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"Roar with Enthusiasm"



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

My how time flies when you are having fun, and I am having a great time serving as your District Governor. Going to the different club fund raisers have given me memories that Sheila and I will carry for a long, long, time. Cucamonga District Host's 2nd Annual Sip for Sight was a truly classy affair. Remember that we are on the home stretch for Campaign Sight First II and there is still time to contribute.

It is hard to believe that the fires that devastated so much of Southern California were nearly six months ago. Due to the great work for PDG's Barbara Hayward and Mike Schaefer the \$10,000 emergency grant from LCI and the funds raised through the generosity of our own here in 4-L4 have been distributed. The final report has been filed and sent to LCI detailing where the money went.

Target gift certificates were given to the victims in the Irvine area. In addition, a Petco gift certificate was given to a man who runs an animal rescue. This man opened his already animal filled home to the animals displaced by the fire. It was an incredible experience seeing the landscape after the fire and giving aid to those who were hit so hard by the fires.

Our work as Lions never ends. Time flies when you are having fun, but it seems to drag on endlessly when your needs are not being met. There are always people in need of help. It could be a child halfway around the world in need of medicine to save his sight or one next door whose parents can not afford to buy her glasses. There are "at risk" teenagers who need a positive role model and guide. As far as your imagination can take you, there are people who need something. What will you do this month to help?

With Enthusiasm in Lionism,

Lion Jon Casteel

District Governor

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Saddleback Zone "C" Chairman

Dear Lions of 4-L4,

By the time you read this, the Region meetings will have come to an end and the three contestants for our District Student Speaker competition on April 20 in Laguna Niguel will have been chosen. I am sorry that I missed the first Region Meeting in Foothill. I was flying back from Sweden and just could not get the plane to go any faster!! So I am looking forward to the meetings for Orange and Saddleback Regions. I know you will all make an effort to be at the Cabinet Meeting on April 20 to support your region's student speaker.

Something else winding down is Campaign Sight First II, and if you have read the current copy of the Lion magazine, you will have seen that Lions Clubs in the USA have achieved their initial goal of \$150 million and are now aiming at \$200 million. Just think of all the wonderful ways in which that money will help the people of the world who need help with their sight. I spoke with PDG Mike Scheafer today and he told me that, as of March 10, 4-L4 had raised \$93,492.67 towards the goal of \$153,160.34. I have to mention Cucamonga District Host Lions Club and their Sip for Sight CSF II Fundraiser. They overtook their last year's takings and will be making a great contribution to 4-L4's total contributions, as will many other clubs in the district. 4-L4 is in the top three in the whole of California. I keep saying we are small but mighty, and all of you keep proving that!!

Spring has arrived and that means you need to think about making your reservations for the Convention in May, which will celebrate District Governor Jon's year in office. It's going to be such fun, so dust off your togas and laurel leaves and be in San Diego in May!!

In Lionism,
Elizabeth



WE IS FRIENDS!
Me and You is friends
You smile, I smile...
You hurt, I hurt...
You cry, I cry...
You jump off a Bridge
I gonna miss your E-Mails.

CABINET TREASURER'S REPORT

MARIANNE ALLEN



March has come and gone very quickly. Please support your Region's Student Speakers Contest. There is such negative press for our young people and this is a great way to support those that our doing the right things.

Our District Convention in May has some great entertainment scheduled so let's support Jon at this great event.

Please remember to submit your club photos to PDG Jim North as soon as possible. This will be a great way to showcase your club at the Convention in May.

Also, if you would like to advertise in the Convention program, please submit your camera ready business card to Joanne Waltman.

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.

As we start out the New Year, let us all remember and pray for our men and women in the armed services stationed in Iraq and other countries.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

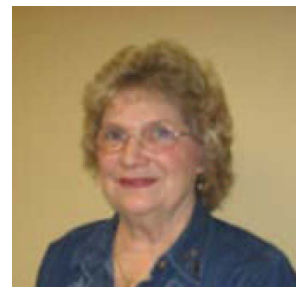
There have been some changes made in the **Nominations, Credentials & Election Committee.**

PDG Jack Luellen has been appointed as Chairman and will fill the vacancy in the Saddleback Region. Please mail Delegate and/or Nominations information for the District Convention to:

PDG Jack Luellen, 19 Gema Street San Clemente, CA 92672

CABINET SECRETARY'S CORNER

MARTHA HEBERT



Happy Spring Lions,

Spring is here and the Student Speaker Contest for the Clubs, Zones, and Regions have been completed. Now is the time to make your reservation for the fourth and final Cabinet Meeting hosted by Saddleback Region and join the finalists as they participate in the District Student Speaker Contest. We have three outstanding students competing for scholarship funds. This is your opportunity to support these students.

