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It took me a while to recover from my travels, but looking back on those 3 weeks in Thailand, it was a wonderful experience. I did not see much of the sights of Bangkok-remember there was this convention I had to attend! Wonderful speakers, (2 Nobel Peace Prize winners), and incoming International President Al Brandel. What a character! Besides his inspirational, visionary speeches, another indelible memory is of him and his Governor School leader, dressed in top hat and tails, singing a special Lions version of "New York, New York!" at the closing session of the District Governor Elect school in Pattaya. Everything culminated in IPDG Jon pulling off my blue ribbon, and making me the Governor of our wonderful district.

I was able to enjoy a week of touring Northern Thailand with PDG Barbara. Ask me or her about the Burmese border, snakes in bottles of Thai whiskey, paddy fields, tea tasting, Brown and white cows, mosquito nets, and monsoon rains and we'll talk to you for hours! Oh, and don't forget the elephant ride!

Now to more serious business. Our new Lion year has begun. As I visit the clubs, and I am looking forward to that so much, you will hear more about President Brandel's hopes for the year and my own thoughts. Of course, membership is a priority as always, and I want to congratulate IPDG Jon on having a net increase in membership in 4-L4, the first time for a while. This was due not only to his tremendous enthusiasm and leadership, but also to the constant efforts of all the Lions in the District to bring in new members to their clubs. We all need to continue our efforts this year, and I am already hearing of clubs bringing in new members in July.

In President Brandel's eyes we are all "Everyday Heroes", and we perform "Miracles of Service" all the time. I know all of you perform those miracles everyday, so now we have to ask "How can we do that little bit more?" Somebody out there is waiting for you to be their hero.

District 4-L4 recently lost 2 long serving Lions. At their memorial services I learnt some amazing facts about both of them. It made me think that we need to get to know more about each other as people, not just as Lions. This will bring us even closer together as we help those less fortunate than ourselves.

See you soon, In Lionism,

Elizabeth

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Greetings Lions, Leos, and Friends of District 4-L4:

My adventure as your Vice District Governor continues. Recently, I had the honor and pleasure of attending District 4-L6's Installation of Officers Onboard The USS Midway in San Diego where my fellow Vice District Governor Julie Crawford was installed. Julie and her husband, Past International Director Bill Crawford, were our hosts. The installation luncheon was held on the Flight Deck and what a beautiful event it was. George and I met many new Lions including Past International Director Joe Preston of Prescott Valley, Arizona who was the Installing Officer. After the luncheon, we had the opportunity of taking one of the tours of this magnificent ship which included the Flight Deck, Hanger Areas, Captain's Bridge and Primary Flight Control. It was really a great way to start my MD-4 District Visitations.

I am confident by now your clubs have set goals and objectives to serve your communities and increase your membership. These two go hand in hand for I truly believe that it is in giving that we receive. As International President Al Brandel stated in a recent message in The Lion magazine "We need to communicate the positive side of service. Working together with likeminded people to improve our community is a joy and pleasure. Our best recruitment tool is ourselves: we need to show others that a life of service is a life worth living."

Thank you Pomona Host, La Habra Host, Tustin Host and Newport Harbor-Costa Mesa Lions Clubs for sending me your bulletins. I love reading them and it is just amazing how many activities, service projects and fundraisers we as Lions really do here in 4-L4. We really are MIGHTY. I would like to hear from more of you clubs so please send me your bulletins.

Keep up the good work and keep on bringing in those new members. Remember a quality member doesn't need to be extroverted, gregarious or otherwise possess a certain personality. It's more of an ability to relate to others even if it's in a quiet way. We who can empathize with others can better serve others.



LION LORNA IS ON THE PROWL AGAIN

It's time once again for the annual Choc/Disneyland Resort Walk. This year's event will be on Sunday, October 19. 2008. For the 14th year, Lion Lorna Badame of the Fullerton Host Lions Club will be participating as she raises funds for this all-important annual event. She will be one of an expected 15,000 walkers strolling through Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure theme parks, raising funds to support Children's Hospital of Orange County and CHOC at Mission. Since the first walk in 1991. over ten million dollars has been raised.

Lion Lorna asks now that your club, at its next board meeting, considers a donation to this fine event. She is also seeking individual support. Checks may be made out to ChocWalk and sent to her at 210 N. Marion Street, La Habra CA 90631. Please consider adding your club to the growing list of District 4-L4 Lions Clubs that choose to become part of the Annual Choc/Disneyland Resort Walk.



