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PDG Ellen Liebherr 616 17th Street Huntington Beach 92648 H: 714) 969-9549 C:(714) 458-3077 Email: ellen@creativecateringhb.com Greetings to all Lions, Leos and Friends of 4-L4,

A few days ago I was lucky enough to take part in Project LOOK in Tecate, Baja California, Mexico. This is an international endorsed project of District 4-L4 that began in 1966. I had served on the committee under Chairman Lion Joan Parks of Harbor Mesa Lions Club and volunteered in Project LOOK clinics in Tecate, Ensenada, and Santa Ana. The current chairman, Dr Mohsen (Moe) Alinaghian, got together a group of dedicated doctors, spouses, assistants and Lion volunteers, and off we went. We were able to test 210 needy children, and of those, approximately 185 needed to have glasses. The frames are donated, and funding from donations covers the fabrication of the new lenses. No used frames or lenses are used in this project. Some doctors return after the main clinic and fit the new eye glasses.

Besides the satisfying feeling that we had served those who need us, we also had a fun time with the Tecate Lions who made us feel so welcome. Talk about combining service with pleasure – isn't that part of being a Lion?

The next few months see an emphasis on the young people in our District. I am looking forward to seeing all the Peace Poster entries and choosing the best one to send to MD4. The Leos are gearing up for their Float decorating day in Pasadena and they are also helping to fill the gaps on the days when some districts might not be able to get enough people. I don't think 4-L4 will have a problem with that. If you want to decorate, contact Lion Jack Tanaka. Our days are Sat. Dec. 20 (9am-1pm) and Mon. Dec. 29 (8am-4pm).

Arrangements for the Teen Recognition celebration are well under way, and in the very capable hands of Lion John Doogan, and, of course, our Student Speaker program begins in January/February. All our Leo clubs are continuing to do their outstanding work in helping to serve their local communities. I think the future of our country is in good hands!!

The holidays are not too far away, and I know that all of you will be thinking of ways to help the less fortunate in your areas. I look forward to hearing about all your good deeds in your monthly reports.

Always yours in Lionism,

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Vice District Governor

Judy Schnitzer

Greetings Lions, Leos and Friends,



The magic number for October was 6! That was the number of club visitations I made with "Queen Elizabeth" for that month--I loved meeting all of you Lions - or Heroes as IP Brandel calls us--whom I've never met before and of course seeing those of you I do see quite often at the various club and district functions. Your hospitality has been wonderful and oh my, what wonderful meals I've enjoyed!

As a VDG in MD4, you are asked to serve on one of the committees that MD4 participates in. Since I just completed my term as 4-L4's Youth Exchange Chairman, I decided to choose this committee to serve on. It is such a great program and I am delighted to continue to be a part of it. This year the Youth Exchange Seminar was held in Norco on October 10th-12th. 4-L4's YEP Chairman MARTHA HEBERT and myself attended the seminar and I will let her fill you in on all the details. I know we have some support for this program in 4-L4 and I thank you for that but we definitely need to step it up and have more of your clubs and you Lions support our district in our youth exchange activity. Each of your clubs will be receiving a letter and \$100 of tickets for the Lions Youth Exchange Foundation's 11th Annual Opportunity Drawing. The tickets sell for \$5.00 and the prizes are: 1st - A Royal Caribbean Cruise for Two, 2nd - a \$200.00 cash award, and 3rd - a \$100.00 cash award. The first prize winner may choose an \$800.00 cash alternative. Martha and I also have tickets so HELP SUPPORT OUR YOUTH and purchase a ticket or two or as many as you would like!

