



District Governor Erv Gon

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Dear District 4-C5 Lions,

Throughout the past year you have heard mention of reports regarding the need to address what is most significantly to be described as a decline in Lion Membership in District 4-C5.

This dilemma has been addressed in two specific ways:

1. An intensified effort through the Global Membership Team (GMT) to form new clubs or restore cancelled clubs within the district, especially in areas where clubs once thrived. Under the direction of Global Membership Team Leader, PDG Bob Olin, exciting progress has been made. We look forward to sharing the details of a new club charter night soon.
2. Our Constitution and Bylaws necessitate mention for the maintenance and consistency of our Regions and Zones. Article VII of said Constitution and Bylaws regarding Region(s) and Zone(s), maintains that our Zones shall each have between four and eight clubs in a contiguous geographic location and each Region have a minimum of two Zones.

Some of our Zones have fallen below the minimum levels of four clubs; conversely, none exceeds the eight-club maximum. The basis for this inquiry is stated in the Constitution and Bylaws by directing the Long-Range Planning Committee, chaired by Lion Dennis Kramer, to evaluate each Zone and Region on a biennial basis and make recommendations based on the "Rule of 4-8 clubs per Zone" and (a minimum of) two Zones per Region.

Through the course of numerous meetings and considerable deliberation, a recommendation to "Realign zones within the District" has been made. This information has been electronically forwarded to Club Presidents and Secretaries and presented through a District Cabinet Meeting forum in February of 2015. This recommendation takes into consideration to not only be in compliance with our District Constitution and Bylaws, but also to incorporate Lions Clubs International President Joe Preston's theme: "Strengthen our Pride," collectively bolstering both our clubs and membership in order to better serve the great purpose of "Lionism." Subsequently, reflecting upon all the facts and rationale presented, the realignment of the district's zones will become effective June 30, 2015 and in force beginning July 1, 2015.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Erv Gon
District Governor
District 4-C5

Long Range Planning Report from the February 7, 2015 Cabinet Meeting

The Re-Zoning of the District will be posted on the website, the Pride & electronic message to all Clubs.

| <u>Donner Region</u> | <u>Dos Rios Region</u> | <u>Sacramento Region</u> | <u>Washoe Region</u> |
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| Sierra Zone Foothill Zone 423 Members | Gordon Zone Wolfskill Zone 337 Members | Sutter Zone Crocker Zone 440 Members | Marshall Zone Eureka Zone 367 Members |

Total of 54 clubs in the district with a membership of 1567 as of October 2014. Each zone having seven clubs each to promote growth. Choice of Zone names based on the history of District 4-C5 utilizing the original names. Changes to the District zoning do not require votes from the membership. The current Governor would suggest the change with the input of the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors and the follow through would be implemented during the ensuing Governor’s tenure.

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| Sutter Zone (7 Clubs) Elk Grove, Delta, Valley Hi, Pride of Laguna Creek, Maharlika, Golden State Galt, As of 10/14-274 Members | Gordon Zone (7 Clubs) Davis Aggies, Davis Host, Winters, Woodland Host, Reveille, Yolo Sunset, ESPARTO As of 10/14-184 Members | Marshall Zone (7 Clubs) Somerset Pioneer, Mother Lode, Placerville, Folsom Host, Folsom Lake, Sierra, Orangevale As of 10/14-183 Members |
| Sierra Zone (7 Clubs) Downieville, Yuba River, Nevada City, Grass Valley, Penn Valley Hi-Graders, Gold Country As of 10/14-152 Members | Foothill Zone (6 Clubs) Higgins Diggins, Colfax, Auburn 49er, Auburn Host, Meadow Vista, Foresthill As of 10/14-271 Members | Eureka Zone (7 Clubs) Lincoln Host, Lincoln Hills, Newcastle, Loomis, Rocklin, Roseville Host, Roseville Sunrise As of 10/14-184 Members |
| Wolfskill Zone (8 Clubs) Rio Linda, Country Club, Fair Oaks, Antelope, Citrus Heights, Midtown, Fort Sutter Special Diabetes As of 10/14-153 Members | Crocker Zone (7 Clubs) Embarcadero, Metropolitan, Land Park Breakfast, Capitol, Mabuhay, Sacramento State, Senator, As of 10/14-166 Members | |

Article VII REGION(S) & ZONE(S)

Sec. 1. There shall be Regions consisting of two or more Zones. The District Governor shall have authority to create such Regions as in his/her discretion is for the best interests of the District.

Sec. 2.

- a) There shall be maintained in each Region, Zones made up of no more than eight and no less than four Lions clubs whose territory is contiguous. Exceptions may be made if, in the opinion of the District Governor and with the consent of the clubs involved, some unusual condition makes it desirable to deviate there from.
- b) Each Region and Zone shall be evaluated not less than once every two (2) years by the District Long Range Planning Committee with respect to member clubs and geographic location. Nothing contained in this subsection shall be deemed to infringe upon or restrict the District Governor’s discretion set forth in Section 2(a) above.
- c) After any such evaluation, the District Long Range Planning Committee shall make any recommendation, which the Committee deems advisable pertaining to size, make-up, or geographic location of the evaluated Region(s) or Zone(s).

Sec. 3. The District Governor’s Advisory Committee shall be composed of the Presidents, First Vice Presidents, and Secretaries of the clubs within each Zone and shall meet three times annually at the call of the Zone Chair.

Sec. 4. A borderline club may change from one Region or Zone to another in the following manner:

- a) By a resolution by the Board of Directors of the club seeking to make the change, approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership of said club, after due notice is given, requesting permission to withdraw from one Region or Zone and affiliate with another.
- b) Said resolution shall be forwarded to the Cabinet Secretary, who shall present the same to the District Cabinet for action at its next meeting.
- c) When said resolution shall have been approved by the District Cabinet, said club shall immediately become a member of the Region or Zone requested.