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

I want to thank every one who made the effort to come to our third Cabinet Meeting last Saturday. It was a very special one because we honored the Past District Governors of 4-L4, or as I now affectionately call them – Persnickety Dissolute Gadabouts!! It was good to see so many of them in attendance.

In the last Forum, Lion Tom Brown listed the names of the clubs who had donated to the District Fire Relief Fund and I want to say thank you to the following clubs and donors who have made donations since then – Walnut/Diamond Bar \$100, Ontario Host Lions \$1000, Tustin Host Lions \$500, Lions District 4-C3 \$1000, an anonymous donation of \$200 via Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions, G. Roger Ellison MD \$100, and the Van Holt Family \$200. We are looking for a particular need within the fire-damaged area to make a donation of these moneys.

I want to congratulate IPDG Jon Casteel and his committee for arranging a wonderful Melvin Jones dinner in Costa Mesa on January 24th. 22 Melvin Jones Fellowships were awarded – new and progressive. What a great way for clubs to recognize outstanding service to Lionism!

Following the presentation by Virgil Garduque at the Cabinet Meeting, the Orange County Rescue Mission was endorsed as an official project of District 4-L4. I encourage all of you to go on line to www.rescuemission.org and see what an amazing place it is, very deserving of our time and donations.

Our Student Speaker program will be well under way by the time you read this, and I am looking forward to hearing the interesting speeches on this year's topic – "Water – Will California be Left High and Dry?" It is this kind of program which brings non-Lions to our various meetings, and allows them to see some of the work we do. It is an ideal chance to encourage new members!! I have inducted, and heard of the induction of, several new members in the last month, and judging by the number of hands raised at the Cabinet meeting when clubs were asked about prospective members, we are moving in the right direction towards another net increase for this Lions year. You have five months left to make sure that you meet my challenge – a minimum 10% net increase for each club in the district. I know you can do it!!

I'll see you at the Region Student Speaker Meetings, if not before.

Take care, remember February is the month of love, and Lions serve with a lot of love,

Always yours in Lionism,

Elizabeth

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In January, my VDG journey continued as George and I traveled to District 4-L3's 2nd District Membership Meeting which was held in Torrance. Upon arriving at the Torrance Marriott Hotel, we were greeted by our hosts, VDG Rudy Salvio and Lion Ludy and as usual were treated as royalty. After checking in and a little bit of rest, we were treated, along with the other guests in attendance, to a dinner at a local restaurant. The meal was delicious and of course we ate too much! The next day it was an early morning call where we were whisked away to the Toyota Automobile Museum where breakfast was served (prepared by 4-L3 members)--what a feast that was--we had eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit, sweet rolls, donuts, muffins, etc. And again we ate too much! After breakfast, the meeting was called to order and the business session began. It's so interesting to see how other districts do things and the one thing I've enjoyed the most is meeting so many wonderful Lions and to hear about how each district serves people and the different community projects they do. After the meeting, we were invited to lunch with some of the group. That evening they were honoring the Club Presidents with a dinner and dance; however, George and I could not attend this affair as it was my club's (Tustin Host) 60th Anniversary celebration and we had to get back for that occasion. But I understand it is quite an affair and the Presidents are spotlighted by a Grand March, etc. To sum up, it was another grand VDG visitation!

On January 17-19, Lion Martha Hebert of Ontario Upland Lions Club, Lion Vanna Sharp of La Habra Host Lions Club and myself attended the Senior Leadership Institute at Harris Ranch in Coalinga, CA. I must say the instructors were fantastic and the information we received is immeasurable. They even had a graduation ceremony for us. If you have not attended this Leadership Institute, you must put it down on your calendar for next year.

Another MUST for you Lions is the upcoming MD4 Convention Membership Forum, "Come Ask The Experts" to be held on February 13, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. It will be moderated by ID Dana Biggs and the Lions All Star Line Up is: PDG Carl Burson - "Recruiting", PID Bill Crawford - "Forming Internet Clubs", PIP Kay Fukushima - "How do we do it?" and PIP Bill Biggs - "Retention, how do we use them or keep them?" Come to learn, share and be inspired by the greatest, most talented Lions in MD4. You'll leave better prepared, excited and committed to grow in Lions!

I invite each of you to think about what Lionism means to you, when you joined your club you had a vision of what you would like to accomplish, it is time now to re-examine that vision, and strengthen your resolve to make your club stronger and assist with growth in your club and our district. Each member contributes what he or she has to offer and that creates a TEAM. Please visit your inner self and draw from your heart so that we can continue to grow. If you need assistance, or just want to ask a question, the MERLO TEAM is here to help, and I am proud to say that I am a part of that TEAM. If you don't ask, we can't help.

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.

Another Melvin Jones Dinner has passed. Congratulations to all the first time recipients and to those who received progressive Melvin Jones. This is the higher honor a Club can bestow upon their members.

Kudos to Lion Carol Linehan for a great Cabinet meeting that was held on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Meadowlark Golf Club. If you were not there you missed a great meeting and a lot of fun.