PRELIMUNARY VISITATION SCHEDULE Governor Elizabeth Warren 2008-2009 REV. 4

AUGUST

4	Mon	6:30pm	Harbor Mesa
5	Tue	7:00pm	Fullerton Host
6	Wed	12noon	Laguna Niguel
7	Thu	7:00pm	Huntington Beach Host
13	Wed	12noon	Stanton
14	Thu	11:30am	Santa Ana Host
17	Sun	4:00pm	O. C. Costa Rica
18	Mon	7:00am	Diamond Bar Breakfast
19	Tue	6:30pm	Chinese American of O. C.
21	Thu	6:30pm	Anaheim
22	Fri	7:00am	Pomona Breakfast
26	Tue	12noon	Buena Park Noon
28	Thu	7:00am	Costa Mesa/Orange Coast
		12noon	San Clemente Host

SEPTEMBER

2	Tue	12:15pm Ontario Host
4	Thu	6:30pm Walnut-Diamond Bar
5	Fri	11:00am U. C. Irvine
8	Mon	FOOTHILL REGION MEETING
9	Tue	7:00pm La Habra Host
10	Wed	6:45pm Mission Viejo
11	Thu	6:30pm Chino Valley
13	Sat	6:00pm GOV. FUNRAISER – Pete's Ponderosa
15	Mon	ORANGE REGION MEETING
18-	20	USA/CANADA FORUM
22	Mon	SADDLEBACK REGION MEETING
23	Tue	6:45pm Costa Mesa-Newport Harbor
24	Wed	12noon Irvine Multi-Cultural
25	Thu	7:00pm Brea

OCTOBER 1 Wed

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2	Thu	12:10pm Pomona Host
8	Wed	6:00pm Cucamonga District Host
9	Thu	6:45pm Ontario-Upland
14	Tue	7:00pm O. C. Korean
15	Wed	7:30pm Newport Beach Hawiian
16	Thu	7:30am Upland Host
22	Wed	12noon Garden Grove Host

7:00pm Seal Beach Host

NOVEMBER

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2	Sun	2 nd CABINET MEETING – FOOTHILL
5	Wed	7:00pm Orange County Central
6	Thu	7:15am Fullerton Breakfast
18	Tue	12:15pm Tustin Host
19	Wed	7:00pm Orange Host
20	Thu	6:30pm Rancho Cucamonga Community
		unscheduled Westminster

CABINET SECRETARY'S CORNER

NANCY SMITH

Thank you all so much for the tremendous turn out to the first cabinet meeting of the year. Everyone was great at getting back to me with their numbers. Some a little slow but you did get them back to me and I do appreciate it.

A few things I would like to touch base on to all the Secretaries and Presidents. If you are mailing your MMR forms in to International, make sure they are dated by the 20th of the month. If you are doing the report on line the deadline is Midnight Eastern Time Zone on the last day of the month. It is very important to get these in on time so Governor Elizabeth can have a good standing this year. If anyone needs any help please call and I will walk you through it.

The District 4-L4 Directories are ready and available at the Cabinet Meeting. If you do not attend we will arrange to get them to you or have someone pick them up for you. The directories look great. Lion Ken Sherwood did a terrific job.

Labels to all club secretaries have been sent out for your VAD reports. I know everyone will get these in on time. I am counting on you. We have a great team this year and I just know you will all get these in on time.

The Cabinet Meeting was a challenge for me but with the help of great Lions we prevailed. The rest of the year should be a piece of cake. (That's what they tell me anyway). Looking forward to a great year.

CABINET TREASURER'S REPORT

MARIANNE ALLEN



First, I would like to welcome all of the new Club Officers to the 2008-2009 Lions year. As you begin your journey through this exciting year, we want to let you know about a couple of dates and things to remember.

PLEASE REMEMBER to pay your MD4 and International Dues upon receipt of your bill. This is how we run the District and it so IMPORTANT to pay the dues in a timely manner.

By the time you read this, we will have had our first cabinet meeting under our belts and there is no stopping us. All of your officers will have been installed and ready to go for the year.

This does promise to be a very exciting year for District 4L-4 with District Governor Elizabeth Warren 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.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

PDG CHUCK OVERBEY

Last month I reported that to my knowledge, we had lost no Lions from our district since the convention. This month has been terrible in that light as we have lost three great Lions, who collectively had served our district for 135 years. They are as follows.

Virgil Piculell was born in Afton, Minnesota on October 14, 1924. He joined the Chino Lions Club in 1948, and when that club disbanded in 1995, Virgil transferred to what is now the Chino Valley Lions Club. Throughout that 60 year period, he maintained perfect attendance. He served his club in most offices and was Zone Chair from 1953 to 1956 and Deputy District Governor in 1957-1958. He was a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Fred W. Smith fellow. He held life membership in the Sight & Hearing Foundation, Camp Wilderness, and the Southern California Lions Eye Institute (SCLEI). Virgil was honored by his club with a life membership and he was recently honored as Club Lion of the Year. He passed away on July 9, 2008.

John Isaack was born in Berlin Germany around 1912. He escaped the Nazi Regime to make his way to America via Shanghai. He and bride Harriet settled in Southern California where he became a successful commercial artist. He joined the Pomona Host Lions Club in 1978 and was eventually honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. According to Jack Lightfoot, John was a dedicated Lion and a gentleman from the old school, always gracious and well spoken. He passed away on July 11, 2008 at the age of 96.

