



# The 4-L4 Forum

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

February has certainly been an exciting and busy month. The MD4 Convention was held in Fresno, and it was so good to see a good group of 4-L4 Lion in attendance. We all enjoyed the various events, particularly the Saturday evening when we were entertained by an excellent Elvis impersonator. It seemed as though Elvis WAS in the building for a while! This was also the time when the MD4 Academy Awards were given out. Congratulations to Lion Wand Tanaka from the Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions, who was in the final three for the MD4 Lion of the Year, to the Chino Valley Lions, who were in the final three for the best project by a "small" lions Club, and big congratulations to Leo Anantha Singarajah, from the Diamond Bar High School Leo Club, who became the MD4 Leo of the Year. On Friday evening, PDG Mike Scheafer was given the second highest award in Lionism by International President Al Brandel. It was the Presidential Excellence Award, and fully deserved by a Lion who has given such outstanding service to our district.

A few days later, some twenty Lions and significant others set sail on the high seas for Ensenada! What fun we all had, and the expedition culminated in a lunch with the Ensenada Lions. It was so good to reconnect with them, and to see pictures of the school we have helped support for the last several years. It has been improved so much it is hard to reconcile the sturdy building with the concrete, windowless shell we saw a few years ago! We are hoping that the Ensenada Lions will come to visit us in the late summer, and that we will be back in Ensenada in the fall.

Now the Student Speaker competitions are in full swing. I encourage all of you to be at your Zone and Region meetings in March and early April to support these young people who do such an amazing job to prepare and deliver their speeches.

Our membership is slowly growing, and I urge you to get to those people in your community, who you think are prospective members, and get them to your club meetings, service projects and fundraisers, and encourage them to be a part of the greatest service organization in the world. To paraphrase our International President – a new member is another pair of hands to help in all the good things we do to improve the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. We need those hands.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Region meetings,

Always yours in Lionism,

*Elizabeth*

District Governor

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## Vice District Governor **Judy Schnitzer**



When I wrote last month's article, I had not yet attended District 4-L5's Cabinet Meeting which was held the week-end of January 30, 2009 in Hemet. As George and I arrived at the Best Western on Friday, we were greeted by our hosts, VDG Mel Niez and PDG Bob Niez who showed us to our room and once again we were treated as royalty! After visiting for awhile, we took a short rest and then it was off to dinner at a local restaurant with Mel and Bob where we met up with DG Al Andrews, his wife Lion Jean, 4-A2 Guest District Governor Betty Morris and husband Dean, and Cabinet Secretary Lion Bill Windham and Lion Martha Windham. It was another great meal and what a wonderful way to start our week-end with 4-L5.

The next day it was another early morning rise for breakfast and then off to the Cabinet Meeting which was held at Valley Wide Community Center in Valle Vista, CA (Hemet area). 4-A2 DG Betty and myself attended a Mini-Cabinet Meeting which was held before the Cabinet Meeting where several issues were discussed by those in attendance. After adjournment, we headed for the main event, the Cabinet Meeting which was called to order. Following the invocation, presentation of colors by Hemet Boy Scout Troop 007, flag salute, the patriotic song "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah" and the introduction of head table and guests, DG Betty & myself were introduced at which time both of us gave our remarks. DG Al then presented some awards and roll call was taken. Motivational Speaker Rhonda Sher was then introduced who gave us a most enlightening speech on how to become a Two Minute Networker (see me if you want her 12 tips). The theme for the day was "Country Fair" and after the meeting was adjourned for lunch, everybody had to go along to the various Country Fair booths where we had to get our card, which was given to us at check-in, stamped by 5 booths before we could eat. At these booths were several programs that 4-L5 sponsors and many of them gave away candy and other paraphernalia. Following lunch, the meeting resumed with announcements, opportunity drawings and a 50/50 drawing. The meeting then adjourned and while George and I headed for home, we reminisced on the week-end activities and wonderful memories we made.

Another great event took place on January 31st, 4-L4's Teen Recognition Program and what a special evening that was! George and I attended and we were so impressed with the young people we met who received awards. PDG Ellen Liebherr and Lion Mike prepared and served the fantastic meal (thank you Ellen and Mike) and many thanks to Lion John Doogan and his committee for putting this event together. It was awesome!

