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# The 4-L4 Forum

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# "Roar with Enthusiasm"



District Governor
Jon Casteel

Greetings to the Lions, Leos, and friends of District 4-L4,

It is hard to believe, but we are just about half way through our Lions year. Since the New Year is fast approaching, this would be a good time to review your personal Lions and club goals and progress. If there are things that are still on the list to do, keep up your enthusiasm and see that they are accomplished. Take time to reflect on what you have completed, and know that your work is appreciated by many.

I have said over and over, District 4-L4 is awesome. We are small, but very mighty. Our newest club, UC Irvine Lions Club has hit the ground running. Not only did members attend the District Cabinet Meeting, President Jeff Carroll made a presentation to the MD4 Council of Governors about plans for a Lion's Hearing Clinic and Research Center at UC Irvine. Money continues to come in from our clubs for Campaign Sight First II. Peace Posters have been submitted by the clubs, and District winners will be determined by the time this reaches all of you. We are experiencing positive membership growth, which is the good news. The bad news is that our district has lost some great Lions, from wishing Patty Cooke good luck in her move to Indiana to the recent funerals of Lion Leaders in 4-L4. More good news is that we have added another Leo Club to District 4-L4.

Lions are a special group of men and women. Lions International and individual clubs have substantially contributed to the Fire Relief efforts in our area. The \$10,000 grant from LCI and the club donations allowed us to reach out to those in need. Thank you for your generosity. I have appointed PDG Mike Scheafer and PDG Barbara Hayward to take the lead in the distribution of funds. They have been hard at work researching the needs and how this money can truly make a difference while maintaining the dignity and pride of those in need. As a result, gift cards from Target were distributed. The needs of the pets that suffered as a result of the fires were addressed as well. PDG Barbara Hayward, PDG Mike Scheafer and all who have worked behind the scenes, you have done an outstanding job! Thank you! I am very proud to be a Lion and I know you are proud to be Lions. Encourage others to be a part of our awesome and enthusiastic organization, Lions Club International, District 4-L4.

Enjoy the holidays and give yourselves a well deserved pat on the back! With Enthusiasm in Lionism

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#### ELIZABETH WARREN

Greetings Fellow Lions and Friends,



By the time you read this, Governor Jon and I will have almost finished his visitation schedule so, again, I want to say what a pleasure it has been to visit the clubs in 4-L4.

No matter how big or small they may be, the clubs have welcomed us warmly and with great enthusiasm, and made us proud to be the leaders of this great district.

One of Governor Jon's messages has been that the people who should be asked to join Lions are the ones who lead busy lives. I want to tell you about two of the many Lions in our district who are ideal examples of this. I had the honor of representing Governor Jon at the dedication of the new Veterans Memorial Park in Stanton on November 11. One of the organizers of this event was Lion John Doogan from the Stanton Lions Club. So besides his involvement with all his Lion activities – secretary of his club, Leo Clubs Advisor, Teen Recognition Chair, Orphanages of Thailand Inc. President – John somehow finds the time to be heavily involved with city activities. The other Lion who is an example to follow, is our Orange Region Chair, Lion Margaret Santandrea of the Anaheim Lions Club. Margaret is training to walk a 13.1 mile Marathon to benefit the American Stroke Association. She is doing this in memory of her dad, Frank Santandrea, who was a dedicated Lion for many years, and who died from complications following several strokes. She is aiming to raise \$2000 and I know she would love to have your contribution to her target.

As I said, John and Margaret are just two of the hundreds of Lions in 4-L4 who inspire us to do all we can for other people less fortunate than ourselves.

Have a wonderful holiday season,

In Lionism, Elizabeth



"As I understand it, Christmas is the time of year when we celebrate the birth of the first credit card."

## CABINET TREASURER'S REPORT



#### **MARIANNE ALLEN**

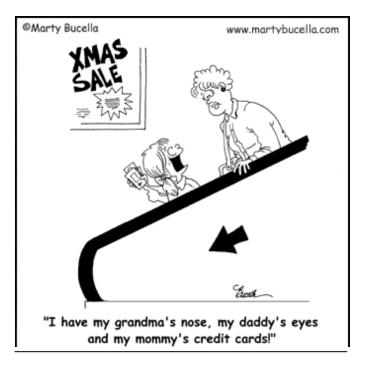
As your Cabinet Treasurer, it is so important that you pay your dues on time. With Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner, it will be time to turn our thoughts to those less fortunate. I hope many of you will be spending time with family, friends and fellow lions.

