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# The 4-L4 Forum

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## "Roar with Enthusiasm"



District Governor Jon Casteel

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

What a year this has been! You gave over \$100,000 to Campaign Sight First II. You gave support to victims of the October Wild Fires. You raised and distributed funds to your communities. You cooked and served meals to people in need. You gave scholarship money to young people. You cleaned areas in your communities. The list goes on and on. As Lions you have demonstrated that you care and are able to truly make a difference in people's lives!

You have increased membership! For the first time in a long time, District 4-L4 is growing. International President, Mahendra Amarasuriya, shared that growth in membership is occurring worldwide. He credits this to a growing number of women, families, and younger people in Lionism. We see this happening in our own District. Just look to our incoming leaders. DGE Elizabeth is ready to lead you into another successful year, full of even more accomplishments. VDGE Judy is motivated to continue the growth and success of our District. We've gone from the Mickey Mouse District to the **Mighty** Mouse District!

A special "Thank you" to the members of this year's Cabinet and Committees. Your support and enthusiasm has made our accomplishments possible. You made it happen all year long. You have inspired me to be the best I can be. You are all outstanding Lions. I love you all.

Someone said your time is over. Wrong, wrong, wrong. It is only June in 2008. Lionism is life! Sheila and I have a lot of life left, so this is only just the beginning in a new chapter of our life as Lions. Thank you for giving us **this** chapter in our life as Lions. We will look back to this time with many special memories and lots of love.

With Enthusiasm in Lionism,

**Lion Jon Casteel**District Governor

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#### ELIZABETH WARREN



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

So this Lion year is coming to a close, and what a year it has been. Membership is growing at a very rapid pace, over 100 new members since last July, BUT we have lost many members as well, so although we do have a net gain at the moment, we all need to work very hard at retaining the members we have. You know my philosophy on this – the personal touch is very important, and although email is a very easy way to keep in touch, those phone calls to missing members are so much more important. I believe they make the person feel wanted and valued, particularly if followed up by encouraging involvement again in fundraisers and service projects.

Our District contributions and pledges to Campaign SightFirst II are among the biggest in MD4, despite the fact that we are one of the smallest districts. PDG Mike Scheafer has done a fantastic job in encouraging us to keep on giving and pledging. Remember, we can still contribute even though the campaign is officially over at the beginning of July

District Governor Jon had a wonderful celebration at the District Convention in San Diego. Everybody who attended said what a wonderful time they had had, so congratulations to PDG Danny Mayer and his committee. Until you have been on that committee or helped in some way, you have no idea what a time commitment is made by those Lions and what energy it takes to put on a successful convention. Everything was so much fun, from the Mexican dinner in Old Town on Thursday, the Toga Party on Friday (Oh my goodness!), the dinner on Saturday, to the wonderful inspirational speaker on Sunday morning. The music was some of the best for a long time. Heck, I even danced!!

So now I am packing for the Council of Governors meeting in Visalia, and then BANGKOK!!! I am so excited.

Thank you for all the welcomes and support you have given me this year as Vice District Governor. I am so looking forward to serving you next year and continuing to maintain our wonderful district as the small but mighty one in the Multiple.

In Lionism,

Elizabeth



Lion John Doogan escorts Governor-Elect Elizabeth at the Governor's Ball in San Diego

#### CABINET TREASURER'S REPORT

#### **MARIANNE ALLEN**



Wow!! What a year this has been. I cannot believe that it is almost over. Our District Convention was a blast with everyone having a great time.

Please remember to submit your ads to Ken Sherwood for the District Directory, time is running short.

PLEASE REMEMBER to pay your MD4 and International Dues upon receipt of your bill.

I appreciated that most of the Clubs have paid their dues and are current. Your District Governor and I appreciate it.

For all of the new Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers, don't forget training this Saturday, May 31, 2008. A lot of valuable information will be disseminated at the training. Don't miss it.

I want to thank Governor Jon for all of his great work this year and for the opportunity to serve as your District Treasurer.

### 2008-2009 DISTRICT 4-L4 DIRECTORY Advertising Opportunities

Advertise Your Clubs Events, Projects, Programs or Businesses Help Support Our Upcoming 2008-2009 District 4-L4 Directory

#### Please Make Your Ad Reservations Early

\$75 Business Card Ad (horizontal only) Size: 31/2" wide by 2" height

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Note: Overall size of Directory 41/4 wide by 7" height

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Question Call: (909) 622-5538



#### CABINET SECRETARY'S CORNER

#### **MARTHA HEBERT**



Hello Lions,

Congratulations and Hats Off to District Governor Elect Elizabeth Warren and Vice District Governor Elect Judy Schnitzer. We look forward to their years of Leadership.

