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Dear Lions, Leos, and friends of District 4-L4,

It seems that every year at this time, somewhere in Southern California suffers serious wild fires. Sadly, it was the turn of cities in 4-L4 to face evacuations and ultimately, loss of houses, condos and apartments. Once again, Lions Clubs International Foundation is there to give some aid. With the help of ID Dana Biggs, I was able to get a \$10,000 emergency grant from LCIF and the money has been turned into gift cards from Target, just like last year. By the time you read this, the cards will have been distributed to some of those in need in the cities of Yorba Linda, Brea, and Anaheim Hills. A big thank you to Lion Tom Brown, the District Disaster Preparedness Chair, who worked so hard to get the help for the victims of this fire storm. There is also a 4-L4 Fire Disaster Fund to which clubs can contribute. There is already some \$2,500 that has been donated, and I know that clubs will be generous as their Boards consider this request. Once the money is available, it will be used to give added help to the people who need it most.

Over the last 5 years, LCIF has sent \$30,000 in emergency grants to our district, besides the grants given to other California districts when they have suffered these devastating events. I hope this will help Lions understand that the money donated for Melvin Jones Fellowships does come back to our own communities when needed, and is not only sent outside of the USA.

My official visits are done, and what a wonderful experience they have been. They have been a great insight into how our clubs are all different, and yet they are the same – devoted to serving our local communities by doing good deeds or donating money where needed, all the time sharing comradeship and having fun.

I have had the pleasure of inducting several new Lions, and I am only a phone call away when the time comes to get those new members officially into your clubs. Just give me a few days notice!!

The upcoming holidays are a time to be with family and friends, and I shall be lucky enough to have my own brother with me. He is coming for almost 5 weeks, and I hope many of you will have the chance to meet him.

Have a wonderful holiday season, and get rested ready for the next six months. We have much to do!!!

Always yours in Lionism,

Elizabeth

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Greetings Lions, Leos and Friends,

It is eminent from the November Cabinet Meeting that we are flying through another year of Lionism with great results. All of you Chairmen are hard at work to make this another fabulous year for 4-L4. Keep up the good work! I had the distinct honor of introducing the 1st Timers/New Members and was thrilled to see so many of you in attendance.

In November, my VDG adventure took me to Oakhurst, CA where I had the honor and pleasure of attending District 4-A1's Cabinet Meeting. Even though it was a very long drive, George and I finally arrived in this cute "mountain" town. Since we were the first Lions to check in and had some time before the festivities (this cabinet meeting was a two day event) began, we decided to take a walk through town. Funny thing, there were no sidewalks and we found ourselves walking on the street! There were several interesting shops including some thrift shops so George was in heaven looking at all the "stuff"!

After our walk, it was back to the lodge where we were greeted by our hosts, VDG Francis Bognuda and Lion Norma. Following introductions of several 4-A1 Lions, we headed off to the Friday evening event at Camp Pacifica. "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" was the theme for the night and starred DG Pat Cqsey-Gillum as Lucy and VDG Francis as the Pumpkin. Upon arrival, we had to walk through a dark spooky pathway to get to the "Haunted Dining Room" where the happy hour and dinner was held. As I was walking around and meeting the "witches, ghosts and goblins", in walked "Elvis" and since I am an Elvis fan I rushed over to meet him. Of course I just had to have my picture taken with him. Following a "partner pumpkin rolling contest" and a scrumptious dinner, a very inspirational presentation of "Parker's Prom" was given by Parker's Mom, co-founder of this program. She and her son Parker who had cancer started this program for children and teens in the hospital who would not be around to attend their prom. It's basically a prom night where they can enjoy dinner, games and dancing, just like a high school prom. She was there to ask the Lions of 4-A1 for their help in continuing the program by making a donation to the cause. It was a very moving presentation. The next day, a very early Eye Opener began at 7:00 a.m. followed by a breakfast, Pre-Cabinet Meeting and the Cabinet Meeting. At break time, there were three break out sessions held, one of them being "Are you Still Dancing?" Since I was intrigued by this title, I attended that session to find out exactly what it was all about! Basically, it was on how to make a club happy, keeping your members happy and what can be done to keep members. After lunch, the meeting resumed with further committee reports, awards, club announcements, raffle, presentations to the visiting DG and VDG and adjournment. It was indeed a wonderful and memorable week-end, one that George and I will cherish forever.

4-L4 Club visitations are now over and I want to thank all of you Lions for your hospitality and all of the fun I've had. I was awed with the number of fundraisers and projects that you do. I am so proud to be a District 4-L4 Lion.

It is hard to believe that the holidays are upon us and all the hustle and bustle that goes with it. It is my favorite time of year for not only is it a time to share with family and friends but a time to count your blessings as well. I thank God every day for this wonderful service organization of ours and for each of you, my extended family. May peace, joy, hope and happiness be yours during this holiday season and throughout the New Year.

CABINET TREASURER'S REPORT

MARIANNE ALLEN



As your District Treasurer, I cannot say it enough about paying your dues on time so here it goes again: I want to thank all of the Clubs who have paid their dues. GREAT WORK!!

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.

Club secretaries should be noting this on their VAD reports.

Please keep in mind that when you pay your dues on time, this is how we can promote great programs in our District and keep our District financially sounds.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE MELVIN JONES DINNER SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2009 AT THE COSTA MESA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB. This is a great way to honor special Club members. For those of you attending (and I hope that is everyone) please bring your bios and awards with you that night. PDG Jon Casteel and Sheila will be organizing all of the awards and bios that night.

Mike and I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you the very best holiday season. Please remember those less fortunate in your thoughts and prayers.

Our hearts and prayers also go out to the fire victims. If you club can help in anyway, please give generously.

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.



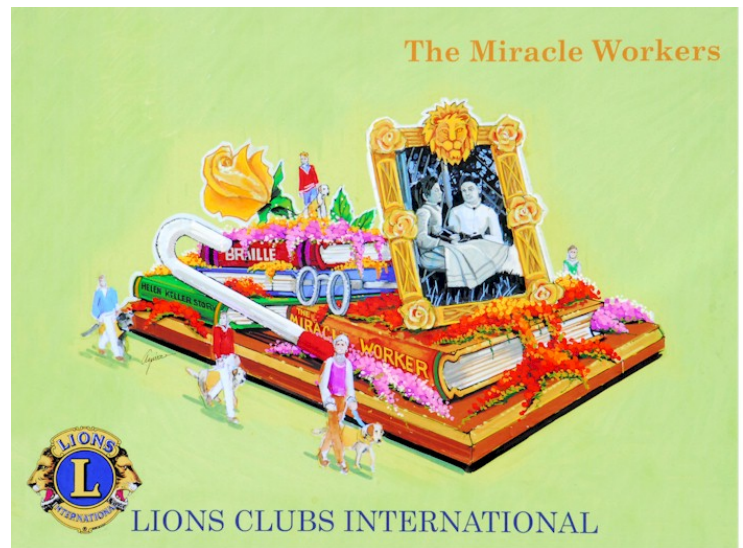
ATTENTION DISTRICT 4-L4 LEADERS

If you are interested in being the chairperson of any of these MD-4 Committees, please send a letter of application to your District Governor, Elizabeth Warren. It should include your previous leadership experience, your suitability for this position and any other relevant information.