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.

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.



DIAMOND BAR BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

Presents

DRUMMING for KIDS

A multicultural drum concert



DATE : Sunday, February 22nd, 2009
TIME : 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
PLACE : Diamond Bar High School Theater
 21400 E. Pathfinder Road
 Diamond Bar, CA 91765
 (57 fwy./Pathfinder Road)

Ticket prices: \$10 for adults and \$8 for children

**All Proceeds will go towards various organizations for kids, service projects, and community activities*

For more information contact: Wanda Tanaka (909) 861-0142



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 # _____ 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



2ND ORANGE REGION MEETING REGION STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST



Tuesday March 31, 2009
 6:30 Mingle 7:00 Meeting 7:15 Dinner
 7:45 Region Student Speaker Contest

Westridge Golf Club
 1400 S La Habra Hills Dr, La Habra, Ca 90631

IF YOUR CLUB HAS A STUDENT COMPETING AT THE REGION LEVEL, IT IS YOUR CLUB'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS AND PAY FOR THE STUDENT AND FAMILY.

Orange Region Meeting – Tuesday March 31, 2009
 (Please send reservation by 3/23/2009)

Club Name _____
 Names _____
 (List names on reverse side of form)

Telephone # _____ Email _____
 Number of Reservations _____ @ \$15 = _____

Check # _____ Check Amount \$ _____

Mail to: Lion Carol Linehan
 4729 Rey Drive, Huntington Beach, Ca 92649-3260
 714-846-2478
 CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: **DISTRICIT 4L4**



**SIGHT AND HEARING MOBILE VEHICLE
REDESIGN CONTEST**

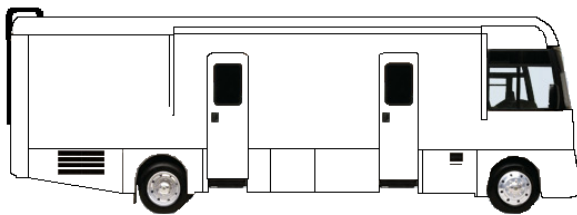
The Sight and Hearing Testing Vehicle is showing its years and it is time to remodel, repair equipment, and get a fresh new look. We are having a contest to design the new look for the outside of the Mobile.

Entries must be received by February 28th

Prize: A \$150 Cash Prize will be awarded to the single winning design chosen by majority decision of the Sight and Hearing Foundation Board. Winning the contest will not guarantee that your design will be used for the remodel. Final approval of a design to be translated to the remodel of the Mobile Vehicle will be at the discretion of the Sight and Hearing Foundation Board.

Rules:
This contest is open to anyone who would like to enter. The Mobile Vehicle redesign is not limited to any colors or design styles. It should probably say "Lions" somewhere but it is not necessary. Blank side views of the Sight and Hearing Mobile Vehicle are available to use as a base but use of this is not required. Work must be the original concept of the artist. Symbols and Logos (such as those of Lions International or the Sight and Hearing Foundation) may be used only if it is very clear that this symbol is representative of that organization.

If you have any questions please contact Jeff Carroll at ucilionjeff@yahoo.com



ANNUAL POMONA HOST LIONS



**March 7
6:00 pm
Oak Tree Lanes
Diamond Bar**

Join the Pomona Host Lions for their single biggest fundraiser of the year.

If you would like to participate, pledge forms are available.

Contact President Steve King @ (909) 392-7825

**HARBOR MESA LIONS CLUB
PRESENTS**



**LUCY & ETHYL'S
BINGO PARLOR**

**MONDAY, MARCH 16, 6:30 PM
COSTA MESA COUNTRY CLUB
1701 GOLF COURSE DRIVE
COSTA MESA**

**COME VISIT US FOR A FUN EVENING OF
DINNER, BINGO, AND LOTS OF LAUGHS,
SURPRISES AND PRIZES!!**

**COST: DINNER \$18
BINGO CARDS \$5 EACH, THREE FOR \$10**

**RESERVATIONS (DEADLINE 3/10)
CALL LION LYNN (714) 979-5257**

Seal Beach Host Lions Club
Cordially invites you to their
70th Anniversary Celebration

