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

Whenever a new Lion is inducted it is customary to have him/her look at the club banner and the lion's head that is on that banner. We say that the lion is looking back to our proud history and past, and looking forward to an exciting future. Some happenings in the last few weeks have caused me to reflect on that part of our induction ceremony.

We have two inspiring PDGs who have had serious surgery. PDG Dave Stewart had triple by-pass surgery, and surprised everybody by going home three days later. PDG Chuck Overbey had a lung transplant some three weeks ago, and will take some time to recover from such a very surgery. He has good days and bad days, but is in good spirits and is such a positive person. I know that we have all wished them well with cards and phone calls and will continue to do so until they are both completely recovered. Both these Lions are part of our past and our future.

In the past few months, Tustin Host, Huntington Beach Host, and Seal Beach Host Lions clubs have celebrated either sixty or seventy years of service as Lions clubs. In our District 4-L4, we have some 17 clubs who will have celebrated some 60 to 90 years of service by the end of 2010. That is a wonderful past to remember, and all of these fine clubs are continuing to work to make a better future for the less fortunate in their local communities.

The new Lions year is coming closer, so please remember my 10% increase in membership that I challenged all of our clubs to achieve by the end of June. Many of the clubs are getting close to that magic number. Make sure that the new members are reported in a timely way, and after you have had your club officer elections, make sure the new officers are reported accurately on the PU-101 forms.

See you at the Cabinet Meeting on April 19 in Costa Mesa. Please try to be there to support the District Student Speaker Contest. We have three excellent young speakers.

See you there, In Lionism

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## Vice District Governor Judy Schnitzer

The month of March found me attending several 4-L4 events. On March 14, George and I traveled to "Italy" via the Seal Beach Host Lions Club who were celebrating their 70th Anniversary. Much to my surprise the "Pope" was there who was running a 2 for 1 special that evening, for each wedding booked he would throw in a funeral free of charge! Lion Bill Howes you made an excellent "Pope" and I thank you for posing with me for a picture.



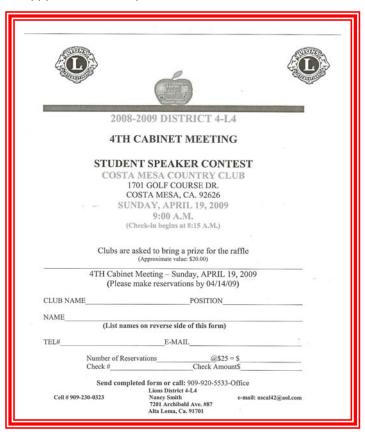


A slide show of some of their events during the years was playing throughout the night--courtesy of Lion Gail Hubbard who worked many, many hours putting it together--GOOD JOB GAIL, I so enjoyed it. The food was scrumptious, even down to the homemade Pizzelle Cookies made by Lions Dewey and Carol Linehan. Lion Songmaster Dewey Linehan led us in singing "That's Amore" (the theme for the evening) and the history of the club was presented by Lion Scott Newton. Lion Carol Linehan read a letter from Governor Elizabeth (who was unable to be there), and the musical entertainment was James King whom has performed at several of District 4-L4's events. It was truly an evening I will remember--thank you SEAL BEACH HOST LIONS CLUB members for your wonderful hospitality.

On March 16, George and I traveled to "Lucy & Ethyl's Bingo Parlor" in Costa Mesa where we were treated to a fun evening of dinner, bingo and lots of laughs hosted by the Harbor Mesa Lions Club. The dinner was so good and Lucy and Ethyl (Lions Carol Van Holt and Arlene Schafer) you did an awesome job calling out numbers and entertaining us--thank you HARBOR MESA LIONS CLUB members for your wonderful hospitality.

I also attended the 2nd Region Meetings which were the Region Student Speaker Contests. Each student who participated did an outstanding job and Iknow the judges had a hard time selecting the winners. Special thanks to all clubs who participated. JOB WELL DONE!

Enjoy spring and Happy Easter to all of you.





### MULTIPLE DISTRICT 4 YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

By Martha Herbert YEP Chairman

The deadline has passed for students to submit applications to go abroad this summer. I regret to say tat we had no student to sign up, so let's hope it is just the economy.

Now is the time to start thinking about hosting students who will be coming to visit California on August 1, 209. We would like to see a number of Lions or non-Lions open their homes for the two week visit. My Region Reps and I will soon begin making plans for these students so we can give them a visit to remember long after they return home.

