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"LCIF News and Information for District 4-C3"



Happy Birthday Melvin!

Happy New Year and Happy Birthday to Melvin Jones. In honor of our Lions founder on January 13, we are reminded to support our foundation. Worldwide, Lions are celebrating by hosting events to raise funds for LCIF. District 4-C3 joined in on the celebration by hosting PIP Dr. Patti Hill on January 15 with a Meet & Greet Fundraiser at Eagles Hall in El Cerrito. Over 50 Lions attended the event, hosted by the Albany Lions Club.

PIP Patti gave an inspiring and informative talk on how each of us could support LCIF, in addition to our responsibility to deliver the same message to our own clubs. Recognizing we all have different levels of financial giving, she encouraged large, small and recurring donations.

Dr. Hill also spoke of **Club Community Impact Grants**, where those clubs that donate at least \$5000, receive at least 15% return (\$750); and when donating at least \$10,000, receive at least 20% (\$2,000) for local service projects. She also spoke on the **Lions Legacy Society**, where members can bequeath future giving to LCIF, assuring support when we are no longer serving.

The event closed with recognitions to **Melvin Jones Fellows**, **Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows**, new **Legacy Society** members, and a "parade of donations" by individuals and clubs.

Thanks again to the Albany Lions and those Lions who helped make it a successful event!

Giving is Good,
Linda Wagner-Griffin & Ken Ibarra
LCIF District Co-Coordinators



What is LCIF?

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, providing grants and programs to empower Lions members to conduct large-scale humanitarian projects and meet global needs, particularly in areas of sight, hunger, disaster relief, and youth development. Founded in 1968, LCIF relies on donations from Lions, their partners, and the public to fund projects that improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and foster international understanding.

LCIF: We Change Lives. Every day. Everywhere.

As members, we all belong to Lions Clubs International.
Lions Clubs International Foundation belongs to all of us.

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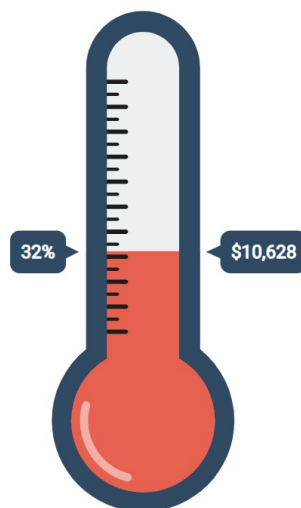
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District 4-C3 LCIF Donations Dashboard

2024-2025 Goal: \$31,178.00
2024-2025 Total Donations: \$79,188.53
2025-2026 Goal: \$33,043.00
2025-2026 Total Donations: \$10,628.00



LCIF Club Coordinators

The club LCIF coordinator serves as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Foundation in your club. This individual shares the stories of LCIF programs, motivates others to support LCIF, and enable the foundation to advance its humanitarian work in your community and around the world.

Responsibilities will include:

- Educating Lions about the mission and success of LCIF and its importance to Lions Clubs International
- Implementing LCIF development strategies within your club
- Collaborating with LCIF DC to promote LCIF in your area

The club LCIF coordinator works closely with local club leadership and communicates directly to LCIF DCs to ensure alignment with district goals.

Training and Events

- Attend annual LCIF training provided by your district coordinator
- Give annual LCIF presentation at a club meeting to cover: LCIF programs and their impact, opportunities to apply for LCIF grants, and the benefits of supporting

Public Relations

- Promote LCIF program success stories through local media outlets, prepare and distribute press releases
- Work with club PR chairperson to promote LCIF
- Promote LCIF through your club's website and social media outlets

Work with leadership

- Provide regular updates and success stories to club leadership
- Provide LCIF grant and program updates to club leadership
- Provide regular updates to your district coordinator Grant opportunities
- Inform Lions in your club of LCIF grant opportunities at a local level
- Facilitate communicate with district and other clubs regarding active grants and grant applications



The LCIF Mission

Our mission is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers and partners to improve health and wellbeing, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

A variety of LCIF fundraising ideas for your club:

Event-based

- Charity dinner or themed banquet with ticket sales and a live auction
- Golf tournament or sports tournament (entry fees, sponsors, mulligans)
- Concert, talent show, or community theater benefit
- Pancake breakfast, fish fry, or food festival with donated ingredients
- Walk/run or bike-a-thon with pledges per mile

Sales & Auctions

- Silent/live auction (experiences, donated goods, gift baskets)
- Online charity auction or Facebook/Instagram fundraiser
- Community garage sale or flea market with donated items
- Raffle (comply with local laws) - big-ticket prize increases interest

Services & Community Activities

- Car wash or pet wash with club volunteers
- Yardwork/handyman day for donations (seasonal)
- Vision screening day with suggested donations and LCIF info
- "Dine & Donate" partnerships with local restaurants (percentage nights)

Corporate & Major Gifts

- Corporate sponsorship packages for events or programs
- Workplace giving and payroll deduction drives with local employers
- Major donor/legacy giving campaigns and named gift opportunities
- Matching gift campaigns - secure a local donor or business to match donations