PLEASE REMEMBER to pay your MD4 and International Dues upon receipt of your bill. If you have not paid your dues you will be receiving a call from the District Governor regarding this. You must remember that your dues must be current if you are to vote at the District Convention in May. If you have paid them, we thank you. If you have not, please do so immediately.

Monies are going to be distributed to the Fire Victims of the devastating Southern California fires soon. As you know we received \$10,000 from Lions International to distribute to the families. Please keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they start to rebuild their homes and their lives. I would also like to thank the Clubs of District 4-L4 who also contributed to the Fund.

This does promise to be a very exciting year for District 4L-4 with District Governor Jon Casteel at the helm. Let's all do our best to make this a rewarding and exciting year. Working as a team, we can do it. Remember District Governor Jon's motto "Roar With Enthusiasm" and let us continue to make this an exciting year for Governor Jon.

Yours in Lionism Marianne Allen, Cabinet Treasurer



# CABINET SECRETARY'S CORNER MARTHA HEBERT



Hello everyone, hope you had a bountiful Thanksgiving Dinner with your family and friends. Then, maybe some of you helped the merchants on Black Friday by getting out early to help open the stores and get the best purchases.

It's hard to imagine that Holiday Season is here, so don't forget those less fortunate than yourself and maybe you can help fill a stocking for someone in need. There are many Lions Clubs preparing food and gift baskets to give to families. If your club does not have such a project, maybe you can contact another club and work with them. Remember WE SERVE and what better way to serve the community than by giving to those in need.

Secretaries keep those MMRs and VAD reports coming. It is great to see our numbers continue to grow, so members continue to invite prospective members to your club meeting or fundraisers. It is exciting to see Governor Jon inducting new members on his visitations.

Until next month, have a HAPPY HOLIDAY and keep 'Roaring with Enthusiasm'.

Martha Hebert Cabinet Secretary

# IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE IRS FOR ALL LIONS CLUBS

This is to inform you that starting with the fiscal year, Lions Clubs with LESS THAN \$25,000 in gross receipts will be required to file a form with the IRS which can be done on the IRS website. The clubs will have until November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to file on line. The IRS website is not yet ready to use, but should be ready starting after the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2008. Questions can be directed to the IRS at 1-877-829-5500. With a little patience, you can even talk to a real person. Notices may be sent to Clubs, but this is not guaranteed. Other reporting requirements for Clubs with more than \$25,000 in gross receipts remain the same. Forms 990 or 990-EZ are required annually by November 15, following the end of the fiscal year.

Please do not ignore this, as ignorance of the law is not an excuse for not filing. You will be able to get more information at IRS.gov.



# FOOTHILL REGION REPORT

#### CHAIRMAN JACK LIGHTFOOT

Remember the singers, Sister Sledge?

"We are fam-i-ly
I got all my sisters with me
We are fam-i-ly
Get up everybody and sing"

In 1979 Philadelphia's four Sledge sisters' signature song went gold. The World Series champion Pittsburgh Pirates made it their theme song.

Today, Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions can also relate to these words.

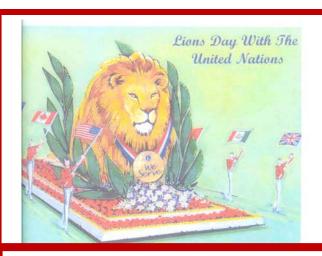
Attending that club's meeting to greet Governor Jon and his visiting officers were some Lion families with their children. Lion Kenney Schiffer, his wife, Lion Natalie and their son, Kaine are examples of the new Lions culture that brings a complete family into Lionism. Kenney said that it would be difficult to line up someone to watch their son for meetings, so this concept is perfect for them. Give club president Lion Barbara Barclay a call to learn how her club made this idea work.

During Governor Jon's visitations in November in the Foothill Region he inducted two more members. Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions now include Barbara Alten. She's retired after 34 years of teaching middle school. Her husband of 32 years is Ron. She likes to quilt and travel, especially cruises. Her sister, Lion Joanne Wachel is her sponsor.

At Rancho Cucamonga District Host's visitation, our governor inducted Garnet Hill. He's a bricklayer and met his sponsor, Lion Ken Sherwood while doing a job for him. Garnet came to southern California from Canada. He has two children.