On February 10th, DG Elizabeth and I traveled to Fresno to attend the MD4 Council of Governors and 90th Annual Convention. I am happy to say that 4-L4 had a great representation from you members. Attending were Lions Ken Sherwood, Ken Myers and Denise, Loyce Majias, Barbara Abramovitz, Ken Bell, Jack and Wanda Tanaka, Diane Martin, Mike and Sandy Scheafer, Linn Morgan, John Doogan Ed and Jackie Bordenkircher, Joanne and Frank Waltman, Dave and Gail Hubbard, Martha Hebert, Roy Rinaldi and of course DG Elizabeth and myself. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ATTENDING! There were seminars, forum, lunches, dinners, receptions, caucus and much more to attend. The Academy Awards Presentations were very well presented. There were three finalists chosen in each category and 4-L4 had three finalists: Chino Valley Lions Club for Most Outstanding Project of the Year (Small Club) for their Pumpkin/Christmas Tree Lot, Lion Wanda Tanaka for the Lion of the Year and Anantha Singarajah for Leo of the Year. Congratulations to all of them and especially to Anantha for being chosen the Leo of the Year! After the awards, we were serenaded by "Elvis" who was fantastic! There was one bid for the 2012 Convention and that was from our very own Ontario Host Lions Club and of course it was accepted--so Ontario Host, get busy! Convention 2010 will be in Riverside and Convention 2011 will be in Primm, Nevada.

On Saturday, February 21st, Lion Walter Sullens, myself and George of Tustin Host Lions Club attended the Lions Float Committee Meeting (also in attendance from 4-L4 were PDG Jim and Lion Doris North, PDG Dave Stewart, PDG Chuck Overby, Lion John Doogan and Lion Ken Bell) in Glendora. I am happy to announce that Lion Walt's group of Tustin White Cane Marching Society and Precision Drill Team will be marching in the 2010 Rose Parade in front or along side of our Lions Float. The annual Board of Directors meeting will be held on Saturday March 21st. At this meeting, the new officers and directors for 2009-2010 will be elected. Included on the slate of Board/Officers are: Vice President - PDG Jon Casteel; Secretary - Lion Doris North; Treasurer - PDG Dave Stewart, DGE Judy Schnitzer, Directors-at-Large - Lion Ken Bell; Lion Sheila Casteel; Lion John Doogan; PDG Jack Luellen, PDG Jim North. Wow, look at these numbers, 10 4-L4 Lions serving on this Committee--that's impressive! In February, the La Habra Host Lions Club presented a Progressive Donald E. Banker Fellowship in the amount of \$500 to Widow Joan Lozaun, honoring the memory of PDG Gary Lozaun.

That's it for this month. Keep up the good work 4-L4 Lions.

## CABINET SECRETARY'S CORNER

### NANCY SMITH

For all you who attended the M-D4 Convention I hope you had a great time and came back with added spirit for Lionism.

The Student Speaker Contest are up and running. It is great to see so many clubs participating in the contest. Zones and Regions are getting ready for the club winners and our next Cabinet meeting will host the winners. It is really exciting to see these teenagers getting involved.

Many of us are getting ready to make our Southern Visitation to Ensenada on February 20, 2009. I think it will be really fun and open the doors again for future visitations to the Ensenada Lions. We will sail on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> and I can't wait. Ensenada Here We Come.

Please be thinking about your new club officers. It is not that far away. I will be sending a copy of the PU101 report to all club secretaries just in case you do not receive one. You can also get a copy on the Lions International sight. The deadline for the form is May 15<sup>th</sup>, but your officers have to be elected by then so the time is near.

I want to thank everyone for all your efforts into getting your reports to International in on time. Just keep up the good work. The VAD reports are also due each month. Most of you do get them in on time but the Zone and Region chairpersons do not always get a copy so please send them to your Region and Zone Chairpersons also.