Hey Fellow 4-L4 Lions, did you read the write-up on the La Habra Corn Festival in the October Lion magazine? Our very own La Habra Host Lions Club was featured on Page 37 as having one of the biggest successes in fundraising with this event and it all started in 1948 from the simplest ideaselling corn on the cob at an outdoor fair! WAY TO GO LA HABRA HOST LIONS CLUB! We all know, as the article points out, that keeping a fundraiser going year after year takes hard work, dedication, and a way with words (after all, we have to convince all those volunteers to show up and work for free). The article points out some tips for keeping things running smoothly and I think it bears mentioning here:

- WRITE detailed records (checklists) of everything that needs to be done so you'll avoid getting sidetracked by last-minute details and best of all, once they're written down, those same checklists can be used the next year;
- MOTIVITE volunteers by giving them a reason to show up every year. Create an atmosphere of camaraderie so workers will have fun at the event, or consider hosting a special thank-you celebration;
- APPOINT one person as overseer of the event. They should have the power to make last-minute decisions and be given the final say in any debate; and
- INVITE all ages to come. If your event has something for everyone--from kids to grandparents--you'll increase attendance dramatically.

For inspiration, be sure to read the rest of the article.



The governor's visitations are nearly completed and with fewer revisions than previous years. The clubs that get into the spirit of the Governor's visit have had some fabulous visitations. It's an event to enjoy, not endure. Governor Elizabeth has hopped through her visitations so briskly that we're going to call her "RABBIT".

Ken Sherwood, District Public Relations Chairman

NOVEMBER

2	Sun	2 nd CABIN	2 nd CABINET MEETING – FOOTHILL		
5	Wed	7:00pm	Orange County Central		
6	Thu	7:15am	Fullerton Breakfast		
13	Thu	6:45pm	Ontario-Upland		
18	Tue	12:15pm	Tustin Host		
19	Wed	7:00pm	Orange Host		
20	Thu	6:30pm	Rancho Cucamonga Community		

DECEMBER

3 Wed 7:00pm Seal Beach

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:

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.

I want to thank all of the Clubs who paid their dues on time. 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.

Our next Cabinet meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 2, 2008 at the Diamond Bar Country Club. This is fast approaching so make sure you have your reservations in.

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.

CABINET SECRETARY'S CORNER

NANCY SMITH

I want to thank all of you for getting those MMR reports into Lions Clubs International. I am happy to report that every club in District 4-I4 has turned in their MMR reports. The Region Chairpersons and Zone Chairpersons are working with their clubs to also get their VAD Reports in. Thank you all so much for the help.

Our second Cabinet Meeting is approaching fast. Reservations have been coming in and I hope we have a great turn out for Governor Elizabeth. If you haven't been to a Cabinet Meeting lately try it. We are well informed and we have fun too.

Lots of activities are in the process from all of the clubs in the district. Check your e-mails and the bulletin for the many fun things that the clubs are involved in. The Holidays will be here before you know it and maybe there is an activity a club is having that you just can't miss.

The Governors visitation schedule is winding down and I personally want to thank all of you that we have visited for the warm reception you have shown the Governor and her Cabinet. The visitations have been a highlight for the year. I truly enjoy meeting you all and seeing all the different activities each club does.

Hope to see you at the Cabinet Meeting Nov ember 2, 2008 at Diamond Bar Golf Course.





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

PDG CHUCK OVERBEY

Viola Smith, dedicated and long time member of the Harbor Mesa Lions Club, passed away this month. Not a lot is known about Lion Vi but we know she was born around 1911 in the Midwest. She was a charter member of the Harbor Mesa Lions Club in 1992 after being a Lioness for many years. She had been married to Lion Bert Smith and they have two daughters. Bert, who preceded her in death, was a long-time member of the Costa Mesa-Newport Harbor Lions Club.

Lion Vi suffered a severe stroke and was unable to recover from it. She passed away October 16, 2008. It was her wish that there be no service. She wanted to be cremated and her ashes scattered within her favorite park with her beloved Bert. May she rest in peace?

With a short article this month, I would like to tell about a 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably brushed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled when told his room was ready. As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

'I love it,' he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

'But Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room yet I added. Just wait.'

That doesn't have anything to do with it,' he replied. 'Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged. It's how I arrange my mind and I have already decided to love it.' 'It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.' 'Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away, just for this time in my life.'

'Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in'. So my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories! Thank you for your part in filling my memory bank. I am still depositing.

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT (continued).....