The positions are for the chairs of the development of
Membership Committee
Extension Committee
Leadership Committee

The terms would begin June 2009

There are several Lions in our District who qualify for these positions. Governor Elizabeth looks forward to your letters.



Volunteer to Decorate the Float

**ROSE PALACE
835 S. RAYMOND
PASADENA, CA 91105**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 20 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
MONDAY DECEMBER 29 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**RESERVATIONS FOR DECORAING CONTACT:
PETAL PUSHERS (949) 458 0606**

THIRD ANNUAL HUNTINGTON BEACH HOST LIONS SURF CITY SPLASH AND PIER PLAZA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thursday, January 1st, 2009

9:30 am - PANCAKE BREAKFAST at Zack's Pier Plaza
(\$5 donation for HB Host Lions Club Charities)

11:00 am - Registration next to Zack's Pier Plaza
(or pre-register at www.LionsSurfCitySplash.com)

12:00 noon - MAKE A SPLASH FOR THE NEW YEAR!
(yes that means run out in to our ocean)

Contact: Lion Lee @ 714-349-7706 or LionLeeLove@gmail.com

A \$10 donation to "Splash" includes
"Certificate of Achievement"
Proceeds this year benefit Lions Project
Canine Companions for Independence (LPCCI)
and other Lions Charities

WWW.LIONSURFCITYSPASH.COM



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

PDG CHUCK OVERBEY

While, to the best of my knowledge, we have lost no Lion Members of our District since my last report, I just however learned we have lost Nancy Hughes, wife of past Pomona Breakfast Club President, Pete Hughes. She reportedly passed away in her sleep on Wednesday, November 26. Nancy was the special occasion keyboard player for the club band and most recently performed at the last cabinet meeting in Diamond Bar. Ken Sherwood, who made me aware of this information, put it well when he said "The music hasn't stopped but it is not as sweet".

I also regret to acknowledge the passing of PDG Richard Bennett of District 4-L4. Richard passed away on November 24 after a long bout with Cancer. I served on the Council with Richard during the 2002-2003 Lions Year, and we share many wonderful memories. He was a terrific man who was loved and respected by all.

With a short article this month, I would like to tell a story about attitude and negativity. A woman was at her hairdresser's getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband. She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded, 'Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's horribly expensive, terribly overcrowded and awfully dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?'

'We're taking Continental,' she replied, 'We got a great rate!'

'Continental?' exclaimed the hairdresser. 'That's a terrible airline! Their planes are old, their flight attendants are rude and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?'

'We're going to stay at this exclusive little place over on Rome's Tiber River called 'Teste'.

'Don't go any further. I know that place! Everybody thinks it's going to be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump, the worst hotel in the city! The rooms are small, the service is lousy and they're overpriced. So, whatcha' doing when you get there?'

'We're going to go to see the Vatican and hopefully see the Pope.'

'That's rich!' laughed the hairdresser. 'You and a million other people are trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Bless your heart . . . It really sounds as if it's going to be a miserable trip.'

A month later, the woman again came into the hairdresser's shop. The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome.

CALIFORNIA YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

For over 40 years the Lions Clubs of California have been sponsoring Youth Exchange with foreign countries. The Youth Exchange Program was launched to provide today's youth, our leaders of tomorrow, an opportunity to learn about people and countries other than their own in an effort to promote world peace. Young people are given the opportunity of living with families in a foreign country for a few weeks to experience first-hand a new culture, history and a different way of life. The ultimate goal of this program is to promote international understanding.

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA (4)	BRAZIL (2)	ISRAEL (2)	NETHERLANDS (2)
AUSTRIA (4)	FINLAND (2)	ITALY (6)	NORWAY (2)
BELGIUM (2)	GERMANY (4)	JAPAN (30)	SWITZERLAND (3)

HOSTING A STUDENT

EUROPE

Age 17-21

- *5-Week Program
- *2-Weeks in Northern CA
- *1-Week Camp Teresita Pines
- *2-Weeks in Southern CA

**Live in your home for 2 weeks

** Enjoy Lions Sponsored Activities – Amusement Parks – Beach Parties – Sightseeing & Tours - and MORE

JAPAN

Age 16-21

- *5-Week Program
- *1-Week Camp Teresita Pines
- *2-Weeks in Southern CA
- *2-Weeks in Northern CA

VISITING STUDENT

- **Age 16-21 Japan
- **Age 17-21 Europe
- *5-Week Program
- *Live with Lions sponsored host families
- *2-Weeks each in different part of the country
- *1-Week Camp (this may vary by country)

- *Enjoy Lions sponsored activities – visit historical landmarks, camps, experience language/cultural exchange, enjoy regional foods
- *COST \$2500-\$2800. Partial aid available for qualified students. Europe DEPART: 6/27/09 RETURN: 8/1/09
- Japan DEPART: 7/4/09 RETURN: 8/8/09

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APPLICATIONS ON LINE AT: www.ye.md4lions.org

APPLICATIONS FOR VISITING FOREIGN COUNTRY DUE BY FEBRUARY 28, 2009

\$300 DEPOSIT DUE WITH APPLICATION & PASSPORT OR PROOF OF APPLICATION

ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 1, 2009 WILL HAVE \$50.00 DEDUCTED FROM TOTAL

CHAPLAINS CORNER (continued).....

'It was wonderful!' exclaimed the woman. 'Not only was the flight on time; we were on one of Continental's brand new 777's. As luck would have it, coach was overbooked so they bumped us up to Business First. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a handsome steward named Joshua who waited on me hand and foot. Then we got to the hotel, and it was great! They'd just finished a \$5 million restoration and now it's a jewel; the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!'

'Well,' muttered the hairdresser, 'that's all well and good, but I know you didn't get to see the Pope.'

'Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me. Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down and he spoke a few words to me.'

'Oh really? What did he say?'

He said, 'Where'd you get the lousy haircut?'



FABULOUS FOOTHILL

**REGION CHAIRMAN
KEN SHERWOOD**

THANKS- We gave at the office; we gave at home; we gave at church; we gave at club. There are so many things for which to give thanks that I don't save it for one day in November. I am thankful when the monthly reports come in on time. I'm thankful when the rest of the reports come. I am gloriously thankful that visitations are finished with only six revisions. THANKS LIONS! I give thanks for three active and aware zone chairs doing a Lion of a job. Foothill clubs are certainly blessed to have Lions Ken Myers (A), Gayle Garbo (B) and PI Smith (C) to field questions and solve problems. Don't forget to call Lion PI for a program on stained glass, (714) 996-2950. I'm deliriously thankful for four days of uninterrupted fun with grandchildren (and no soccer games). I give thanks that I will save the sight of 37 million people, with the help of a few other "everyday heroes". I give thanks for a sponsor who saw something in me that I didn't see in myself, and asked me to be a Lion. I give thanks daily for the wonderful people I've met and worked with to make the world a better place; people of compassion; people of dedication to a cause; people of integrity, goodwill and resource. Lions are a diverse group of people with a common goal-HUMANITARIANISM. Easing the suffering in the world any way we can.