It is also time to get your reservations in for our District Convention in San Diego.

Secretaries, the deadline is approaching for the Club Election of Officers. Make sure you PU-101 are in to International by the deadline.

I need to receive all your reports by April 15. Until next month, keep 'Roaring with Enthusiasm'.

Martha Hebert
Cabinet Secretary



Annual Leo District 4-L4

Orphanages of Thailand Fundraiser

Join us for a social gathering to interact with Leos and Lions throughout the District! There will be Thai food and entertainment available for your enjoyment. You can encourage your friends and family members to join as well!

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Orphanages of Thailand!



Date: Saturday, April 26, 2008

Time: 11 am to 5 pm

Location: Rachada Thai Restaurant
13416 E. Imperial Hwy.
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Tickets: Adults - \$20 per person
18 and under - \$15 per person

For information, to RSVP, and to purchase tickets, contact:

Lion John Doogan
Phone: (714) 995-8800
Cell: (714) 380-0433
Email: jdoogan@sigma-digital.com



Seal Beach Lions Charity Golf



Seal Beach Navy Golf
Destroyer Course
5660 Orangewood Ave.
Cypress, CA 90630
Phone: (714) 889-1576

Thursday, May 1, 2008
Cost: \$150 per player
Registration 10:30 AM
Tee Off 1:00PM
144+ Golfers

Enjoy a complete program of special events, 18 holes of golf (including cart), and an exciting awards banquet... All for just \$150 / player

- Shotgun Start
- Closest to the pin challenge
- Closest to the line challenge
- Hole-in-One Car Opportunity
- Mulligan Package Available for \$25
- Many New Games

Tel: (562)-430-1034
Tax ID #956133601

11th Annual Seal Beach Lions Club Charity Golf Tournament *4 Man Scramble*



This years event will be held Thursday, May 1, 2008 at the well-manicured Navy Golf Course, Cypress, California.

Registration begins at 10:30 am, with tee-off at 1:00 pm.

The cost for this event is only \$150. This price includes entry to all events, 18 holes of golf, riding cart, dinner and various awards.

There will be an awards presentation and dinner directly after golf at the MWR Navy Golf Course.

Golf attire is required. Collared shirts and slacks. No steel spikes are allowed on the course.

La Habra Host Lions Club
6th Annual

SCLERODERMA FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 10, 2008
6 P.M. to 11 p.m.

PETE'S PONDEROSA

(Barn of Lion Peter Karagines)
18103 E. Bestanchury Road, Yorba Linda

\$35 per person
Dinner prepared by the La Habra Host Lions Club

FOOD * FUN * FELLOWSHIP
BEVERAGES * RAFFLE
DANCING TO THE MUSIC OF THE 5 STAR BAND

FOR TICKETS OR INFORMATION CONTACT

LION TOM FLURRY (714) 524-2253
OR CELL PHONE (714) 267-039
EMAIL: MAUREEN255@SBCGLOBAL.NET

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO:



I am sorry to say that this summer District 4-L4 will not be sending any students abroad. Several schools, students, Leo Clubs and Leo Club members were contacted but no applications were received. The countries participating this year are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Finland, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. The dates for the visitation in Southern California are 7/26 - 8/9/08.



At the present time, we have two families who will be hosting a student. However, since we are expecting a number of young people from these countries, we still need host families. Some of the parents of these young people are Lions and it would be really wonderful if some of you Lions of District 4-L4 would step forward and share your home and family life with one of these young people. I will make it easy for you--just pick up the phone and call me and tell me you're interested and I will be happy to personally meet with you and tell you more about the program and we can fill out the application together. It's that simple and I can assure you it will be a great experience.

SO MY FELLOW LIONS, PLEASE HELP TO PROMOTE WORLD PEACE AND PROVIDE TODAY'S YOUTH, OUR LEADERS OF TOMORROW, AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT US AND OUR COUNTRY.

