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

By the time you read this, I will be on my way home from Bangkok, Thailand, and I will have been installed as your new District Governor. I feel very proud, and very humble, that you have put your trust in me and have asked me to be your leader for the next Lion year. We have a wonderful team of Lions on our District Cabinet, all very enthusiastic and ready to go into action. They are already working as a team and I know this is a good sign for the future.

After the District Convention I had a period of time where I had the honor of doing some installations of new club officers. With much regret I had to turn down several requests to do that particular task because the International Convention is so early this year. I also was able to induct several new Lions and I am certain that increase in membership will continue. There was also an inspiring Officer Training School organized by Lion Joanne Waltman, and taught by PDGs Danny, Barbara, and Lowell, and Lions Pat, Cesar, and Sandi. It was extremely well attended and showed the enthusiasm of our Lion leaders for 2008-2009. I also attended a Council of Governors meeting for MD4 in Visalia, and renewed my friendship with my fellow incoming governors. You will have the chance to meet some of them in the next twelve months

Our incoming International President, Lion Al Brandel has the motto "Miracles Through Service". Our District accepted the "Challenge to Change" this last year, and I know that we are going to perform many miracles this coming year because we serve with love and because we are Lions.

I am so looking forward to spending time with all of you this coming year, at meetings, fundraisers, and social events. Now I have to go and pack my suitcases for my adventure in Thailand. Luckily I have a couple of days at the end of the vacation part of the three weeks, (when I am touring Northern Thailand with PDG Bbarbara), where I can sit on the beach, relax and get ready for the exciting year ahead!

See you in Costa Mesa at the Cabinet Meeting on July 27, when the Cabinet officers will be installed by PCC Ed Bordenkircher.

Until then,  
Yours in Lionism

*Elizabeth*

District Governor

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Greetings My Fellow Lions of 4-L4:

Thank you for electing me as your Vice District Governor. It is a wonderful honor and I will do my very best to continue the great work and service that 4-L4 does.

In June, I attended my first Council of Governors Meeting held in Visalia. I had a wonderful time not only getting to know our very own DG Elizabeth, but the other 14 Vice District Governors as well. They were absolutely awesome and I look so forward to working with them this next year. It was a pack filled week-end and even though we were "the new kids on the block" our meetings and work as a team began right away--wow, what a way to get your feet wet! I must say it is going to be a learning year but I am up to the challenge.

DG Elizabeth hosted a great Cabinet Retreat on July 12 for the outgoing and incoming Cabinet members. Wonderful ideas were generated and discussed--this shows how important communication and the sharing of ideas really is at all levels-Club, Zone and Region.

Thank you DG Elizabeth for that wonderful installation of the new Cabinet. It was such a special occasion and one that I will always remember.

See you at the visitations!

Yours in Lionism,  
Judy

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FORUM EDITOR

You may notice that this is quite a condensed version of the Forum this month. First, it is summer and I am busy working our beach snack bar which leaves little time for much else.

Second, and more important, I need information from Clubs and Lions on activities happening and planned for the 2008-2009 Lion's Year. Take a look at the calendar on the last page of the Forum. Pretty empty!

There is no better, cost effective way to publicize your club's upcoming activity. Send flyers, reports and pictures. I will make every attempt to include them.

Otherwise, you will see a whole bunch on the Seal Beach and Huntington Beach Host Lions Clubs!

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2008-2009 DISTRICT 4-L4

**1<sup>st</sup> CABINET MEETING**  
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PCC Ed Bordenkircher – Installing Officer

COSTA MESA COUNTRY CLUB  
1701 Golf Course Drive, Costa Mesa

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2008  
10:00 A.M.  
(check-in begins at 9:15 A.M.)

President/Secretary Training – 8:30 – 9:30 A.M.

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

Please make reservations by July 20, 2008

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$22.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send checks to or call for reservations: District Cabinet Secretary Nancy Smith  
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# CABINET SECRETARY'S CORNER

## NANCY SMITH



ellow Lions;

I am privileged to serve with District Governor Elizabeth Warren this 2008-2009 year of Lionism. We have a great district and I am anxious to get started. Governor Elizabeth is a dedicated Lion and I am up for the challenge as her Cabinet Secretary.

As your Cabinet Secretary all Presidents and Secretaries, please feel free to ask for any help you need. If you have questions please call or e-mail me. If I don't have the answer I will find it for you.

I want to thank Lion Martha Ebert for all her help in preparing me for this year. I will say she over whelmed me for this year, but has assured me all will be well. She has been a great trainer.