Now that the turkey is digested, the game's over and the dishes washed, it's time to get out the Christmas decorations and make room for the tree from Chino Valley Lions Club. This is that special time of year when Lions reward themselves with Christmas parties and socials to tell each other "thanks, job well done". The joy we generate among ourselves is spread across our communities. You can't contain goodwill that's so abundant. You are compelled to share it with others around you and around the world. Do something heroic for the holidays. Include a total stranger in your gift giving. It's as simple as providing a meal for a homeless person; a jacket for someone out in the cold; a Christmas tree for a shut-in. Lions have been encouraged to send articles to our troopsgum, socks, toiletries, writing supplies - all small necessities and necessities. We have legions of homeless that could REALL Y use these things. My fellow Lions these people fight a war for survival every day and most are ill prepared for the daily battle. Yes, we are Knights of the Blind. Let's also be Knights of the disenfranchised and Knights of the hungry. Try a random act of kindness. You'll be glad you did and so will someone else. While you give thanks, give someone else a chance to give thanks as well.

Stay in the Pink

Avoid the Pepto days



Hearing & Speech Action News

Well, the Holiday season is upon us and our mailboxes are filled with greeting cards, utility bills and a stack of requests from myriad charitable organizations for donations. So why be different? Here's one more request from your Hearing Aid Bank. First, let's look at past performance

Lions Year	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Trend
Hearing Aids Collected	309	276	234	Down 24%
Hearing Aids Donated	19	32	51	Up 168%
Club Donations	\$2700	\$1400	\$2100	Mixed

So, more and more people are needing two hearing aids, the cost of each fitting has doubled in three years and more new aids are being used when fewer used aids are collected. Club donations will be the determining factor, along with the collection of recyclable aids, as to how many people in the community can be served.

The HAB was fortunate to receive in 2007 a one-time transfer of \$5072 in unused funds from a failed Theater Captioning Project; now it is time for District Clubs to pick up the slack. With 37 Clubs in the District an average annual donation of \$800 each would pay for 50 hearing aid fittings (until prices go up!)

Your Club can sponsor a needy member of the community by contacting me or make a contribution directly to the Hearing Aid Bank, which is a Project of the District 4-L4 Sight & Hearing Foundation.

Happy Holidays,

Keith Campbell, Chairman
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**RANCHO
CUCAMONGA
COMMUNITY
LIONS**

BUNCO NIGHT

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8

**VILLAGE ON THE GREEN
SENIOR APARTMENTS**
9400 Fairway Place, Rancho Cucamonga

ROLL THE DICE BY 6:30 PM

\$15 per person
Snacks, Desserts and Drinks Available

Contact: Lion Pat Mason
(909) 946-2491 or (909) 210-9129

Lion's Teen Recognition



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

Come to the Lions Teen Recognition Program.
\$20.00 per person – Dinner & Awards Program.

Call Lion John Doogan for reservations at
(714) 995-8800 Mobile (714) 380-0433

Date: Saturday, January 31st, 2009
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Garden Grove Lions Club
9860 Larson Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92842

MD4 CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP FORUM "COME ASK THE EXPERTS"

FEBRUARY 13, 2009
10:30 AM

MODERATED BY INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
DANA BIGGS

LIONS ALL STAR LINE UP:

PDG CARL BURSON
"RECRUITING"

PID BILL CRAWFORD
"FORMING INTERNET CLUBS"

PIP KAY FUKUSHIMA
"HOW DO WE DO IT"

PIP BILL BIGGS
"RETENTION, HOW DO WE USE THEM OR
KEEP THEM?"

COME TO LEARN, SHARE AND BE INSPIRED BY
THE GREATEST, MOST TALENTED LIONS IN MD4.
YOU'LL LEAVE BETTER PREPARED, EXCITED AND
COMMITTED TO GROW IN LIONS!

Lions' District 4-L4,
Teen Recognition Program
7701 Katella Avenue, Unit A
Stanton, CA 90680
(714) 995-8800 Mobile (714) 380-0433

July 13th, 2008,

To: All Nominators

From: Lion John Doogan
Teen Recognition Chairperson

Nominating Procedure

Today the News is quick to tell us about the things wrong with our youth. You as molders of the next generation and our future know how narrow a view this really is. The Lions agree.

Your local District 4-L4 Teen Recognition Program (TRP) was first started as a Saddleback Region project in 1989. District Governor Kevin Evans in 1992 introduced the program to the District, to widen the scope.

The purpose of the program is to recognize, support and reward teens for their efforts in volunteerism in promoting a drug, alcohol and tobacco free life-style

Applications are distributed by Lions clubs to local middle schools, high schools and community youth groups. Students aged 13 to 19 years old who have maintained a 2.5 GPA or above and have worked toward helping their peers attend a substance free lifestyle are eligible to receive applications. Applications are evaluated by the Lion's Teen Recognition Committee.

Students honored by TRP are active in both their schools and communities. They spend their free time volunteering in programs such as safe rides, PAL (Peer Assistance Leadership), Red Ribbon Week, D.A.N.C.E. (Drug Alternative Night and Counseling Event). Through the support of our Lions clubs, TRP annually acknowledges these students with plaques and cash honorariums at a special dinner in their honor.

The Teen Recognition Program's success depends on participation in the identification and selection of qualified young people. Lions clubs must ensure all schools, educators and youth group leaders select and propose suitable candidates. Finally, the committee must make the final selection. If all activities are carried out in a timely manner the deserving Teens will be honored at the Saturday, January 31st, 2009 recognition dinner and presentation.

Please submit Nomination Forms, by January 1st, 2009 to:

Teen Recognition Program
P.O. Box 287
Stanton CA 90680

Thank you!

Your Teen Recognition Committee:
Lori Mayer, Barbara Barclay, Ken Bell, Karen Russell, John Doogan

Teen Recognition Program Lions Clubs International District 4-L4

The "Teen Recognition Program" is sponsored by Lions Clubs International District 4-L4 to recognize, support and reward teens for their volunteer leadership efforts in promoting an alcohol, tobacco and drug-free lifestyle to their peers. Applicants must be 13 to 19 years of age with a GPA of 2.5.

Individual Application (Please print)

Date _____ Age _____
Name _____ Telephone (____) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
School _____ Telephone _____

Please include the following with the application:

- A personal biography that includes a summary of:
 - Training you have received regarding living an alcohol, tobacco and other drug-free lifestyle.
 - Your volunteer activities.
- A statement that expresses your feelings concerning the personal benefits you have gained from your volunteer activities.
- A list of school and/or community organizations in which you have participated as a member. Please note the length of time you were a member.
- Three letters of recommendation. Acceptable letters may be from peers, advisors, teachers and counselors who have worked with you in your Volunteer service. Letters from family members are not acceptable.

Please provide information regarding the authors of your letters of recommendation:

Name _____ Telephone (____) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Relationship to applicant _____

Name _____ Telephone (____) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Relationship to applicant _____

Name _____ Telephone (____) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Relationship to applicant _____

Send application, biography and letters of recommendation to the following address, no later than
January 01, 2009

Lions' Teen Recognition Program
PO Box 287
Stanton, CA 90680
(714) 995-8800 Mobile (714) 380-0433
e-mail: jdoogan@sigma-digital.com

All information will be used only as part of the Teen Recognition Program and will be treated confidential
This form may be copied as needed.