Phil Balliet was born December 25, 1930 in Wilkebury, Penn. He joined the San Clemente Host Lions Club as a charter member on June 11, 1963. He served his club well and in all capacities for 45 years. He also served our district as Zone Chairperson and was Deputy District Governor for PDG Joe Stephenson in 1983-84. I remember Phil as a great man and a wonderful Lion. He passed away on July 26, 2008 after a long bout with Cancer.

These were all terrific Lions who served our cause long and well.











FABULOUS FOOTHILL

REGION CHAIRMAN KEN SHERWOOD

Fabulous Foothill is abuzz with activity. The new Lions year promises to be one of the busiest and most rewarding for the region and the district.

Upland Host is moving back to Memorial Park in Upland, where they had been at home for many years. Last year Upland Host moved event to downtown Upland to join with the merchants association for a big all-city party. Alas, only the Lions did their part and the party bombed leaving the Lions alone on 2nd Ave. with little crowd and sparse entertainment. They've reinvented themselves and are looking for increased returns under the enthusiastic leadership of President Sheila Casteel. Friday, Aug. 1 is the date; Memorial Park in Upland is the place (Foothill Blvd. East of Euclid) Relax, rest and invigorate yourself for the rest of a busy Lions weekend.

For those Lions looking for something to do, you can spend three days at the La Habra Host Lions corn festival – their 60th annual. Once again it will be at El Centro Lions Park in La Habra. See their full page ad in the directory

When you're full of corn and pastrami, head on down to Costa Mesa for the quarterly Council of Governors meeting. The topic for this year's student speakers contest will be chosen here. The organizers are looking for a lot of help from the host district (4-L4).

A visit to Ontario Host Lions recently was time well spent, as are most Lions meetings. PCC Ed Bordenkircher presented student of the month awards which is a regular event at Ontario Host Lions. The club provides lunch to the students and counselors from local high schools and honor the students with a \$25.00 gift certificate for their performance in class. These students were underachievers in school and were nearing drop out status. They were placed in continuation school, given guidance and counseling and were helped in developing goals for the future. Ontario Host honors their achievements and encourages greater efforts on the students part.

Lion Secretary Dean Munoz (now president) put on a power point presentation called "Getting Involved Together". Lion Dean developed this excellent presentation himself and I'm sure he would be willing to do a program for other local clubs. Call president Dean Munoz. The program is brief, concise and informational. AVAIL.

As we scramble to get new members, keep quality in mind. We're looking for good neighbors to help with our current projects and develop new ones. We have some big gaps to fill with the recent passing of two great Lions in Foothill.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO A MEETING?

If we want to grow, we need to ask. So, when was the last time you asked someone to a meeting? If it has been a while, then it's time to ask someone. Ask a friend. Ask a relative. Ask a business associate. Ask someone you do business with. The main thing is that you ask someone to a meeting. It may not happen the first time or the second time, but eventually someone will go to a meeting and join.

When you ask, do it with enthusiasm. Make them feel like they are missing the best thing since ice cream. Most people like to be around people with enthusiasm, doing things that they like to do, and feeling good about it. So why wait? Ask someone to your next Lions Club meeting.



FOOTHILL REGION REPORT (continued).....

Lion John Isaack was a thirty year member of Pomona Host Lions. He was a life member, a City of Hope Life Sustainer and a Melvin Jones Fellow. Lion John was an artist and many fortunate past presidents of Pomona Host have an excellent portrait as testimony. John and his wife Harriet (deceased) were German Jews who escaped Nazi Germany in 1938. They spent the war in Shanghai and came to America in 1946. He was proud to be an American (1954) and a Lion.

Lion Virgil Piculil was a 60+ year Lion with Chino and the Chino Valley Lions Clubs. He served as zone chairman when we were District 4E. Lion Virgil was the sight chairman for Chino Valley Lions, collecting used eye glasses and making referrals to local optometrists.

These Lions lived "WE SERVE". Honor their memories by filling their chairs.

Stay in the Pink and avoid the PEPTO days.

The Governor and I

(The King and I)

June of 2008 IPDG Jon Casteel, his wife Sheila and I traveled together to Thailand to attend the Lion's International convention. The three of us could not have known what a wonderful adventure lay awaiting us.

After landing, Jon and Sheila unselfishly agreed to go straight to the Orphanage. They knew the children were excited about our arrival and we were running a little late. This was all after spending 15 hours on a plane and knowing they had 120 miles to travel south, a 2 ½ hour hair-raising trip in a truck ahead of them.

We were not disappointed in the greeting that we received; about 50 preschool orphans were standing in the entrance way, they were full of smiles and joy. They were accompanied by 8 caretakers, all of which grew up as orphans there, to return later to help. Father Michael, the director of the orphanage was among the greeting party. He welcomed us Lions with a great deal of enthusiasm.



A different Orphan presented each of us with a special fresh Thai flower lei and of course followed by lots of hugs and kisses!

