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"Roar with Enthusiasm"



District Governor Jon Casteel

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

HAPPY 2008! The New Year brings the opportunity for a fresh start. It is also a time to celebrate. Here in District 4-L4 we have much to celebrate. The club members of our awesome district have participated in numerous fundraisers and have raised money that will be (or has been) given to local charities and projects. Our newest club hosted a visit and tour for the International President, Mahendra Amarasuriya. Lions have served their communities by collecting eye glasses, providing for eye exams and treatments, working for "Meals-on-Wheels", cleaning roads and harbors, helping the Boy Scouts, and so much more. Our Lions and Leos have helped decorate our float for the Tournament of Roses Parade. The Lions of District 4-L4 have rolled up their sleeves and given their blood to help others in need. You have given great gifts to our communities and the people in them.

There is something that is common to each of these gifts....other than Lions of course. Time. One's time is required to do the activities that make a difference in a person's life. During the holiday season, I heard somewhere that the best gift is the gift of time. When you consider what the gift of time means, it truly is the best and greatest gift you can give. What is wonderful about the gift of time is that it can be given anytime, not just at Christmas or Hanukkah or Kwanzaa or Birthdays, but year round. I am proud to be a part of a group of people that understands this. Happy New Year!

With Enthusiasm in Lionism,

Lion Jon Casteel

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VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

ELIZABETH WARREN



Hello Fellow Lions of 4-L4,

A few days ago I had the pleasure of accompanying District Governor Jon into Orange County to give the gift certificates to a non profit organization who is coordinating efforts to help the people who were affected by the October fires. These ladies represent the Inter-Canyon League which covers the canyon areas in Santiago, Modjeska etc. They are an amazing group of people, originally formed after the devastating floods in 1969. They were extremely grateful and assured us that the money would be well used by those who needed it most. They are also very interested in the possibility of forming a Lions Club in that Canyon area. Believe me, that idea will be followed up on by our Extension Committee!! We also gave a donation to an Animal Rescue Group in Modjeska Canyon. The organizer is an incredible man, who has given his beautiful house over to rescued dogs, (about 20!!), and also has pigs, llamas, horses, cats and rabbits. The LCIF Emergency Fund has been well spent!!! Everybody was most grateful to our Lions of 4-L4.

We are at the halfway point of our Lions year. I ask all of you to look at what you have achieved so far, and to challenge you to do that or better in the six months to come.

I hope 2008 is a wonderful one for you and yours,

Most Sincerely,

Elizabeth Vice District Governor

CABINET TREASURER'S REPORT

MARIANNE ALLEN



As your Cabinet Treasurer, it is so important that you pay your dues on time. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and you were able to spend plenty of time with family and friends.

PLEASE REMEMBER to pay your MD4 and International Dues upon receipt of your bill. The following clubs have not paid their dues as of 1/8/2008: Cucamonga District Host, Greater Irvine, and Orange County Costa Rica Clubs. If you have not paid your dues you will be receiving a call from the District Governor regarding this. You must remember that your dues must be current if you are to vote at the District Convention in May. If you have paid them, we thank you. If you have not, please do so immediately.

Monies were distributed to the families of the devastating California Fires. \$10,000 in gift cards from Target were distributed by our own District Governor Jon, VDG Elizabeth Warren and PDG's Barbara Hayward, Jack Luellen and Mike Scheafer. Please keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they start to rebuild their homes and their lives.

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

Lion's Teen Recognition Dinner & Award Program



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

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

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

This is a catered event, advance reservations are required

CABINET SECRETARY'S CORNER

MARTHA HEBERT

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



We are now in our seventh month of Governor Jon's year. All visitations have been completed and what fun it was visiting with each Club and seeing how successful and fun you make your club meeting and events. Thanks.

It is time for us to honor our Past District Governors, and we will be doing that at our Third Cabinet Meeting (Orange Region) on Sunday, January 20, 2008 at the Costa Mesa Country Club and Golf Course. Check-In will begin at 9:00 AM. PLEASE NOTE that this is a change in date, time, location and cost. On that day we will be recognizing past leaders of our District who have worked so hard as a team to keep our District strong. Plan to come join us on that day and make a few new friends plus have some fun. Get those RSVPs in as quickly as possible as this is a sit down meal and the caterers need to have accurate count early.