What an awesome convention. What a wonderful way to celebrate Governor Jon and Lady Sheila Casteel's outstanding year. Thanks to the Convention Committee for making it a weekend to remember. There was lots of fun, laughter and fellowship. If you didn't go, you surly missed out on a great time. How about those "Togas", lots of Lions got into the act.

It was nice to have our International Director Ed Lecius and his lovely wife Elaine from New Hampshire. ID Ed praised our District for all of our accomplishments.

Our motivational speaker on Sunday morning was Angie Kardashian. Angie inspired us with her story "Power of One", when she sold her restaurant in Tustin and went to New York to cook for the firemen in over one hundred companies in five boroughs. We are 'Power of Many' and look what we do.

It has been a real pleasure serving as your District Cabinet Secretary for this past year. I enjoyed visiting each club in the district, and getting to know their members. It has been a great year for Lions, and I am proud to be one of them.

Thanks to Gov. Jon & Sheila, VDG Elizabeth and all District 4-L4 Lions for making 2007-2008 such a wonderful year. I have enjoyed working with everyone.

Best wishes to next year's Cabinet.

Yours in Lionism, Martha Hebert Cabinet Secretary



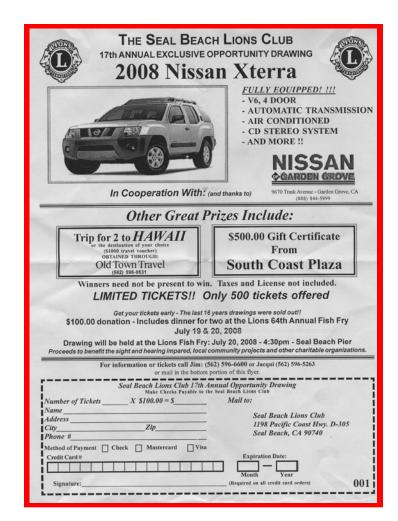
Congratulations to Lion of the Year Diamond Bar Lion Wanda Tanaka

#### **DID SOMEONE SAY "TOGA PARTY"**

Convention 2008





















## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

#### PDG CHUCK OVERBEY

At our recent District 4-L4 Convention in San Diego, we held a memorial service to remember and honor those great 4-L4 Lions who have passed away since our last convention. This service was held immediately after the International Director's Luncheon on Saturday. As each honoree's name was called and a bell chimed, a beautiful flower would be brought forward and placed in a vase. The bearer would stand and reminisce as the Chaplain described the date & place of birth and death, with details about the honoree. As the bell chimed a final time, the bearer would depart.

The three Past District Governors were honored last and each was represented by a Long Stemmed Yellow Rose. All others were represented by a beautiful large Red Carnation. The service was greatly enhanced by Marilyn Sherwood who honored us by singing two beautiful songs, one while the flowers bearers were getting prepared and the other as the service was finishing. Marilyn is blessed with a absolutely pure and beautiful voice and she did a terrific job. Thank you so very much Marilyn.

Below is a list of Honorees in the order they were remembered:

PDG Wally Larson------Orange County Central Lions Club
PDG Larry Frowick------Fullerton Host Lions Club
PDG Garry Lozaun------La Habra Host Lions Club

Each of these great Lions served our cause in their own way. Each had a large and caring heart filled with compassion for their fellow man. We will miss them and may they rest in peace.

I am delighted to report that I have heard of no additional deaths within our Lions Family. I trust we will complete our Lions Year in this manner and start a new year with good health and a positive attitude.

Most Sincerely:

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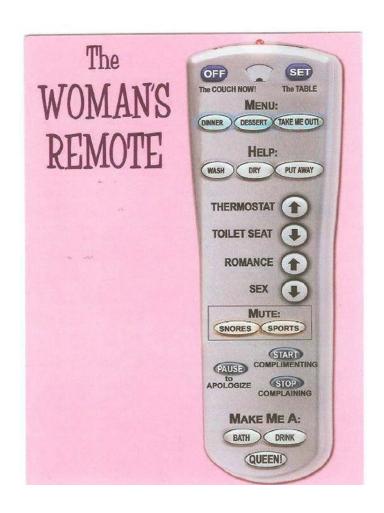
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Business Name
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City, State, Zip
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Telephone
Fax





Dear Fellow Lions,

I would like to update you on Lions Clubs International Foundation's and Lions' response to the massive earthquake in China on May 12.