In Lionism,
Judy Schnitzer
YEP Chairman

"All You Can Eat Crab Fest"
Presented by the Huntington Beach Host Lions Club

CrabFest 2008

To be held at the
COSTA MESA SENIOR CENTER
695 West 19th St. in Costa Mesa
Saturday, April 5, 2008
DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 P.M.
\$40.00 per person

NEW LOCATION !!
NEW LOCATION

Silent Auctions
Hawaiian Opportunity Drawing
Live Entertainment

CRAB
BREAD
SALAD
CHOWDER
NO-HOST BAR

DEADLINE FOR RESERVED SEATING IS MARCH 22, 2008
RESERVED SEATING ONLY - NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

Proceeds will benefit Lions sight and hearing charities and Canine Companions for Independence.
For information call 949-689-9479

Cut along dotted line

Please reserve _____ tickets at \$40.00 each. Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____

For Group Seating Name of Seating Party _____

Make check payable to Huntington Beach Host Lions Club
Mail check and this reservation form to: Huntington Beach Host Lions Club
Attn: Dick Sklar
8121 Dartmoor Dr.
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Tickets will be mailed one to two weeks prior to the event.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**PDG CHUCK
OVERBEY**

To the best of my knowledge, we have lost no current members of District 4-L4 in the last month. However, we have lost three people who were closely linked to our Lion Family as follows:

Linda Evans passed away on March 10, 2008 after a long battle with Cancer. She was a charter member of the Rancho Cucamonga Lioness Club and the San Juan Capistrano Lioness Club. Linda was only 53 years old and is fondly remembered by many.

Sally Davies passed away on March 13, 2008. She also died from Cancer and was the wife of long time Cucamonga Host Lion Bill Davies. Sally was a charter member of the Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions Club where her daughter Kellie Cross is still a member.

Lion Bill Scarborough passed away on Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008. Bill and Sidney were greatly loved members of the Fullerton Breakfast Lions Club for several years prior to their moving away for Bills health reasons. A couple of years ago they transferred to a Lions Club in Fayetteville, Arkansas and have been very active there. In fact, Sidney is the Cabinet Secretary for their district, as well as the district bulletin editor. They will be having a memorial service here for Bill in a few weeks.

We ask that you keep the families of these terrific people in your prayers and may God Bless us all.



SHOW OFF YOUR CLUB AT OUR DISTRICT CONVENTION

SUBMIT PICTURES OF FUNDRAISERS,
SOCIAL EVENTS & MEETINGS

INCLUDE YOUR CLUB IN A
"YEAR OF THE LION" SLIDE SHOW

Email your pictures to PDG Jim North
Jamesnorth@msn.com
Deadline April 15, 2008



Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions Club

Date: February 1, 2008

To: The Chairman
District 4-L4 Nomination, Credentials and Elections Committee

Chairman, Committee Members, and Lions of District 4-L4,

The Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions Club proudly submits into nomination the name of Lion Elizabeth Warren to be a candidate for the high office of District Governor to serve Lions District 4-L4 during the 2008-2009 Lions Year.

Lion Elizabeth has fulfilled all the requirements to serve in this capacity as set forth in the constitution and by-laws of Lions District 4-L4. Her candidacy is supported and endorsed by unanimous vote of all the officers and members of the Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions Club.

She is currently a member in good standing of her Club, which is a Club in good standing within our District. She has served a full term as President of our Club, and more than two additional years as a member of our Board of Directors. She has served full terms as Zone Chairman and Region Chairman, and is currently serving as Vice District Governor. Lion Elizabeth has also served on numerous District Committees, representing the Foothill Region. She has three District Governor awards and an International President's Appreciation Award.

Lion Elizabeth is a devoted Lion of outstanding moral character with a sincere desire to serve our Lions District. We believe she is worthy and well qualified to serve as our District Governor.

Sincerely in Lionism,

Barbara Barclay, President
Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions Club



Tustin Host Lions Club
P.O. Box 66
Tustin, CA 92781

Date: February 1, 2008

To: PDG Jack Luellen, Chairperson,
District 4-L4 Nomination, Credentials, and Elections Committee

Chairperson Jack, Committee Members, and Lions of District 4-L4,

The Tustin Host Lions Club proudly submits into nomination the name of Lion Judy Schnitzer to be a candidate for the high office of Vice-District Governor to serve Lions District 4-L4 during the 2008-2009 Lions Year.

Lion Judy's candidacy is supported and endorsed by unanimous vote of the officers and members of the Tustin Host Lions Club. She has fulfilled all requirements to serve in this capacity as set forth in the constitution and by-laws of Lions District 4-L4.