Carnival Paradise 3 night cruise to Ensenada, Mexico

What an exciting way to enjoy a weekend get away.....
Fundraising with a VACATION!



Ensenada, Mexico

How Can I Participate in this Fundraising cruise?

It's simple, book your reservations with Sunward Adventures Group Department to be sure a \$60 donation goes to the Lions Club. Sunward includes port charges, taxes, gratuities, and private event fees with your total price.

South of the border, alongside mountains, desert and sea, Ensenada offers a warm and wonderful introduction to Mexico. The oldest community on the Baja Peninsula, it was first visited by Spanish missionaries in the 17th century. Today it's a thriving seaport. Ensenada's breezy climate invites exploration, shopping for colorful handicrafts, dining on delectable seafood, viewing the wonderful Gold Coast, and sipping cervezas in lively cantina.



ATTENTION
PASSPORTS ARE
RECOMMENDED
FOR TRAVEL IN 2009.

Limited number of cabins - Book now!
3 Nights on Carnival's "Paradise"
February 20th - February 23rd, 2009

Day	Port	Arrival / Departure
Day 1	Long Beach	5:30 pm
Day 2	Ensenada	8:00am - 6:00pm
Day 3	At sea	
Day 4	Long Beach	8:00am

Private Event Pass which includes:

- Accommodation onboard the ship for 3 nights
- \$60 donation to District 404 charities
- Meals, Snacks, 24 Room Service
- On-board activities and entertainment
- All Shows
- And Much, Much More!!!

Inside Cabins— 4A



All Cabins Include:

- Bed and sitting area
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"Fundraising at Sea" edition!



TRAVEL TIMES

Volume 4, Issue 2

A "Sunward Adventures" Publication

October 2008

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Each cabin sold will generate a \$60 donation to District 4-L4 charities!!!

"Lions Club District 4-L4 has teamed up with the Fun Ship"

February 20 - February 23 2009

Friday - Monday

Deposit due 11/22/2008

Day Port Arrival / Departure
Suggested boarding time is 12:30pm
Lunch will be available

Fri	Long Beach	5:30 pm
Sat	Ensenada	8:00am - 6:00pm
Sun	At Sea	
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If you choose to carry your own luggage off the ship, you will be first off in the morning.

ATTENTION
PASSPORTS
ARE Recommended FOR
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Please read the information concerning passports! (Pg 4)

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"MEMBERSHIP"
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008

6:30 p.m., Costa Mesa Country Club
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Cost: \$20 per person, your check is your r.s.v.p.
(Make out to Harbor Mesa Lions)

Mail to: Lion Carol Van Holt
9650 Nightingale, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
DEADLINE: November 1, 2008

Information: 714-962-0265 or 714-556-7622

Lions Club District 4-L4 Fundraising cruise February 20th - February 23rd, 2009 3 nights on Carnival's "Paradise"

Your Personal Information

Full Legal Name: (As on Passport) *Please Print Clearly*
Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____
Name you go by: _____
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E-Mail: _____ 1st Cruise? Y/N
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____
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Rooming With: _____

Cabin Category Desired

Inside Cabin 4A - \$ 231.00
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A few Balcony Suites are available, call for pricing

***Please Note: Prices are per person, based on double occupancy. A single rate will be double the cruise portion for the cabin. *** Any passengers under the age of 21, must be in a cabin with someone who is 25 years or older or traveling with their parents.

Please Read the Terms and Conditions:

I acknowledge that I have read this registration form completely and the information that I provided is accurate. The initial deposit is non-refundable after final payment date. Name changes are allowed and are subject to a fee depending on the change date. I understand that if my roommate cancels, my cabin rate will change. Sunward Adventures, & Carnival Cruise Lines, reserves the right to cancel any guest who fails to comply with the payment schedule and the cancellation fee will be charged according to the cancellation policy. A late fee will be assessed to any account owing a balance after the final payment date. A valid Passport is required to travel.

Your Initials _____ indicates that you have read and accepted the terms and conditions.
This is required to register.

Due Dates:
INITIAL DEPOSIT OF \$100.00 per person
DUE UPON SIGN-UP - Deadline is 11/12/08

Final Payment.....Due: 12/20/08

Cancellation Penalties
Today - 12/20/08 = No Penalty
12/21/08 - 1/21/09 = \$100 per person
1/22/09 - 2/11/09 = 50% of cruise price
2/12/09 - 2/20/08 = No refund

Please fill out form Completely:

Cabin Category * (Type A) \$ _____
Port & Taxes/per person \$156.57 \$ **156.57**
Gratuities/per person \$30.00 \$ **30.00**
Optional Insurance (based on age*) must be paid in full at time of first deposit \$ _____
Total Cost \$ _____
*Insurance: Age 0-34 35-59 60-69 70+
\$30 \$42 \$46 Call

I have read the insurance information on page 4 and I choose to decline insurance. _____ (Please Initial)

Payment Method

- I will use check, money order or cashier's check
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- Charge my card for the full payment
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City, State, Zip: _____
I authorize Carnival and/or Sunward Adventures to charge my card.
Signature _____

Call here and fax to 760-944-9957

IMPORTANT - All payments MUST be received by "Sunward Adventures" on or before the payment due date.
You may fax credit card payments on this form to 760-944-9957. You may contact Doug Kerr or Candy Kerr at the agency office number 760-230-0047 or doug@sunward.com



OUTSTANDING ORANGE

**REGION CHAIRMAN
CAROL LINENHAN**

“No sky is heavy if the heart be light.” - Winston Churchill! Thanksgiving is perhaps one of my favorite times of year. I don't have to put up lights, or try to find the 'true meaning' of it. I usually eat too much turkey and pumpkin pie. A few weeks ago I wondered what I should be thankful for. I thought I have good health and Dewey and I are going to Las Vegas to be with family. In the past few days I realized I have a lot more to be thankful for. I was spared from the devastation of the newest round of fires hitting our District. I'm thankful to be alive and able to help those fire victims who have lost so much. Don't forget to say "thanks" this year for all that you have. Remember this time of year so many people are alone and without anyone. Open your hearts to all those less fortunate than yourself. "It is difficulties that show what men are." - Epictetus

I really enjoy visiting the clubs in the Orange Region and finding out all the wonderful things every club is doing. "Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." - William Shakespeare

"For everything you have missed, you have gained something else." - - Ralph Waldo Emerson. I visited **Orange County Central** and one of its newest members **Lion Bob Susacta** brought two prospective new members to the meeting. I plan to go back when they become members. **Lion John Swint** who joined Lions in 1968 (that's right forty years ago!) is still attending all their meetings. John is ninety-six years old. He has been a member of **Orange County Central** for the last twenty-three years and has held every office except President. **Lion Mike Pettus** who has only been a member five months has already taken over the responsibility of their Newsletter. The club is growing and they realized the new members didn't have club shirts. **Lion Del Hosler** ordered new shirts for everyone so that they would all look alike. **Del** joined Lions because he wanted to give back to the community. The club is doing many projects for the holidays. One that many of us forget about is for the seniors. In conjunction with the Orange County Social Services for seniors they are individually buying presents for over fifty seniors. That means some members are buying two or three presents. At their annual Christmas party they are bringing toys for underprivileged kids. The one thing I did not know about this club is that they are an all men's club. **Past Council Chair President Lion Jack Perich** says they are working on growing their membership and to be sure that they keep every Lion active with assignments and responsibilities so that they feel welcome and useful. This club has such a diverse age span with **Lion Danny Rodriguez** being the youngest member at thirty-seven. The motto of keep bringing in new members and keep them active is working for this club. Did you realize that the Youth Exchange Program. The donation is \$500 to the Youth Exchange Program. Program has a Plaque named in memory of **Past District Governor Lion Charlie St John?** He was very active in youth exchange. **Past District Governor Kurt Vanderwest** presented a plaque to Vice District Governor Judy Schnitzer for all her work with the Youth Exchange Program.