He reminded me to remember five simple rules to be happy:

- 1. Free your heart from hatred
- 2. Free your mind from worries
- 3. Live simply
- 4. Give more
- 5. Expect less

It is my view that we need more people like Mr. Jones.



FABULOUS FOOTHILL

REGION CHAIRMAN KEN SHERWOOD

Autumn leaves of brilliant colors floating to the turf brings the promise oh Halloween costumes for the kids, family gettogethers for Thanksgiving and (spare us) the beginning of Christmas shopping.

Lions are busy selling Christmas trees, working at festivals and planning Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for homeless and hungry people. Many of the clubs in Foothill help local charities with food and financial contributions. The Salvation Army among them provides a venue and kitchens for preparation and serving. The Lions provide the wherewithal.

The largesse of Lions is abundant during the "giving time", but it's not restricted to the holidays. The Ontario-Upland Lions club, among others, provides food and finances on a monthly basis to the West End hunger program through the Council of Churches. The Lions have the idea that people are hungry during the "unholidays" as well. One of their best and healthiest contributions every month is the gift of 50 5lb. bags of oranges, divided between SOVA (hunger program) and the "HERO" program which is an after school session for underprivileged kids. The kids get a nutritious meal (so we know they've had at least one) and help with homework and other projects. Lions are helping keep down the number of latchkey kids.

Fall also brings the premier program of MD-4: STUDENT SPEAKERS. Lions are contacting local high schools, charter schools, private schools and , where possible, placing ads in local newspapers to present the contest to the public and for the benefit of home schoolers. Foreign exchange students are eligible as long as the speech is delivered in English. They don't necessarily have to emulate the governor. Participation in Foothill is growing with the addition of clubs that had previously dropped the contest. This is one of our best youth activities and gives Lions a very good image in the community. It's not expensive. Compete!



Goal: \$150,000,000 RAISED: \$200,329,000



Hearing & Speech Action News

September 2008

This month I'm going to throw some numbers your way and, with a little help, let you do the math!

- 1. A recent survey by the Better Hearing Institute found 31 million Americans admit to a hearing loss.
- 2. Only 23 % are being helped with hearing instruments (7.13
- 3. Hearing aids are the necessary treatment for 90-95% of people with hearing loss.
- 4. The impact of hearing loss on "quality of life" affects nearly every dimension of human experience, including:
 - Physical health
 - Emotional and mental health
 - Others' perception of a person's mental acuity
 - Social skills
 - Family relationships
 - Self-esteem
 - Work and school performance

Hearing loss is shown to negatively impact household income by up to \$12,000 per year. However, the use of hearing instruments is shown to mitigate the effects of hearing loss on income by 50%. In total, the annual cost in the United States relative to lost income is estimated to be more than \$100 billion. This study shows that people with mild, moderate or profound losses were all negatively impacted to some extent on virtually every dimension of the human experience.

Why am I telling you all this, when "only" 10-12% of the population are affected with hearing loss? Because these are people we all deal with every day – friends, neighbors, relatives and immediate family members. It has been said that "No man is an island", and we are all affected, for better or worse, by our relationships with others. Mom has to work because Dad's income is inadequate. Kids skip college and miss out on opportunities for real contributions to society. Your brother misunderstood a phone conversation and you are stuck without a ride to church. Now what do we do about all this?

We are Lions, aren't we? We raise money to support Wilderness Camp, the Hearing Aid Bank, sight & hearing screening; we recycle hearing aids, don't we? Don't you? And if not – why not?

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

P.S. LCI's goal is 50% of District Clubs involved in Hearing & Speech Action. Since 4-L4 is one of the top performers in MD-4. I think our goal should be 90%



YOUTH **EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

Even though District 4-L4 did not have any students going to other countries this past summer, we were pleased to have hosted three young ladies from Austria and Switzerland. Judy Schnitzer had a very full agenda to keep the students busy. Trips to San Diego and Medieval Times were some of the highlights of their visit. They really enjoyed the opportunity to shop.