If you or someone you know would like to experience sharing your home with one of these visiting students and learn about their culture and the history of their country, please contact me, Ken Myers, Birney Whitlock, or Caesar Vargas. You may also go online to MD-4 Youth Exchange for more information. We welcome any questions.

There is also a way your club can help the District Youth Exchange Program by making a donation to the District 4-L4 Youth Exchange Program.

Please open your home and heart to one of these students.

# CABINET SECRETARY'S CORNER NANCY SMITH

It is hard to believe that we are in the process of electing new officers for the year 2009-2010, but that time is here. I am sure many of you have already completed this task and well on your way to present nominations to your club. I need those PU 101 forms by May 15, 2009 or sooner. We can use them for our list for Training School in May 2009.

I also want to remind all clubs that it is also time to nominate a Special Lion from your club for District Lion of the Year. We need all nominees submitted by your Club Secretary by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please check your District Directory for qualifications. Mail to the District Governor, Elizabeth Warren and Cabinet Secretary, Nancy Smith

Plans are well under way for the District 4-l4 Convention 2009 in Ventura. Further information will be forthcoming and also at our Cabinet Meeting on April 19, 2009.

It has been a great year working with all of you and I am privileged to have been Cabinet Secretary or 2008-2009. Not that the year is over yet but it will be here before you know it.

I would also like to thank PDG Mike Schaefer and PDG Barbara Hayward for setting up our recent visitation to Ensenada Mexico on our recent cruise. I personally had a great time and encourage all of you to keep it going.

Should any of you have any questions about the final paperwork as Secretary please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me. I would be glad to help.

#### SADDLEBACK REGION MEETING Monday, April 6, 2009 5:30PM Meet and Mingle 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Region Student Speaker Contest Dinner \$25.00 50/50 Drawing Citrus Café 1481 Edinger Ave. Tustin, CA 92780 Any Question, Call Region Chairman Joan Parks 949-422-4133 Cell Please make reservations by March 31, 2009 Club Name Names (List all attendees on the back side of this form) Telephone # E-Mail Number of Reservations\_ @\$25.00=\$ Check Amount Checks payable to District 4L4 Send Completed Form and Check to: Cabinet Treasurer Marianne Allen P.O. Box 487 Garden Grove, CA 92842

# LIONS GREEN TEAM PROJECTS FOR EARTH DAY APRIL 22 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY JUNE 5

Your Lions club can organize a Lions Green Team environment project for Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22 or United Nations World Environment Day, Friday, June 5, 2009. Suggested Lions Green Team projects include:

**Clean-up project** - remove debris from a roadway, nature trail, waterway, or public park. Remove graffiti from public places. <a href="http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs">http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs</a> env suggproj.shtml)

Tree planting project - absorb carbon from the atmosphere by planting trees. If every Lions club planted a tree, the planet would have 45,000 more trees.

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**Recycling project** - organize a community collection of used eyeglasses, hearing aids, computer parts, cellular telephones, inkjet cartridges, even rubber-soled gym shoes.

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**Education project** - sponsor a Go Green Club at a local school. Demonstrate use of rain barrels for water management. Organize a hybrid car show.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs env education.shtml)

Send news of your successful Lions Green Team project to: <a href="mailto:programs@lionsclubs.org">programs@lionsclubs.org</a>

### **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.

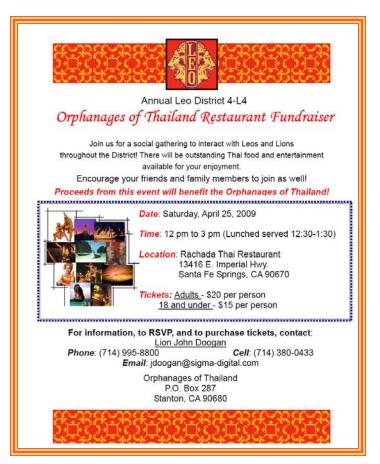
#### Club secretaries should be noting this on their VAD reports.

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 sound.

By the time you read this, our last three Region Meetings will have been completed. I want to give a big thank you to Ken Sherwood, Carol Linehan, and Joan Parks for a job well done. We also will have our three student speakers chosen for our District Student Speakers Contest to be held on Sunday, April 19th, 2009 at the Costa Mesa Golf & Country Club in Costa Mesa. Please come and support these students. They have worked very hard on their speeches.