## FOOTHILL REGION MEETING REGION STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST



**Monday March 23, 2009**  
6:30 Mingle 7:00 Meeting 7:15 Dinner  
7:45 Region Student Speaker Contest

**McCOY EQUESTRIAN CENTER**  
**14276 PEYTON DR. CHINO, CA 91709**

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

Foothill Region Meeting – Monday March 23, 2009  
(Please send reservation by 3/16/2009)

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Names \_\_\_\_\_  
(List additional names on reverse side of form)

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Cabinet Treasurer Marianne Allen  
PO Box 487 Garden Grove, CA 92842  
CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: DISTRICT 4L4



## 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**

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Mail to: Lion Carol Linehan  
4729 Rey Drive, Huntington Beach, Ca 92649-3260  
714-846-2478  
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## 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

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Please make reservations by March 31, 2009

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Names \_\_\_\_\_  
(List all attendees on the back side of this form)  
Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
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Checks payable to District 4L4

Send Completed Form and Check to:  
Cabinet Treasurer Marianne Allen  
P.O. Box 487  
Garden Grove, CA 92842

## 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.

Region meetings are fast approaching. Please come and support the student speakers as this will be the region contests. It is always great to hear so many perspectives on such a diverse topic.

I hope everyone will be able to attend Marjorie Vallancey's Celebration of Life on Sunday March 1, 2009 from 1-5pm. She was a great lion and will be sorely missed.

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.

## HARBOR MESA LIONS CLUB

PRESENT



### 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**

## 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**



Tustin Host Lions Club  
P.O. Box 66  
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Date: February 16, 2009

To: PDG Jack Luellen, Chairman,  
District 4-L4 Nominations, Credentials, and Elections Committee

Chairman Jack, Committee Members, and Lions of District 4-L4,

The Tustin Host Lions Club proudly submits into nomination the name of Lion Judy Schnitzer to be a candidate for the high office of District Governor to serve Lions District 4-L4 during the 2009-2010 Lions Year.

Lion Judy's candidacy is supported and endorsed by unanimous vote of the officers and members of the Tustin Host Lions Club. She has fulfilled all requirements to serve in this capacity as set forth in the constitution and by-laws of Lions District 4-L4.

She is currently a member in good standing of the Tustin Host Lions Club, which is a Club in good standing within our District. She has served a full term as President of our Club and more than two additional years as a member of our Board of Directors. She has served a full term as Zone Chairman and Youth Exchange Program Chairman, and is currently serving as Vice District Governor. She has received several awards and special recognitions for outstanding service and dedication, including a Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

Lion Judy is a devoted Lion of outstanding moral character with a sincere desire to serve our Lions District. She is retired and has adequate time available to properly fulfill the obligations of this office. She has the full support of her husband George. In view of her experience and loyalty and the long and dedicated service rendered to her Club, our Lions District, and Lions Club International, we believe Lion Judy Schnitzer is worthy and well qualified to serve as our District Governor.

Sincerely in Lionism,

Linn Morgan, Club President  
Tustin Host Lions Club



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**PDG CHUCK OVERBEY**

Marjorie Vallancey was born July 4, 1918 in Montana. She worked at the Pentagon in Washington DC for a long time. She had moved to California and was selling real estate when she joined the Huntington Beach Host Lions Club in 1990. She was a very active member and participated in every project and event. She regularly headed-up the annual Laughlin Trip and the "Friends of the Library" project for the club. She served as club president in 1996-1997 and as Region Chairperson in 2003-2004.



Marge was a wonderful person and a very dedicated Lion. She had a terrific attitude and she loved to laugh. She passed away on February 6, 2009 from a massive stroke. She will be greatly missed.

**EDITORS NOTE: AS THIS ISSUE GOES TO PRINT, PDG CHUCK OVERBEY HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO UCLA MEDICAL HOSPITAL TO UNDERGO A LONG AWAITED LUNG TRANSPLANT. OUR PRAYERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SURGERY AND SPEEDY RECOVERY ARE WITH OUR DISTRICT CHAPLAIN AND HIS FAMILY.**



Tustin Host Lions Club  
P.O. Box 66  
Tustin, CA 92781

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Linn Morgan, Club President  
Tustin Host Lions Club

# MEMBERSHIP

By District Membership  
Chairman Dave Hubbard

## A FUNNY THING HAPPENED AT THE BASEBALL GAME...

This last weekend I cooked Hot Dogs and Hamburgers for the opening day of the local Pony Baseball League. The chairman of the snack shack and I were talking and I asked when her term as Chairman was over. She indicated that this was her last year. I mentioned that she should join the Lions Club. She said she had been thinking about it and would like to become a member after the baseball season.