She is currently a member in good standing of the Tustin Host Lions Club which is a Club in good standing within our District. She has served as President of our Club and has served two additional years as a member of our Board of Directors. In addition, she has served a full term as Zone Chairperson and Youth Exchange Program Chairman.

Lion Judy is a devoted Lion of outstanding moral character with a sincere desire to serve our Lions District. She is retired and has adequate time available to properly fulfill the obligations of this office. She has the full support of her husband, George. In view of her experience and loyalty and the long and dedicated service rendered to our Club, our Lions District, and Lions Clubs International, we believe Lion Judy Schnitzer is worthy and well qualified to serve as our Vice-District Governor.

Sincerely in Lionism,

Rocco Sarich, Club President
Tustin Host Lions Club



HUNTINGTON BEACH HOST LIONS START BRANCH CLUB

The idea of a branch club began with a conversation at the Huntington Beach Host Lion's Club Christmas Party between Lion's Adam Buttons and Leonard Gleason. They talked about the fact that some Lions and potential Lions were unable to make the club's evening meetings for a number of reasons such as family or other organization conflict's. Lion Leonard, being a fairly young lion member (less than two years) didn't know any better (not knowing if the idea would succeed), and set out to build support for the new Huntington Beach Host Branch Club.

In January Leonard enlisted the support of Lion Steve Christy in planning for the formation of the branch club. At the MD-4 Convention they received support from PDG Jim North. In February March 6th was set for the first. Approximately 30 people were invited to the informational meeting. Six local business people attended to learn about the Lion's organization.

Also in attendance were seven current club HBH members showing their support. The information was well and it's starting to look like the branch club will succeed, and why not? Lions do amazing things for their communities.



In the photo (Left to Right) front row: Mark Chapman (Photographer), Jeffrey Kullmann (Psychologist) Mark Piva (Coffee Sales), Lion Eric Halsey, Lion Adam Buttons, Ed Nance (SBA Lender), Sharon Zwaagstra (Printing Broker), Back row: Raymond Louison (REMAX Real Estate), Past District Governor Jim North, Lion Steve Christy, Club President Dick Sklar, Lion Keith Campbell. Photo taken by Lion & District Photographer Leonard Gleason.



SEAL BEACH LIONS OFFER FREE RIDES ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

If you are young and want to celebrate St. Patrick's day drinking green beer, Seal Beach is the place to be. This cozy beach community houses 4 Irish pubs on the one block of Main Street.

Unfortunately, young people, drinking and driving are not a good combination.

Fortunately, the Seal Beach Police Department recognized that something had to be done to keep revelers from getting behind the wheel after celebrating. Five years ago they enlisted the help of Straub Distributing and the Seal Beach Lions Club.

It has been nothing short of a win-win combination. Straub generously pays for the rental of a number of passenger vans as well as the cost of posters put up in all the establishments on Main Street. They also pay the Seal Beach Lions a "token" for each person driven home.

The Lions set up a booth on Main Street and wait for those in need of a ride. Whether the police "hand-deliver" a customer or they walk up themselves, they are driven home. Passengers are usually so appreciative of the service given, they offer tips to the drivers. Being handed a cool \$20 is not unusual.

While this has proven to be a great fundraiser for the Seal Beach Lions Club, raising anywhere from \$3000-\$5000 depending on what day of the week St. Pat's Day falls, it has also served a much more important service.

Drinking and driving is the major cause of death in young adults. If they have saved even a single life by keeping a drunk driver off the road, each of the Lions working this project will tell you that sitting out in the cold, passing up on the green beer and putting up with some pretty drunk people is all worth it.

This is just another way that local Lions help their communities. Yes, WE SERVE and enjoy every minute of it!

DISTRICT 4-L4 CONVENTION

May 15-18



Reservations Call Toll Free:
 1-800-2-Crowne (US and Canada)
 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA
 92108
 (619) 297-1101 Fax (619) 297-6049

District 4-L4 Convention

May 15-18, 2008
 Crowne Plaza - Hanalei Hotel, San Diego CA
 Please fill out one form per Lion, Lioness, LEO, or Guest attending.
PLEASE TYPE or PRINT

Name: _____ Club: _____ Position: _____
Last First (as you want on your badge)

Address: _____ City/St: _____ Zip: _____

Home: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____
(work or home)