Many of the districts clubs have already begun the new year with their fund raisers and projects, so we are off and going full steam ahead for another great year. I am most anxious to working with all of you. I am most assured you will all have your reports in and timely. I know Governor Elizabeth has a great year ahead for her.

n Lionism  
Nancy Smith



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July 19 & 20, 2008

Drawing will be held at the Lions Fish Fry: July 20, 2008 - 4:30pm - Seal Beach Pier  
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For information or tickets call Jim: (562) 596-6600 or Jacqui (562) 596-5263  
or mail in the bottom portion of this flyer.

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Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$100.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mail to:  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Seal Beach, CA 90740  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Method of Payment  Check  Mastercard  Visa  
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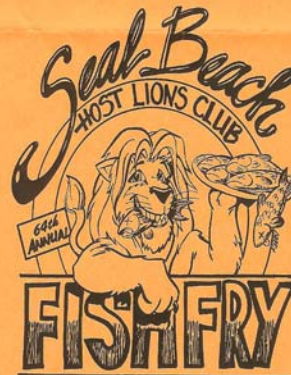
# FISH FRY

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> 11AM - 7PM

JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> 11AM - 6PM

-AT THE SEAL BEACH PIER-



FISH & CHIP  
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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**PDG CHUCK  
OVERBEY**

We have been blessed in our district recently as I know of no 4-L4 Lions who have passed since convention. I was very shocked to learn of the passing of PCC Bob Hanson recently. Bob was District Governor of District 4-C6 during the 2002-2003 Lions Year when I served as our governor. He served as Council Chair the following year.

June and I enjoyed our relationship with Bob and Nancy and we had many wonderful times together. I remember visiting their cabinet meeting in Carmel on a Sunday. The day before, we helped to cook and serve food for a street festival. We worked closely together for a full year and Bob was our visiting Governor during our Oxnard convention as I was leaving office. He was a wonderful man and a terrific Lion. He will be greatly missed.

Since my basic article is so brief, I attach a story I especially like:

### WE ALL NEED A TREE

I recently hired a handy-man to do some repairs around my house. He had a terrible first day. A flat tire made him an hour late for work. During the day, his electric drill quit working and when he was ready to leave, his old truck refused to start.

I drove him home and during the ride, he sat there in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His face was transformed into smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss. His mannerisms were totally changed. Afterward he walked me to the car.

We passed the little tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied, "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again."

"Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."



## FABULOUS FOOTHILL

**REGION CHAIRMAN  
KEN SHERWOOD**

There's no truth to the rumor that Foothill Region is part of the British Commonwealth. Some are affecting a bit of an accent and little phrases like "queue up", instead of get in line, are starting to surface. Don't ask about a pencil eraser.

The applause are still being heard for the outstanding job done in 2007-2008 by Foothill Region Chair Jack Lightfoot (presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship by Pomona Host) and his zone chairs. These dedicated Lions were tuned in and not zoned out. Zone "A" Chair Sandi Richmond (Melvin Jones Fellow, Fred W. Smith Fellow); Zone "B" Chair Gayle Garbo (Melvin Jones Fellow) and Zone "C" Chair Wanda Tanaka (Melvin Jones Fellow and District Lion of the Year 2007-2008). They established a progressive program with increased membership. Thank You.

The new Foothill team will continue and add to the momentum. Zone "A" Chair Ken Myers is a Lion of three years with a veteran Lion's knowledge and a new Lions enthusiasm. Lion Ken served Upland Host Lions Club as president in 2007-2008 and received the district award for sponsoring the most new Lions (5). He is a paramedic with LA City Fire with 34 years experience. He has some great stories from on the job. Ask him about the TOMATO. Lion Ken and wife Denise have two boys and two grandchildren and reside in Upland.

Zone "B" Chair Gayle Garbo is our holdover, serving a second consecutive term, much to the delight of Governor Elizabeth. Lion Gayle is a ten year member serving Ontario host as president in 2004-2005. She is a Melvin Jones Fellow and an Ontario Host Lion of the Year. Gayle and Lion Jim Garbo (a past zone chairman) share four children and two grandchildren. Invite her to your meetings often and share in her warmth and dedication.

Zone "C" Chair Patrick "PJ" Smith became a Brea Lion in 2003 serving as club president in 2006-2007. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow and club Lion of the Year. PJ retired 10 years ago and spouse Georgia retired recently after serving 29 years with Long Beach PD. Lion PJ and Georgia have two sons and two granddaughters. Zone "C" clubs will be much enhanced by his presence.