LCIF and Lions around the world are mobilizing more than US\$2 million in funding and relief supplies. Within 48 hours LCIF committed a major catastrophe grant of US\$500,000. Lions in District 381 Guangdong in mainland China have raised more than US\$450,000 and relief material including food and medicine, Lions in District 380 Shenzhen in mainland China have raised US\$250,000 & relief material of US\$200,000 and Lions in District 303 Hong Kong and Macau have raised US\$160,000.

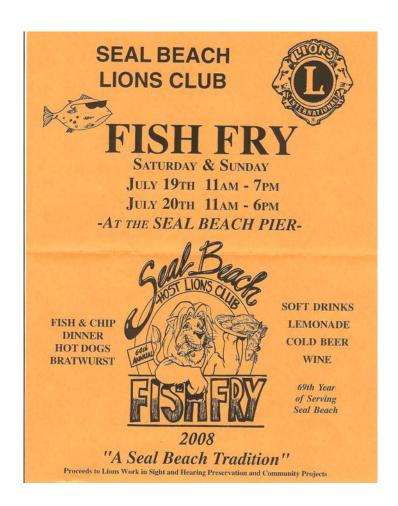
A team of 40 Lions from Districts 381 and 380 traveled to Sichuan province to assist with hands-on relief efforts and the immediate and emerging needs of victims. The Lions are still in the area, disbursing relief materials including tents, medicine and food. Working with the Chinese Red Cross, Lions purchased 10 relief vehicles and ambulances.

An organizing committee comprised of Lions from Districts 380, 381 and 303 and the China Council of Lions Clubs has been formed in order to plan and coordinate efficiently on the relief project. An immediate and long-term relief plan is being developed by local Lions to involve four stages: rescue, support, resettlement and reconstruction. Lions are planning to establish Lions 'tent' cities using 800 family size tents. Swedish Lions helped supply the tents and are also contributing 3,000 blankets.

To support immediate and long-term needs, Lions around the world are responding. A designated LCIF account has been established to help channel donations for this disaster. Donations can be made online at <a href="https://www.lcif.org/donate">www.lcif.org/donate</a> noting "Lions China Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund" in the comments section.

Lions of Ethiopia have donated \$10,000; Chinese clubs in Vancouver, Canada expect to collect \$100,000; and Taiwan Lions have committed \$50,000. Lions in Brazil have partnered with a local company to provide 7,000 blankets. Many Lions are also helping by sharing this news with fellow Lions and the media.

Frequent and massive aftershocks have caused further damages and casualties from the tremor. There remain significant and varying needs. As in past large-scale disasters, Lions are on the ground now and are also steadfastly committed to long-term relief and reconstruction. Days, week and months from now Lions will continue to provide aid. There is a great need for tents since many houses were toppled in the quake and the rainy season has begun. Generators and water purifying machines are also in urgent need and will be



LCIF (Continued)

well-utilized. Lions are using immediate funds to purchase these items and are also requesting assistance to obtain these items. Chinese Lions and victims of the earthquake know they can count on Lions'support to help as long as it takes to rebuild structures and rebuild lives.

LCIF is in constant contact with local Lions to determine the best immediate and long-term response. These regular updates are being posted on the LCIF Web site in order to keep Lions and the general public up-to-date on the latest news and response efforts.

Lions and LCIF's efforts have not gone unnoticed. News of the relief being provided has appeared on AOL, Forbes, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Daily Herald and several other national newspapers around the world, including seven major daily papers in China.

LCIF and Lions in China thank you for your continuous support for the victims in the affected areas. LCIF and Lions are proving the international humanitarian good we can accomplish together.

Together 'We Serve,'

Jimmy Ross LCIF Chairperson



### **ORANGE REGION REPORT** CHAIRMAN ROD WALLACE

Last month I stated "It is wind down time, with the year's end closing in on us fast."

Well, just as I thought I had it made, I received an email from the ever omni-present Ellen Liebherr "requesting" one last article for the Forum.

Thank you Ellen, you have been great to work with, as always. I don't know how you slip some of the last minute articles in after cut-off, what a job.

I only served during the last part of the 2007-2008 year, but it was my favorite art, as it included the Student Speakers' Contests which were enjoyable at all levels. Thank you to those clubs that sponsored contests this year.

The Orange Region was totally outstanding, spearheaded by the Seal Bach "Lions Club of the Year", led by none other than Lion Dave Hubbard. Dave received more deserved awards than I can count at the District Convention in San Diego. Let's not overlook the fact that Gail Hubbard bombarded the cabinet with volumes of information, CD's, photos, etc. informing us of all the activities the Seal Beach Club is involved. Good job Gail.