Please Indicate: PCC PDG Cabinet Officer First Convention

Mail registration form and check(s) payable to **District 4-L4 Convention to:**
Lion Joanne Waltman • P. O. Box 575 • Rancho Cucamonga, Ca • 91729-0575

Book Description	Amount	# of Books	Reg. Fee per person	Late Fee after 5/1/08	Sub-Total (Book+Reg Fee)
A Book: Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch and Dinner, Sunday Breakfast (Includes Entertainment)	\$180.00		20.00	\$15.00	
B Book: Saturday Lunch and Dinner, Sunday Breakfast (Includes Entertainment)	\$135.00		20.00	\$15.00	
C Book: Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch and Dinner (Includes Entertainment)	\$120.00		20.00	\$15.00	
D Book: Saturday Dinner (Includes Entertainment)	\$70.00		20.00	\$15.00	
E Book: Saturday Lunch (Includes Entertainment)	\$30.00		20.00	\$15.00	
Total:					

⇒⇒⇒⇒All room reservations must be made directly to the Crowne Plaza Hanalei Hotel at⇒⇒⇒⇒
 ⇒⇒⇒⇒1-800-227-6963 on or before April 15, 2008⇒⇒⇒⇒

The Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, May 15th, at the Coronado Municipal Golf Course
 For details see attached Golf Registration Form

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 (A short list of events planned)

Thursday, May 15th Golf Tournament First Night "Party" Awards	Friday, May 16th 1 st Business Session/Awards Presentation of Clubs Candidate's Reception "Frat Party" Σ Ω Φ	Saturday, May 17th 2 nd and 3 rd Business Sessions Presentation of PCCs & PDGs Candidate's Demo/Voting Director's Luncheon Grand Ball	Sunday, May 18th 4 th Business Session Motivational Speaker Awards
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-----2007-2008 Convention Committee-----

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DISTRICT 4L4 CONVENTION

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Coronado Municipal Golf Course
 2000 Visalia Row, Coronado, CA 92118

Thursday, May 15, 2008
 Check In: 10:15 am
 Tee Time: 10:52 am
 Longest Drive/Closest to the Pin
 Men's Contest/Ladies Contest

FEE: \$75 includes Golf, Cart, Box Lunch and Tee Prizes

Mail or Fax by May 5th to:
 Ron Finseth, Convention Golf Chairman
 101 S. Kraemer Blvd., #208 Placentia, CA 92870
 Phone: (714) 854-1754 Fax # (714) 985-1114

Fill a foursome, or we will place you

Name: _____ Club: _____

Send this portion by May 5th along with your check to:
 Ron Finseth, Convention Golf Chairman
 101 S. Kraemer Blvd, #208, Placentia, CA 92870
 Make checks payable to District 4-L4 Convention Committee

2008 DISTRICT 4L4 CONVENTION

FIRST NIGHT EVENT

COME EARLY AND JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED NIGHT

OLD TOWN MEXICAN CAFE AND CANTINA
 2499 SAN DIEGO AVENUE, SAN DIEGO 92110

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH
 MEET US THERE AT 6:30 PM
\$20.00 PER PERSON

BEST MEXICAN FOOD
CHOICE OF 5 MENU OPTIONS

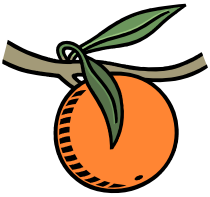
BEST MARGARITAS
DRINKS ON YOUR OWN

MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE

COMPLETE THIS FORM & RETURN WITH REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

NAME: _____ CLUB: _____

ATTENDING _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____



ORANGE REGION REPORT CHAIRMAN ROD WALLACE

Hello All Lions in the Orange Region as well as others reading this month's forum.

I apologize for the brevity of this report, but the last two weeks have been devoted entirely to the Anaheim Lions 34th Annual Easter Baseball Tournament.

46 high school teams participated for a total of 115 games in 4 days. The Winner was Mater Dei HS over Valencia HS of Placentia.

Thank you to the members of the Fullerton Breakfast and Fullerton Host Clubs and Orange County Central Lions Club who helped with ticket sales at Amerige Park.

To all clubs, this is a great way to show support to other clubs. I know the Anaheim Club members are looking forward to helping at the Fullerton Railroad Days the weekend of May 3.

The La Habra Host Lions Club will be holding its 6th Annual Scleroderma Fundraiser on May 10th at Pete's Ponderosa. Expect great food and entertainment. Look for their flyer.