It is urgent that you submit your Monthly Membership Reports each month. It is a requirement that MMRs are submitted each month whether or not you gain new members or drop members. It is very simple to do online using your password, if there is any problems please let me know. International will also accept the old form from those who don't have a computer.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

PDG Jack Luellen has been appointed as Chairman and will fill the vacancy in the Saddleback Region.

Please mail Delegate and/or Nominations information for the District Convention to:

PDG Jack Luellen 19 Gema Street San Clemente, CA 92672



FOOTHILL REGION REPORT

CHAIRMAN JACK LIGHTFOOT

It's a new year, except for us. January 1 marks the Lions' halfway point in our year. Time for us to check our clubs' game plans for projects and growth that were made back in July or earlier. An example is Cucamonga District Host. President Jim Peugh and his club set a membership goal of 35. They've added four new members in the last few weeks and are at 30 now. With this kind of momentum they'll make their goal.

The Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions are committed to send food to our men and women in Iraq. They will send the first of many packages after the first of the year. Their annual Day at the Races is coming up on February 9th. Give the club secretary, Nancy Smith a call if you want to join in the fun.

The Ontario-Upland Lions found time to help at the Chino Valley Lions' Christmas tree lot. They referred two patients to Lens Crafters. And they gathered 57 bags of goods for HERO and HOPE.

Diamond Bar has another new member, Lion Fran Perez. She was sponsored by Lion Rick Rogers. The club is supporting the Inland Valley Humane Society by donating fleece blankets for the animals this winter. Club members also donated four large boxes of toys for the L.A. County Fire Fighters' "Spark of Love" toy drive. Club members and their Leos planned to work in various booths at the city's December Winter Snowfest but the event was postponed because of rain. It's rescheduled for January 19th, so they will go into action then. Other members are going to help most of the 19th at the Diamond Bar High School's College Preparation Seminar.

The Brea Lions made \$250 at a pancake breakfast fundraiser and donated \$400 to the Salvation Army.

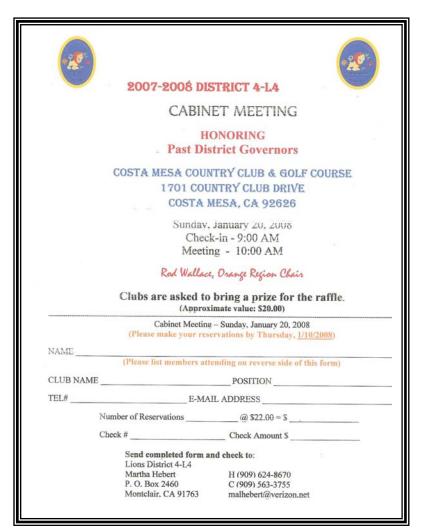
Chino Valley's Lions wrapped up another big Christmas tree season. They found time to put in 31 service hours on roadside cleanup. They donated \$200 to a needy family and made \$500 donations to Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence and to Project Make a Child Smile.

Walnut Diamond Bar's check book shows a \$500 donation to our District's Sight and Hearing Foundation.

Did you hear the Lions Rose Bowl float promo on KNX? It was a good one for Lions.

Yours in Lionism

Jack Lightfoot, Region Chairman





A blonde decides to show her husband that despite what everyone says, blondes really are smart.

While her husband is at work, she decides that she is going to paint the living room room in their house. So the next day as soon as he leaves, she gets down to the task at hand.

Her husband arrives home after work and smells the distinctive smell of paint. He walks into the living room and finds his wife lying on the floor in a pool of sweat. He notices that she is wearing a parka and a mink. He asks her what she is doing. She replies that she wanted to prove to him that not all blonde women are dumb and she wanted to do it by painting the room.

He says that he was impressed at the good job she had done, but what's with her wearing the two coats?

She replies that she was reading the directions on the paint can and they said, "FOR BEST RESULTS, PUT ON TWO COATS!"



2008 MD4 (89th) CONVENTION: February 1-3 (Golf Jan. 31)





DOUBLETREE HOTEL 1150 Ninth Street Modesto, California 209.526.6000

The **Doubletree Hotel Modesto**, located ten minutes from the *Modesto Airport* just off Highway 99, and attached to the **Modesto Centre Plaza**, offers full-service business or leisure hotel accommodations in the heart of California's Grand Central Valley.