#### REMINDER: Get your reservations in early for the Cabinet meeting on Sunday, April 19, 2009.

We are continually accepting donations for the fire victims. I want to thank all of the clubs who have so generously donated to those who were devastated by the fires.



By District Membership Chairman Dave Hubbard

#### Take a Personal Interest in Others. LET THEM KNOW THAT YOU CARE...

How do you feel when others take an interest in you? You probably feel special. Someone cares about you and how you feel. This is someone I would like to be around. This is someone I share an interest with. If he asked me to join, I would probably say "Yes". Showing an interest in others is easy. Just ask them how they feel. What are their interests? What is important to them? It's that easy. Try it. You might find yourself with a new member in your Lions Club.

To help you, your District Membership Committee is planning some Prospective New Member Nights. This is an opportunity to bring a prospective new member and join in an evening of Lions fellowship. We want to make them feel welcome. We want them to learn what Lions is about. We want them to understand the diversity of the membership of Lions even though we share common goals. We want them to join the World's Greatest Service Organization.

We will be contacting all of the clubs in the District once the meetings are finalized. We ask that the prospective new members be accompanied by their sponsors. New Lions and their sponsors are also welcome to attend. We want to help you with their assimilation into our organization. Let's do this together. Our goal is growth in our clubs and the ability to better serve others.

The moral of this story is if you show interest in them, they might be interested in joining. Ask, ask, ask. And then ask again. Let's get out and ask. We will be there to help. There is still time the increase your membership before the end of the year. So, let's GROW!



"Orphanages of Thailand" and all of their great projects! This is the largest and most important Leo District 4-L4 event. Come and support this wonderful celebration. All proceeds go directly to help orphaned, disabled and homeless children.

The Thai food is delicious. All you can eat! For those of you who prefer less spicy western food, enjoy the BBQ chicken, tender beef and jasmine rice and more. There will be vegetarian dishes as well.















Orphanages of Thailand, Inc. 7701 Katella Ave., Stanton, CA 90680 Office: (714) 995-8800 Mobile: (714) 380-0433



# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### PDG CHUCK OVERBEY

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

Understandably we are giving District Chaplain PDG Chuck Overbey a break from submitting his article this month. Instead we send our love and prayers for a full and speedy recovery from his recent surgery.



The Lions Recycle For Sight Information Kit contains everything needed to begin and maintain a successful eyeglass collection campaign in your community. The kit is helpful for novice clubs and clubs that have collected for many years. Purchase the Kit from the Health and Children's Services Department, via the Recycle for Sight Materials Order Form from Lions Clubs International.





# Hearing & Speech Action News

Keith Campbell, Chairman

Rather than trying an April Fool stunt, here is a copy of an important letter to the District Clubs. Our Sight & Hearing Foundation elects new Board members each year and, since every Club is a member of the Foundation, having a member of your Club on the Foundation's Board is a great way to participate.

"To All District 4-L4 Lions Clubs,

I want to thank all of the clubs in our District that have donated to the Foundation during this past year. Your donations are necessary for the success of the Foundation. We have upgraded most of the hearing and sight instrumentation, and have had extensive repair and maintenance work done on the Unit. If you have yet to make a donation, I encourage you to please do so. To all of the clubs who have utilized the Sight & Hearing Van for screening, I say "Congratulations"! You have provided a valuable service to your community.

In order to continue to serve, our Foundation By-laws require us to elect three (3) Directors each year. The election will occur at the District 4-L4 Annual Convention at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Ventura on Saturday, May 16, 2009, in conjunction with the District elections. This is the official call for nominations. Each elected Director shall serve a 3-year term. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2009. Nominations should be submitted to Foundation Secretary, Lion Keith Campbell at 8121 Ridgefield, Huntington Beach, CA 92646.

At least 6 District Governors have served on the Foundation's Board. If there is an interested or deserving Lion in your Club, this is a rewarding opportunity to serve.

Yours in Lionism, Harvey Marklinger, President 4-L4 Sight & Hearing Foundation"





## FABULOUS FOOTHILL

#### REGION CHAIRMAN KEN SHERWOOD

No alarm clock, just the one in my head. When there's something REALLY important to do, the buzzing starts automatically. It's still dark. What's so pressing on today's schedule? It's Monday. Start of a new day and a new week. What else is new? The most exciting of events; one of the few that will get me on the road before the sun comes up - an induction at Diamond Bar Breakfast. Lion Pres. Roy Takemura called Saturday, "Sorry for the last minute notice, but we need you to induct a new member". I'm there. Could have called Sunday night. I'm ready. Cub Lion Ricky Ellis, a retired (doesn't look it) corrections officer joined the worldwide ranks of service people before we had breakfast. He had an assignment before breakfast was finished and had two steps toward his Proud Lion award by the end of the next week (Zone "C" speakers contest). Welcome Lion Ricky.