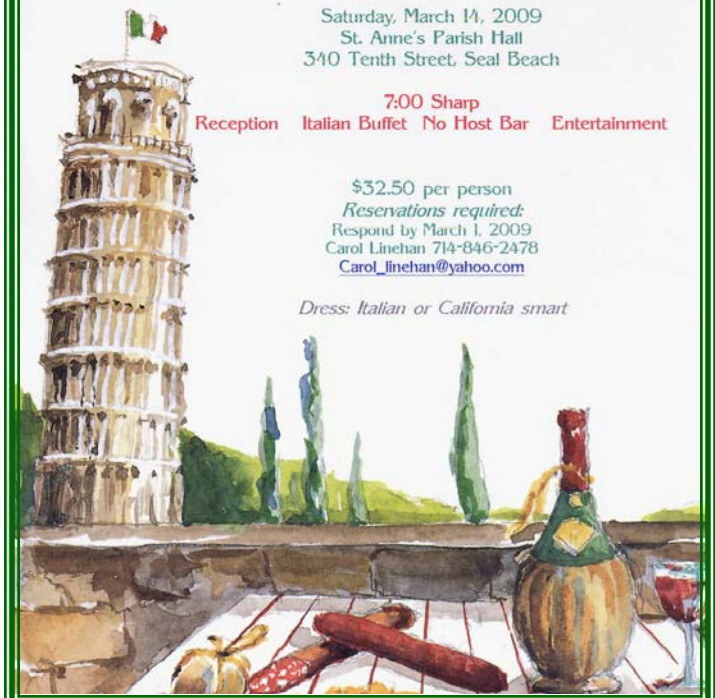
"That's Amore"

Saturday, March 14, 2009
St. Anne's Parish Hall
340 Tenth Street, Seal Beach

7:00 Sharp
Reception Italian Buffet No Host Bar Entertainment

\$32.50 per person
Reservations required:
Respond by March 1, 2009
Carol Linehan 714-846-2478
Carol_linehan@yahoo.com

Dress: Italian or California smart





CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

PDG CHUCK OVERBEY

As I stated last month in my article, the holiday season can be very stressful. I thought we had made it through this difficult time without losing any Lions, but I was wrong.

Richard Takakjian was a proud member of the Huntington Beach Lions Club. He was born June 19, 1935 in Fresno CA. He passed away on December 19, 2008 in Huntington Beach. Richard had a long career in electronics which started in 1957 at Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach. It concluded 49 years later when he retired from Douglas in 2008. Richard had a second career which he perused concurrently with his employment at Douglas. He was a Hollywood Stunt Man and worked with a group called the Brimstone Boys. They did several well known series such as Gunsmoke, Maverick, Bonanza, and others. He also worked as a stuntman at Knott's Berry Farm.

Richard joined the Huntington Beach Lions Club in 1995 and he served as Club President during the 2002-2003 Lions Year. He loved Lions and was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship in June of 2008 for his dedication to our causes. Richard was a terrific Lion

Robert Eugene Burnett was born April 12, 1928 in Los Angeles CA. He started Burnett Engraving Company in Fullerton, which he ran for many years. Bob became a charter member of the Fullerton Lions Breakfast Club in June of 1965 and he served in all offices. In his 44 years of Lions Service, he received many honors and recognitions including a Melvin Jones Fellowship. He passed away on January 13, 2009 in Fullerton CA after a long bout with kidney Cancer. Bob was a very dedicated Lion and he will be missed.

FROM YOUR EDITOR

I want to thank all of you who have sent your best wishes after my recent surgery. It really wasn't that bad of an experience since I got to the hospital before my appendix ruptured. Of course, the vicoden helps too.

However, this is an excellent opportunity to remind you all not to ignore what your body is telling you. Unusual pains should be taken seriously. My experience was first a tightening in the abdominal area; not a pain in the side. I went to bed, thinking it would go away just to wake about 4 hours later with a more severe pain, still in the abdominal area. I gave it one hour's thought before waking Mike to take me to the hospital. I had never been to the ER before but I knew that this was an unusual pain and I didn't second guess that my body was telling me I needed medical attention.

I had an incredible amount of luck going for me – seeking early diagnosis, an empty emergency room, and an opening in the OR for immediate surgery. I was in my hospital bed, recovering comfortably within a 5 hour period.

I can't tell you how many of the staff at Hoag Hospital told me that people usually wait too long to seek medical help. Listen to your body. It gives you warnings not to be ignored.

Regards PDG Ellen

MEMBERSHIP

By Lion Dave Hubbard

Sell, Sell, Sell, but Have a Closer Available...

Have you ever noticed that when you go to buy a car, there is always someone there to show you the cars, to find what you are looking for, and sell it to you. As soon as you sit down, suddenly, there is someone else there to "make a deal" with you. That someone is the closer. He will inform you and "assist" you until the deal is done.

When recruiting new members, it is sometimes helpful to have a closer. You have met someone that is interested in becoming a member but you're not sure how to proceed. The closer can help. They can make the prospective member comfortable. Help them to understand who Lions are and what they are about. They can provide an understanding of what goes on at a club meeting. Many times, this is the difference between gaining and losing a new member.

The closer is generally a person with enthusiasm about being a Lion. They are knowledgeable about your club and Lions in general. If you have a closer in your club, use them. Most of the time, they are not interested in being the sponsor. They are interested in the club gaining a new member. If you don't have a closer in your club, call a member of the District Membership Committee. They will be happy to help. We want your club to grow. Growth gives us the ability to more of the things we want to accomplish. So don't delay **SELL, SELL, SELL**, but have a closer available.