Foothill's clubs continue to be active. In Zone A, Upland Host had a progressive dinner fund raiser on November 2. Rancho Cucamonga District Host Lions had the district's Sight and Hearing Van at the city's annual Founders' Day celebration on the 10th. They screened 35 for hearing and vision. The following Saturday they had a yard sale. On that same busy Saturday the Rancho Cucamonga Community club had their semi-annual bunco party fundraiser.

Zone B's Pomona Breakfast members had their annual turkey shoot at their Friday meeting before Thanksgiving. As it was with Samoset and Squanto, a bow and arrow are an important part of this hunting and gathering exercise. For the Lions, the club's hunter gets to put on a headdress and shoot an arrow at a target. Of course, instead of a bulls-eye in the center, it's a turkey's head.



The Rose Float Decorating Schedule for our District is:

Saturday, December 15th, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 26th, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information and/or to schedule a work date call Lion Jack Tanaka at (909) 861-0142

LEOS: Thursday, December 27 – 10 Leos per club, 3 clubs per shift - 8-11am, 11-3pm, 3-7pm or 7-10pm Contact Lion John Doogan (714) 995-8800 or cell (714) 749-4097 jdoogan@sigma-digital.com

#### FOOTHILL REGION REPORT (continued).....

The winner gets a real turkey, ready for the oven. Lion Pete Hughes took the bird home this year as a result of his hunting ability.

In Zone C the Diamond Bar Lions also have a new member, James Na. He has a business in Chino Hills and was sponsored by Julie An. The club has a Peace Poster entry and hopes it's a winner. The Diamond Bar High School Leos collected 80 glasses at the annual Sight Night event. That Leos club also received a national Leo Excellence award.

Congratulations to Lion Jack Tanaka on his re-election to the Diamond Bar City Council. He was the top vote getter with 43% support.

Stop in to buy a Christmas tree from the Chino Valley Lions. Or volunteer to help them this Christmas season. The Ontario-Upland Lions and the Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions are among those that announced they'd be there to help out.

Remember our Lions Rose Parade float in Pasadena. Lion Jack Tanaka is our district's liaison. We're scheduled to work on the float on December 15 from 1-5 and December 26 from 8-3. Roar with enthusiasm and set up a time with him.

Have a wonderful Christmas season. Yours in Lionism, Jack Lightfoot, Foothill Region Chairman



# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER PDG CHUCK OVERBEY

This last month has not been as great as the previous two. We have lost two terrific Lions and each has left a significant mark on our Lions District.

Jesse Ellis was born on April 12, 1929, in Indianapolis, Indiana. He joined the US Army at age 17 and retired after 21 years of service in 1967 as a Command Sergeant Major in Special Forces. Jesse was a member of the Westminster Lions Club and served several times as Club President and Club Secretary. He met his wife, Joanne, at a Lions Club White Cane Event at Angel Stadium, and they spent 31 happy years together. After spending some seven months in the hospital, Jesse passed away on November 7, 2007. A wonderful memorial service was held in his home attended by family and close friends including many Lions.

Walter Carl Larson "Wally" was born April 22, 1926 in St. Paul Minnesota. He joined the US Navy in 1943 and fought in WW-2. After leaving the Navy, Wally joined the US Army in 1949 and served in the Korean Conflict as well as two tours in Viet Nam. He retired in 1967 after 24 years of distinguished service, the last 12 as a helicopter pilot. He received many awards including the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, and the Air Medal with 22 Oak leaf clusters.

After retiring from the military, Wally spent another full career in the sales field where he was active until earlier this year. He was a life member of the Orange County Central Lions Club and served as District Governor during the 1993-1994 Lions Year. He received many honors including Club Lion of the Year and a Melvin Jones Fellowship. He passed peacefully at his home on September 16, 2007. Wally is survived by his wonderful wife Elaine. They have a daughter, Laurie Wrasse, and two sons, Paul and Eric.

Both of these great Lions were good men and outstanding citizens. Each leaves a great legacy and the world needs more like them. They will be greatly missed. Please keep Joanne and Elaine, and their families, in your prayers.

June and I wish that all of you have a terrific holiday season and a wonderful new year.

Ho-Ho-Ho and a Merry Christmas to one and all.