Seal Beach continues to outpace the other clubs in our region and most elsewhere with a current membership of 107. We all can take a lesson..and if you have not heard Dave Hubbard's Lionism Program, give him a call, it will invigorate you. (He is the current president of the Seal Beach Club.

If each club would just submit a brief resume of its current activities it will be easier for lazy old me than to interpret from the regular monthly reports.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Rod Wallace
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HEARING & SPEECH ACTION NEWS

We haven't talked about newborn hearing screening for a while, so here is an update on the situation.

Hearing loss is the most common birth defect – a little know fact, but one of enormous consequence to those who are affected. In the year 2000 the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Authorization Legislation (EHDI) was enacted. This speeded up the formation at the State level of screening programs providing hearing screening of newborns and follow-up care for the one in three newborns who fail their test. Today, 40 states offer this service, and 95 percent of all newborns have their hearing tested. The average age for receiving a first diagnosis of hearing loss has declined from 30 years to just three months of age.

Sounds great, BUT, one in three newborns who fail their hearing test is not diagnosed, and may receive no follow-up care. This may result in delayed speech development, which may be hard to overcome later and may, in turn, affect the development of social skills. Among those who are diagnosed, the parents of almost one in four are not made aware of the options for helpful early intervention services. "We need to do better at making the options available to them", says former Surgeon General Dr. C. Everett Koop.

The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Reauthorization bill has been introduced in the House (H.R. 1198) and in the Senate (S. 1069) providing authority to concentrate on those children who are falling through the cracks, providing critical family-to-family support programs and enabling the NHI to establish a post-doctoral research fellowship program to recruit researchers to become involved in early detection and intervention.

Lions can help by contacting their Congressmen and asking them to co-sponsor these bills.

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**DEADLINE FOR CLUB ELECTIONS -
APRIL 15, 2008**

**PU-101 FORMS DUE TO LCI
MAY 15, 2008**

WHEN EAGLES DON'T FLY

THE STORY OF FREEDOM & JEFF

When Freedom came in she could not stand. Both wings were broken, her left wing in 4 places. She was emaciated and covered in lice. We made the decision to give her a chance at life, so I took her to the vet's office.

From then on, I was always around her. We had her in a huge dog carrier with the top off, and it was loaded up with shredded newspaper for her to lay in. I used to sit and talk to her, urging her to live, to fight; and she would lay there looking at me with those big brown eyes.

We also had to tube feed her for weeks. This went on for 4-6 weeks, and by then she still couldn't stand. It got to the point where the decision was made to euthanize her if she couldn't stand in a week.

You know you don't want to cross that line between torture and rehab, and it looked like death was winning. She was going to be put down that Friday, and I was supposed to come in on that Thursday afternoon. I didn't want to go to the center that Thursday, because I couldn't bear the thought of her being euthanized; but I went anyway, and when I walked in everyone was grinning from ear to ear. I went immediately back to her cage; and there she was, standing on her own, a big beautiful eagle. She was ready to live. I was just about in tears by then. That was a very good day.

We knew she could never fly, so the director asked me to glove train her. I got her used to the glove, and then to jesses, and we started doing education programs for schools in western Washington. We wound up in the newspapers, radio (believe it or not) and some TV. Miracle Pets even did a show about us.

In the spring of 2000, I was diagnosed with non-hodgkins lymphoma. I had stage 3, which is not good (one major organ plus everywhere), so I wound up doing 8 months of chemo. Lost the hair - the whole bit. I missed a lot of work. When I felt good enough, I would go to Sarvey Wildlife Center, and take Freedom out for walks. Freedom would also come to me in my dreams and help me fight the cancer. This happened time and time again.

Fast forward to November 2000, the day after Thanksgiving, I went in for my last checkup. I was told that if the cancer was not all gone after 8 rounds of chemo, then my last option was a stem cell transplant. Anyway, they did the tests; and I had to come back Monday for the results. I went in Monday, and I was told that all the cancer was gone. Yahoo!

So the first thing I did was get up to Sarvey Center and take the big girl out for a walk. It was misty and cold. I went to her flight and jessed her up, and we went out front to the top of the hill. I hadn't said a word to Freedom, but somehow she knew. She looked at me and wrapped both her wings around me to where I could feel them pressing in on my back (I was engulfed in eagle wings), and she touched my nose with her beak and stared into my eyes, and we just stood there like that for I don't know how



long. That was a magical moment. We have been soul mates ever since she came in. This is a very special bird.