Our bright, well-appointed, 100% nonsmoking guest rooms and suites feature a breezy California style, all the comforts of home, and amenities like **high-speed internet access**. Our downtown Modesto location puts you in the center of Modesto dining, shopping, entertainment and cultural venues, as well as at the crossroads for many **northern California** destinations like Yosemite National Park, the state capital of Sacramento, Napa Valley wineries, Sierra National Forest, and the San Francisco Bay area just 90 minutes west. Championship golf courses to challenge golfers of all levels are nearby.

Relax by our sparkling outdoor terrace pool and spa, work out in our modern fitness center, or enjoy a sauna. Find all your menu favorites and local specialties served in a casual atmosphere at our Garden Terrace Restaurant, open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Relax with cocktails in our inviting hotel lobby lounge. For your convenience, wireless HISA access is available throughout first floor public areas.



2008 – 89th MD-4 Annual Convention February 1-3, 2008 Double Tree Hotel Modesto, CA



Use one form for each Lion registrant. Please Print or Type Club Name Current Office Club: District Position Guest Name: Name on Badge Phone: H () Cell() CONVENTION REGISTRATION ONLY PLEASE MARK YOUR DESIRED CHOICES Received by 12/31/07 After 1/01/08 Special Package Pricing: Registration, Convention pin, Leadership Luncheon, Friday \$185.00 \$200.00 Dinner, International President's Luncheon Saturday Night Banquet and Sunday Breakfast and Speaker. Registration (Required of all attendees) \$35.00 \$40.00 Convention Trading Pin \$3.50 \$3.50 Friday, February 1st Leadership Workshop Yes □ No Charge No Charge Leadership Luncheon First Nighter's Dinner - A Night Of Magic Saturday, February 2nd Luncheon with International Preside \$31.00 \$34.00 Mahendra Amarasuriya Governors' Banquet and Entertainment Sunday, February 3rd \$42.00 \$45.00 Breakfast, Speaker, Awards and Election Results *** No Refunds after January 1, 2008 Special Dietary Needs Credit Card Registration Visa □ Master Card □ PAYMENT BY CHECK PREFERRED Account Number: Expiration Date: Month Year Check Number Authorized Signature: Complete registration form and return with check payable to: MD-4 Convention 2008 PDG Felix Romo, Registration Chair For Additional Information: 209-523-9403 14679 Mono Way Sonora, CA 95370

All Hotel Reservations Must Be Made Through the Hotel

Join Us for Golf



MD-4 Golf Tournament Thursday, January 31, 2008 Creekside Golf Course 701 Lincoln Avenue, Modesto Par 72 Starting Time: 9:30 A.M.

FAX: 209-533-2744 or romo@mlode.com

Total Cost: \$50.00 includes Green Fees, Cart and Lunch

Name _______ Address _______

Phone Number _______ District ______

Are you a member of a team? _______ Members on your team _______

Please respond by Jamary 18, 2008. Send check to PDG Don Lustenberger, 19519 Pleasant View Drive, Groveland CA 95321. Make checks payable to District 4-Al.



Lions and spouses, take a break! On Friday, February 1, 1008, a caravan will leave the hotel at 9:45 A.M. to visit the Hilman Cheese Company. A guided tour will be provided and a lunch will be served for \$11.00. After lunch the group will continue to the Merced Wildlife Refuge for a tour or you can return to the convention facilities.



Name	Address
Phone Number	District

Please respond by January 15, 2008. Send response to Jill Jagger, 9015 West Bell Drive, Atwater, CA 95301. Please make the checks out to District 4-A1. For more information call 209-489-7533.



HEARING & SPEECH ACTION NEWS



In this day of Wi-Fi, what about hearing aids?

In recent years the rapid transition from analog to digital hearing aid technology has provided many improvements. None of these advances, however, has produced speech-recognition benefits in noise or at a distance that exceed what has been possible for many years with FM wireless microphone technology. In fact there are situations in which a person with hearing loss can hear better in noise, using a wireless microphone, than can his normal-hearing counterpart. Good examples are the use of FM systems in noisy schoolrooms, theaters and other public places.