# Lion's Teen Recognition Dinner & Award Program



Please join the Lions of District 4-L4 in honoring students who actively encourage their peers to say "NO" to drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2008 6:00 pm \$10.00 per person Garden Grove Lions Club 9860 Larson Avenue Garden Grove CA 92842

Contact John Doogan for reservations at (714) 0995-8800 or Mobile (714) 380-0433 jdoogan@sigma-digital.com

This is a catered event, advance reservations are required



Pomona Breakfast Lion George Streit congratulates Lion Peter Hughes for winning the Club's annual Turkey Shoot. Lion Peter came closest to shooting the turkey in the eye — with a bow and arrow.

The money raised from this fun fundraiser is donated to the City of Hope.

# HEARING & SPEECH ACTION NEWS

This month I want to share a presentation given at a New Member Orientation meeting of the Huntington Beach Host Club. New or old, all members need to know about "Lions Hearing & Speech Action" in order to decide how they might want to take part. So here it is:

**ORGANIZATION** and ACTIVITIES

**Lions Clubs International** - Originates, coordinates and publicizes Lions activities world-wide.

- 1. Monitors all Club Hearing & Speech Action activities
- 2. **HARP** Hearing Aid Recycling Program. Twenty-seven HARP centers in five countries.
- 3. **Hearing Aid Banks** An activity of most HARP programs.
- AHAP Affordable Hearing Aid Program Contracts with manufacturers to supply state of the art instruments for fitting by professionals to indigent persons who are identified by Lions.

**Multiple Districts** (MD4 consists of the 15 Districts in California) Provides Approval and support of selected projects within the District.

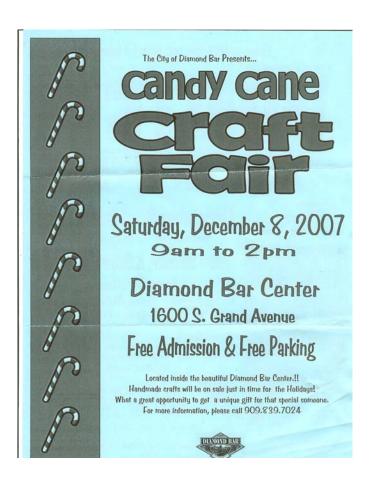
- 1. Camp Pacifica for Deaf & Hearing Impaired Children.
- 2. **Lions Hearing Foundation** of California/Nevada (Ear of the Lion)
- 3. Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence (LPCCI)
- 4. Lions Wilderness Camp for Deaf Children
- 5. Lions Camp at Teresita Pines
- 6. **Western Lions Ear Foundation** (Funding arm of House Ear Clinic in Los Angeles)

**District 4-L4** – (All Clubs in Orange County and Pomona Valley) Approves and supports selected projects.

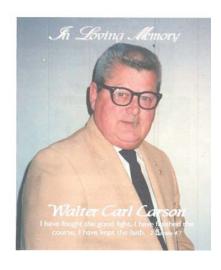
- 1. **Hearing & Speech Action** a District Activity for oversight of related projects.
- 2. Sight & Hearing Foundation Hearing Aid Bank; HARP
- 3. **Mobile Screening Unit** Provides vision and hearing screening at schools, health fairs, Club events etc.
- LPCCI Funding arm of Canine Companions for Independence
- 5. **Lions Camp at Teresita Pines** Clubs provide funding and volunteer hours
- Wilderness Camp A one-week camp for deaf and hearing impaired children at two locations during the months of July and August.
- 7. Added new Club at **University of California Irvine** with most members engaged in Hearing and Balance research. A proposed new Lions research/clinic on campus is in the planning stage.

Your Club - ????? Take your pick! For more information, contact:

Keith Campbell, Chairman 4-L4 Hearing & Speech Action 714/53-9813







## PDG WALLY LARSON

A TRIBUTE By PCC Jack Perich

Walter Carl Larson known to us as Wally, born in Minnesota, one of six on April 26, 1926. His education was in St. Paul; his family moved from one side of the town to the other where he ended up attended Harding High School. He was on the varsity swim team and ski team. He spent his freshman year on the football team but his future as an All American was set back by his lack of size and bulk.

October 19, 1943 after speaking with his parents, Wally convinced them he was not cut out for school and was not going back. He told them that he wanted to drop out of school and go to war by joining the Navy. When his parents saw his report card, they gave him their consent. Wally said he ran all the way to St. Paul's Court house Recruiting Station to get the necessary papers and ran back home before his parents changed their minds.