I am solidly behind these great Lions (I'm too slow to get in front - I'd be run over). Fabulous Foothill is excited, energetic, and ready to roll. Are things well in Foothill? WE'RE IN THE PINK.

Yours in Lionism,  
Ken Sherwood  
Foothill Region Chairman



# OUTSTANDING ORANGE

**REGION CHAIRMAN  
CAROL LINENHAN**

Welcome Back to the 2008-09 Lions Year. I want to start off this year by telling you about the **Orange Region** who are:

- O** = Outgoi**G**                      **R** = Reliable,
- R** = Responsible                **E** = Energetic
- A** = Awesome                    **G** = Gregarious
- N** = Neighborly                **I** = Intelligent
- G** = Generous                  **O** = Optimistic
- E** = Enthusiastic               **N** = Nurturing LIONS made up of 13 Clubs.

As the Orange Region Chair this year I want to work on what Governor Elizabeth is striving for Love + Service = Lions. To be so strong that nothing can disturb our peace of mind. To make all our Lion friends feel that there is something in them.

I better introduce myself to you I'm **Lion Carol Linehan** from **Seal Beach Host**. In 1953 when I was five years old I attended my first Lions Meeting with my dad Mike DeDad, in Erie Pa. Over the next 15 years I remember attending many Father/Daughter Dinners, helping at the Millcreek Lions Playground and selling Light Bulbs to raise money for the Blind.

I was reintroduced to Lions in 1980 when my husband Dewey joined the Seal Beach Host Lions Club. I worked as a volunteer for 12 years before joining the Seal Beach Seaside Lions as a Charter member in 1992. In 1998 I transfer to the Seal Beach Host Lions Club. I've been Director, Vice Presidents, Treasure and President in both Clubs. At the District level I've been a Zone Chair, Region Secretary, Student Speaker, Scleroderma and Bulletin Contest Chair. I'm very proud being honored as a Fred W Smith and a PMJ Fellow. My first MJ was awarded in 1992 to me by the McDonnell Douglas/Boeing Company for my Volunteer Work prior to becoming a Lion. .

I'm retired from the Aerospace Industry after 37 years and still work part time as a Travel Agent., which allows Dewey and I the opportunity to Travel. I love reading, golfing, going to movies & attending plays. My day starts off working out at the gym because I love to eat. I'm known to get excited and be feisty which goes along with my Italian blood so you may see my hands in motion a lot this year.

**"A friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg even though you're a little cracked."** Maybe you have a friend you haven't thought about lately. Maybe you could ask them to come to a meeting with you? They may surprise you and say YES! It would benefit our organization and your friend because they would be serving their community.

## ORANGE REGION REPORT (CONTINUED).....

I'm extremely fortunate to have three dynamic Lions working with me for our Region: There is so much more I could tell you about each of these individuals. At this time I'm just going to touch on a few things to acquaint you with them.

**Zone A Roy Ramsland** from **La Habra Host** was born in Banbury, England and is a dual citizen of the US and Great Britain. He graduated from Cal Poly in 1982 with a BS in Urban and Regional Planning. Roy has worked for the City of La Habra for the last 23 years and was City of La Habra Employee of the year in 1993.

**Zone B Lion Mike Smith** from **Orange County Central** was born in Cleveland, Ohio. Mike really is a native Californian moving here when he was only a few months old. He graduated from Loara High School and Fullerton College. Mike has been married to Denise for 27 years and they reside in Anaheim. He's a Sales Manager at Coastline Equipment. He loves camping, fishing in the ocean and golf.

**Zone C Lion Renee Schulte** from **Seal Beach Host** was born in California and brought up in the La Habra area. She graduated from Cal State Fullerton with a Masters Degree in Sociology. She is retired from Orange County Admin Office & Probation. Renee loves hiking and back packing and is a member of the Spanish Court and Renaissance Fairs.



## SPECTACULAR SADDLEBACK

**REGION CHAIRMAN  
JOAN PARKS**

Greetings from the Saddleback Region. I always think of June as a happy month, but this year it will be July. It's a crackerjack month and it's another beginning for District 4L4 and all of us Lions in it. The Convention is a wonderful memory, a thank you party for Governor, now PDG Jon. AND, *Hello Gorgeous* to our incoming Governor Elizabeth. For myself, I must tell you it is an honor and pleasure to serve, help, support and work with this woman. She is passionate about Lionism and makes us each better for being on this ride.

I am sharing the reigns of this Region with three great Zone Chairmen. They are the dynamic Lions in their own rights. Each is a hard working club member and I plan to stay out of their way, because I know they are the real workers here keeping things on a even keel and helping Governor Elizabeth make Lions a prominent part of the Saddleback Region communities.