Thanks to our host families, Mr. & Mrs. John Lames, Mr. & Mrs. Don Watters and VDG Judy & George Schnitzer, for sharing their homes. Mr. & Mrs. Watters hosted a "Farewell & Swim Party" at their home. The young ladies presented the special guest, Gov. Elizabeth, with their country's Lion flag and souvenirs. We were treated to Funnel Cakes made by Chef George

I am excited about plans for the California Youth Exchange Program in the summer of 2009. Countries chosen for this year are Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Finland, Germany, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, and Japan.

Since there are a limited number of students coming from or going to these countries, it is advised that you make your selection early, if you are considering sending or hosting a student.

The cost for students going abroad is a modest \$2500 for most countries and \$2700 for Australia and Italy for five weeks which includes a week at camp and airfare.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn customs and make new friends while living with families and promoting peace and goodwill in a foreign country in an effort to promote world peace

Please contact me if you have any questions, have an interested student or would like a speaker at your club. Youth Exchange Chairman, Martha Hebert



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) AUSTRIA (4) BELGIUM (2)

BRAZIL (2) FINLAND (2) GERMANY (4)

ISRAEL (2) ITALY (6) **JAPAN (30)** NETHERELANDS (2) NORWAY (2) SWITZERLAND (3)

HOSTING A STUDENT

EUROPE

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- *2-Weeks in Southern CA
- **JAPAN** Age 16-21
- *5-Week Program *1-Week Camp Teresita Pines
- *2-Weeks in Northern CA
- Live in your home for 2 weeks Enjoy Lions Sponsored Activities Amusement Parks Beach Parties Sightseeing & Tours and MORE

VISITING STUDENT

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by Membership Chairman Dave Hubbard

THIS IS A GROUP I'D LIKE TO BE A PART OF...

When you joined your Lions Club, I would guess that one of the determining factors for you joining was that fact that your Lions Club was made up of a group that you wanted to be a part of. If this is true, do you exhibit the same for others interested in joining your club? Most people want to feel they are a part of something. They choose the groups they want to join by how they are made to feel within the group. If they leave with a good feeling and like what they see and hear, they are likely to join.

When we talk about our Lions Clubs, we should be sharing our enthusiasm with them. Let them know how we feel about being a part of the world's largest service organization. Be proud of your club's accomplishments as you share them. Be open to suggestions from interested individuals. If we are excited they become excited and vice versa. Invite them to work on a service project or fundraiser. They will likely say, "This is a group I'd like to be a part of."

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OUTSTANDING ORANGE

REGION CHAIRMAN CAROL LINENHAN

"Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, and snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather": John Ruskinas.

The wind was blowing and the sky looked scary when I drove to the Garden Grove Host Lions Fifth Annual Major. Rob Soltes Memorial Golf Tournament. Of course, within a few minutes our Southern California blue skies arrived. The tournament had guite a few golfers. Everyone sure was purchasing the mulligans. I wonder does that make your game better? I helped at the registration table so I was able to greet and talk to everyone. Lion Phil Evans has been a Lion since 1968. About three years ago he transferred to the Garden Grove Host Club and reported he really is enjoying all the activities and looking forward to an upcoming Club planned Las Vegas Trip. Lion Steve Diaz who is the Club's 1st Vice President says he's taking lots of notes from Lion President Ron Pierce. They do a rotation in their Club and Steve is looking ahead to next year as President. Past President Lion Gregg Crawford says he is enjoying this year as the Club's Bulletin Editor. Lion President Ron and Lion Bruce Beauchamp as Chair and Co-chair respectively said this years proceeds from this very worthwhile event will be split between trust accounts for Lion Rob's children and Sight First Projects. Lion Dr. Rob had worked with school nurses to provide eye exams and glasses to disadvantaged children in the community. Lion Ted Jones the chairman for the dinner portion of the event felt that by having a few members cook the dinner at the club house saved quite a bit of money. The golf tournament was a huge success. The Garden Grove Host Lions Club members attend Grand Openings of new businesses in their community to promote Lions and to inform the community about upcoming Lion's events.