"Nothing should be prized more highly than the value of each day." – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe Who says I don't do breakfast? I enjoyed meeting with the Fullerton Breakfast Lions Club under the leadership of President Lion Andrea Heermance. This is one very active club with fourteen energetic members. Lion Andrea has to keep the meeting moving because some of the members must get to work. Lions John and Marjorie Schwenker both joined because they love their community and wanted to do service projects. Lion Marjorie also runs the raffle at the club meetings. The club has held a few White Cane Booths at the Fullerton Farmers Market. They sold the White Cane and provided Lions literature. This has brought a lot of awareness to the community what Lions are about and their individual club. They are hosting a cookie and cup cake decorating booth at the next Farmers Market with participation from kids. They provided Shoe Boxes filled with toys and stationary to the Samaritan First Project. Lion Dave Crawford is the Leo Advisor for Troy High School which has over seventy-five Leo Members. They have eye box containers at the High School. Because of this they were able to mail over 336 pairs of glasses to Lions in Sight this month. They sponsored a Yard Sale recently for their Charity Account because they provide Scholarships to three different High Schools in the Fullerton area. They are Fullerton, Sunny Hills and Troy High Schools.

"If the path be beautiful, let us not ask where it leads." - Anatole France The other day I was truly amazed at what a city could do to honor someone and to make so many children happy. The City of Stanton honored Past Stanton Mayor Harry M Dotson with dedicating a park in his name.



Harry M. Dotson Park Grand Opening was held on Saturday, November 8, 2008. The park opened its doors to over 400 community members.. The park's design features include: 2-5 year and 5-12 year old playground, picnic area and shelter, an interactive water play area, ½ basketball court, walking/exercise path, shady trees, open grass area with relaxing passive areas and restrooms. This park has been designed to be kid friendly.





TRAVELS WITH DISTRICT 4L4'S GOVERNOR

By Region Chairman, Joan Parks

As the governor's club visitations come to an end this month, I wondered what she might think of them and how it's been going. As Region Chairman, I know I have a different view on the visits, just from my prospective as a lion, having the cabinet visit our club. I spent a wee bit of time on the phone with Governor Elizabeth just asking her how she felt about them and as far as the time coming to an end. I asked her what was the best memory of her time visiting clubs these past few months. "I guess I would have to say, it's the warmth and fondness, the affection with which I have been greeted. Each club and everyone has knocked themselves out to share in the "pink" theme and so much thought has been put into the visits by each club" stated Governor Elizabeth. She also was not prepared for how much is going on all the time in our district, so many more little things that benefit so many people who need help on a daily basis.

We all know that she has a hearty laugh and great sense of humor, but when asked what was the funniest thing during this visitation time, she had to think a bit. "I guess it would have to be the visitation to Diamond Bar Lions, the pink crown with the veil....it made me realize why I don't like long hair, I was always brushing it out of my face!" That made her laugh!

She did keep coming back to how humbling it makes her feel, the warmth and affection with which she has been greeted by district clubs and lions, as a whole and individually. Again, she thought of another visitation that made her feel so good. That was the visit to the Mission Viejo Lions Club, in a private home with a potluck dinner. They did a theme around teachers and education. It was very sweet and just something different that meant so much.

Governor Elizabeth is very appreciative of her three Region Chairmen. Different Lions with a different approach to their jobs, but all three are able to vary their introduction of her, and yet all three are as a team and appreciate one another, working together for her and the district.

She has come to realize how different our district is from others, that many Lion's Clubs throughout the country are in small towns and their efforts are not only to raise funds but center around the social aspect of a town. We are more urban and have to work from a different point of view, almost as it were, competing with other organizations and groups to help, but help we do!

Will she miss the travel? No, and yes. It's been grand fun and yet when you traverse the freeways from Laguna Niguel to Upland, to Brea and travel approximately 2560 miles between August until the end of November you do get road weary. She has not been alone all those miles however. District Secretary Nancy Smith and sometimes PR Chairman Ken Sherwood or her fellow club member, Lion Pat Mason have driven or been along for the ride, but none the less it's a long distance. The visits have been spaced well, so that she wasn't eating breakfast, lunch and dinner all in the same day at lions meetings. That was especially nice and there were

ORANGE REGION REPORT (Continued).....

There is a giant pirate ship with sails as well as an elevated wooden play area that you can climb on and explore. There are a few basketball courts and many tables for arts and crafts activities



The Stanton Lions Club provided ice cream to all the guests in attendance. Lion John Doogan wears many hats. That day he was representing the Veterans.



This Lions club has twenty-one members who stay quite busy. Lion Milt Blumenthal who is ninety-two is the overseer of their Club House. Lion Milt is also a stamp collector. He sells the stamps to stamp companies with all the profits going to various charities that the Stanton Lions support. He gives stamps away free to any child who wants them. The club is also involved in paying for eye examinations, glasses and vision therapy for children from families in financial need. Lion David Parikh explained "we just want to help those who are visually impaired".

The month of December is always so packed full of baking, extra church activities, parties, recitals, shopping and visiting with family and friends. Remember to take time to smell the roses and enjoy this time reflecting on how very lucky you are.

I want to wish every one a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

TRAVELS WITH THE GOVERNOR (Continued).....

few changes in the schedule this year.

Again, Governor Elizabeth says, "It's been heartwarming and wonderful. Thank you, all". NO, THANK YOU, Elizabeth!

SAILING FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED 2008

By Seal Beach Lion & Zone Chairman Renee Schulte

On a crisp, sunny, Saturday morning in October, many Seal Beach Host Lions and their guests made their way to the American Legion Yacht Club in Newport Beach to support the 19th Annual Sail for the Blind and Visually Impaired event. This is an inspiring project which is sponsored by WORSA (Women's Ocean Racing Association).



The all day event provided those individuals either partially or totally visually impaired breakfast, lunch, entertainment and the chance to board a sailing vessel and cruise Newport Beach Harbor!! For some it was the first time being a "deckhand".



Our Seal Beach Lion volunteers enjoyed a nice breakfast before we started our service tasks. These included, but were not limited to, some administrative duties, food (breakfast and/or lunch) preparation and delivery, clean up of both and most importantly, escorting each sight impaired "Guest" to the highlight of this annual event: meeting their skipper and boarding the sailing vessel.