Wednesday, March 11th was a casual visit to Cucamonga District Host Lions where Governor Elizabeth performed the same function for two new cub Lions. It was a full house with two other prospective members enjoying dinner, induction and a program about Rancho Cucamonga's (the city) future plans. The prospects got to see CDH involved in community plans and projects first hand. As for the new Lions, being knighted by the Queen (Knights of the Blind) conferred no more status than being inducted by the Region Chairman. It's all for service no matter who sprinkles the holy water.

Foothill is growing but with plenty of room for new Lions. Our service projects and fundraisers need more new hands and creative new ideas. Some clubs still need to do their Lions duty to achieve the Governor's proposed 10% increase. That's only one or two for most of our clubs. Show the love, share the service = be Lions.

The second Foothill region meeting was held on Monday, March 23rd at the McCoy Equestrian Center in Chino Hills. With little horsing around and no hayride, we had a good time with the brief but terse zone reports from the Maji of Fabulous Foothill; Zone "A" Chairman Ken Myers (recently named firefighterparamedic of the year-the first- by the City of Los Angeles), Zone "B" Chair Gayle Garbo, and Zone "C" Chairman P J Smith. All's well with growing clubs and active fundraisers. To wit: The Cucamonga District Host Lions sip-for-sight 7 course dinner and wine tasting was stuffed and plastered and profitable. Antonino's restaurant provided an excellent venue (owned by a Lion) and the crowd was mostly non-Lions drawing funds from the community at large. Cudos CDH. The Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions fashion show provided a excellent lunch at the Claremont Double Tree. The clothes were stylish but I couldn't find anything that fit. Thanks to Lion Jack Tanaka for also attending, although I didn't see him try on anything either.

After watching the RCC babes strut the runway, it was a dash back home to prepare my potluck dish (special recipe meatballs),



INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2008-2009
Grand Prize Winner Yennie Shyu
12 years old Sponsored by Milpitas Executive Lions

"If we can communicate so much using technology, why can 't we send out the messages of peace through the same medium? By doing so, we can send more messages, reaching more people."

The theme of the 2009-10 Peace Poster Contest is "The Power of Peace." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. Have you ordered your peace poster kits?

#### FOOTHILL REGION REPORT (continued).....

change clothes and head for the Ontario Masonic Lodge for the Ontario-Upland Lions annual bunco night. More tickets were sold than there were attendees but that just meant more food and desserts for those who came. With 48 dice rollers, we had a good group, made a little charity money and had lots of fun. Just the food was worth the price of admission (\$15).

Pomona Host Lions recently had their annual bowl-a-thon in Diamond Bar and at last report knocked down about \$9K. Pomona Host was on a roll.

After the zone reports and a delicious lasagna dinner catered by Lion Andrea Busby of Ontario Host Lions, we had the region level student speakers contest. Miss Tayyaba Mosavi representing Walnut-Diamond Bar and Zone "C" gave a good account of herself and a heartfelt proposal for water conservation. Kasey Lynn Hill speaking for Pomona Breakfast and Zone "B" had so much to say on the subject of "Water- will California be left high and dry" that she ran overtime. She really soaked up the information and poured it out quite effusively. Madeline Zhu speaking for Cucamonga District Host and Zone "A" showered the audience with facts and data that has us gasping for liquid refreshment. Her performance earned her \$125.00 and a slot at the district contest on Sunday, April 19th in Costa Mesa. Madeline was the district winner last year as a sophmore and her speech this year is an award winner again. Go Maddy! Join us at the Cabinet meeting and drink it in.

Fabulous Foothill is flying high. Good thing. There's apparently not enough water to be in the swim of things. Come fly with Foothill and sponsor a new member. Everybody wins.

Share the Pride. Stay in the Pink Avoid the Pepto Days





# LIONS DISTRICT 4-L4 CONVENTION MAY 14-17<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

Your District Convention Committee is please to announce that our annual District Convention will be held at the Four Point Sheraton — Ventura Hotel in Ventura. The annual convention is always a fun-filled memorable weekend and a fitting tribute and celebration for our outgoing and incoming district administration.