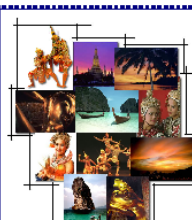
Annual Leo District 4-L4

Orphanages of Thailand Restaurant Fundraiser

Join us for a social gathering to interact with Leos and Lions throughout the District! There will be outstanding Thai food and entertainment available for your enjoyment.

Encourage your friends and family members to join as well!

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Orphanages of Thailand!



Date: Saturday, April 25, 2009

Time: 12 pm to 3 pm (Lunched served 12:30-1:30)

Location: Rachada Thai Restaurant
13416 E. Imperial Hwy.
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Tickets: Adults - \$20 per person
18 and under - \$15 per person

For information, to RSVP, and to purchase tickets, contact:
Lion John Doogan

Phone: (714) 995-8800

Cell: (714) 380-0433

Email: jdoogan@sigma-digital.com

Orphanages of Thailand
P.O. Box 287
Stanton, CA 90680





FABULOUS FOOTHILL

**REGION CHAIRMAN
KEN SHERWOOD**

Fabulous Foothill really is fabulous. You can't do better than 100%. That's the percentage of clubs participating in the 72nd annual student speakers contest in Foothill. Many clubs had trouble getting speakers from their local high schools. The solution was to use speakers from a high school not in their home town. "Can we do that?" If there is not a sponsoring club in a given city, clubs may use speakers from that high school. One H. S. is supplying speakers for four different local clubs. In Pomona a charter high school is providing speakers for both of the Pomona clubs with the caveat that they must be different students for each contest. "No student may speak at more than one club contest during the Lions year". That is a disqualifier, as one student found out last year. (story). The public high schools in Pomona couldn't supply speakers with the excuses that, "we don't have speech classes", "we don't have debate teams", "the kids have stage fright". With \$103,000.00 in scholarship money available in California, they should "get over it". Learning good effective public speaking will carry them their entire life no matter what they endeavor to do. With a juicy topic like we have this year, the speeches should flow. The excuses for not participating are all wet. I felt like telling the guidance councilors to dry up, but I might want to go to that well again next year. With a cup full of courage they could win a barrel full of cash.

On another topic, I can't stress the importance of the monthly reports strongly enough. The officers serving your clubs don't know where help is needed or where to advise without information on club attendance and activities or the lack thereof. Yes, we are mind readers but we can't read where there is nothing. We're not quite 100% there but it's dern gud. Let 'em flow Foothill. Saturate us with with reports. We need 'em. We love 'em.

We drink them in. We want to know about yer doins. I know some great things are acomin'. The BIG SIP is in the works. 7 courses with 7 different wines and entertainment to boot. Come eat, drink and---call a taxi. Brought to you by the Cucamonga District Host Lions. Speaking of rides, Ontario Host is planning the first annual car show which they hope to make their major fundraiser to help drive their charities. Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions have a model fundraiser coming. Their annual fashion show will be at the Double Tree in Claremont this year. Good food, good venue, good fashions and modeling like you've never seen before but will want to see again. Take the plunge. Immerse yourself. You'll be all wet if you don't.

Stay in the pink
Avoid the PEPTO days



Hearing & Speech Action News

By Lion Keith Campbell

NO INTRODUCTION NEEDED

Most of you know Lion Jeff Carroll, PhD, even though he is still somewhat of a "new" Lion. As Charter President of the UC Irvine Lions Club he has taken our "We Serve" motto very seriously and is now District 4-L4 Webmaster, Vice President of the 4-L4 Sight & Hearing Foundation and spark plug of the proposed mega-dollar project - Lion's Hearing Clinic & Research Center at UC Irvine.

The reason I am telling you this is that Lion Jeff has agreed to act as a hearing aid provider for the District Hearing Aid Bank. Working from his office at the UCI Medical Center in Orange, he is now providing hearing aids to referrals generated from Hearing Aid Applications received by the Hearing Aid Bank. In this capacity he has found a source of new, high quality instruments at a price and warranty that compares favorably with the refurbished hearing aids we have been using.

Having said this, I want to remind you that **you are the key** to making this service available to the community, by seeking out needy hearing impaired persons and referring them to your Hearing Aid Bank.

Your Club can sponsor a needy member of the community by contacting me or by making a contribution directly to the Hearing Aid Bank, which is a District Approved Project of the 4-L4 Sight & Hearing Foundation. Hearing Aid Applications are available from me at the address below and will soon be available on the District web site at www.district4l4.org. Are you ready to do your part?

Ontario-Upland Lions BUNCO

✓ Saturday, March 21, 2009
6:15 p.m. Sharp

✓ Ontario Masonic Lodge
1025 N. Vine Ave.
Ontario, CA

✓ Donation \$15.00

✓ Please be age 12 or older

✓ Come and enjoy snacks, desserts, and chances to win raffle prizes!



For more information contact Loyce Mejias (909) 986-4520
For more information contact Loyce Mejias 909-986-4520.