"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart": Helen Keller. The Orange County Korean Club fund raising chairperson this year is Lion Sung Koon Baek. Lion Sung has been a member of the club for fourteen years. He joined Lions because he wantedto help the less fortunate. The Club provides every year fifteen high school seniors \$1,000.00 scholarships apiece. They have an application form which the students must fill out. It encompasses their GPA, their SAT score, teacher's recommendations and parent's tax returns. Lion Sung explained that they want to help underprivileged students who would not be able to afford college. President Lion Kee-Sun Hong, who has been a member for six years, joined Lions because of the service Lions provide. He particular enjoys his club's friendly, family atmosphere. I learned at the Governor's Visitation that the wives of the members also attend the club meetings. President Lion Kee-Sun made the decision that all 19 members needed the commemorative Rose Float Pin that Vice District Governor Judy is selling to raise money for MD-4 Lions Float, Inc.

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen": Author Anonymous. Seal Beach Host Lions members were everywhere over the weekend. Chairperson and Zone C Chair Lion Renee Schulte had a group of members volunteering at the annual Sail for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Newport Beach. Chairperson and Past District Governor Lion Ellen Liebherr and her crew of Lions and a Leo cooked hamburgers, hot dogs and vegetarian burgers at the McGaugh School Carnival. This year besides cooking the Seal Beach Host Lions Club also donated the food that was served. This provided \$1,250.00 profit to the School Carnival. Chairperson Lion Dottie Palaski and her crew cleaned Edison Park in College Park East for the community. Lion Dave Hubbard worked at the Silverado Days at the Buena Park Noon Lions Club booth.

"Purpose is what gives life a meaning": C. H. Parkhurst. The La Habra Host Lions had a crew of members at the Silverado Days selling Philly Cheese Steak sandwiches. Also, I hope you all read the October issue of The Lion magazine on page thirty-seven the La Habra Host Lions Club's Corn Festival is highlighted.

"Never give up should be" the **Fullerton Host Lions** motto. This small club of sixteen members, with the help of the Sunny Hills High School Leo's, also had a booth at Silverado Days. They had cotton candy, dill pickles and my favorite frozen deep fried or plain Snicker.

"Character is higher than intellect ... A great soul will be strong to live, as well as strong to think": Ralph Waldo Emerson. Buena Park Noon Lions Chair and co-chair Lions Michael Davis and Laura Rodehaver were kept quite busy all weekend. The **Buena Park Noon Lions** oversaw the whole Silverado Days activities. That means procuring the food, rides and crafts vendors and over saw all the contests. The club decided this year to bring back their Ford Truck Opportunity Drawing. Lion Dr. Bill Werer challenged his club up to \$8,000.00 that he would match the funds \$1 for \$1. I ate my lunch with Lion Bill and found out that during his working career he was school superintendent and since his retirement he has been traveling. He has been a Lion for forty -three years and with the Buena Park Noon for the last forty-one years with 100% attendance. Bill joined Lions to support his community and to help children. Bill, who just turned ninety, decided instead of a birthday party he would donate a \$1,000 to the Club which they will use to help the community. Bill's motto is to have fun. Lion Don McCay, "Silverado Sam" told me he has the best job at Silverado Days. Don, a retired policeman and now a City Council member, walks around all dressed up as a cowboy. He judges the pie eating (no hands) and baby contest. He visits with the crowd, shakes hands, and is asked to be in their pictures and handout the awards. This is a very active club will all members participating.

"Life is very singularly made to surprise us": Rainer Maria Rilke. Lion Danny Rodriguez treasurer of Orange County

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CHINO VALLEY LIONS CLUB

By Lion Ken Sherwood



The Chino Valley Lions Club (starting as the Chino Hills Lions Club) has had their pumpkin patch with rides for the kids and an art project for the parents (carving pumpkins). Since 1993 the club has had the prime location at Grand Ave. and Payton Dr. in Chino Hills. The lot remains undeveloped (and will), so the Lions set up in early October with the pumpkin patch. The Lions logo and club name are prominently displayed for the best advertising and recognition. On November 1st the patch is cleared off and the set-up begins for the Christmas tree lot. The Lions have exclusive use of the comer and pay the City of Chino Hills \$1 per year in rent.