This year's convention will include many customary events, the golf tournament, a special memorial service on Saturday, ID Luncheon, the Grand Ball on Saturday night and lots of hospitality. We will welcome those that arrive early on Thursday with a diner. You can root on your favorite Knight at the Friday morning medieval challenges and you won't want to miss the "British Invasion? To be held on Friday night. All this combined with the beautiful view of the Ventura Harbor promises to make this a memorable event.

Governor Elizabeth extends a warm invitation to all of you. On behalf of the Convention Committee, I would also extend that invitation. Join us to make the 2009 Convention a smashing success.

Don't miss out on the fun. Register early. We look forward to seeing you in Ventura.

Cheers in Lionism
Mike Scheafer, PDG
2009 Convention Chairman





## **OUTSTANDING ORANGE**

## REGION CHAIRMAN CAROL LINENHAN

Zen Saying "When an ordinary man attains knowledge, he is a sage; when a sage attains understanding, he is an ordinary man."

Today I attended the memorial service of a truly remarkable Lion, Marjorie Vallancey. She was a fun loving and innovated member of the Huntington Beach Host Lion Club. Her disabilities never hampered her ability to accomplish projects. She became a Lion while in her seventies. The Laughlin Bus Trip and the Braille Institute projects were started by Marj and have become yearly events. Lion Marj will truly be missed by her Club and many Lions in District 4L4.

Some truly remarkable and gifted students participated in the Orange Region Student Speaker Zone Contests. I had the pleasure of attending the Zone B and C contest. The Fullerton Host Club Speaker Colin Wilkie was the "Zone A" winner. The "Zone B" winner of the contest Sharon Kong a junior from Esperanza High School was the Orange County Korean Americans speaker. Jordan Valdez a junior who attends Loara High School representing the Anaheim Club and Buena Park Noon speaker was senior Kenny Chen. "Zone C" winner representing the Stanton Lions Club was Mabel Tsui a Leo and Troy High School Freshman. I want to express my gratitude to my three Zone Chairs Lions Roy Ramsland, Mike Smith and Renee Schulte for doing an excellent job of organizing and running the Zone Level Contests.







ORANGE REGION REPORT (continued).....

"It is not the answer that enlightens, but the Question" – lonesco

Anaheim Host donated \$2300 for Eye Care. We welcome their new member Lion Alex Khojikian . Buena Park Noon provided eye exams and glasses for twelve students. The Leo club of Fullerton Breakfast canvassed their neighborhood and collected 127 pairs of eyeglasses. . Fullerton Host donated and delivered 1500 Flags to

first graders. La Habra Host held their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual St Patrick's Dinner/Dance benefit on March13th. Orange County Central hosted a Spaghetti Dinner/ Bingo night. Seal Beach Host helped make the streets of Seal Beach safe this St Patrick's Day with their annual Designated Driver Program. . Also eight of their members participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. Some of the members even wore Speedo's. Not a pretty sight to see. Seal Beach welcomes their new member Lion Cathi Lande.

### SEAL BEACH LIONS CELEBRATES 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

By Region Chairman Carol Linehan

"The greatest thing in the world is to know how to be one's own self." — Maya Angelou  $\,$ 

**Seal Beach Host Lions Club** recently celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The club is about love, service, eagerness, self-esteem and pleasure so "Amore" was a natural selection for the theme.

This Club knows how to throw great party! The desire was for the party to be lovely and affordable for all members. The goal was to reminisce about the Seal Beach Lions. Under the chairmanship of Lion Jackie Maloney the goals were met. The Lion members and the Seal Beach Leos produced a first class event---Seal Beach style. Lion members decorated, made appetizers, served food, created unique centerpieces, worked the bar, baked cookies and put on a slide show. Guests' apparel ranged from Tuxedos to Hawaiian shirts and shorts. They even had a brief visit from the "Pope" (aka Lion Bill Howes) and "Caesar" (aka Lion Dave Hubbard). The Master of Ceremony for the evening was Lion Bruce Gormly. The song master was Lion Dewey Linehan. Lion Scott **Newton** recapped the history of the Club's last seventy years... Over the years the club had quite a mix of members: City mayors, City council members, police chiefs, doctors, lawyers, teachers, dentists, real estate agents, plumbers, electricians, policemen, firemen, restaurant owners, financial planners, salesmen, nurses, programmers, scientists, bar owners, biologists, car salesman, musicians, caterers, ministers, military and retied military, government analysts, travel agents and not to mention several Lion District Governors (PDG Ellen Liebherr). The unfortunate joke in the Club was that at two different times in the past seventy years they had money set aside for a building their own Seal Beach Lions Clubhouse. Never happened. Oh well, they could have been sitting on a Gold Mine.