Next Father Michael Took us into the nursery where we were met by the

staff, all of whom grew up in the Orphanage. We were besieged with what seemed to be hundreds of happy toddlers. Sheila was a magnet, many of the children were attracted to her.

The time had come to enter the secure infant room. The Pattaya orphanage has earned the reputation of having the best orphaned baby care in all of Thailand, especially when it comes to babies with health concerns. Shelia was in heaven. She is a nurse that works with sick babies and it showed. The caretakers remarked in Thai, how special she handled these little Angels.

After prying Sheila away from the Infant room, it was time for the children to eat lunch and check Jon and Shelia into the Fr. Ray center, adjacent to the Orphanage. The rooms at the center are small and very basic. Jon and Sheila could have stayed at a luxury resort hotel on the beaches of Pattaya. They decided they wanted to experience the true Thailand and loved being able to stay close to the Orphanage.

Jon and Sheila spent over a week visiting all of the schools and homes started by Fr. Ray; the school for poor deaf children, the drop-in center and home for street kids (both a safe place for kids to live away from the dangers of the "Red Light District"), the school for poor blind children and the computer and electronics school for poor disabled young adults.

After this whirlwind visit, Sunday morning it was time to drive to Bangkok, for the lion's International Convention. All three of us wanted to visit the nursery one more time. Sheila said it was very difficult to say goodbye.



The convention was wonderful! Our main objective at the convention was to support Elizabeth Warren, our incoming governor. It was a very special moment when Jon pulled her ribbon.

After the convention ended it was time for me to travel back to the Orphanage. The original plan was for Jon and Sheila to stay in Bangkok and sightsee. They told me they wanted to go back to the Orphanage. I was surprised and delighted!



That night at dinner in Pattaya Jon and Sheila said that they had come to some important decisions. They said they wanted to donate a large amount of money to help one of the infants at the Orphanage. The infant, Chiraphat has serious heart defects; the donated money was for an operation to start to correct the heart problems. This caught me surprise. I thought to myself what a wonderful thing to do.

This is the most impressive example of what the Lions are all about, helping those who are the neediest!

I have heard it said you really do not know anyone until you have traveled with them. In all my years of working with orphaned and disabled children in the U.S. and around the world, Jon and Sheila's gift is the one that touches my heart the most., and after living with them the reasons for doing it are the most genuine!

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- Have sufficient food, water, medical prescriptions, and disaster supplies to sustain your family for at least 72 hours
- Eliminate hazards in your home
- Know how and when to shut off damaged or leaking utilities
- Ensure your family is fire safe
- Be sure to have smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in your home
- Have an evacuation plan and a "Grab-N-Go" bag ready

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OUTSTANDING ORANGE

REGION CHAIRMAN CAROL LINENHAN

Where did the month of July go? I realized being from Seal Beach it was hectic because I was involved in getting ready for our Fish Fry and Car Raffle. I'm so relieved that is over for another year. The Cabinet Officers purchased one car ticket. We were hopping to win the Car and donate the money to the District. Oh well, there is always next year.

When I asked Governor Elizabeth if I could be the Region Chair, I forgot that I had to share my thoughts with all of the <u>Lions of 4-L4</u> each month. Because there are so many wise people I want to quote Sir James Barrie "Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves". That is what Lions do all the time. An example of that was demonstrated Friday July 11, when 6 members from the Orange Region helped the Brea and Orange County Central Lions at the All Star Football Game. This game has over 5,000 in attendance and is made up of Orange County High School Seniors. The Chain Gang (they watch the side line down markers) was made up of our very own PCC Jack Perich, PDG Kurt Vanderwest, Zone B Chair Mike Smith and the newest member of OCC Mike Pettus. Helping out from the Seal Beach Lions Club were Lions Dave Hubbard and Bruce Gormley.

On Saturday the 12th of July, the old Cabinet 2007-08 with PDG Jon and the new Cabinet gathered at the Garden Grove Club House with Governor Elizabeth to share ideas of what worked and didn't work in 07-08 and how can we the 08-09 Cabinet improve/change how we approach this year. "To improve the golden moment of opportunity and to catch the good that is within our reach, is the great art of life" by Samuel Johnson. There are so many dedicated Lions who are so willing to share with us Newbie's that it was a very enlightening and enjoyable morning. Communication Is The KEY To Success. It is all of our responsibilities keeping our club members informed of our Club meetings, activities and upcoming fund raisers. Going and visiting other Clubs at their meetings or Fundraisers may enhance how your own Club approaches a meeting or an event. It also gives the visiting club something to look forward to.

I was asking around and found out that this year we have many former Presidents who have decided to do another year of Presidency. Some haven't been President in years and some are doing it two years in a row. There is Lions **Tom Brown** of Anaheim, **Andrea Heermance** of Fullerton Breakfast, **Marc Poli** of Fullerton Host, **Ron Pierce** of Garden Grove, **Jack Perich** of Orange County Central, **Ray Longoria** of Seal Beach, **Barbara Dotson** of Stanton and **Bob Sullivan** of Westminster. I'm sure all of these Lions have plans for their clubs.

