helping champion DG Valerie and team in 2026-2027.

May peace, love, and joy be yours in abundance now and in every heart and mind you extend your bright smile and warm heart!



Paula Robinson Peace Poster

I plan on making the peace poster contest very successful.

I will do whatever Dg Valerie needs.

I have held many positions and am currently President of my club

Paula



Annie Chau Zone 1

I have been an active member of the Oakland Chinatown Lions Club (OCLC) since 2016. Over the years, I have taken on several leadership roles, including serving as OCLC Secretary from 2018 to 2019, OCLC First Vice President from 2019 to 2020, and OCLC President from 2019 to 2021.

Additionally, I fulfilled the role of Membership Chair and facilitated the Student Speaker contest, fostering the development of young leaders. I was serving as the MD4-C3 Zone 4 Chair for the year 2023-2024 and will be taking on the role of MD4-C3 Zone Chair again for 2026-2027. Also, I was serving as the Advisor for the Oakland High Leo Club in 2025-2026.

With my extensive experience and established roles within the Oakland Chinatown Lions Club and our district, I am poised to assist District Governor Valerie in achieving a successful year. As the MD4-C3 Zone 4 Chair, I will actively promote collaboration among clubs, ensuring that resources and support are shared effectively. My previous experience as a club president has equipped me with the skills to motivate and inspire members, encouraging participation in district initiatives. Additionally, my role as Peace Poster Chair will emphasize the importance of service and youth engagement, aligning with Governor Valerie's vision for fostering leadership and community involvement. Together, we will cultivate a stronger Lions network, enhancing our collective impact.

As District Governor Valerie embarks on her new role, I wish her resilience and confidence as she navigates the challenges ahead. May she inspire and empower each member to embrace the Lions' mission wholeheartedly, fostering unity and purpose within our clubs. I hope this year is filled with meaningful connections, innovative projects, and memorable moments that reinforce our commitment to service and community.



Sharon Djafaripour Zone 2

I am Sharon Djafaripour, president of Oakland Chinatown Lions Club. I've been honored by being asked by District Governor Valerie Griffin to be Zone Chair 2, which encompasses Ambrose Antioch, Martinez, Martinez Lady, Pittsburg LCVI, Concord Nor-Cal, and East Bay Special Interest Cyber. Altogether we will help Valerie have a most wonderful and impressive year!

I will be contacting each of these clubs to plan a visit and would like to start planning on a Zone project. I welcome any ideas. I am excited to discover your club's vision.

I joined Lions 3 years ago and have learned so much about how wonderful the organization is with the causes and following the motto of "We Serve." Our club has donated to Lions Club International Foundation, Lions in Sight, Lions Center for the Visually Impaired, to many community based needed programs, and plan on donating part of our proceeds from our upcoming Installation Gala to California Lions Foundation. We participated in Special Kids Day, chartered the Oakland High Leo's, and sponsored the Pittsburg LCVI. With grants from California Lions Foundation, we were able to have a Leo involved Magic Yarn project as well as a 100 Backpack Giveaway. Our yearly Health Fair will be August 8th where we will have vendors and vision screening.

Personally, I have been going to the Lions in Sight warehouse every Wednesday since July of 2024, I hope the Zone clubs can commit to helping once a month. I go to LCVI every 2nd Tuesday to help with clients, it will be great if there are other volunteers. It is so satisfying to be able to help those who are visually impaired.

My email is djafaripour@earthlink.net and my cell is 510-407-8048. I look forward to meeting all of you this year.



Barbara Griffin Zone 3

I have been a Lion 11 years, a Byron Delta Lion

I was Zone chair for Darlene

I attend LCVI to serve clients regularly on Tuesdays

I am an associate at Crockett Lions

I work at LIS every other Wednesday

I bake when asked for events or LCVI

I am now zone chair for DG Valerie



Hermy Almonte Zone 5

I have participated in the Vision Screening Program for preschools and kindergartens, delivered soups to seniors, and helped with pantry load-ins for low-income households. I will support District Governor Valerie by promoting her goals, encouraging teamwork, and serving wherever needed to help make her year successful. I wish DG Valerie a successful year filled with good health, strong leadership, and continued growth in service throughout our district.



