



You know we just get this train of a new Lion's year going and it is very easy for it to get away from you. The month of August sees many firsts for the districts in Arizona. Each one of us has a first cabinet meeting and the first council meeting for the MD is on the 7th.

It seems like we just returned from Sydney Australia and the International Lion's Convention and we have to take off running. First let me catch you up with a few things from 'Down Under.' It was a beautiful place and the convention was smoothly run by Lion's Clubs International (LCI.) If you can go to one it is definitely worth it. If you do not want to leave the United States, next year it is in Seattle, Washington. The following year, Korea.

Beside the beautiful sights, the information and friendships you make International Conventions are nothing. Please make an effort to attend at least one in the time you are a Lion. Another great event that is coming up very soon, is the USA/Canada forum to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin September 23-25. There will be three major speakers during the forum including one by Karen Taylor Good, who presented in Tucson this past spring at the 21B Convention. Captain Patricia Murray will also be presenting. She is a Pilot Instructor for the California Air National Guard, has flown nine years as a first officer for American Airlines and was Miss California 1992.

There will also be over 70 seminars held during the three days. It is always one of the most educational events of the year. Just a few of the seminars include: Increase Your Performance as Club Secretary, Club Treasurer...Show Me the Money!, Successful Club Dynamics, Until There's A cure, There's Camp -Diabetes, Camping And Lions and Care and Nurturing of Your Lion Members. All Lions should find something interesting to attend. They are also the sights of Milwaukee including the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle plant, a brewery tour or even a baseball game. Contact 1st VDG Wes Edmunds for more details on the group from 21C.

In July I was able to speak to the American Council of Blind Lions at the ACB Convention held in Phoenix. They are a dedicated group of Lions from various clubs throughout the country. This is a group I feel our district could work with in the future in the area of concerns or changes made concerning the blind and visually impaired. If you have any ideas, contact me.

I am trying to get my official club visit schedule in order by next issue. If there are dates you would prefer to have me come just email me ASAP. The same goes with club events. I do not always see all club activities but if you have a special event you think we would like to attend let me know. That brings about the item of publicity. Please inform the Canyon State Lion and our IT chair, Joseph Jones about your club fundraisers so we can get you some free publicity.

Getting back to the 21C cabinet meeting on the 7th, if you haven't already registered do so right away. I would like to see as many Lions in attendance as possible. Until next month, enjoy being Lions as much as I do. Remember I am here for all questions. This is your district and, 'WE SERVE.'