The Christmas tree lot is a major undertaking and has been developed and refined until it runs like a Rolex. Over the years the temporary installations have become permanent. An electrical source has been installed for lighting the lot, running the electronic equipment in the trailer (tellers cage), power the spray equipment for tree flocking and other necessary power tools like the chain saw for trimming the tree bottoms. Past president David Stillwell can be seen on the lot early in the season, pounding stakes for the fence, checking wiring, erecting the perimeter fence and generally organizing the location. Past president Jim Espinosa is a constant participant and very capable traffic director keeping the volunteer crew active. Past president Ken Bell spends almost every spare moment among the trees but they don't let him on the ladder anymore. He tends to take the fast way down and not always feet first. Secretary Carol McCleary can usually be found in the trailer taking payment and recording sales.

With the decline in membership experienced by many clubs, the Chino Valley Lions opened up the fundraiser to other Lions clubs. They pay your club for your labor to the tune of\$10 per hour. It's a FUNdraiser for all. The Chino Valley club also uses the help of Boy Scout Troop 220, Cub Scout Pack 220, Chino Valley and Diamond Bar Leo clubs who all work for tips by helping select the trees, carrying, trimming and loading the trees onto your vehicle.

In the past 16 years the club has raised and distributed well over \$600,000 in the community. The high water mark came in 2001 when the club sold 3200 trees. Last year they sold 12.5 tons of pumpkins and 1500 trees.

President Marc Jun and the Chino Valley Lions club welcome your sales efforts at the lot (you must pre-register to work) and more than welcome the purchase of one of their excellent trees. The trees are plantation grown in Oregon and are top quality.

Buy a tree - Save sight.

2008 -2009 STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST

"WATER – WILL CALIFORNIA BE LEFT HIGH AND DRY?

ORANGE REGION REPORT (continued).....

Central Lions and Chairman of their first annual Bingo Night said he came up with the idea and the members said "Why Not". Danny has been a member for ten years. He joined the Lions because he saw all that they were doing and providing in the community. Lion Al Dzina has been a Lion for 46 years with 100% attendance. This is Lion Al's fourth club since joining Lions. He knows he found his home when he became a charter member of Orange County Central Lions in 1985. Past Council Chair Lion Jack Perich was the bingo caller for the evening. Everyone who attended said they enjoyed the evening and the desserts provided by the wives of the members were spectacular.

Orange Regions Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 8th

Orange County Central Lions Spaghetti and Bingo Night

Saturday, November 8th

Stanton Lions in conjunction with the City of Stanton is dedicating a Park in memory of **Lion Harry M Dotson**

I hope to see a lot of Lions at the 2nd District Cabinet Meeting hosted by the Foothill Region, Sunday, November 2nd. I would love to write about your club so stop by and chat with me at the District Meeting and tell me what your club is doing



ATTENTION DISTRICT 4-L4 LEADERS

If you are interested in being the chairperson of any of these MD4 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 the

- Membership Committee
- o Extension Committee
- Leadership Committee

The terms would begin in June 2009.

I know we have several Lions in our District who qualify for these positions, and I look forward to your letters.

District Governor Elizabeth



SPECTACULAR SADDLEBACK

REGION CHAIRMAN JOAN PARKS

Here I am, back at the computer doing my column for November, and wonder where the month of October went. Well, it went working hard on Lions things for one thing.

Just to recap, the Region Meeting in September was really great. We had a wonderful attendance, with nine clubs participating and most of them entered into the table decoration contest with enthusiasm. They were great ideas for each and every club. I was really surprised, and delighted. You could really tell who's club they belonged to with the theme. Now, I have to tell that the Harbor Mesa Lions Club won, because the Governor chickened out and made your Region Chairman pick a number for the winner. I had nothing to do with this. PGD Ed Bordenkircher did a wonderful job of discussing orientation without making it boring, and it was very interactive with everyone joining in the discussion. Thanks again, Lion Ed. All three Zone Chairs were there and a huge help. Thank you Lions Carol. Allan and Jill.