Barbara Chambers Zone 6

My name is Barbara Chambers and I have been a member of the Martinez Lions Club for almost 38 years. I am the current treasurer of Martinez Lions Club. I am also an associate member of the Martinez Lady Lions Club and one of their Guiding Lions. I am the Immediate Past president of the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired and I love volunteering there for their classes and excursions. In the past, I have served District 4 C3 twice as Cabinet Secretary, also as District Membership Chair (GMT), District Service Chair (GST), District Peace Poster Chair, District Student Speaker Chair, as well as Zone Chair and Region Chair.

I look forward to working with District Governor Valerie and her team to carry out her theme "Build to Serve". I think Governor Val's energy, enthusiasm, and leadership will guide us as a District to increase our membership and in so doing, give us more hands to do more service. I can't wait to go forward as part of this dynamic team to "Build to Serve."

Good luck, District Governor Val, I am proud to be part of your team—Let's "Build to Serve!"

Darlene Ridle California Lions Foundation



Darlene Ridle California Lions Foundation

District 4-C3 CLF Director

I have been a Lion since 1995, and as far back as I can remember, I have always been a volunteer. Even as a child, I found joy in helping others. Before becoming a Lion, I had never belonged to a service club. Joining Lions changed my life by connecting me with people who shared my passion for serving those in need.

There is a unique sense of fulfillment that comes from making a positive difference in someone else's life. One of the greatest blessings of my Lions journey has been getting to know the VIPs (Visually Impaired People) at the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired (LCVI). Many of them are members of the Pittsburg LCVI Lions Club, and despite the

challenges they face, they continue to give back to their community with incredible dedication and generosity. They are a true inspiration.

I am honored to serve as your District Director for the California Lions Foundation (CLF). The California Lions Foundation is our foundation, dedicated to supporting Lions clubs throughout California by providing grants that help expand our service to those in need.

The Foundation offers several grant opportunities, including:

Matching Funds Grants, Specialty Grants, Designated Funds Grants, Disaster Relief Grants

The California Lions Foundation also provides meaningful ways to recognize outstanding individuals in your club or community through:

CLF Life Membership, Kay K. Fukushima Fellowship, Reginald Harris Fellowship

If you would like more information or would like me to present to your club, I would be happy to speak about the Lions Center for the Visually Impaired (LCVI), the Lions Vision Resource Network (LVRN), or the California Lions Foundation.

Bill and I extend our best wishes and full support to District Governor Valerie, Lion Stu, and the entire Cabinet. We wish you a successful and rewarding Lions year as you continue serving our communities.

I will close with one of my favorite quotes from Helen Keller:

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."



Audrey Neiman District Chaplain

I am a member of the Richmond-Pinole Lions Club and have been a Lion since 2000. Previously I was a member of the San Pablo Lions Club. I have served as President, Secretary, Treasurer, Service Chair, and Bulletin editor. Presently I serve as club Treasurer and Administrator. On the District Level, I was Cabinet Secretary during Governor Manil Shrestha's term, and Inspiration Leader in Governor Darlene Ridle's term. I presently serve as Fund Raising Chairman for LCVI, and I am Club Representative for LVRN. I have worked with the Card Angels for about 6 years. This year I will be the Inspiration leader for Governor Valerie Griffin. I want to bring spirit and fun to meetings and events, to inspire our

Lions to continue meeting the challenges of our communities through our service work in all our service areas. I want to support Governor Valerie in all her goals, to support her leadership ideas, and help her have a momentous year.

Cut off for sending your reply was extended to August 13th due to some non replies.

Here are the other members of District Governor Valerie's team

Names and titles only no other information

Bill Ridle Global Membership

Michael McDowell Disaster Relief and District Projects

Kaz Sato Treasurer / Budget and Finance

Mac Coats Song Leader

Al Satake Zone 4

Elizabeth Clarke Marketing

Manju Potuhera 1st Vice District Governor

In Addition:

Convention Committee

Convention Manil Shrestha

Convention Valerie Griffin

Convention Manju Potuhera

Convention Bill Ridle



We Serve

