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Subject: Millbrae Lions Club President's Message (w/o full Bulletin)

Dear Millbrae Lions and Friends, The full bulletin will resume prior to the July 15th meeting. Please note that there is a regular meeting tomorrow night, July 1, at the El Rancho in Millbrae. The meeting starting time is 7:30pm. Below is President Lorrie Kalos' President's Message. Thank You. Lion Bill Meyer, Bulletin Editor.

MLC President's Message July 1, 2015

Well, as I prepare to embark on a new journey, I sit and reflect on what brought me here. Why Lionism? Why a service organization at all?

I start with my sponsor LPP Paul Larson. His energy and excitement that he brings to the MLC is infectious. LPP Paul's willingness to share that energy when introducing me to the MLC was enlightening. As I learned more about the MLC, I realized this is the type of service organization for me. This is an organization that does not walk around with its hand out, but rather is willing to spend a bit of money sell some pancakes and give a hand up. This is a group of people that care about their community and is willing to give sweat equity to ensure the continued health and wellbeing of that community.

I was interviewed by LPPs Don Beyer and Rich Bortolin and learned that the energy and excitement was not only in LPP Paul that it ran throughout the club. LPPs Don and Rich had equal passion of Lionism and the service to the community.

As the incoming President I tried to come up with a slogan that reflected these insights. Boy, was that hard. I tried to be cutesy with a play on "May Hands Make Light Work", though once in writing quickly realized it was feudal. I then asked then LP Calvin to continue to "Back to Basics". This is the best option to reflect what I was trying to say. What we do with our pancake breakfasts is what we do best. Spend a bit of money, put out some sweat equity with may hands on deck, have lots of fun, and take the money earned as an investment in our community. Therefore, there is no need for some cutesy slogan. Then MLC and our reputation speak for itself.

I am prepared to finalize the list of Chairs for our many projects. I am grateful for the willingness of our members new and tenured to take on new challenges to ensure another successful year. This year will

be busy at best. We will need much participation by the members to support our chairs and have a lot of fun in the process.

As those of you that attended the Installation experienced, I intend to keep our meetings on time to allow for more fun. We must get the important work done first to accomplish this. The preparation, execution and reporting of our activities is critical to our success.

Ensuring that our Board of Directors is staying focused on the needs of the club and reflects the will of its members is also critical. The sharing of information builds strength and unifies us as a club. This will ensure our meetings are informative with time to enjoy ourselves.

BTW: Thank you to those that attended the Installation. Your presence was appreciated. For those that could not attend, you were missed and we will make point to keep you informed while awaiting your return. Be well.

Thank you all MLC Lions for your support and trust in me as your 2015-16 President. More to follow.....Lion President Lorrie