Up and coming Orange Region Club events starting the 2008-2009 year are the La Habra Host Club's 60<sup>th</sup> annual Corn Festival August 1, 2 & 3. The Seal Beach Club will be putting on its 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>,

AND! From the Seal Beach Lions Club, welcome to our incoming 2008-2009 Orange Region Chairman Lion Carol Linehan to whom I now turn over the Forum article responsibility along with the other Region responsibilities. Good luck, Carol.

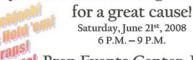




### The Lions Club at UCI presents



Please join us for an evening of intrigue and fun



Bren Events Center, UCI \$50 per person; \$7 parking New Orleans Buffet included. No-host bar.

For more information: http://www.lionwap.org/UC

Cut along dotted line	
Please reserve	tickets at \$50 each. Enclosed is a check for \$
Name	
Address	
Email	Telephone

Make checks payable to Lions Club at UCI. Online reservations also accepted

Mail Check and Reservation form to:

Tickets will be mailed one to two weeks prior to the event Jeff Carroll 101 The City Drive South Bldg 56, Suite 500 Orange, CA 92868



## HEARING & SPEECH ACTION NEWS

#### **TECHNOLOGY MARCHES ON!**

Once again I want to bemoan the fact that Assistive Listening Devices (ALD's) remain so little known to the hard of hearing community. The availability of such devices as FM and Loop systems, TV listeners, amplified telephones, telecaption decoders, etc. is not adequately explained by hearing aid dispensers and, because of the limited market, they are not advertised widely. Lions can help by being aware and spreading the word.





Today I have a new device to report on that has just been introduced. The Speak-N- Read is a hand held portable computer that allows a hard of hearing or late-deafened individual to communicate without the use of sign language or lip reading. The device uses advanced

to convert the spoken word into text on the display screen. This ultra-mobile assistive device is a fully-featured Windows XP or Visa computer and is one of the smallest of its kind. It has a 600 MHz processor, a 30 GB hard drive, 512 MB of RAM, a color display, an integrated wireless internet connection and Fire Wire and USB ports. The unit weighs about 1 pound and measures 6.7 x 3.3 x 0.9 inches. Life of the rechargeable battery is up to 12 hours.

Speak N Read is available in 11 languages and each language can have its dictionary modified for words in a particular location or even occupation. Future development plans include a projection system that will be built into the user's eyeglasses and the capability of translating languages in real time. For further information visit the company's website at <a href="https://www.speaknreadinc.com">www.speaknreadinc.com</a>.

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





#### FOOTHILL REGION

#### CHAIRMAN JACK LIGHTFOOT

"Wake up honey – we've got a plane to catch." Madeline Zhu's mother wanted to be sure they'd catch their early morning plane from San Jose to LAX. Rancho Cucamonga Host's President Jim Peugh and Secretary Alice-Faye Brown were waiting for them at 6:30 a.m. at the airport. Then they whisked them off to Laguna Niguel for the district student speakers contest at our cabinet meeting. Madeline had just spent Saturday in grueling rounds of state high school debates. Now after just two or three hours of sleep, she found herself on Sunday morning at El Niguel Country Club as district speaker contestant number 3. Her whirlwind weekend was capped off with a win. After the meeting was over, the happy sponsors from the R.C. Host Club wanted to get Madeline for some pictures. Where was she? Out in the lobby catching up on her zs. Even a high school sophomore can run out of gas!

Other Foothill news — the Ontario Host and Ontario-Upland Lions had about 90 guests for their third annual Spring Tea Fundraiser. Chaffey High Leos helped out and received \$100 for their club.

Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions teamed up with Dress Barn for their annual fundraiser.

Upland Host Lions provided eye exams and glasses for four students.

Pomona Host Lions have been formally analyzing their club's operations at some of their recent luncheon meetings. Subjects on the table have included service programs, expanding into other communities, membership, meeting times and places, etc.

Pomona Host's most recent fundraiser was the annual bowlathon. Over \$10,000 was raised.

The Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions continue to get their name in the papers. If it's not publicity about their student speaker contest, it's the Easter Egg Hunt. Clubs should take a lesson from this publicity machine.

Walnut-Deamond Bar's Bill and Karen Hormuth are retiring after many years of service with the district's Sight and Hearing Van. Thanks to both of them for being so dedicated.

We stood for the last time on Friday the 25th for PDG Garry Lozaun when a bagpiper escorted him into the Fairhaven Chapel in Santa Ana for his services. So long, Lion Garry. We'll miss you.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE AWARD WINNING LIONS AND CLUBS ANNOUNCED AT THE SAN DIEGO CONVENTION!