Lions Bonnie Paisley of Buena Park, Dave Collins of La Habra, Sandra Ramirez of Orange County Costa Rica and Kee Sun Hong of Orange County Korean American are brand new Presidents. I'm sure their respective clubs will be right there to lend a hand and guide them.

I want to highlight a couple of the Presidents. **Zone A Dave Collins** of La Habra has some new ideas for his club. He wants to rock the boat not sink it. He plans on aggressively growing the club. He wants to be sure that new members get signed up on committees and involved immediately. Lion Dave wants to be sure that new member's feel that they are part of the club.

Zone B PCC Lion Jack Perish of Orange County Central is no stranger to District 4-L4. Jack served as District Governor in 1977-78 and Council Chair the following year. He started out in our District with the Westminster Club then in 1995 he was the charter President of the Orange County Central Lions Club. Jack has served in many capacities over the years. Jack has received the 100% attendance award every year since he has been a Lion. Lion Jack has set a vigorous agenda for the club this year including adding several service projects, fund raisers and social events.

Zone C Lion Ron Pierce of Garden Grove was President a few years back and felt he wanted to serve again by bringing new vim, vigor and vitality to the sleeping giant. One of the ideas Lion Ron has for his CLUB this year is to mix up their meeting times. Usually Garden Grove meets every Wednesday at noon .This year they will have one dinner meeting following the Garden Grove Chamber Mixer. The Club hopes to focus and attract new members.

The other day I was privileged to sit in on a **Zone C Meeting**. I chatted with Seal Beach Secretary **Bill Howes** about their annual Fish Fry. Lion Bill felt the Fish Fry and other events and fundraisers the clubs puts on are successful is because the CLUB has two Chairs. The Co-Chair becomes the next year Chair. This gives the Co-Chair a feeling that he/she is not out there in left field or alone. They had that year to observe and take notes. Also having a procedure book for all events, updated after the event makes it easier to step into a chairmanship. Lion Secretary **Ruth Smith** of Garden Grove says they just added two new members to their club. The new members are **Chuck Lake**, a third generation Lion and **Pam Shearer** daughter of the Mayor of GG.

"It is not enough to be busy... the question is: what are we busy about? Henry David Thoreau! Becoming involved and knowing what is happening outside your own Club is important. Patti Wojnarowski a year and a half member and recent Proud Lion from Seal Beach decided to find out for her self what an International Convention is. Patti had been hearing older Lions talk about International so I've taken the liberty of writing some of her thoughts. "The 2008 International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand was amazing for many different reasons. The opening plenary by International President Mahendra Amarasuriya was impressive to say the least. His scorecard of how LCIF did in the Challenge to Change (2007-2008) left one proud to be a Lion. The Sawasdee welcome show with the dancers and music of Sri Lanka and Thailand was stunning. The music touched your soul and the dancer's costumes and performance were fantastic. I couldn't imagine that a one mile parade route with Lions from all over the world could last for hours. It sure was a bit warm and humid. Warm enough that not even the 10 minute rainfall cooled us down. It was a delight to see all of the native costumes, to hear the bands (I absolutely loved the bagpipes - who knew one could play" I've Got That Lions Spirit" on the bagpipes! It was the longest mile I have ever walked. It was so nice to take it all in. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting many, many Lions from all over the US and the world, all with the same intention to serve. The people and the events will leave an everlasting impression of kindness, generosity and caring. I'm so proud to be a Lion."

What is summer without a Festival? Do you love corn on the cob and funnel cakes? If the answer is yes, then join me in La Habra for their 60th Annual Corn Festival Friday August 1st – Sunday August 3rd. Zone A Chair Lion **Roy Ramsland** is in charge of this event. Remember going and supporting other Clubs Events may give you ideas for your future events.



SPECTACULAR SADDLEBACK

REGION CHAIRMAN JOAN PARKS

Oh, it's August...HOT, HOT, HOT, yes Hot Tamale Hot, and the Spectacular Saddleback Region is out working hard in the heat.

I have spoken to Zone Chairmen, Presidents and club members, just trying to get a feel for what everyone is doing. Now, I have either been able to talk with people or leave messages (oh, you heard my message?) or not talk to a sole. Well, that's ok. At some point we will talk, it's inevitable. These columns don't come out of Ken, Carol and my heads (well, it may seem like it, but it's not true).

The Cabinet had a retreat last Saturday and I must say, I think it was very beneficial for all of us. Your three Saddleback Zone Chairman were there. And, why do people give up part of their Saturday, but to learn and help with our District, Regions, Clubs and members. It can overwhelming, all that we need to know, remember, and encourage clubs and members to do, but we are going to give our best shot. Governor Elizabeth has a plan and goal in mind, and under her leadership we will succeed. I am honored to work with her and the rest of the cabinet.