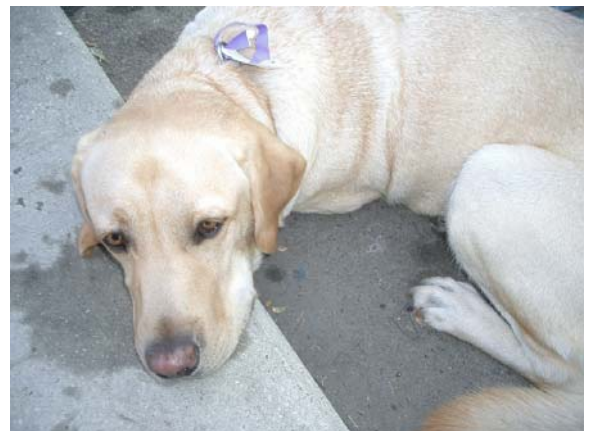


Their captain then sails the harbor for approximately two hours. Concurrently, their guide dogs were enjoying some play time running around a fenced-in grassy area, fetching toys and romping in their water bowls. Some of our Lions were seen playing with them also.



We could have volunteered all day. Most of our Lions spent on average 2 to 5 hours, but generally long enough to have escorted every "deckhand" to their predetermined vessel. Although the majority of these special visually impaired could not appreciate, fully, the sights of the harbor, they could hear the sounds of the birds and lapping of the waves, they could feel the movement of the boat and the wind in their hair, the sun on their cheeks. The smiles on their faces said it all. WE SERVE, and community service and giving back takes on many definitions in Lionism. This event will take place again next year; get involved if you can, you will be moved.

Seal Beach Host Lion Renee, 2008 Chairperson
Sail for the Blind and Visually Impaired



Lions District 4-L4 and IPDG Jon Casteel Present

Twentieth Annual Melvin Jones Dinner



Melvin Jones, January 13, 1897 - June 1, 1961

Honoring Melvin Jones Fellows of the past, present, and future

Saturday, January 17, 2009

6:00 PM Check-In & Social Hour

7:00 PM Dinner and Program

with

Past International President, Kay K. Fukushima

Costa Mesa Country Club

1701 Golf Course Drive, Costa Mesa 92626

\$50 per person

Filet Mignon

No Host Bar

Black Tie Optional

Reply on or before January 5, 2009

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Club Name _____ Please list all attendees on back side of this form
Number of reservations _____ @ \$50 Total enclosed _____ Check number _____

Checks payable to **Lions District 4-L4** Mail to: Marianne Allen PO Box 487 Garden Grove, CA 92842

MEMBERSHIP

By Membership Chairman Dave Hubbard

Tis the Season for Caring...

As we begin this holiday season, let's reflect on our motto, "We Serve". With the recent fires that have left hundreds homeless and an economy that is threatening to ruin our holidays, we need to look at the good we do and can do.

This is a time when Lions can serve their communities. This is the time to help those in need. Serving others is what we do best but it has another valuable purpose. It is also an opportunity to interest others in joining our organization. People who are helped in times of need often join to help others in their same predicament once they are able to. Others will join because of the good they see we are doing.

We can feel good about helping those in need and we can grow as a result of the good we do. Help those who have suffered as a result of the wildfires. Help those who are less fortunate. And help those affected by our economic downturn.

Keeping in the spirit of the season, join with your fellow Lions in friendship and fellowship. Celebrate the holidays with others. This is a time to come together in good will. Share the season with your family and friends. As we enjoy the company of our fellow Lions, we enhance our retention of members. As we enjoy the company of others, we open the door for others to join us in service and fun.

**Have a Wonderful Holiday Season
and a Prosperous New Year!**

Orange County Central Lions Club Annual Charity Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo



Saturday, November 8, 2008

Dinner from 5:30 to 7:00pm

Bingo from 7:15 to 9:00pm

**Garden Grove Lions Den
9860 Larson Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92842**

**DINNER:
Adults: \$10.00
Children: \$5.00 (12 & under)**

**BINGO:
Initial Per Person Buy In: \$20 (includes 2 4-On Packs + Dauber)
Each additional 4-On Pack: \$5.00**

**For Tickets or Information Contact:
Danny Rodriguez (562) 861-0053 Home or (714) 670-2740 Work**

**Good people. Good food.
Great cause!**

SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY 10, 2009



You and your guests are cordially invited to attend the
Tustin Host Lions Club
60th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, January 10, 2009
Orange Hill Restaurant
6410 Chapman Avenue, Orange

6 PM - Reception/No Host Bar
7PM - Dinner

\$50.00 Per Person
Evening Attire

YES! Attached is my advanced reservations for the Tustin Host Lions Club 60th Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, January 10, 2009

Please confirm my reservation(s) for _____ person(s) at \$50.00/Person
Select One (1) Per Person Attending: _____ Top Sirloin _____ Vegetarian Lasagne _____ Atlantic Salmon
Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ made payable to the Tustin Host Lions Club; or credit card information:
Visa/MC # _____ Name on Card _____ Exp. Date _____
Address _____
Signature _____

**Please return this form, along with payment to the Tustin Host Lions Club
P. O. Box 66, Tustin, CA 92781**



SPECTACULAR SADDLEBACK

**REGION CHAIRMAN
JOAN PARKS**

Well, there went November and we're on to the busy holiday season. Many of our clubs are preparing for a busy time of service for this coming month. There are the annual adult parties, of course, that each club has and the family parties that many of the clubs participate in, but more important are the hours of service time that our clubs put in for the needy. There are families that clubs sponsor with food donations, gift donations, boys and girls clubs boutiques that some of our clubs donate time in to help the children shop for their families and the hours that some put in wrapping gifts for these kids and others in need. There are the hours put in at the local hospitals, soup kitchens, and county facilities that take care of the many families that are down on their luck. During this uncertain economic time, I am certain that we, as lions, will find that our help is needed more than ever. "We Serve" is something we lions live by and work hard at.

The Cabinet Meeting was well attended the first part of November. "Lions Are Everyday Heroes" is an honor we should all acknowledge and be proud to be part of. It made us all proud to see and honor the first timers and new members at this meeting. Saddleback had many clubs represented at this cabinet meeting; Harbor Mesa Lions, Huntington Beach Host Lions, Orange Host Lions, Santa Ana Host Lions, Tustin Host Lions, University of California Irvine Lions, Mission Viejo Lions, and San Clemente Host Lions were all accounted for. We missed others, but know you are out working hard in service to your communities.

Remember last month when I challenged our region members to think of someone you haven't seen at a meeting lately and call them, then.....call me or e-mail me? Remember that? No, I didn't think so, because I heard from.....NO ONE! I really thought someone would take me up on this, but alas, no. If you remember the challenge, try to do it in this month of the holiday spirit. It will make them and you feel good.

Again, lots of service going on this past month. Tustin Host Lions have put in more time with recording for the blind, along with a food drive. They also raised about \$13,000 with the Tustin Tiller Days Beer Booth. Total service hours totaled at 172! They are working hard on their plans for their 60th Anniversary Party in January. Huntington Beach Host Lions have been busy as well. They have put in a total of 112 service hours since September. Between the Los Alamitos Elementary School Pancake Breakfast, their annual Oktoberfest, their work for the National Charity League, and the City Halloween Pancake Breakfast they netted the hours and approximately \$2800. They also have ongoing work on the Eyeglass and Hearing Aid Recycling Project and the

City Project for Self-sufficiency, and are working on their 3rd annual Surf City Splash. Anyone want to dip in the water on the 1st of January? Costa Mesa Orange Coast Lions have been working on the Sight and Hearing Van Project for the Newport Mesa School District, Second Harvest and Boy Scouts Projects. Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions have their web site up and working. Go to www.cmnhllins.com to see this wonderful site. Harbor Mesa Lions as busy as ever. 230 Service hours this past month alone, for the Sight and Hearing Van Project, Cancer Walk, interfaith Shelter, Girl Scouts, their Membership Fashion Show, Second Harvest and have netted a profit of approximately \$8000 for their big fund raiser, The Wild West Casino Night. Both Mission Viejo Lions and San Clemente Lions are working on membership drives. ... Till next month.