Later, I saw one of our members talking with one of the baseball fathers. Afterward, I mentioned that this is the kind of person we need in our Lions Club. He said he would invite him to a meeting.

During the opening ceremonies, they announced that our Lions Club was the "Club of the Year". We had a number of people come up a talk with us. The snack shack chairman asked if there was anything they could do for us. I told her that she could encourage the parents to join the Lions Club. We will be in the next parent newsletter.

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. If you were at the last Cabinet meeting, you saw a excellent example of this. I asked the guest speaker, Virgil Garcia, to join Lions. He is presently being voted into the Tustin Host Lion Club.

Let's get out and ask. There is still time the increase your membership before the end of the year. So, let's GROW!

### Orange County Central Lions Club Annual Charity Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo



**Saturday, March 7, 2009**



**Garden Grove Lions Den  
9860 Larson Avenue  
Garden Grove CA 92842**



**Dinner from 5:30 to 7:00pm  
Adults: \$12.00  
Children: \$7.00 (10 & under)**



**Bingo from 7:15 to 9:00pm  
Initial Per Person Buy In: \$20 (includes 2 4-On Packs + Dauber)  
Each additional 4-On Pack: \$5.00**

For Tickets or Information Contact:  
Danny Rodriguez H - (562) 861-0053 or W - (714) 670-2740

**Good people. Good food.  
Great cause!**



# FABULOUS FOOTHILL

**REGION CHAIRMAN  
KEN SHERWOOD**

Where have all the speakers gone? A month ago it looked like 100% participation in Foothill. The packets were ordered, the locations set, the judges appointed and interest and enthusiasm were running high. The topic, "Water-will California be left high and dry?" seemed like a good one for us and the nation as a whole. Apparently the students thought it was a little watered down without enough meat to chew on. There were too many (one is too many for me) phone calls saying "no contest-no speakers". The public schools in some cities gave us no response. We can't give up on the public schools but we may have to look more strongly toward private schools, charter schools and home school students.

The six students speaking for Pomona Host (3) and Pomona Breakfast (3) were from the School of Arts and Enterprise, a charter school in Pomona. At the Upland Host contest, expertly conducted by Lion president Sheila Casteel, contacts were made for home school associations from which to get speakers for next year. One of the contest judges, not knowing home school students were eligible was delighted to learn they were and gave me contact information. There are more out there to plumb for next year. Contest chairmen be aware.

The contests I have attended have been well run and ably judged affairs. Pomona Host Lions contest run by Lion Pat Miller-Fee got a very nice write up in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin with a picture of Pat and the students. Terrific advertising for Lions and the charter school. Brea Lion's contest was well attended by members and guests with three good speakers from the local high school debate team. Some schools still have debate. Lion Andy Megaw of Cucamonga District Host did his usual competent job (7th year) with students from Claremont High School. Last year's district winner, Madelaine Tsu took first place and will speak again at the Zone "A" contest hosted by ZC Ken Myers. Claremont High also provided the speakers for Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions contest superbly chaired by cub Lion Kim Alten.

Claremont also to the rescue of Ontario-Upland Lions. Chairperson Lion Barbara Bordenkircher runs a quality event. The O-U winner will compete against classmates in the Zone "A" contest March 5th. Claremont High School, with a powerful debate team, has supplied speakers for numerous clubs in past years but not as many this year. Through no fault of their own, Lions Ed Giles of Ontario Host and Ken Bell of Chino Valley Lions turned over their packets because of lack of speakers. A conflict of dates kept me away from Walnut-Diamond Bar and their always top quality contest. Feb.23 is Diamond Bar Breakfast at the AQMD and one of the finest events in student speaking. My ears will still be ringing after the Diamond Bar "Drums for Youth" concert, but the speakers are always competent in D- and worth a listen.



# Hearing & Speech Action News

Keith Campbell, Chairman

It's been almost a year since I last wrote about newborn hearing screening. Hearing loss is the most common birth defect – about 3 in every 1000 children in the US are born with a significant hearing loss. Most newborns in the US now receive an initial hearing screening prior to hospital discharge, but only about 50% of infants who are referred for medical or audiological follow-up receive timely assessment or intervention.

