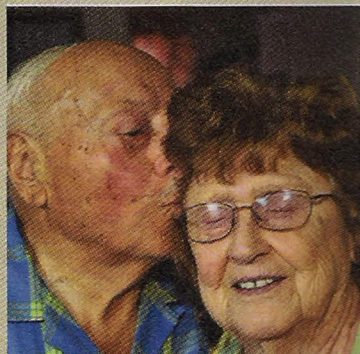


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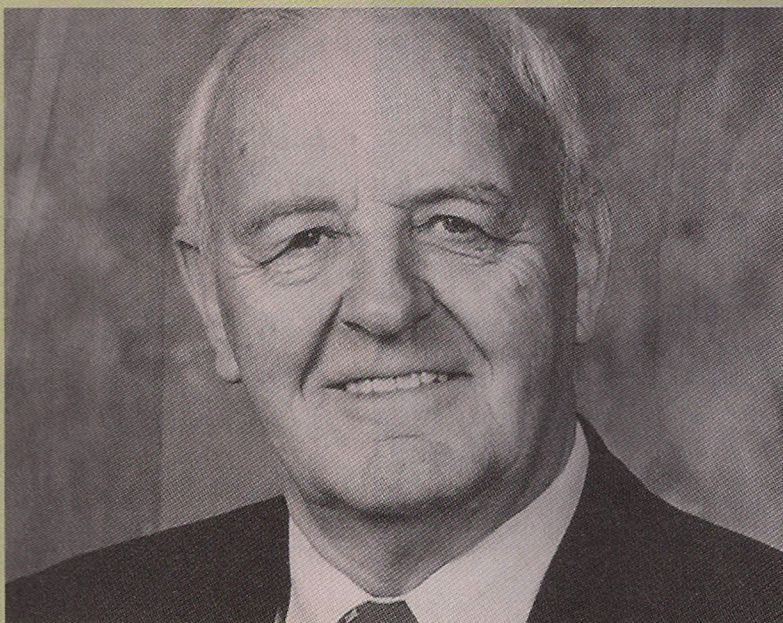
NEVER TOO OLD TO BE PRESIDENT

Andrew Vireno will turn 100 in December—when he will be about halfway through his term as president of the Corte Madera Lions Club in California. A Lion since 1954, Vireno said he was asked more than a dozen times to serve as president. But he said he was too busy running his bar/restaurant in nearby San Francisco. Vireno wants the 42-member club to grow. "The No. 1 object is to get more members," says Vireno, who golfs twice a month and lives with his wife, Aline, 88. Says Bob Bundy, club secretary, "He'll do great. He's still sharp. He always attends meetings, so he has a sense of how the club should go." Vireno is finally following in the footsteps of his father, who was president of the Daly City Lions in 1926.



Andrew Vireno shows his love for Aline.

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PAST PRESIDENT SOLIVA DIES

Past International President Augustin Soliva, of Brazil, has died. He was elected to the association's highest office at the 1996 International Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Prior to his election as International President, he was an appointee to the International Board of Directors from 1976 to 1977 and was elected in 1980 to serve a two-year term as an international director. A Lion for nearly 50 years and a Melvin Jones Fellow, Past President Soliva was a Life Member of the Sao Jose dos Camp (Centro) Lions Club and a major contributor to Campaign Sight-First. Most recently, he served on the 2011-12 LCIF Steering Committee.

His presidential theme was Building Bridges, which reflected his desire to unite Lions in global humanitarian service efforts. Past President Soliva was actively involved with many projects to assist those in need, including working with the Onchocerciasis Elimination Program for the Americas and other agencies that shared the goal of the eradicating this sight-robbing disease.

In addition to many professional and civic recognitions, Past President Soliva was the recipient of 24 International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon members.

SHARE THE VISION IN OCTOBER

Autumn is a time for Lions to do common service and to strive toward membership goals. Lions are asked to "share the vision" in October by fighting blindness. The initiative is one of the four Global Service Action Campaigns (a focus on youth was in August, feeding the hungry in December/January and preserving the environment in April). International President Wayne A. Madden also reminds Lions of the Fast Start Awards. District governors who achieve two new clubs or positive net growth by Oct. 31 will attain a Cruising Speed award. District governors who achieve five new clubs and positive net growth by Oct. 31 will attain the Passing Speed award. Madden also encourages clubs to do quarterly "pit stops," or self-evaluations, and for Lions to achieve the Club Excellence Award and District Governor Team Excellence Award. More information on these programs is available at www.lionsclubs.org.