The Saddleback Region is under way already. Many of our clubs have repeat (some two (Gina Stansbury), three (Mike Scheafer) , and up to the sixth or seventh (Dan Mayer) time) presidents, but we also have the first woman President for Costa Mesa-Orange Coast Breakfast Club, Lion Judy Wines. I know she is up to the challenge and the club is behind her. There may be others, but I haven't heard from them yet, but I will be talking about them in the future.

Costa Mesa-Newport Harbor has a wonderful new web site put together by new member, Lion Matt Scheafer (are his parents?.....). Check it out at www.cmnlions.com. CMNH is just off the success of their annual Fish Fry. Harbor Mesa Lions finished up the past year with the opening of Angels Park in Costa Mesa, of which they are one of the sponsors, with a Drink Booth at the Fish Fry where they netted \$1500, and the Vision Walk for The Foundation for Fighting Blindness, where they raised over \$1600 in pledges for the foundation. Huntington Beach Host Lions rode the bright red vintage fire truck in the Huntington Beach 4th of July parade again this year. They have already started flipping pancakes and according the incoming President Hank Lopez they will continue the work of Immediate Past President Dick Sklar to increase membership and public awareness of Lions.

The Chinese American Lions Club is always working hard, and the Irvine Multi-cultural Lions will be back at it after summer vacation. President Walter Barsamian is still recovering from his hip fracture, and we wish him well. Orange Host is under the leadership of President Keith Matsuo again this year and of course their big push is the International Street Fair chaired again by Lion (Zone B Chair)

Individual and Family Earthquake Preparedness

- 1. Know the safe spots in each room under sturdy tables, desks or against inside walls.
- 2. Know the danger spots-windows, mirrors, hanging objects, fireplaces, tall furniture.
- 3. Conduct practice drills. Physically place yourself and your children in safe locations.
- 4. Learn first aid and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) from your local Red Cross Chapter or other community organization.
- 5. Decide where your family will reunite if separated.
- 6. Keep a list of emergency phone numbers.
- 7. Choose an out-of-state friend or relative whom family members can call after the quake to report whereabouts and conditions.

SADDLEBACK REPORT (continued).....

Allan Wasch. Allan tells me that the street fair is Labor Day Weekend, August 29th, 30th, and 31st. This small club does a huge job with their booth and can and will always take help. Anyone interested in volunteering, please call Allan at 714-420-2992. Lion Lynn Morgan is leading Tustin Host this year, a dynamic Lion in her own right and a great speaker for the Blind Children's Learning Center. I've been told a local Optometrist, Dr. Booth, gives eye exams and glasses at a discounted price to students at the three local high schools and Tustin Host paid \$3000 for these kids last year. What a great contribution by both the club and a member of the community. The club is currently working hard on the upcoming Tustin Tiller Days (October 3rd 4th, and 5th) with Lion Cherrill Cady running the parade. September 17th there will be a small golf tournament (\$69, good price, plus a back pack or suitcase) to benefit the Kases for Kids Project.

Laguna Niguel remains very active. Mission Viejo just finished their annual 4th of July booth of hot dogs and shaved ice where they made \$4000......on hot dogs and shaved ice? Chairman of the event this year, Lion Milan Stujan cannot be credited enough according to incoming President Dan Mayer. Milan worked hard to set things up and keep them running well. They will be working on their next project, 2nd annual Spaghetti dinner with Best Buddies Project in October or November. Last year the dinner netted \$3000. The San Clemente Host Lions Club according the incoming President Jack Luellen had a great time the 4th of July selling Glow in the Dark necklaces at the San Clemente Pier and Heritage Park in Dana Point and netted \$710. They will be selling Pizza at the San Clemente Street fair on August 10th. President Jack told me the club gave three \$500 scholarships to students at San Clemente High School this past June, and provided glasses for 15 students last year.

As you can see, big or small clubs in the Spectacular Saddleback Region are all working hard. They are all so diverse and yet working hard at one thing and that is service to the community. We are all busy Lions, but there is something to do all the time. Think about supporting not only supporting your club, but then maybe a neighboring club or regions' club.



SADDLEBACK REGION MEETING

Monday, September 22, 2008 6:30PM Dinner \$15.00 (Stone Fire Grill Restaurant)



David L. Baker Golf Center 10410 Edinger Avenue Fountain Valley, CA 92708

This is going to be a fun and informative meeting, so don't miss this chance to be with your region clubs.

PROGRAM:

PDG Ed Bordenkircher on Orientation

THEME:

Each club bring a theme centerpiece. Let's have some fun with this. Get creative and advertise what your club does or sponsors. We suggest that your theme be one of your upcoming events or fundraisers. Such as:

Fish Fry Theme, Casino Theme, Crab Fest, Corn Feed, Bingo, etc. OR a project that is special to you - Canine Companions, White Cane Day, Flag Day, etc.