THE LIONS
4TH DISTRICT

STUDENT SPEAKER
FOUNDATION

By Lion Ken Sherwood

Being a Melvin Jones Fellow is top of the line for any Lion. In Multiple District Four being a Fellow of the Student Speaker Foundation is top of the prestige line. It's high praise indeed for a club's student speaker chairman or any deserving Lion to be named a Student Speaker Fellow.

A Past International President HARRY J. ASLAN Fellowship comes with a distinctive red lapel pin and can be obtained for \$200.00. A Past International Director DWIGHT STANFORD Fellowship is \$300.00 and comes with a white lapel pin. Father of the Student Speaker Foundation PDG DONALD SCHNEIDER Fellowship has a light blue lapel pin for \$400.00. Top of the line is the FRED W. SMITH Fellowship. This fellowship is named for PIP Fred W. Smith who extended the student speakers contest throughout Multiple District four. It comes with a dark blue lapel pin for a donation of \$500.00.

When you have all four fellowships you automatically receive the purple four-point star ALL FELLOWS pin, joining a select group of Lions which includes Chairman of the Council of Governors IPDG Bill Dunlevy.

A banner/vest Supporter Patch is yours for a contribution of \$100.00 and a chevron with the year for each succeeding donation of \$100.00.

When you are an ALL FELLOW, you may join the bequest club by naming the Foundation in your will. You need not specify the amount. This comes with a very handsome and distinctive lapel pin.

The Student Speaker Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit corporation and all donations are fully tax deductible. Contributions may be sent to: Lions 4th District Student Speakers Foundation, Inc., 331 Spur Trail Ave., Walnut, CA 91789. PDG Al Ohrmund (4-L2), President.

OR Student Speaker Foundation Trustee (4-L4) Ken Sherwood, 6666 Dakota Ave., Alta Loma, CA 91737.

Make checks payable to: LIONS 4th DISTRICT STUDENT SPEAKERS FOUNDATION, INC.

Support Education
Support Lions Youth Activities

2008-2009 TOPIC

**"Water - Will California
Be Left High and Dry?"**

Club Contest must be completed by February 23, 2009

MD4 CONVENTION
MEMBERSHIP FORUM
"COME ASK THE EXPERTS"

FEBRUARY 13, 2009
10:30 AM

MODERATED BY INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
DANA BIGGS

LIONS ALL STAR LINE UP:

PDG CARL BURSON
"RECRUITING"

PID BILL CRAWFORD
"FORMING INERNET CLUBS"

PIP KAY FUKUSHIMA
"HOW DO WE DO IT"

PIP BILL BIGGS
"RETENTION, HOW DO WE USE THEM OR
KEEP THEM?"

COME TO LEARN, SHARE AND BE INSPIRED BY
THE GREATEST, MOST TALENTED LIONS IN MD4.
YOU'LL LEAVE BETTER PREPARED, EXCITED AND
COMMITTED TO GROW IN LIONS!

*Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions
Presents
Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show*

March 21, 2009 at 11 o'clock
Double Tree Hotel

555 West Foothill Boulevard, Claremont
\$30.00 per person to help Support Lion Charities
Includes Lunch served at 11:45
Fashion Show, Door Prize Drawing

Fashions By Coldwater Creek Victoria Gardens



Grand Prize Drawing Ticket \$1.00 each

1st Prize One Week Stay at Resort of Choice
2nd Prize Two Night Stay DoubleTree Hotel Claremont
with Full Breakfast Buffet for two each Morning
3rd Prize \$100 Cash

For Information Contact:
Lion Barbara Abramovitz 909 349-1765
or Lion Terese Ganser 909 980-3414



DISTRICT 4L4 CONVENTION

Convention Highlights



GOLF on Thursday

**Early Arrivals Thursday Night
Caravan to a local Restaurant**



Medieval Games - Friday Morning

**Jousting & Crossbow before the Royal Court.
Select your favorite Knight and if they are the
best Knight ye shall receive royal coins
Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah!**



Friday Night "A BRITISH INVASION"

**Dinner & dancing with a rock & roll band!
A tribute to British rock & roll
Dress like your favorite "Brit"**



Club Contest: Best British Rock & Roll Table Decor

Saturday Night Governors Banquet



**Sunday Breakfast - Keynote Speaker
OC Sheriff Sandra Hutchens**



Don't miss the fun!

LIONS DISTRICT 4-L4 CONVENTION MAY 14-17TH, 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



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OUTSTANDING ORANGE

**REGION CHAIRMAN
CAROL LINENHAN**

“We must have the courage to be happy.” – Henri Frederic Amiel
December 29th was a very special day. **Lion Jeff Carroll** Ph.D. and three of his colleagues presented an outstanding program about the vision of the new **Lions Hearing Clinic and Research Center at UCI**... The presenters explained the program, why they decided to become involved and how the Lions Clubs in the different Districts of MD4 can partner with them and make a difference in the communities we live in. The following Districts have already started collecting money for the Clinic. They are **4A3, 4L1, 4L2, 4L4 and 4L5**. MD4 has also approved it as a Lion Project. This is a WIN/WIN situation for the Lions, the research Doctors and UCI. The presenters were **Lion Raju Metharate, Ph.D., Lion Tom Lu, Ph.D.,** and Mark Bachman., PhD.

