

Lion Elizabeth Crooke, PCC

Multiple District 4 | District 4-C6 Salinas Host Lions Club Wings of Light Branch Club www.lionliz.com

Lion Elizabeth "Liz" Crooke, from Salinas, California, was elected to serve as MD-4 Council Chair in 2012, having served as District Governor of District 4-C6 the previous year.

Lion Liz is a retired public servant whose career has included stints with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Milpitas Police Department, Salinas Police Department, Monterey County Emergency Communications/911, and San Benito County Sheriff's Office. She also worked at the Monterey County Treasurer-Tax Collector's office and holds a real estate license.

Liz was born in Berkeley, California the same year Disneyland opened its gates. While growing up she spent time in the Bay Area, Hawaii, and Southern California, graduating from high school in Stockton, California. She attended San Jose State University and graduated with a double major in Administration of Justice and Psychology in 1977.

Lion Liz was introduced to Lions by her Father, Lion Dick Crooke, who was a member of the West Berkeley Lions Club in California. She attended a convention at a very early age with her family and remembers seeing her police officer Dad dressed up as a beer can, along with the rest of his club. The service and fellowship she observed in Lions from a very young age made an impression on her and resulted in her accepting an invitation to join the Carmel Host Lions without a moment's hesitation in 1996.

While serving in District and Multiple District leadership, Liz came to understand the importance of developing effective leadership within the Association and has since dedicated her time and service to that effort. As she worked to develop her own leadership skills, Liz became a Certified Faculty Development Instructor for Lions International in 2011 and a Certified Lions International Presenter in 2018. Liz has served on the faculty of 11 International Leadership Institutes. She has become known and respected by International Officers and staff, leading to her designation as a DGE Group Leader/Instructor for 2021-2022. Lion Liz has also presented at USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and LCICon and served on the Seminars Team for USA/Canada Forum in 2023. While District Governor, Liz instituted the 4-C6 LEO Leadership Institute. Liz is also currently serving as a mentor on the GAT Area 1-G leadership team.

Closer to home, Liz helped organize the Wings of Light Branch Club of her home club, Salinas Host Lions Club in California. She has served a Guiding Lion for the Gonzales Lions Club and was a principal organizer of the California Lions Toastmasters Club, where she remains an active member.

In Liz's spare time, she enjoys reading, traveling, gardening, cooking, home improvement projects and spending time with her dog (Quinn) and cats (Mojo and Oliver). She is a dedicated Giants and Warriors fan and enjoys catching as many games as she can.