Digital & Low-cost

- Crowd funding campaign (GoFundMe/Platform) with clear LCIF purpose
- Social media giving drives and themed hashtag challenges
- Virtual events: webinars, trivia nights, cooking classes for donations
- Email/text-to-give and QR codes at events for easy micro-donations

Partnerships & Grants

- Apply for local community grants and foundations that align with LCIF causes
- Partner with schools, churches, scouting groups for joint fundraisers
- Awareness + Fundraising Combos
- Host an information night about LCIF with a donation appeal
- Tribute and memorial gifts program for members and community donors

Some short and simple fundraisers for Lions club meetings:

- 50/50 raffle: Sell tickets during the meeting, winner gets half the pot.
- Tip jar/collection box: Pass a jar and announce the LCIF cause briefly.
- Jeans day: Members pay a small fee to wear casual clothes to the meeting.
- Mystery envelope: Sell sealed envelopes with small prizes or notes (some empty).
- Snack sale: Members bring baked goods/snacks to sell by donation.
- Silent auction table: One or two donated items on the table for bids during the meeting.
- President's challenge: Match small member donations up to a set amount.
- "Buy a minute": Members bid for a minute to make announcements or tell a story.
- Bottle/can collection drop-off: Collect recyclables at meeting for cash redemption.
- Quarter game: Place numbered cups; pay to guess which cup hides a coin.

LCIF supports Jamaica and the Caribbean after Hurricane Melissa

Major Catastrophe Grant of US\$100,000 activated within hours for Jamaica

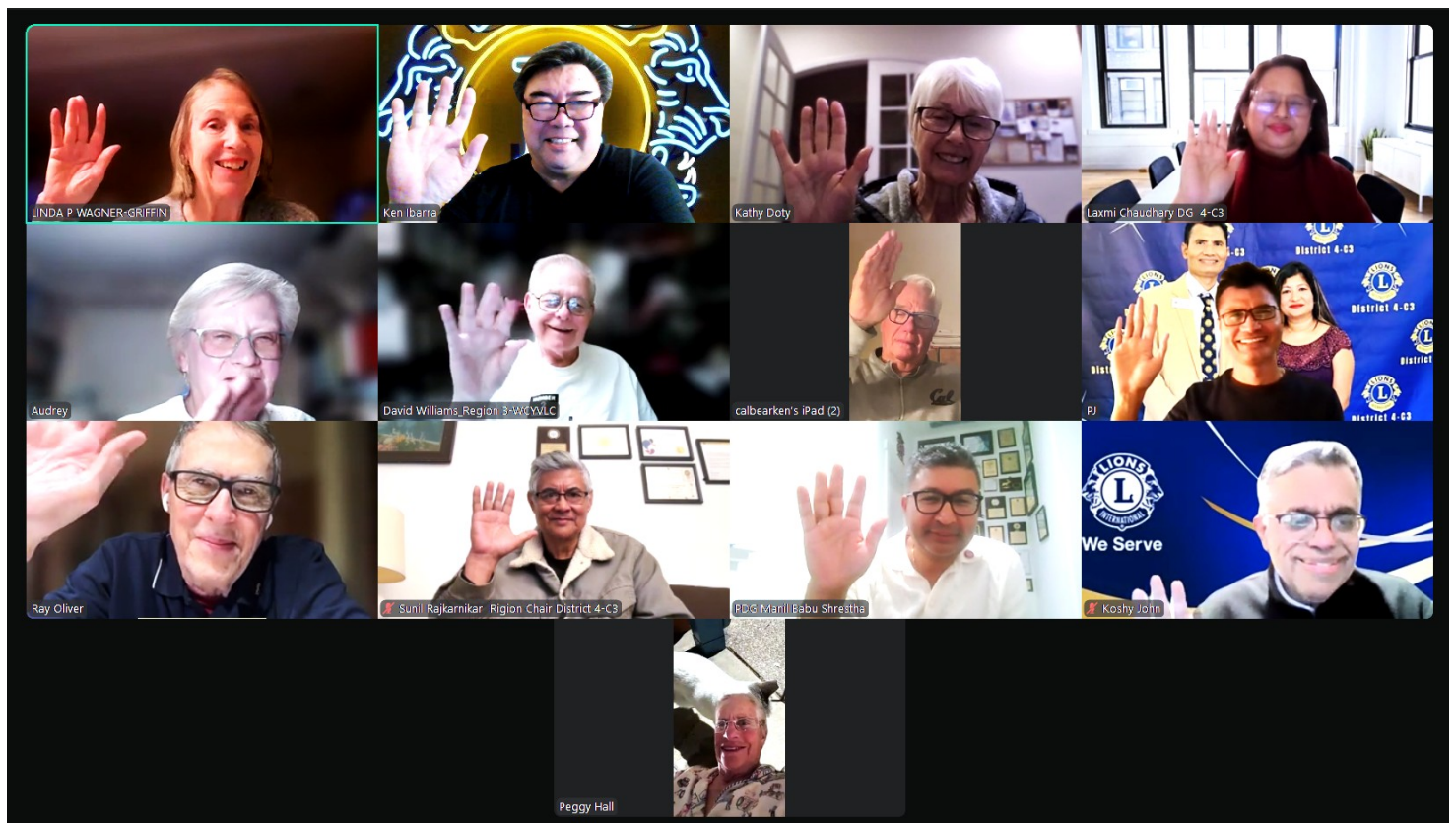
Jamaica was hit by Category 5 Hurricane Melissa. Entire communities in the southwest are under water. People had to move overnight into temporary shelters. Hospitals have overloaded emergency departments. Bridges are not passable. Power grids are unstable. This event will shape daily life in island communities for a long time.