“If the path be beautiful, let us not ask where it leads.” – Anatole France
We had some special guests attending the presentation.: International President **Lions Al Brandel** & his wife **Maureen**, Past International Presidents **Lion Kay Fukushima** and **Lion Bill Biggs**, International Director **Lion Dana Biggs**, in addition to many past District Governor’s, Governor’s and Vice District Governors from all over California. A special guest, Paul Anderson, who received an implant from the Hearing Clinic and explained what his life had been like growing up in Texas and how it changed after he went to a Lions Camp for the Deaf. When Paul received his implant the first thing he told his wife was “I want to go to Disneyland.” International President **Lion Al** has a great sense of humor. I explained Dewey and I were in Boston at the International Convention when he was elected. He asked, “Did you vote for me”? I said, “What do you think”? So he said “I don’t know did you”? Then when I asked if Dewey and I could have our picture taken with him he said, “Do you really want your father in your picture”? He is a real charmer.



“To achieve great things we must live as though we were never going to die.” - Marquis de Vauvenargues
The publicity that Lions Club International is receiving is awesome. We were recognized in the Rose Parade with our Lions Float which was spectacular this year. **Lion John Doogan**, a **Stanton Lions Club** member, looked like he was having fun walking the parade route. If you missed seeing the parade and want a remembrance I’m sure they are still selling float pins.

“In this life we get only those things ... for which we are willing to sacrifice.” - George Matthew Adams. How many people all over the

United States do you think read January 2009 Self Magazine? If they did, then they know the month of April is the month to become healthier – Set Your Sights-- visit your eye doctor during Eye Health and Safety month. Hanging on to prescription glasses you no longer wear? Donate them to the **Lions Club International (LionsClub.org)** so others can see a bright future, too.

The Boeing Wellness Health Letter always has notable quotes under the section “Body, Mind & Soul”. In the December, 2008 issue it stated *“The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart.”* - Helen Keller.

“In the time we have it is surely our duty to do all the good we can to all the people we can in all the ways we can”. - William Barclay
Saturday January 17, 2009 was the Twentieth Annual Melvin Jones Dinner. There were about one hundred **Lions** and friends at the dinner. The dinner was dedicated to “Honor our Founder Melvin Jones”. I wonder if **Lion Melvin Jones** thought of the saying when he was forming **Lions Club International**. Past International President **Lion Kay K. Fukushima**, accompanied by his lovely wife Denise, was our Keynote Speaker and guest.

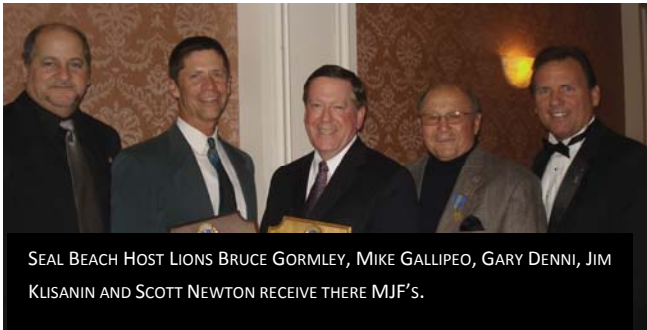


Lion Kay shared some really interesting stories about their travels all over the world as our International President. He explained about some of the other Projects that Lions Club International Foundation money is spent on. Our donations help people in nutritional programs, those with river blindness, and those in need of clean water. Donations help support schools, clinics, safe houses for men and women, purchasing needed seeds and building drip irrigation systems. He also had a few anecdotes about problems he has had keeping the back of his pants together. He had us laughing with the stories.



Lion Kay explained that those things can happen to anyone and we are all **Lions** working to make the **World** a better place and he just happened to serve as our International President. The event honored twenty brand new and progressive Melvin Jones Fellows.

The **Orange Region** recipients were: **Anaheim Lions Blanche Caveness and Trisha Throop, Buena Park Noon Lion Dr Bill Wewer, La Habra Host Lions Cindy Singer and Larry Spooner and Seal Beach Host Lions Gary Denni, Mike Gallipeo, Bruce Gormley, Jim Klisanin and Scott Newton.**



SEAL BEACH HOST LIONS BRUCE GORMLEY, MIKE GALLIPEO, GARY DENNI, JIM KLISANIN AND SCOTT NEWTON RECEIVE THERE MJF'S.



OUR GOOD LOOKIN' REGION CHAIRMEN LIONS CAROL, KEN & JOAN

“Admire those who attempt great things, even if they fail.” – Seneca The Student Speaker Contests is coming up. I hope your club is considering sponsoring a contest. If not find a club in your Zone or Region and attend theirs. These young students put so much effort into their speeches and remember they are our future. Please consider making a donation to the Student Speaker Foundation.