They are:

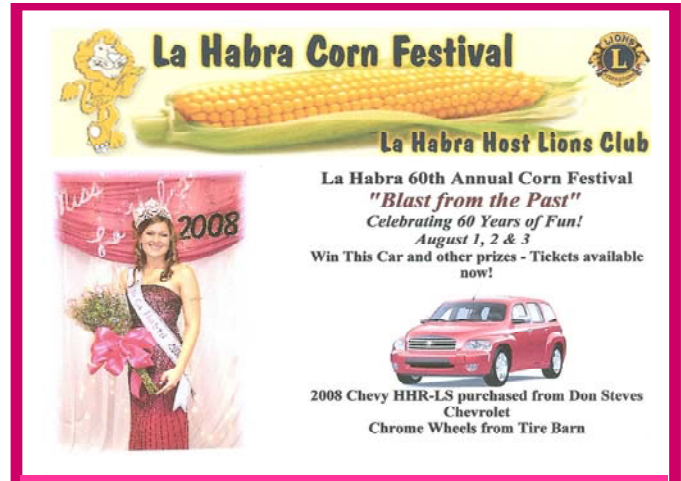
Zone A Carol Van Holt – Harbor Mesa Lions Club  
Zone B Allan Wasch – Orange Host Lions Club  
Zone C Diane Martin – Mission Viejo Lions Club

Here's something about each of them.

Lion Carol joined the Harbor Mesa Lions in 1993, and has maintained a perfect attendance each year. At club level she has held many board positions, including President in 05-06. As Public Relations Chair for the past 14 years, she even submitted and had an article published in the Lions Magazine about Harbor Mesa's School Box Project. She has worked hard on many of her club's activities and is an active and vital member of her club. She is a Proud Lion, a Melvin Jones Fellow, Club Lion of the Year; twice, and Region Secretary of the Year for 03-04.

Lion Carol has many hidden talents. She loves to sing, dance (have you been to the hospitality room at convention?) and is an avid writer. Do you need a name for a pet, a party theme or idea, a club meeting idea or a clever riddle or rhyme? Carol is really good at coming up with great ideas. She's a natural born talent....catch her act at the Lucy and Ethyl Bingo Parlor each March.

Lion Allan has been a lion since 1991, and this Lion has accomplished much in this short time. He lived in Bedford, OH when he joined the local Lions Club, where he was President, Tail Twister, Assistant Secretary and various chairmanships. I think Ohio is a quiet unassuming state, but I'm sure Allan was



SADDLEBACK REPORT (continued).....

one Piccolo Pete with the activities they have going on in Lions in that area. Allan moved to California in 1999 and transferred to the Orange Lions Club in 2000. He has served as President, Secretary and Street Fair Chairman. This is one BIG project, and Allan has never been afraid to ask for help. This project takes more than one small club can handle, so Allan puts the word out to other clubs to help. This man is a sweet, gentle man. He went to Michigan State University. So who does he root for during those Michigan-Ohio State football games? You ask. I really think Allan will bring a nice balance to the two dynamo Zone Chairs.

Our last Zone Chairman is Lion Diane, who joined when PDG Ellen Liebherr made her keep a bet, that when Ellen became Vice District Governor Diane would join. Ellen held her to the vow, and Diane has been a Lion since 1997 when she was inducted into the Mission Viejo Lions Club. Her late husband, Ken Martin was District Governor in 1990-2000 and Diane was right by his side the entire time helping him. Diane has been President, Zone Chairman, Region Secretary, and involved with the Student Exchange Program and a Director on the Board of Lions in Sight. She has been named Lion of the Year and a Melvin Jones Fellow. She has 2 children, and five grandchildren. She has been a Tour Guide for 22 years and loves to play tennis, to travel and garden. This Lion has so much to give and had one of the most wicked senses of humor and that laugh, that's wicked too.

These three talented Lions have a common thread, all come from small towns from the Midwest to East Coast. Me, I'm a Southern California girl, born and raised. I've been a member of the Harbor Mesa Lions Club since 1993. I love to serve and I love Lions. The four of us hope to keep the trend of the "Stunning Saddleback Region" alive and well.

## 2007-2008 DISTRICT CALENDAR

<b>July 19-20</b>	<b>Seal Beach Lions Fish Fry</b>
<b>August 1-3</b>	<b>La Habra Host Corn Festival</b>
<b>August 1</b>	<b>Upland Host Fish Bake &amp; Corn Feed</b>