Current estimates are that FM systems are used by only 1 in 200 hearing aid wearers. Why, when speech recognition in noise remains the "brass ring" of hearing aid technology, do so few adults seek wireless solutions when the results are so impressive? The use of Bluetooth technology has made a huge impact in consumer electronics as a way to provide two-way communication between gadgets (e.g., a cell phone and wireless headset). This offers exciting possibilities for hearing aid applications and several hearing aid manufacturers have developed products that combine Bluetooth with dedicated FM technology to use hearing aids as hands-free cell phone receivers.

Barriers to FM/Wireless use include inadequate counseling, cost, presumed complexity, cosmetics and insufficient awareness on the part of dispensers, hearing aid users and the public at large. It is up to us as Lions to become familiar with the possibilities of "Wi-Fi" and encourage its use by people with hearing loss.

For more information, contact:

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

LIONS CAMPAIGN SIGHT FIRST II

Since 1990 the Lions of the world have provided services for preventable blindness to over 27 million people worldwide. Long known as the "Knights of the Blind", Lions have been dedicated to eradicating preventable and curable blindness. Programs have been put in place worldwide towards that effort.

Currently the Lions have undertaken the largest fundraising effort in world history towards that end. Lions Campaign Sightfirst II has put a goal of raising \$200 million before July 1, 2008. Those funds will be used for cataract surgeries, loss prevention clinics and building hospitals, distributing medication, and training medical personnel.

The challenge has been put forth for individual Lions and Lions Clubs to help raise the funds. They have been asked for personal donations and solicitations as well as for corporate and business donations. To date the organization has raised close to \$130 million. The goal is within sight.

Most recently a challenge was given to the Lions of the world to reach for "The Power of 30". It has been determined that the sight of 30 people can be saved with each donation of \$180.00.

Additional facts include that every 30 seconds six people will go blind; less than 30 percent of the world's blindness is incurable; so far the Lions have opened 30 WHO childhood blindness clinics around the world.

As the campaign reaches its conclusion in July of this year, Lions around the world will continue to work towards the goal of \$200 million raised. It is comforting to know that all funds raised will go to the benefit of those less fortunate. Even as the campaign ends, Lions will continue their tireless efforts towards being "Knights of the Blind".

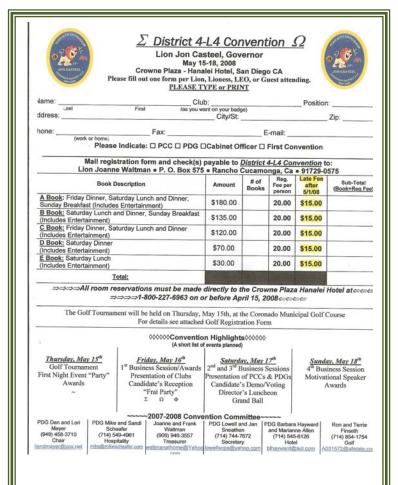
PDG Mike Scheafer January 2008

DISTRICT 4-L4 CONVENTION May 15-18





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



DISTRICT 4L4 CONVENTION



GOLF TOURNAMENT

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

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

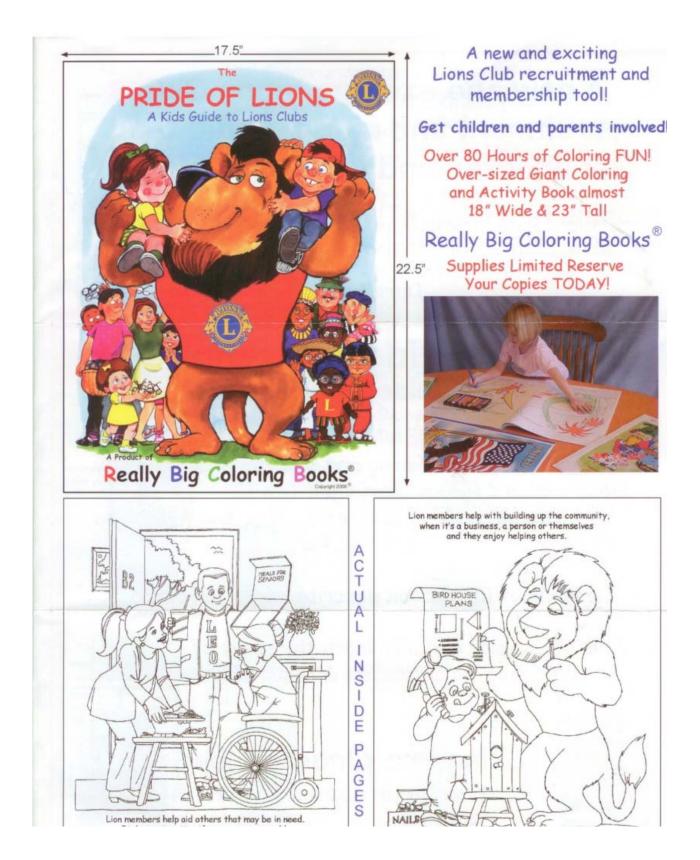
FEE: \$75 includes Golf, Cart, Box Lunch and Tee Prizes