“When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece”. – John Ruskin Thank you to all one hundred and twenty-seven **Lions** from all over the District who attended the 3rd Cabinet Meeting. The meeting was kicked off with an open forum about “Membership” by **Lion Dave Hubbard**. Then the Cabinet Members had the distinct honor of escorting the **Past District Governors Jack P, Ed, Matt, Kurt, Kevin, Lowell, Phil, Mike, Dan, Chuck, Jim, Barbara, Jack L and Jon** into the room, while the songs Wind beneath My Wing (You Are My Hero) and Everyday Heroes were being played on the piano.

Governor Elizabeth presented each **Past District Governor** with bottles of wine. Our guests were visiting **Governor Pat Casey-Gillum** and her husband Frank from **4-A1**. **Virgil Garduque**, our Guest Speaker, **Thanked 4L4** for the generous donations to the Fire Victims and told us all about the Orange County Mission Operation. **Lion Bert Rameriz Costa Rican Lions Club** explained what has been going on in Costa Rica since the Earthquake. **Vice District Governor Judy Schnitzer** welcomed about twenty “first timers”. The **Orange Region** was represented by the following Lions Clubs **Anaheim, Buena Park Noon, Fullerton Host, Garden Grove Host, La Habra Host, Orange County Central, Orange County Costa Rica, Seal Beach Host and Stanton**. The joke of the day, if you liked the food I ordered it. If you didn't like the food the Governor ordered it.

“It is easy to be brave from a safe distance.” – Aesop Every year I enjoy going to the Teen Recognition Night. This is another marvelous way to honor our young adults who choose to be drug and alcohol free and to share their beliefs with their fellow students and friends.



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SPOTLIGHT ON THE POMONA BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB

SIT DOWN MARCHING BAND 7:00a.m. DING!

"God Bless America..." with trombone, trumpet, bass drum and snare. Loud, rousing and patriotic (does the trumpet player have the hiccups?). A real wake up call. Pledge; invocation; Lions spirit song.

RELIEF. Coffee. Then, "Pomona Breakfast Lions Club Band" a song written by a member for the members. Two of the band members, Lion Dale and Lion George, (used to be more of them) do a dance (more of a shuffle) to the song while they play. Then breakfast-that's what we're here for.

Most have the #4- separates the men from the sane: ham and egg omelet covered in chili verde sauce, rice, beans and salad with guacamole sauce and fresh salcita.

Business of the club, announcements, tail twisting, trivia, drawing. 8:00AM-adjourn. We're ready to face the day. Well, it is Friday and most members are retired so they've just had the high point of the day and only have to face their wives. No women in the club (not by choice) but they love visitors.


Diversity makes an interesting Lions Club. Accountant, property manager, electrician/inventor, textile plant manager, dentist (Toothaker REALLY!) , security guard, cabinet maker, audiologist, active Marine Sgt., printer, liquor salesman (he may be the most popular member) and "handsome". Former members included a Lion who owned a race horse that won the Kentucky Derby, an auto mechanic turned school teacher married to a Quarter Horse breeder rated tenth in the country. I miss my mechanic and I don't ride.

My grandchildren think the band is a celebrity band since I told them that George Streight plays in the group. He's the original George Streight (80+) and is the retired owner of Nit Wit Electric. Come to breakfast and get the story behind the name.

The only Friday these patriotic servants of Lionism don't meet is when the restaurant is closed (Good Friday). The only thing lacking is a large membership. The spirits don't soar any higher nor the heart get any bigger.

"We Serve" in so many ways. STRIKE UP THE BAND!

By FOOTHILL REGION CHAIRMAN Ken Sherwood
Associate Member, Pomona Breakfast Lions Club



*Love is an irresistible desire
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Robert Frost



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



SPECTACULAR SADDLEBACK

**REGION CHAIRMAN
JOAN PARKS**

Hello! Well, January is almost over as I write this column. It's actually the 20th, and our country has sworn in our newest, 44th President. It's interesting how our new president has repeated over and over that he believes in service to others, that we should all spend some time in service to our communities. It's good for our country. It's good for us as well. Well, we are Lions, and that is just what we do. Now, since December was such a busy month, you would think that we would all take a bit of time off to relax and get into a routine, Lions, family, business. For most of us our routine is to keep up with the service work, being part of our Lions Clubs and keep on going forward with this important work. Again, it is just what we do. Our International President, Lion Al Brandel calls us everyday heroes, and I suppose you can look at it like that way. But, I prefer to think that we, as Lions, as human beings do this these kind of projects because we care, A LOT! It does make us feel good, to give blood, platelets, to help a child get new glasses that his family can't afford, to make a million pancakes in a year to help out different groups, to collect eyeglasses for the needy in this country and others, to supply needy 1st graders with supplies, to help blind people to lean to sail. There are a million other things we each do, almost daily to help others. That's who we are, and we will continue, because we are LIONS. This is such a great organization to belong to help others, everyday heroes or not.