Next, in the first part of October, Zone A held an all (four) clubs picnic. Each club was assigned a part of the meal. Lion Steve Christy brought over a bar-b-que and the Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions grilled up some great brauts and sausages. The Orange Coast Breakfast Club brought dessert, thanks to Lion Ardith Richey....she made these wonderful cookies and brownies. It was a beautiful day and games were played; Bocci Ball and Bollo Ball. Both fun and the Bocci Ball tournament was won by two none Lions, Keith Van Holt, and Mike Parks. It was such a great idea, one I think that will foster camaraderie with the Zone and something I think would benefit all Zones and all Regions and the District. We're in this together and not competing with one another. There was a \$\$\$ raffle and the top winner was the granddaughter of Lion Harvey and Trudy Marklinger; Kimberly. She spent most of the day playing with Lion Gloria Kimmel little pup, Ted E. Bear.

Our Region has gained some more Lions since last month. Good job guys! Welcome to Lion Yun C. Kwo of the Chinese American Club of Orange County, and Lions Terri Stoker (whose daughter and son-in-law are in the Huntington Beach Host Lions Club) and Debbie Karlson of the Harbor Mesa Lions Club. Just a bit of serious talk here remember when the Governor talks about loosing members? Well, I want you to think about something......who haven't you seen at a meeting or event lately? No, really, think about it! Now, when you have that person's name in your mind, go over to the phone and call them. I mean it, this is important. Why haven't they been to things lately? Get them to come to one thing this month, then call or email me. I'll wait here until I hear from someone!



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

SADDLEBACK REPORT (continuted)......

There is lots of service going on, well at least from the clubs I've heard from. The Chinese American Lions Club of Orange County raised \$630 at their Moon Festival Party. Thanks for the reports Lion Angela. Huntington Beach Host Lions report that they had a total of 619 hours last month...nice work! The San Clemente Lions are selling Entertainment Books and will be holding two White Cane days with an information booth on Lions Membership. They also plan a membership drive, door to door, and possibly a luncheon. Good ideas. Tustin Host Lions have racked up over 67 hours with Recording for the Blind, the Orange County Fair, and they are selling Entertainment Books also. The Harbor Mesa Lions Club is working hard toward their Annual Casino Night, lots of visitations, they have the Sight and Hearing Van for the next two months helping the local school district health services office with the state mandated sight and hearing tests. This project takes more than one group, so members of the Orange Coast Breakfast Club and the Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions Clubs are helping with this project. Orange Coast Breakfast Lions Club are putting in service time monthly at the Orange County Second Harvest Group. The Newport Beach Hawaian Lions Club is busy with helping out with many other organizations fundraiser, and working with the Pearl Harbor Survivors group. This Lions Club took first place for an organization in the Balboa Island Annual parade last summer.

A big congratulations to Lion Jeff and Christina Carroll of the UCI Lions Club on the birth of their first child. Little Alexis came into the world and welcomed by her proud parents on October 17th.

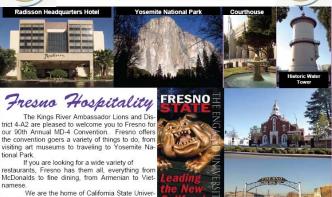
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Welcome to Fresno "All that Jazz"

90th Annual MD-4 Convention 2009







We are the home of California State Univer-sity 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

On Saturday, you won't want to miss the International Presidents Luncheon. This will be your op-portunity 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



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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

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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

Jay, February 14, 2009
8:00-5:00 pm. Registration, Certification, Project Displays & Pin Traders
8:00-1:1:00 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
8:30 am Memorial Service (a Joel Keyte production)
9:00 am Breakfast
9:45-11:00 am Inspirational speaker, election results, drawings

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



You are invited to participate in the MD-4 Lions Golf Tournament to be held at the Riverside Golf course in Freeno, CA on Friday February 13, 2009, beginning at 8:00 an. This will be an outstanding best ball scramble fournament hosted by the Lions of Distinct 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, Lunno; kanowich, etc.) at the turn, Tee-grits and a lot of furn.