Please make reservations by September 15, 2008

Club Name_		
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Send Completed Form and Check to

Cell:949-422-4133

Saddleback Region Chairman Joan Parks 153 Quiet Bay Lane Costa Mesa, CA 92627

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1st FOOTHILL REGION MEETING 2008-2009

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

6:30pm Amble In 7:00pm Grab A Seat 7:15pm Chow Down 7:45pm Listen Up

CENTRAL PARK

SENIOR CENTER

11200 BASE LINE ROAD (Corner of BASE LINE RD. @ MILLIKEN AVE.) RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91737

> "Spaghetti Western" DRESS: Tombstone EAT: Tuscani

> > 50/50 Drawing

& Prizes for BEST SCHOOL MARM BEST TOWNSPERSON BEST GUNMAN

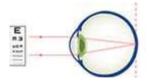
1st Foothill Region Meeting - Monday, September 8, 2008 (Please make reservations by Aug. 28, 2008)

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(List additional names on back)	
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Send completed form to: Lion Ken Sherwood 6666 Dakota Ave. Alta Loma, CA 91737

> (909) 944-0359 (909) 622-5538

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GREETINGS FROM DISTRICT 4-L4 SIGHT AND HEARING FOUNDATION

Lion Harv Marklinger, President

Our Sight and Hearing Van is undergoing extensive service and repairs including new brakes, tires, motor overhaul as well as interior refurbishing and technical instrumentation replacement.

The Mobile Screening Unit provides a service, free of charge, to the public. Your club may use it for various events such as school screenings, health fairs, and clinics for the less fortunate. The Van is for the exclusive use by District 4-L4 Lions Clubs in good standing and to be used within the confines of the District.

Lion Roy Ramsland, Director, has prepared a complete packet on "How to Host a Sight and Hearing Event" which clearly defines the steps needed to ensure a successful outing. To reserve the Unit, contact Lion Roy at P.O.Box 2340, La Habra, CA., 90632 or rramsland@cs.com.

Contributions of any amount are greatly appreciated. To honor a deserving Lion or an outstanding member of your community, Life Memberships are available for \$250.00.

Donations may be mailed to Sight and Hearing Foundation, c/o Lion Joan Parks, Treasurer, 153 Quiet Bay Lane, Costa Mesa, CA., 92627. Joan can also be contacted at:

joanrparks@hotmail.com.

PLEASE NOTE: The new District Directory needs to be corrected to show Lion Joan as Treasurer of the Foundation.



1st ORANGE REGION MEETING 2008-09

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2008 6:30 Mingle 7:00 Meeting 7:30 Dinner

STANTON CLUB HOUSE 10581 CHESTNUT ST. STANTON, CA 90680

DINNER: MEXICAN FIESTA 50/50 DRAWING 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PRIZE (Best Hat Design of Your Home State)

0 0	ng – Monday September 15, 2008
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MISSION VIEJO LIONS BEST BUDDIES SPAGHETTI FEED

By Region Chairman, Joan Parks

Mission Viejo Lions Club President Dan Mayer mentioned this project offhand, and the more I heard, the more I realized what a great project this is. You all need to hear about it. Thanks to Dan for the information.

It began when the Tesoro High School Best Buddies Project presented a program to the Mission Viejo Lions Club. These high school kids work one-on-one with students with intellectual disabilities to help enhance their lives. The Mission Viejo Lions fell in love with these enthusiastic kids and wanted very much to help. Problem was, the budget was set for the year, but they could help with a few hundred dollars. President at the time, Lion Pat Rizco, had wanted to get Spaghetti dinners started again, so the Lions proposed this to the Best Buddies. The suggestion was that the Lions would produce the meal and that Best Buddies would do the rest. This meant having tickets made, raffle prizes, entertainment and whatever else they wanted to include for the event.

According to Dan, next thing they knew, the kids showed up with spreadsheets, had committees set up to handle tickets, fliers, entertainment, decorations and even clean up. They got the food supplies donated as well. Lion Don Taylor, Dean of Applied Sciences at Saddleback College was able to get the facility for the event. The Lions cooked the food there, and the night of the event over 300 people attended. Dan said it was some of the best spaghetti he had ever tasted. Apparently one of the culinary students at the college has a secret recipe for spaghetti sauce and it was a hit!

The Lions planned to donate all the monies raised to the Best Buddies Project, and when all was said and done they dinner had netted almost \$3000! Because of the event the kids were able to fund their program for the entire year and then some. They also learned leadership, community involvement, and what Lions are truly capable of. Dan is extremely proud of what these two groups together accomplished. In addition, there is now a community in Ladera Ranch that is well aware of what Lions is all about.

Dan is speaking with The Tesoro Best Buddies about getting other Best Buddies groups involved with other Lions Clubs.

Want to know more about the Best Buddies Program, check it out at www.bestbuddies.org.

Each of our clubs has a quiet, wonderful project like this one. Let us hear about it.