LCIF long standing experience shows that coordinated help works better than isolated individual actions. Our international foundation LCIF supports Lions on the ground. They can fund exactly the resources identified for this situation now and in the rebuilding phase.

Every donation matters to help people in need after disasters. Every Lion can donate. These donations count towards MJF and PMJF credits.



4-C3 LCIF Roundtable Zoom



<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

Take a look at these pins! Donors who make a one-time donation of at least US\$50 are eligible to receive International President A.P. Singh's LCIF Presidential Supporter pin, available this Lion year ONLY. Donate today and receive your pin! Donate \$200 and receive all three pins.

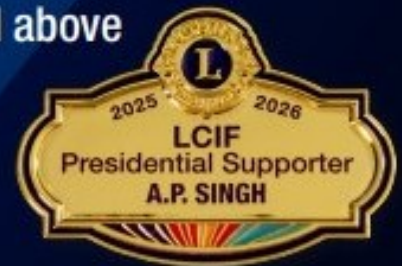
PDG Linda and PID Ken have pins for you.

2025-2026 LCIF PRESIDENTIAL SUPPORTER PINS

LIMITED EDITION!

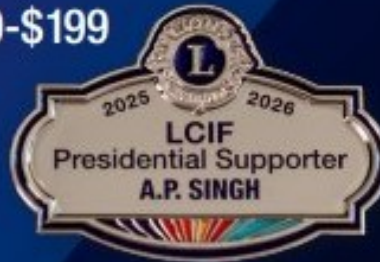
Gold Pin

US\$200 and above



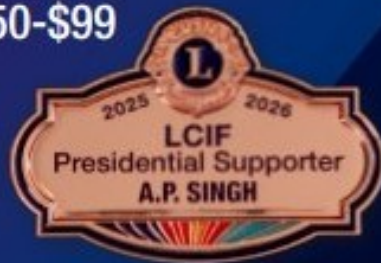
Silver Pin

US\$100-\$199



Bronze Pin

US\$50-\$99



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

LCIF Leo Presidential Supporter Pin

The Leo Presidential LCIF Supporter Pin is a special recognition item made available for individual Leo members who wish to show their support. This pin serves as a visible symbol of commitment to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), allowing Leos to demonstrate their dedication and pride in supporting the foundation.

To qualify for the Leo Presidential LCIF Supporter Pin, a Leo must make a minimum donation of \$20.00. This contribution signifies the member's support for LCIF and its initiatives.

Once eligible, your supporter pin will be sent directly to you. Leos are encouraged to wear the pin proudly as a representation of their ongoing support for Lions Clubs International Foundation.



Ways We Serve

Lions serve locally in so many different ways. We also have fully developed programs, service resources, funding opportunities for Lions and Leos, and organizational support for eight global causes and a number of special initiatives.

Our global causes



[Learn more](#)

Childhood cancer

We provide support for the needs of children and families affected by childhood cancer.



[Learn more](#)

Diabetes

We work to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those living with diabetes.



[Learn more](#)

Disaster relief

We take steps to meet immediate needs and provide long-term support for communities devastated by natural disasters.



[Learn more](#)

Environment

We find ways to protect the environment to create healthier communities and a more sustainable world.



[Learn more](#)

Humanitarian

We identify the world's most crucial needs and provide humanitarian aid where it's needed most.



[Learn more](#)

Hunger

We strive to improve food security and access to nutritious food to help alleviate hunger.



[Learn more](#)

Vision

We help prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired.



[Learn more](#)

Youth

We support young people so they can make positive choices, lead healthy and productive lives, and become the next generation of service leaders.

Our stories

Behind each service project and every act of kindness, there's a story. And every time Lions and Leos serve, they're creating inspiring new stories. And we want to share them with the world.

Lions Share "A Ball for All" | Football for Visually Impaired Youth

<https://youtu.be/v2GFScRHNFo?si=bAOP024WgU9HRbCh>

Lions in Iowa Support Families Facing Childhood Cancer

<https://youtu.be/wA73IaxShis?si=v6pdQkIgJmBtQYTt>

Lions Mobile Health Clinic in Ecuador

https://youtu.be/aG_CeKusnEY?si=T4VDeqBzao0xhdyq

Bringing Possibilities to Life | LCIF and Lions Create Impactful Stories of Kindness

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