KASES FOR KIDS

By Region Chairman, Joan Parks

Tustin Host Lions Club has been involved **KASES FOR KIDS** for about three years. It was first brought to the club by Lion Charlotte McNamara. Tustin Host President Linn Morgan states, "When police are called to a home and have to remove minor children, they usually have the kids take their personal items and place them in a plastic trash bag".

The **KASES FOR KIDS** Project provides small suitcases with soaps, toothbrushes and other toiletries, plus a stuffed animal to help the children during a very difficult time.

Tustin Host Lions has held two golf tournaments just for this project. The club encourages everyone they know to bring old suitcases and backpacks along with shampoos and soaps from hotels. One dentist in their area has even donated toothbrushes and toothpaste for the project.

Lion Linn says, "They have been so successful that they don't need any at this time – the closet is full!" But, that once they need their help, Tustin Lions will be right there gathering more suitcases and toiletries for the kids.

This is another example of a club that just does something and it's rarely heard about. Like so many of our district clubs, people are helped and it's just done! A good job done to Tustin Host Lions for a great project.

KASES FOR KIDS is an MD-4 Endorsed Project. For more information on how your club can participate:

KASES FOR KIDS

PO Box 308

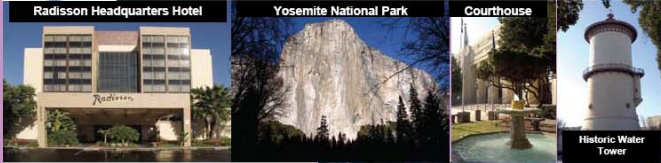
Fairfield, CA 94533

707-386-6863

kases4kids@yahoo.com



Welcome to Fresno "All that Jazz" 90th Annual MD-4 Convention 2009



Fresno Hospitality

The Kings River Ambassador Lions and District 4-A2 are pleased to welcome you to Fresno for our 90th Annual MD-4 Convention. Fresno offers the convention goers a variety of things to do, from visiting art museums to traveling to Yosemite National Park.

If you are looking for a wide variety of restaurants, Fresno has them all, everything from McDonalds to fine dining, from Armenian to Vietnamese.

We are the home of California State University Fresno and the National Champion Bulldog Baseball team. Take extra time when you come to the convention to see all that Fresno has to offer.



International President
Albert F. Brandel

International President

On Saturday, you won't want to miss the International Presidents Luncheon. This will be your opportunity to meet and listen to President Al Brandel as he fills us in on the wonderful world of Lionism.

For your Entertainment

- **New this year on Friday,** Golf will be held on February 13 at the Riverside Golf Course only \$50
- Friday Night will highlight our "Diamonds & Denim" western dinner dance with a costume contest with cash prizes and the "Cadillac Cowboys" Band
- Our Opening Ceremony & Academy Awards show will be produced by PDG Joel Keytes
- Saturday Night will be the Academy Awards Show & "Elvis" a Valentines night for your sweetheart to remember



How to get to Fresno Radisson Hotel

- Fly in to Fresno International Airport (Hotel Shuttle is Available)
 - Ride Amtrak (Hotel Shuttle is Available)
 - Ride Greyhound (Hotel Shuttle is available)
 - Drive
- From NB Highway 99, take Highway 41 north & Exit Van Ness Avenue exit, turn left and go to Ventura street and turn right. Hotel will be on the left.
From SB Highway 99, Exit Ventura Street and turn left. Take Ventura to hotel on the left.

All that Jazz Highlights

Friday, February 13, 2009

- 8:00am Golf at Riverside Golf Course
- 8:00-5:00 pm Registration, Certification, Project Displays & Pin Traders
- 9:00-Noon Various Seminars check your program for details
- 12:15-2:00 pm Welcome Lunch and Roundtable discussions
- 2:30-3:30 Open Forum
- With President Al Brandel, PIP's Kay Fukushima & Bill Biggs, ID Dana Biggs & CC Bill Dunlevy
- 4:30-5:30 pm ID Candidate Bob Smith Reception
- 6:30 pm First Nighters "Diamonds & Denim" Dance & Costume Contest with the "Cadillac Cowboys"

"Wear your best western theme dud's and win cash prizes"

Saturday, February 14, 2009

- 8:00-5:00 pm Registration, Certification, Project Displays & Pin Traders
- 8:00-11:00 am Opening Flag Ceremony (a Joel Keyte production), Business Session
- 11:00-Noon District caucus, check program for locations
- 12:00-2:00 pm International Presidents Luncheon
- 3:00 - 4:30 pm Jazz Bands
- 6:30 pm Governors Banquet, Academy Awards (a Joel Keyte production) and our Elvis Show

"Bring your sweetheart for a Valentines evening she'll never forget"

Sunday, February 15, 2009

- 7:00-10:00 am Certification and voting
- 9:30 am Memorial Service (a Joel Keyte production)
- 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:45-11:00 am Inspirational speaker, election results, drawings

Don't Delay - Sign up TODAY
Get your Hotel and meal Reservations in early

All Hotel Registrations Must be Made Direct Through The Convention Headquarters Hotel or the Holiday Inn.

Headquarters Hotel
Fresno Radisson Hotel
2233 Ventura Street
Fresno, CA
Across from the Convention Center,
Free Parking, Free Internet, Free Airport Shuttle
(559) 268-1000
\$109.00 per night

Youth Symposium & Alternate Hotel
Holiday Inn
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Fresno, CA
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Free Parking, Free Internet, Free Airport Shuttle
(559) 233-6650
Group Code YSL
\$95.00 per night

Host Committee Co-chairs
PDG's "Van" & Happy Van Caster (559) 875-2816 e-mail: wvancaster@att.net
Registration forms are on the internet at: www.md4lions.org or 4a2lions.com

2009 - 90th MD-4 Annual Convention "All that Jazz" February 13th-15th Fresno, California

Use one form for each person registered. Please Print. Sorry, No Telephone Registrations Accepted.