Huntington Beach Lion's Club Weekend Getaway at the Riverside Hotel, Laughlin 2-night Weekend getaway departing Friday, October 17, 2008 from Huntington Beach and Tustin ITINERARY PRICE Riverside Location Depar ONLY 76,000 square foot casin Huntington Beach City Hall 8:00 AM Two outdoor pools Bowling center Movie Theater \$164.00 per person! Fri (double occupancy) 9:00 AM City Hall AM Bingo parlor Lunch stop Lenwood Outlet Center includes 1:00 Specialty Restaurants Round trip Custom Riverside Hotel transportation Coach 2 nights at Riverside Riverside Hotel Reclining seats Rear Restroom 3 Monitor video system Hotel AM Golf tournament Lunch stop enwood Outlet PM European styling awards function on Wide body (102") Wide windows Individual reading lights and Center Saturday Tustin All taxes City Hall PM Overhead air condit To secure a seat on the bus We need a minimum of Single supplement is \$65.00 and a room at the Bus driver tip is NOT included 40 people for the trip to Hotel, payment of happen at the price \$164.00 Cancellation Penalties quoted is needed by 8/16/08 Today - 9/16/08 = No Penal 9/16/08 - 10/17/08 = No refu Call Doug 760-230-0047 For information and reservations call: Sunward Adventures 800-786-9273 x110 * 760-230-0047 * 760-944-9957 Fax doug@

All prices are per person based on double occupancy. Prices are current at the time the flyer was made and are subject to





Hearing & Speech Action News August 2008

I know, I know... Lions are not supposed to discuss politics, religion or sex while meeting, but what I want to say is, I believe, both legal and beneficial. Because those who will benefit are among the very ones we were asked to support by Helen Keller, way back when.

The Hearing Aid Assistance Tax Credit Act (HR 2329 and S 1410) needs to be made high priority on Capitol Hill. This law would provide a \$500 federal tax credit per hearing aid purchased for a person age 55 and older or for a dependent child. That \$1000 credit (most people need a pair) would make hearing aids affordable for millions of individuals or families. For millions more who can afford hearing aids but latch on to any excuse not to get them, it could coax them to put hearing ahead of their reluctance and vanity.

If the proposed tax credit becomes law it will greatly increase the number of Americans who enjoy the benefits of better hearing. But that's a very big "if". Despite the sustained efforts of nearly all the professional organizations in hearing care, the Hearing Industries Association, the major consumer advocacy groups and quite a few members of Congress, it's not a high priority for most in Congress.

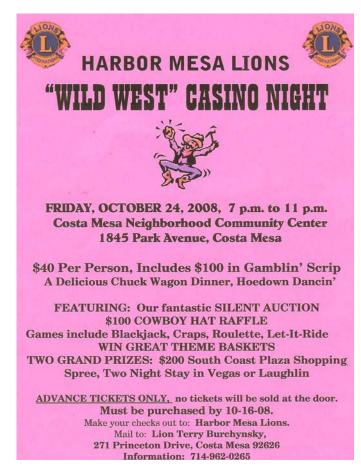
What will make the lawmakers sit up and take notice? Money and Votes! Lions know many thousands of people, many of their own, who should own hearing aids and thousands more of their family members. All these people have a stake in a hearing aid tax credit, and the great majority are voters.

You as Lions have made a tremendous difference with SightFirst I and II. Now it's time to step up in support of Hearing, which Helen Keller considered to be more important than vision! To help you along the way, see these two Web sites:

www.hearingaidtaxcredit.org www.betterhearing.org/email/em042208.html

Keith Campbell, Chairman 4-L4 Hearing & Speech Action 714/536-9813 kcampbell5@socal.rr.com





2007-2008 DISTRICT CALENDAR

August 1-3 La Habra Host Corn Festival August 1 **Upland Host Fish Bake & Corn Feed** August 23 Harbor Mesa Spaghetti Splash September 8 **Foothill Region Meeting** September 13 **District Governor Fundraiser** September 15 **Orange Region Meeting** September 18-20 USA/Canada Forum, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan September 22 **Saddleback Region Meeting** October 1 Deadline to purchase Peace Poster kits from LCI October 4 Rancho Cucamonga Community Turn-Around Primm, Nevada October 2-5 White Cane Days October 17 **Huntington Beach Host Lions Laughlin Trip** October 24 Harbor Mesa Wild West Casino Night November 2 **Foothill Cabinet Meeting** November 10 **Harbor Mesa Fashion Show** January 17 **Melvin Jones Dinner** January 17-19 **MD-4 Leadership Institute, Harris Ranch** January 24 **Orange Cabinet Meeting** February 7 **Teen Recognition Dinner** February 13-15 MD-4 Convention, Fresno February 21-24 Lions Flag Days Harbor Mesa Lucy & Ethyl's Bingo Night March 2 March 7-8 **Hearing Days** March 9 **Foothill Region Meeting** March 23 **Saddleback Region Meeting** March 24 **Orange Region Meeting** March 29 **Lions City of Hope Day Saddleback Cabinet Meeting** April 19 April 25 **Lions Worldwide Induction Day** May 14-17 **District 4-L4 Convention** June 5 **World Environment Day**

Lions Clubs International Convention, Minneapolis MN

July 6-10