Entry Fee: \$50 per player

Convention Regulated for Regulated to Play Golf, places 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

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New Lions Green Team projects are hands-on, high-visibility initiatives such as community clean-ups, tree plantings, recycling, or education efforts. Green project suggestions appear: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_cult_environ.shtml



Lions Environmental Photo Contest illustrates the beauty of nature. Submit a photo to your club-level contest. One photo per club advances to the district, multiple district, and international competitions.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/environment photo contest.shtml



New LIONS CREW AT WORK projects include repairing and improving non-profit community centers, shelters for homeless persons or battered women, food pantries, schools for disabled children, summer camps for "at risk" youth, parks, or playgrounds.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/cms/staging/EN/content/programs_community_crew.html



The 31st Annual Lions Day with the United Nations (UN) event will be held Friday, March 13, 2009 at UN Headquarters in New York. This is your last opportunity to tour the historic building prior to its renovation.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_int_ldun2.shtml



LIONS ALERT encourages clubs to develop a plan of action in the event of a natural, man-made, or healthcare emergency. Contact your local authorities. Ask how your club can help. http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/alert_program.shtml

Lions Emergency/Non-Emergency Assistance is a Web-based location for the exchange of materials and volunteer services for Lions emergency and non-emergency projects. http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions assistance.shtml



Ninth Annual Lions Performance Festival will occur during the 92nd Annual Lions International Convention, July 6-10, 2009 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. Talented Lions and Leos can volunteer to share their culture.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/annual performance festival 05.shtml



International Club Twinning is a voluntary and mutual agreement of friendship between Lions or Leo clubs in different countries.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs int twinning.shtml

For additional program information, e-mail: programs@lionsclubs.org



" SPOTLIGHT" UPLAND HOST LIONS CLUB

On October 20th the Upland Host Lions Club volunteered to fill boxes at the local Feed the Children warehouse in Ontario. 400 boxes were filled - ten pallets at 40 boxes a pallet. We had a fun time, and helped those in need at the same time!!



Besides the annual Upland Host Lions Corn & Fish Fry, the Lions have other fish to fry!! We are supporting Feed the Children because last year they shipped 135 million pounds of food, medicine, and other essentials to children and families to help the hungry and hurting. They were there for people who were hit by natural disaster, poverty, war, or famine. This organization is a first-responder that truly helps those in need. We all may be in need of help someday, so let's help those in need now. We encourage the public to join us in supporting Feed the Children.



This is a wonderful outreach opportunity for any church, school, social group or family who enjoys "doing the right thing for the right reasons." You can help, too. You will be glad you did.

The Lions' new international president, Al Brandel, a retired policeman, whose motto is "miracles through service," believes that "every Lion is an everyday hero." Through the public's generous support, we try to fulfill that promise by

providing eye exams for local children, guide dogs for the blind, school supplies to help students, and donations to many charities.



As in years past, the Lions will have a float in the Rose Parade again this year. Several Lions Clubs will join together to decorate the float. The theme of our float this year is "The Miracle Workers," and features Helen Keller and Ann Sullivan (Helen's very own miracle worker). Also on the float this year will be David Coffman and his guide dog Colette. David is one of our very own Upland Host Lions, and we are proud to have him representing Lions Clubs worldwide!!



If anyone would like to donate to Feed the Children through the Upland Host Lions Club, please call Hal Tanner at 909-981-6810. Times are tough, but when things get tough, the Lions get going!



2007-2008 DISTRICT CALENDAR

November 2 Foothill Cabinet Meeting

November 8 Orange County Central Lions Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo

November 10 Harbor Mesa Fashion Show

January 17 Melvin Jones Dinner

January 17-19 MD-4 Leadership Institute, Harris Ranch

January 24 Orange Cabinet Meeting
February 7 Teen Recognition Dinner
February 13-15 MD-4 Convention, Fresno

February 21-24 Lions Flag Days 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 Saddleback Region Meeting
March 24 Orange Region Meeting
March 29 Lions City of Hope Day

April 19 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