After the Training School in Idaho, the Navy sent Wally to Iowa State College, Ames Iowa where he had been assigned to go to Diesel Mechanic School. This was a school on theory and practical working of diesel engines. Wally said it was 10 hours a day – 6 days a week – for 8 weeks of intensive schooling. He had never worked so hard in his life. But, it paid off, because when he completed the course he wrote back to Harding High School and explained his boot camp and the schooling he received at Iowa State College and Io and behold, Harding High School sent him his high school diploma with the official seal, letting everyone know that he had met the requirements for graduation.

The Navy sent him all over the US from Norfolk, Virginia to New York City and on to Panama. Wally spent time in New Guinea on an LST during WWII. He received his Purple Heart when he was involved in shooting down a Japanese Bomber during a skirmish. Several shells from the bomber exploded on the deck and he and 3 others were hit with shrapnel in various parts of their body. Wally carried his souvenir from WWII in his left leg.

Wally spent 2 ½ years bouncing around after the war with out a permanent job. He decided to go back into the Navy but when he went down to the Navy Recruiting Office, he was told there was a large waiting list. He went next door to the Marines, but they were out for coffee, so he stops by the Army and Air Force Office. The Air Force offered him PFC stripes with 16 weeks of basic training, but the Army offered him that if he joined they would make him a corporal and have only an 8 weeks refresher course in training. He joined the Army in 1949.

He trained to operate an Army Harbor Craft and was on to Okinawa. He later came back to the states and was sent to N.C.O. School and then on to R.O.T.C. in New Orleans, Helicopter Maintenance School and on to flight school in 1956. After many hours of flight school in several different types of helicopters, with his completion of flight school, Wally was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer.

He made Army Aviation history by flying 15 helicopter trips from Kansas to Alaska to help move his company to Alaska. His orders were changed to Vietnam as top secret. He flew a lot of mission in Vietnam feeding our troops with supplies. On a certain mission, Wally and a 2nd ship were in route back when the companion aircraft had engine failure. The pilot somehow found a clear area in the jungle and sat his ship down without any more damage to the helicopter. Wally hovered his helicopter beside the 2<sup>nd</sup> plane while they unloaded the down plane of its radios, guns etc. When they tried to lift off they were over weight so Wally turned his ship around and started down the hill bouncing each time he tried to lift off and on the 4th bounce he got a transitional lift and the blades just cleared the tree tops, they had made it out. What they realized later the Vietnamese had not finished stringing the high tension wires stretched between some poles. Wally was not going to leave those men there. He returned the next day with a new engine and hovered his helicopter over the other ship watching for VC while they repaired the 2<sup>nd</sup> ship.

For this action in saving 14 lives and their equipment along with his helicopter he received the Distinguished Flying Cross. In addition he is the recipient of Bronze star and 12 air medals.

He had the utmost respect for the military and the military had the utmost respect for Wally. He took on the responsibility of an officer. He had compassion for his men and was loyal to his military company whichever branch of service he was in.

When I was asked to speak today about a friend and a fellow lion, Wally Larson, six (6) words came to mind that would described Wally. They are: Friendly – Honest – Sincere – Responsible – Loyal – Compassionate

I met Wally when he joined the Westminster Lions Club in 1978. Our bond grew as our membership continued in Lionism. Two (2) years later he was the Lion of the Year. His third (3<sup>rd</sup>) year after joining he was elected president. At the end of his term he was granted 100% President Award by Lions International for accomplishing his requirements.

During his term as president, a young lady who was enrolled in Golden West College had written to our lions club and asked if there was any way we could purchase a machine that would reflect the pages in a book to a monitor that would increase the size of print for her to read? Some of the members questioned the cost because it would affect only one student, but Wally took it on as his project and helped raise the money to purchase the

PDG Wally Larson	
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equipment. He often said, "This is why I joined the lions to help those in need."

In 1985 Wally assisted in charting a new evening lions club in the City of Orange, called Orange County Central Lions Club. Five (5) years after charting, Wally was elected as president. Throughout these years, his friendship became irreplaceable and, his honesty and loyalty were obvious to help and serve his fellow man.