On a side note: I have had people who were sick come up to us when we are out, and Freedom has some kind of hold on them. I once had a guy who was terminal come up to us and I let him hold her. His knees just about buckled and he swore he could feel her power coarse through his body. I have so many stories like that.

I never forget the honor I have of being so close to such a magnificent spirit as Freedom's.

COSTA MESA-ORANGE COAST
Breakfast Lions Club
Fund Raiser



SPAGHETTI DINNER
Includes Green Salad,
Bread, Dessert and Beverages
\$10.00 PER PERSON
BINGO
\$ 1.00 Per Card
Saturday May 3, 2008
COSTA MESA SENIOR CENTER
695 WEST 19TH STREET
AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 19TH AND POMONA
Dinner 5 to 7:00
Bingo 7:15



FOOTHILL REGION

CHAIRMAN JACK LIGHTFOOT

The Cucamonga District Host Lions' student speaker won the Zone A and the Region Student Speaker contests. We look forward to having her compete at the District contest, if there is no scheduling conflict with a high school state debate contest in San Francisco the same weekend of our meeting on April 20.

Cucamonga District Host held their second annual "Sip for Sight" Winetasting Dinner on March 15th. They also had their fourth annual Toy Drive for Santa Claus, Inc. Lions throughout the district are asked to bring toys and games to the April Cabinet Meeting.

The Ontario-Upland Lions held their annual Bunco fundraiser on March 29th. They are planning to team up with the Ontario Host Lions for their annual Spring Tea fundraiser on April 12.

The Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions are getting ready for the annual Fashion Show fundraiser on April 19th.

Three Zone A clubs partnered with the Pomona Breakfast Lions for an Opportunity Calendar Fundraiser during March. Contact Zone A Chairman Sandi Richmond if you would like to know more about this easy fundraiser. Each of the four clubs made almost \$600.

The Chino Valley Lions volunteered 19 hours cleaning up Grand Avenue and 50 hour at the Festival of Books.

The Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions collected 40 glasses. Lions Jack Tanaka and District Leo Advisor John Doogan took nine Diamond Bar High School Leos to the MD4 Youth Symposium in Modesto. They were able to meet our International President Mehendra Amarasunya.

All four Zone C clubs had student speaker contests, which lead to a great Zone contest. It was good to see such enthusiastic participation from the speakers and their families.


Yours in Lionism
Jack Lightfoot, Foothill Region Chairman



Lions have hurdled the \$150 million mark in Campaign SightFirst II and are taking aim at the \$200 Million Challenge Goal!

THE GARDEN GROVE LIONS HOSTED A TEXAS-HOLD-EM FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF THE MISS GARDEN GROVE CONTEST





**2007-2008 DISTRICT 4-L4
CABINET MEETING
STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST**

**EL NIGUEL COUNTRY CLUB & GOLF COURSE
23700 CLUBHOUSE DRIVE
LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA 92677**

Sunday, April 20, 2008
Check-in - 8:00 - 9:00 AM
Meeting - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

PDG Jack Lullen, Saddleback Region Chair

Clubs are asked to bring a prize for the raffle.
(Approximate value: \$20.00)

4th Cabinet Meeting – Sunday, April 20, 2008
(Please make your reservations by Thursday, 4/13/2008)

NAME _____
(Please list members attending on reverse side of this form)

CLUB NAME _____ POSITION _____

TEL# _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Number of Reservations _____ @ \$22.00 = \$ _____

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

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2007-2008 DISTRICT CALENDAR

April 5	Huntington Beach Host Crab Fest
April 7	Saddleback Region Meeting, Student Speakers Region Contest
April 12	Ontario Host/Ontario-Upland Lions 3rd Annual Spring Tea Fundraiser
April 15	Deadline for Club Elections
April 20	Saddleback Cabinet Meeting – El Niguel Country Club, District Student Speakers Contest
April 26	Seal Beach Lions Pancake Breakfast
April 30	Tustin Host Golf Tournament
May 1	Seal Beach Golf Tournament
May 3	Costa Mesa Orange Breakfast Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
May 15	Deadline for PU-101 Form to LCI
May 15	Deadline for Leo-72 Form to LCI
May 10	La Habra Host Lions Club Scleroderma Fundraiser
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
June 23-27	LCI Convention Bangkok Thailand
July 19-20	Seal Beach Lions Fish Fry