Lion of the Year - WANDA TANAKA, Diamond Bar Breakfast

President of the Year - DAVE HUBBARD, Seal Beach Host

Secretary of the Year - GAIL HUBBARD, Seal Beach Host

Visitation: Division A - DIAMOND BAR BREAKFAST

Division B - HARBOR MESA

Division C - SEAL BEACH HOST

Bulletin: Bi-Weekly - Pomona Host

Monthly - HARBOR MESA

Membership:

Greatest % Increase in members - two clubs tied with 20% each

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT IRVINE DIAMOND BAR BREAKFAST

Most New Members for a Club - SEAL BEACH HOST

Lion with Most New Members - Ken Meyers, Upland Host

Club of the Year - Division A - DIAMOND BAR BREAKFAST

Division B - ONTARIO UPLAND
Division C - SEAL BEACH HOST

MD-4 Certificates of Excellence Awards:

PDG JIM NORTH JUDY SCHNITZER LEONARD GLEASON

LCI Certificate of Achievement - **Hugh Fryling**, Mission Viejo LCI Distinguished Leadership Medal - **DAVE HUBBARD**, Seal Beach

International President's Certificate of Appreciation as Ambassador to Leos - John Doogan, Stanton

International President's Certificate of Appreciation Award:

Dave Crawford PDG Chuck Overbey Dave Hubbard Ken Sherwood

Governor's Recognition Zone Chairs with pins for Ladies and medals for the Men.

SANDI RICHMOND GAYLE GARBO
WANDA TANAKA CATHY FELIX
CHARLOTTE MCNAMARA TOM BROWN
DAVE HUBBARD STEVE CHRISTY

Governor's Appreciation Awards to Committe Chairs;

PDG DAN MAYER - Constitution & By-Laws and Convention
PDG JACK LUELLEN - Student Speaker Foundation and
Nominating Committee

VDG ELIZABETH WARREN - MERLO
JUDY SCHNITZER - Youth Exchange

Governor's Appreciation Medal:

VDG ELIZABETH WARREN
CABINET SECRETARY MARTHA HEBERT
CABINET TREASURER MARIANNE ALLEN

Governors Certificate of Appreciation for

Outstanding Dedication and Innovation - JEFF CARROLl
Outstanding Convention Support - PDG JIM NORTH
Outstanding Club Service and Fundraising - LA HABRA HOST
Outstanding Leadership Leos Club Advisor - JACK TANAKA
Leadership Awards to Region Chair:

JACK LIGHTFOOT, Foothill Region
ROD WALLACE, Orange Region
PDG JACK LUELLEN, Saddleback Region
Dedication and Disaster Relief Coordinators

PDG MAKE SCHEAFER
PDG BARBARA HAYWARD

Forum Editor - PDG ELLEN LEIBHERR

Outstanding Bulletin Coordinator - PDG JIM NORTH
Outstanding Photographer - LEONARD GLEASON
LCIF Committee Chair - IPDG JACK MAULLER
Outstanding VDG and MERLO Chair -

**VDG ELIZABETH WARREN** 

Outstanding Cabinet Secretary - MARTHA HEBERT
Outstanding Cabinet Treasurer - MARIANNE ALLEN
Governor's Appreciation Medal for dedication to Leos
and for getting the Leos to MD-4 Convention in
Modesto - Jack Tanaka

District Service Award for service to District since 1981 – PDG CHUCK OVERBEY

District Special Friendship Award for being Governor's Sponsor - STEVE LACEY

Certificate of Appreciation for continued service and dedication to District - CESAR VARGAS

Rose Float Awards and Certificates presented by PDG Jim North:

Award For Sales of pins and apparels - VDG Elizabeth Warren

Certificate of Appreciation for Organizing 30 Leos to march with float - **JON DOOGAN** 

Certificate of Appreciation for Organizing workers to decorate float - JACK TANAKA

#### **ELECTION RESULTS**

Proposed Constitution Amendment Revisions - passed

Vice District Governor Elect - JUDY SCHNITZER
District Governor Elect - VDG ELIZABETH WARREN

Sight and Hearing Foundation
KEITH CAMPBELL
JEFF CARROLL
PDG BARBARA HAYWARD.























#### 2007-2008 DISTRICT CALENDAR

May 31-June 1 Costa Mesa- Newport Harbor Fish Fry June 7 MD-4 Level Student Speakers Contest

June 21 UCI Mardi Gras Casino Night
June 23-27 LCI Convention Bangkok Thailand

July 19-20 Seal Beach Lions Fish Fry August 1-3 La Habra Host Corn Festival

August 1 Upland Host Fish Bake & Corn Feed