Congressman Dana Rhorabacher led the Pledge of Allegiance and presented **Lion President Ray Longoria** with a Proclamation. Congressman Rhorabacher praised the Club for all that it has done and continues to do for the City of Seal Beach, our region and international communities.

Vice District Governor Judy and husband George Schnitzer along with Past District Governor Barbara and husband Ron Hayward , Cabinet Treasure Marianne and husband Mike Allen and "First Dude" Mike Liebherr attended the celebration.

The **Huntington Beach Host Lions Club** who sponsored the Seal Beach Lions Club seventy years ago had eleven of their members in attendance. **Past District Governor Jim North** was kidded that "yes" they would be eligible for winning the door prizes. .

Seal Beach City Council Member Charles Antos was also in attendance along with Captain Jon Kutz form the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station. Captain Kutz praised the **Lions** for how much they continue to support the community.

The fabulous Disk Jockey James King was the entertainer for the night. He sang and played a variety of tunes, and the crowd showed off their dance moves? Yours truly, in my very off key voice. sang along with James to Amore and also did a little dance around the room.













# POMONA HOST LIONS CLUB

The club spotlight this month focuses on the oldest club in the district, Pomona Host Lions. Chartered March 4, 1921, the club has seen a high water mark of over 160 members. Currently it's reporting about 35. It's history contained 3 International Counselors (that's what they used to be called) and one Council Chairman.

Emory R. Yundt, a charter member, was governor in 1923-24 when this was District 4. He was a grand old gentleman and was still attending meetings in the 70's before he deceased. Roy O. Day was governor in 1937-38 when the student speakers contest was getting started and this was District 4E. Lion Roy was a successful printer and political activist for the Republican party. It was during the Great Depression and in order to keep up the clubs membership and spirit of service, he paid the dues of many members, keeping the club alive and active. A musician, Esper H. Kaiser was governor in 1950-51. He was a big band leader and enjoyed renown throughout the area. It was at this time that Pomona Host had quite a famous bond that entertained at many conventions including International.

Lion Phil Browne, also a musician and band director, was governor in 1995-96 and Chairman of the Council of Governors in 1996-97. Lion Phil was the marching band director and head of the music department at Cal Poly Pomona. He conducted the concert orchestra and marching band for many years and when Cal Poly eliminated their football program he quipped that he was the only marching band director for a volleyball team.

Another notable musician of Pomona Host was the beloved Raymond Adams. Lion Ray was club secretary for 40 years, his term ending with the total loss of his hearing in 1986. In his musical career he was famous as the organ player at the Fox Theater in Pomona during the vaudeville and silent movie era. It was said that Lion Ray knew every song that was ever requested and played without any sheet music. Lionism was a full time job for Lion Ray Adams.

Lion Bill Blackwell, a.k.a. "the Water Boy", started the Braille Bus program in 1964. It was and is a service project getting local blind people to Braille Institute via charter bus. Volunteer Lions would fan out on Tuesday morning and pick up the riders at their homes and take them to a local church where they caught the bus to Braille Institute. In the afternoon the Lions would pick up their blind friends from the bus and deliver them home again. Lion Blackwell drove the bus for many years until the insurance company said "WHOA". He was in his mid seventies and the insurers wouldn't stretch their luck any further. Pomona Host had to pay for a driver but the volunteers still did their AM/PM routes. Lion Bill was also noted for dropping the occasional wet napkin on the chair of an unwary member. You weren't truly a member of Pomona Host until you had been "baptized" by the Water Boy.

In the late nineties Pomona Host in conjunction with Pomona Breakfast Lions and Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions, raised funds and obtained a matching grant from LCIF and built a sight and hearing clinic that cares for the students of Pomona Unified School District. That has become their major service project and is supported by their (Pomona Host) annual Bowl-A-Thon.

Once the biggest and still the oldest, Pomona Host is going strong.



As part of our major branding initiative, Lions Clubs International is launching a new English Web site on Monday, March 30, 2009. This new Web site will make it easier to find information, complete tasks, explain who Lions are and what we do and tell the Lions' story dramatically in pictures and in words.

The new Web site will have familiar sections, including **About Lions**, **The Foundation and News and Events**.