During the next six (6) years, he took on the responsibility as Orange Region Secretary, North Orange Region Chairman, Cabinet Secretary, Lieutenant Governor and Lions District Governor in 1993-1994. He presided over 57 clubs and 1570 Lions.

Wally was my salesman from Pak West. Wally with his honesty and sincerity as a salesman, not only did he sell to me but to my business, neighbors and my church. Many times I would call him and say the next time you are in my area, I could use another box of towels or toilet paper no hurry. Unbeknownst to me, two (2) hours later our back doorbell would ring and there would be Wally saying, "Where do you want these boxes?" You just loved the man, he had such a charisma and he was loyal to his customers whether you were buying a case or 20 cases of towels.

He was just like a magnet, people wanted to be around him and Wally enjoyed being around people. When he was active as our District Governor in Lionism, he would approach the podium and immediately a chant would breakout, "Wally, Wally". We all would tease Wally from his military flattop haircut to his Vikings Football Team. In fact when I had visited Wally in the hospital this last time, he was waiting for Elaine to take him home, Wally had his Viking Blanket over his bed. No. 1 fan. He held his ground when he wanted to get his point across or accomplish a project; he did it with grace, dignity and compassion.

I can remember him starting a dress code at work where they would wear pink on Fridays. He had the girls in the office, as well as those in the field wearing pink blouses and shirts. One Friday afternoon he was in our office and my secretary asked Wally, "Where is your pink shirt?" Wally said, "Management frowned on it, so he changed it to his Viking purple shirts.

Yes, he was a friend to all of us. He showed us his honesty, sincerity and certainly showed us his compassion.



#### ORANGE REGION REPORT

#### CHAIRMAN MARGARET SANTANDREA

Hello fellow Lion's.

Well the Holiday Season is upon us. Many of our Lions in the midst of the happy chaos of the season are thinking of others. Some are preparing holiday food baskets, while others pick up something a little extra special for those without someone who may be alone this season. No matter how our Lions are preparing for the season – their hearts as usual are in the right place. .... By being Santa's elves and helping those less fortunate celebrate the holidays with good food and cheer. Thank you all for your caring hearts and Christmas spirit.

Yours in Lionism Margaret Santandrea Orange Region Chair

P.S. Don't forget we have a Cabinet Meeting January 19<sup>th</sup>. See you there



# 2007-2008 DISTRICT 4-L4 3rd Cabinet Meeting

### Past District Governor's Recognition Luncheon

## Angelo's and Vinci's

550 N. Harbor Blvd. Fullerton, CA 92832

Saturday, January 19, 2008 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Margaret Santandrea, Orange Region Chair

Clubs are asked to bring a prize for the raffle.
(Approximate value: \$20)

3rd Cabinet Meeting – Saturday, January 19, 2008 (Make your reservations ASAP)				
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# 2007-2008 DISTRICT CALENDAR

December 31	Pasadena Lions Rose Parade Celebration Buffet Breakfast & Float Tour
January 19	Orange Cabinet Meeting, Angelo & Vinci's, Fullerton
January 19-21	MD-4 Senior Leadership Institute Harris Ranch
January 26	Melvin Jones Dinner
February 2-4	MD4 Convention Modesto
February 16-19	Lions Flag Days
February 18	Deadline for Club Level Student Speakers Contest
February 23	Teen Recognition Dinner, Garden Grove Lions Club
March 1-2	Hearing Days
March 20	Deadline for Zone Level Student Speakers Contest
March 24	Foothill Region Meeting, Student Speakers Region Contest
March 29	Ontario-Upland Lions Bunco Fundraiser
March 30	City of Hope Day
March 31	Orange Region Meeting, Student Speakers Region Contest
April 6	Huntington Beach Host Crab Fest
April 7	Saddleback Region Meeting, Student Speakers Region Contest
April 12	Ontario Host/Ontario-Upland Lions 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Tea Fundraiser
April 15	Deadline for Club Elections
April 20	Saddleback Cabinet Meeting – El Niguel Country Club, District Student Speakers Contest
May 15	Deadline for PU-101 Form to LCI
May 15	Deadline for Leo-72 Form to LCI
May 3	La Habra Host Project Scleroderma Dinner
May 15-18	District 4-L4 Convention – Red Lion San Diego
May 31-June 1	Costa Mesa- Newport Harbor Fish Fry
June 7	MD-4 Level Student Speakers Contest

LCI Convention Bangkok Thailand

June 23-27