It seems a member of the Orange Host Lions Club works very hard, and has for many years to collect donated eyeglasses for the Lions In Sight project. She has arranged for several of the Costco Stores to save and keep donated glasses for her to pick up. It is not as easy for her as it used to be so she has gotten a couple of other lions from other clubs to cover a few of those stores. She still collects the eyeglasses from her local stores and arranges for them to get to the proper person to make use of these glasses. It what she does, and what she can do. This is a very small item, but it means so much, to our dear Lion and to those who receive these glasses in the end of this process. Orange Host Lion Bobbie Lou Way is an everyday hero!

I know that in our Region alone there are many little stories just like this one. There are a lot of big stories also, and we know them. It doesn't really take much to become a Lion, really. It's about the caring and giving, and we do these thing many times a day. President Brandel is right, we are all everyday heroes, just a little here a little there. It makes such a difference, and we do make a difference! Don't you forget it!!!

I had the honor of attending the Tustin Host Lions Club's 60th Anniversary Dinner Party on Saturday the 10th at the Orange Hill

Restaurant, and it was a wonderful event. It was a beautiful setting and wonderful food. The Mayor presented a proclamation that President Linn read and PDG Lowell Sneathen told us about the of the club and of their projects and successes. The original charter wason display with many pictures. Many Past Presidents were in attendance and each had a wonderful coin on a ribbon around their necks to commemorate their duty to the club. The Governor was also in attendance, as well as Vice Governor Judy Schnitzer, who is also a Past President of the club.

Another wonderful event this past month was the Melvin Jones Awards Dinner with Keynote Speaker Past International President Kay Fukushima, who has long been a friend to our district. It was a beautiful event and dinner again this year, chaired by Past District Governor Jon Casteel. It is a wonderful event to attend, and hear the things that some of our Lions do to be honored by their clubs. Several received their 3rd, 4th, or 5th Progressive Melvin Jones Awards. What an honor to just know these people and be associated with them. More everyday heroes! And yet, I don't think any of them joined to get honors. Each one does appreciate these awards as they are presented by their peers, and each one would say, it's just what we do. These are the kind of people Lions are! In the Saddleback Region, from Tustin Host Lions (a past president) Lion Charlotte McNamara was presented with the award, from Huntington Beach Host Lions, another past President, Lion Richard Takakjian (who passed away just two weeks ago), was awarded with the award and two were presented by the Harbor Mesa Lions Club, to Lions Sue Seager and current President Gina Stansbury. Congratulations to you all, and to the rest of the Lions in our District honored that night.



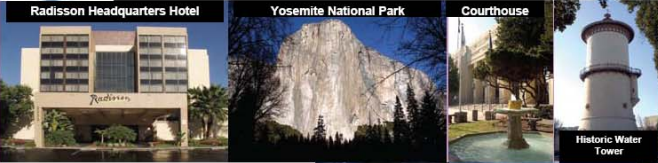
Harbor Mesa MJF's Sue Seager and Gina Stansbury with Governor Elizabeth after receiving their Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Student Speakers contests are underway and I will be attending as many club and Zone Contests as I can. These kids are our future and they are so fantastic to watch at these levels, all levels really. Saddleback Region Student Speakers Contest will be on April 6th at the Citrus Café in Tustin. More about this later, but save the date. The next level will be at our Cabinet Meeting on April 19th at the Costa Mesa Country Club.



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International President

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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

Saturday, February 14, 2009

- 8:00-5:00 pm Registration, Certification, Project Displays & Pin Traders
8:00-11:00 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

Sunday, February 15, 2009

- 7:00-10:00 am Certification and voting
9:30 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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Entry Fee: \$50 per player
Convention Registration Required to Play Golf, please complete convention registration form for Entry. If you have already registered for the convention, please note it on the form.

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2008-2009 DISTRICT CALENDAR

February 13-15	MD-4 Convention, Fresno
February 20-23	Ensenada Visitation
February 21-24	Lions Flag Days
February 22	Diamond Bar Drumming for Kids
March 7	Pomona Host Bowl-a-Thon
March 7-8	Hearing Days
March 7th	Orange County Central Lions Spaghetti Dinner with Bingo
March 14	Seal Beach Lions 70 th Anniversary Party
March 16	Harbor Mesa Lucy & Ethyl's Bingo Night
March 21	Ontario-Upland Bunco Night
March 21	Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions Fashion Show
March 21	Orange County Central Lions bus trip to State Line.
March 23	Foothill Region Meeting
March 29	Lions City of Hope Day
March 31	Orange Region Meeting
April 5	Huntington Beach Crab Fest
April 6	Saddleback Region Meeting
April 19	Saddleback Cabinet Meeting
April 25	Lions Worldwide Induction Day
April 25	Orphanages of Thailand Restaurant Fundraiser
May 14-17	District 4-L4 Convention
June 5	World Environment Day
July 6-10	Lions Clubs International Convention, Minneapolis MN
Sept 24-25	USA/Canada Forum

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