There will also be new sections: *Our Impact* will include stories and photos that show how Lions make a difference. Plus, "*Tips and Tools*" for projects. *Online Community* will allow Lions to connect with other Lions on MySpace, YouTube, Facebook and Twitter and share their stories and photos with Headquarters.

A new *Member Center* will provide information that Lions need to do service projects and manage clubs and districts.

Please note that the *Member Center* will contain the same content as our current Web site. So, any information you've accessed on our current Web site will still be available to you on the new site. We will enhance the *Member Center* content and navigation later this year.

The following features of the current Lions Clubs International Web site will not change on March 30, 2009:

- Submitting Reports: Lions will have uninterrupted access to the current WMMR Web site.
- Language Sites: Our new Web site will launch in languages later this year. Our current language sites will stay online until we launch the new language Web sites.

To learn more about our new Web site, please read the article *"Setting Our 'Sites' on a Better Web"* in the March 2009 edition of LION Magazine.

## USED TOY DRIVE

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Used Toy Drive, by Cucamonga District Host Lions Club For Santa

Claus Inc.

# CHRISTMAS in March 21<sup>st</sup> thru May 7<sup>th</sup>

- Toys with missing pieces
- Unwanted toys
- · Of course we'll take New Toys



For toy pick-up Contact: Alice-Faye Peugh 909-989-2232 (leave a message) or Barbara Barclay 909- 987-5450





33rd Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
September 24-26, 2009
Memphis, Tennessee

Move to Grow - Lions Leading Through Service

REGISTER EARLY FOR THE BEST SAVINGS ON REGISTRATION FEE <a href="http://usacanadalionsforum.org">http://usacanadalionsforum.org</a>



# **Lions Clubs International 2009 Convention Minneapolis, Minnesota**

July 6-10, 2009

The International Convention Parade -Tuesday July 7

Several tours and events are planned, such as a Twins / Yankees baseball game, Minnesota Lions Eye Bank Tour, Riverboat Sight Seeing Cruise, Riverboat Dinner Cruise, and a golf outing at the renowned Hastings Country Club.

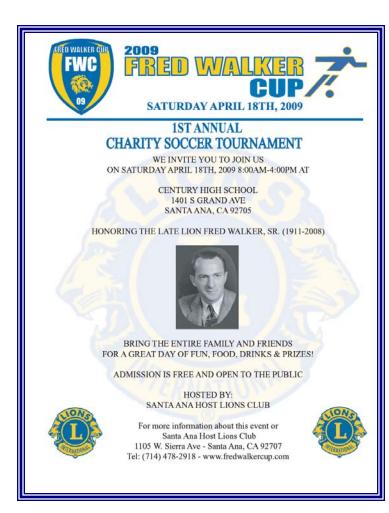
http://www.2009lionsconvention.org/index.html

#### **CSFII SURPASSES GOAL**

Campaign SightFirst II has surpassed the \$150 million minimum goal. On Worldwide Report Day February 20, National and Multi-National Coordinators' telephone calls and reports revealed that Lions have raised more than US\$157.9 million for CSFII. With four months remaining, Lions are now looking ahead to the additional challenge goal and helping ensure the future of SightFirst through continued and expanded efforts to eliminate preventable blindness worldwide. Lions' support of CSFII is crucial in the remaining months. Visit the CSFII Web site for more information on the campaign and fundraising ideas.

#### **LCIF #1 N.G.O. ADS AVAILABLE**

In a special report released in July, LCIF was ranked the number one non-governmental organization worldwide. From 34 global organizations, LCIF came in first. As a result of the ranking, LCIF has received a great deal of media coverage and has also placed special ads in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and several other nationwide daily newspapers around the world. These ads are available to download online for Lions to use in their local newspapers as well. To localize the information, simply add a local telephone number and club Web site. The press release of this announcement is also online to share with your local media





# SPECTACULAR SADDLEBACK

#### REGION CHAIRMAN JOAN PARKS

Spring has just begun and Saddleback clubs are very busy. After speaking with most of the club presidents this past month, on behalf of the Governor, I find that most clubs have some possibilities of new members, about twelve. As a reminder, the Governor is asking that no members be dropped. Membership is one of the most important parts of our organization. You are all such great members, no matter how much you put into your clubs, it's the glue that makes it work. You know someone you can invite, do it today. Or is there a member you've been missing, talk with them and get them back involved.