Club Name: _____ District: _____
 Current Office Club/District: _____ International: _____
 Name: _____ Name on Badge: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: H (_____) W (_____) E-mail: _____

CONVENTION REGISTRATION ONLY PLEASE MARK YOUR DESIRED MEAL CHOICES Postmarked By 12/31/2008 After 12/31/2008

SPECIAL PACKAGE PRICING: Registration, Convention pin, Welcome Luncheon, Friday Dinner, International Presidents Luncheon, Saturday Banquet, Sunday Breakfast & Speaker	\$200.00	\$225.00
Registration (Required of all attendees)	\$35.00	\$45.00
Convention Trading Pin	\$3.50	\$3.50
Friday February 13th		
MD-4 Golf Tournament <input type="checkbox"/> (Lun, Fees, Lunch @ turn, Prizes)	\$50.00	
Welcome Luncheon	\$30.00	\$35.00
First Nighter's <input type="checkbox"/> (Denim & Diamonds Western Theme) Stuffed Pork Loin <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Ham/But	\$45.00	\$50.00
Saturday February 14th		
Luncheon with International President Al Brandel <input type="checkbox"/> Tri-Tip <input type="checkbox"/> Cashew Chicken Salad <input type="checkbox"/>	\$35.00	\$40.00
Governors Banquet <input type="checkbox"/> (Valentines with Elvis) Prime Rib <input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Salmon <input type="checkbox"/>	\$45.00	\$50.00
Sunday February 15th		
Memorial Service, Breakfast, Speaker, Awards, Election Results	\$26.00	\$30.00
Total		

All mailed registrations must be received by February 6, 2009. No Refunds after January 15, 2009.
 Special Dietary Needs Request: _____

Credit Card Registration Visa MasterCard PAYMENT BY CHECK PREFERRED
 Account Number: Exp. Date:
 Security Code:

Authorized Signature: _____ Check Number: _____
 Complete registration form & mail with check payable to: MD-4 CONVENTION 2009
 PDG Happy Van Caster Registration Chair
 2381 Cherry Avenue
 Ganger, CA 93657-3607
 MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECT WITH RADISSON HOTEL
 (559) 268-1000 OR (800) 333-3333



You are invited to participate in the MD-4 Lions Golf Tournament to be held at the Riverside Golf course in Fresno, CA on Friday February 13, 2009, beginning at 8:00 am. This will be an outstanding best ball scramble tournament hosted by the Lions of District 4-A2 for all Lions & guests, beginners to experts.
 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place as well as long drive and (2) Closest to the pin awards.
 Cost will include: Green Fees, 1/2 cart, Lunon (sandwich, etc.) at the turn, Tee-gifts and a lot of fun.
 Entry Fee: \$50 per player

Convention Registration Required to Play Golf, please complete convention registration form for Entry. If you have already registered for the convention, please note it on the form.

If you would like to form your own team, complete & return this form with registration

Golfer's Name	Club & District	Phone Number	Current Handicap

For further information contact Golf Chair
 Lion Fan Takeuchi
 Phone: 568-275-8818

ENTRY DEADLINE JANUARY 15, 2009
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RESIDENT SETS SIGHTS ON HELPING VISUALLY IMPAIRED

(reprint from the November 5 Claremont COURIER)

Trick or treaters who stopped by David Coffman's house on Halloween got more than just a few pieces of candy. In hopes of raising money for the Littlest Lions Fund, a fund that supports children with visual impairments, Mr. Coffman gave out bags of candy with notes asking recipients to donate their spare change to the cause.

Mr. Coffman, a Claremont resident, lost his vision at the age of seven. However, he said that he has been fortunate enough to always have support and help from the people around him and the financial support of the state during his schooling.

"People have done wonderful things for me all my life," Mr. Coffman said. "All my life people have said they believe in me, and this fund is a response to that. It's my way of contributing."



Claremont resident David Coffman, dressed as a cowboy, sits in his courtyard on Halloween night as trick-or-treaters make their way through his festively decorated home.

Mr. Coffman said he is involved with many of the activities and fundraisers the Lions Club puts on, however, he has had difficulty helping out with some of the other fundraisers due to his own visual impairment.

The Littlest Lions fund was Mr. Coffman's way of contributing to the lives of visually impaired children.

"I work with the Lions Club on say many activities they do, but it was difficult for me to really help out with some of those things," Mr. Coffman said. "I thought if I could come up with something where I could do most of the planning that I would be doing my part."

With the support of the Lions Club, Mr. Coffman started the Littlest Lions Fund this year. With the help of about 25 other volunteers, mainly other members of the Lions Club, Mr. Coffman was able to stuff 3,000 bags of candy and hand out a little over 2,000 bags on Halloween.

The bags included notes explaining the purpose of the fund and asking the recipients to put their spare change in the bag and take it to Wells Fargo in Claremont to be deposited in the fund.



Upland Lion Dave Coffman - accompanied by his new seeing-eye dog Collette - sit in his decorated courtyard just before Halloween.

"We're just testing it out and seeing if it brings in any rewards. We'll know more in a couple of months when we see if they bring anything back to Wells Fargo, but I think the Littlest Lions Fund will flourish."

The money Mr. Coffman is able to raise will go to support the needs of visually impaired children in the area. Support can range from paying for the children's glasses, canes or walkers to funding events, which will make them feel more included.

Mr. Coffman said from his own experience that one of the biggest burdens for handicapped people is overcoming a feeling of isolation. When he was a child, he remembers feeling left out when he realized he wouldn't be able to play baseball like the other children.

"Anything you can do to make these kids feel less isolated helps" he said. "If they feel like they're a part of the group, like they belong, they can deal with their handicap better."

Mr. Coffman said he will continue the fundraiser each year and hopefully the Littlest Lions fund will accrue over time. He expects that children will want to get involved in raising money for the fund and he hopes the fundraiser will prove to be successful.

"I used to teach junior high kids and they were always excited to get involved," Mr. Coffman said. "We've had at least 2000 kids come here each year just to see the decorations, so last year I got to thinking that the kids might like to participate in something like this. We won't know how successful it was for a few months, but I really think kids will want to get involved and the Littlest Lions fund will thrive."

EDITOR'S NOTE:

On New Year's Day look for Upland Lion Dave Coffman who will be riding on the Lions International Float in the 2009 Pasadena Rose Parade.

2008-2009 DISTRICT CALENDAR

January 1	Huntington Beach Surf City Splash & Pier Plaza Pancake Breakfast
January 17	Melvin Jones Dinner
January 17-19	MD-4 Leadership Institute, Harris Ranch
January 24	Orange Cabinet Meeting
January 31	Teen Recognition Dinner
February 13-15	MD-4 Convention, Fresno
February 20-23	Ensenada Visitation
February 21-24	Lions Flag Days
March 7-8	Hearing Days
March 9	Foothill Region Meeting
March 16	Harbor Mesa Lucy & Ethyl's Bingo Night
March 21	Ontario-Upland Bunco Night
March 23	Foothill Region Meeting
March 29	Lions City of Hope Day
March 31	Orange Region Meeting
April 5	Huntington Beach Crab Fest
April 6	Saddleback Cabinet Meeting
April 25	Lions Worldwide Induction Day
May 14-17	District 4-L4 Convention
June 5	World Environment Day
July 6-10	Lions Clubs International Convention, Minneapolis MN

ATTENTION

CLUB PRESIDENTS, CLUB SECRETARIES, CLUB EVENT CHAIRMEN

DO YOU SEE YOUR UPCOMING EVENTS ON OUR DISTRICT CALENDAR?
IF NOT, PLEASE SEND DATES AND FLYERS TO YOUR EDITOR.

HAVE YOU HAD A FUN SOCIAL EVENT, A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING EVENT,
OR PARTICIPATED IN A GREAT SERVICE PROJECT? SEND PICTURES AND A REPORT TO YOUR EDITOR.

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