Mail or Fax by May 5th to:

Ron Finseth, Convention Golf Chairman 101 S. Kraemer Blvd., #208 Placentia, CA 92870

Phone: (714) 854-1754	Fax # (714) 985-1114
Fill a foursome, or	we will place you
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For more information or to order your books call PCC Sue Olin (916) 543 0002



STUDENT SPEAKERS FOUNDATION

The student speaker contests are in full swing. Now is an excellent time to make a contribution toward education.

The four fellowships available from the Student Speaker Foundation provide the scholarship money awarded to the speakers each year. Anyone can contribute (two of my fellowships were self inflicted).

How mch do you value the education of our youth?

Fred W. Smith Fellow = \$500.00

Donald E. Snyder Fellow = \$400.00

Dwight E. Stanford Fellow = \$300.00

Harry J. Aslan Fellow = \$200.00

A distinctive lapel pin is available for ALL fellowships.

ALSO, the student speakers supporter patch for \$100.00. It's good for a club banner or a Lions vest. A chevron with the year is awarded with each succeeding year's donation.

Contact:

Lion Ken Sherwood

Trustee, Student Speakers Foundation

6666 Dakota Ave. Alta Loma, CA 91737





BINGO PARLOR

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 6:30 p.m.

COSTA MESA COUNTRY CLUB 1701 Golf Course Drive, Costa Mesa

COME VISIT US FOR A FUN EVENING OF DINNER, BINGO, AND LOTS OF LAUGHS, SURPRISES AND PRIZES!! Cost: Dinner \$18, Bingo Cards \$5.00

FOR RESERVATIONS: Call Lion Marianne Allen, 714-534-3791



2007-2008 DISTRICT CALENDAR

February 2-4	MD4 Convention Modesto
February 9	Rancho Cucamonga Comm. Lions Day at the Races
February 16-19	Lions Flag Days
February 18	Deadline for Club Level Student Speakers Contest
February 20	Upland Host Bunco at Maniac Mike Cafe
February 23	Teen Recognition Dinner, Garden Grove Lions Club
March 1-2	Hearing Days
March 3	Harbor Mesa Bingo Night
March 15	Cucamonga District Host Sip for Sight at Antonino's Restorante Italiano
March 20	Deadline for Zone Level Student Speakers Contest
March 24	Foothill Region Meeting, Student Speakers Region Contest
March 25	Anaheim Lions 35 th Annual High School Baseball Tournament
March 29	Ontario-Upland Lions Bunco Fundraiser
March 30	City of Hope Day
March 31	Orange Region Meeting, Student Speakers Region Contest
April 5	Huntington Beach Host Crab Fest
April 7	Saddleback Region Meeting, Student Speakers Region Contest
April 12	Ontario Host/Ontario-Upland Lions 3 rd Annual Spring Tea Fundraiser
April 15	Deadline for Club Elections
April 20	Saddleback Cabinet Meeting – El Niguel Country Club, District Student Speakers Contest
April 30	Tustin Host Golf Tournament
May 15	Deadline for PU-101 Form to LCI
May 15	Deadline for Leo-72 Form to LCI
May 3	La Habra Host Project Scleroderma Dinner
May 15-18	District 4-L4 Convention – Red Lion San Diego
May 31-June 1	Costa Mesa- Newport Harbor Fish Fry
June 7	MD-4 Level Student Speakers Contest
June 23-27	LCI Convention Bangkok Thailand