The Zone Chairmen have been busy with Zone Meetings and Student Speaker's contests. Zone A Chairman, Carol Van Holt has a Chili Cook-off planned for later in April for all four of the Zone A clubs.

The Saddleback Region Meeting is set for April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Citrus Café in Tustin. We will hold the Region Student Speaker's contest. Saddleback Region Clubs, get out there and attend to support the students and clubs in our Region at this contest. Student Speaker Region Chairman, Lion Cherrill Cady has worked hard to set this night up.

In February Huntington Beach Host Lions held their annual Valentines Brunch and also their Fourth Annual Worst Night at The Movies, featuring Killer Klowns! They are in the midst of preparations for their annual Crab Fest, April 5<sup>th</sup>. In service they had donations of 36 pairs of eyeglasses, 11 hearing aids and provided eyeglasses to several local school children.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions celebrated their 82<sup>nd</sup> year as a club. The Santa Ana Host Lions are planning the first Annual Charity Soccer Tournament honoring the late Lion, Fred Walker. The Orange County Chinese American Club is keeping consistent with 80% of their members at every meeting.

Tustin Host Lions have been very busy recording and reading for the blind. Mission Viejo Lions worked 100 service hours and raised over \$1000 with the AYSO Pancake Breakfast. Harbor Mesa Lions have been busy with visitations, Ronald McDonald House, Lucy and Ethyl's Bingo Parlor, and planning their Annual Garage Sale on Saturday, April  $4^{\rm th}$ .

Keep up the good work and community support. Until next month.....Lion Joan



ON MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> THE COACHES FOR THE 2009 NORTH/SOUTH PREP ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME WERE NAMED IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE OF 600 AT THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS BANQUET AT THE ANAHEIM CONVENTION CENTER.

LEFT TO RIGHT: BILL MCLERAN/BREA LIONS BOARD, DAVE COLEMAN/BREA LIONS PRESIDENT, HEAD COACH SOUTH BRIAN BARNES/TESORO H.S., HEAD COACH NORTH JOHN BARNES/LOS ALAMITOS H.S., DR. LES SAMUELSON/GAME CHAIRMAN, & PHIL ANTON/GAME COORDINATOR

#### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BREA LIONS CLUB ORANGE COUNTY NORTH/SOUTH PREP ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME

Sponsored by: Orange County Youth Foundation, Inc. (Division of Brea Lions Club)

#### GAME

Friday, July 10, 2009 6:00 p.m. Gates Open Orange Coast College LeBard Stadium 7:15 p.m. Kick-off

#### TO BENEFIT CHARITIES

PADRE Foundation, Inc.
(Pediatric Adolescent Diabetic Research & Education)
Western Youth Services
Orange County Youth Foundation, Inc.
Local high schools and youth groups

#### **GAME TICKETS**

\$9.00 (pre sale) \$10.00 (at game)

Tax Deductable (to the extent as allowed by law)

Available at Orange County High Schools (after May 1st)

or by calling the above three charities

#### **ALL-STAR RECOGNITION DINNER**

Thurs., May 28<sup>th</sup> @ Brea Community Center Media (complimentary) R.S.V.P. w/ Phil Anton (public) \$16.00 R.S.V.P. w/ Bill Hall 714/978-0333

For further info, contact Phil Anton, Game Coordinator (714) 529-1201

### 2008-2009 DISTRICT CALENDAR

April 4	Harbor Mesa Annual Garage Sale
April 5	Huntington Beach Crab Fest
April 6	Saddleback Region Meeting
April 18	Santa Ana Host Charity Soccer Tournament
April 19	Cabinet Meeting
April 19	Huntington Beach Host Earth Day Fundraiser
April 22	Earth Day
April 25	Lions Worldwide Induction Day
April 25	Seal Beach Host Pancake Breakfast
April 25	Orphanages of Thailand Restaurant Fundraiser
May 9	Huntington Beach Host Pancake Breakfast
May 14-17	District 4-L4 Convention
May 31-June 1	Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions Fish Fry
June 5	World Environment Day
July 6-10	Lions Clubs International Convention, Minneapolis MN
July 10	Brea North/South All Star Football Game
July 18-19	Seal Beach Lions Fish Fry & Car Raffle
Sept 24-25	USA/Canada Forum

## **ATTENTION**

## CLUB PRESIDENTS, CLUB SECRETARIES, CLUB EVENT CHAIRMEN

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

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

SHOW YOUR CLUB OFF THROUGH THE DISTRICT 4-L4 FORUM

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