It is estimated that by school age new cases of permanent hearing loss occur in about 6 per 1000 children in addition to the 3 per 1000 likely to be detected at birth. Further, an estimated 35% of pre-school children experience repeated episodes of ear infections and intermittent hearing loss, some untreated for extended periods. These cases may be picked up too late to prevent serious developmental problems.

Better Hearing Institute's executive director Sergei Kochkin, PhD, recommends "mandatory universal hearing screening at entry to kindergarten". Educational, clinical and industrial representatives are unanimous in recognizing the needs for thorough screening follow-up and timely use of top-quality technology in hearing aids, classroom amplification for all students, individual FM systems for hearing impaired children and building codes that address classroom acoustics.

BHI has suggested several means of gaining the funds and public support necessary to turn these wishes into reality. Lions can help by supporting legislation such as the federal hearing aid tax credit bill and universal insurance coverage for hearing aids for all dependents. We Lions know how to do fund-raisers but we may be rather lax about communicating with our school administrators and legislators. You see the needs described here; now you and your Club need to start a new Hearing & Speech Action project!

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

The zone contests in March bring speakers a little stronger and more polished. Zone "A", Thurs., March 5, 6:30pm, Lions Center West, Filipi Room, 9161 Baseline Rd., RC 91730 (ZC Ken Myers); Zone "B", Tues., March 10th, 7:00pm, PFF/US Bank, 333 N. Euclid Ave., Ontario, 91762 (ZC Gayle Garbo); Zone "C", Thurs., March 12th, 7:00pm, Brea Lions Scout Center, 401 S. Brea Blvd., Brea, (ZC "PJ" Smith). The region meeting on Monday, March 23 will be a McCoy Equestrian Center in Chino Hills. See the announcement and make your reservations.

Bottom line: the topic may be a little fluid but the money is solid. The Student Speakers Foundation will pour \$103,500.00 into the cups of the winning district, area, and MD-4 final winners. It will be the same next year regardless of the topic or the economy. Contact the schools early next year and tell the kids with stage freight and average grades to "get over it". This money could help a middling student to a better education and brighter future. And go online and make those home school contacts. They're waiting and ready. Talk it up, Lions Stay in the Pink Avoid the Pepto Days.

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 14-17<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



## DISTRICT 4L4 CONVENTION 2009 Four Points by Sheraton - Ventura May 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 2009



### REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print

Name:	E-mail Address:
Address:	Telephone #:
City:	Fax #:
Zip Code	Club Name:

#### HOSPITALITY BOOKS

	Thursday Night Event (for those who arrive early)	TBD
Book #A	Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch & Dinner, Sunday Breakfast	\$205.00
Book #B	Saturday Lunch & Dinner, Sunday Breakfast	\$140.00
Ind.	Individual Meals & Entertainment:	
	Friday Dinner	\$75
	Saturday Lunch	\$35
	Saturday Dinner	\$85
	Sunday Breakfast	\$30

NAME:	Is this your first convention?	Book # (A,B, or Ind.)	Book/Meal Cost	Registration \$20.00 per person	Additional \$20 late fee after 4/30/09	Total Costs

ARRIVING EARLY & WANT TO JOIN US FOR DINNER ON THURSDAY? Yes  No   
Check yes and we will contact you with information

Make Checks Payable to: District 4-L4 Convention  
Mail to: Joanne Waltman, P.O. Box 575, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729-0575

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: APRIL 22, 2009**

<b>Hotel reservations</b> 805 658-1212 Ext 1290	<b>Four Points by Sheraton-Ventura</b> 1050 Schooner Dr. Ventura, CA 93001	<b>Rooms \$105</b> reserve by April 10 <sup>th</sup>
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Chairman PDG Mike & Sandi Scheafer .....(714)435-0300  
Frank & Joanne Waltman .....(909)946-3557  
Mike & Ann McIlroy.....(714)641-0664  
Jack & Wanda Tanaka .....(909)861-0142  
Hank Lopez.....(949)689-9479

## DISTRICT 4L4 CONVENTION



# GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Olivas Links Golf Course**  
3750 Olivas Park Drive, Ventura, CA 92118

**Thursday, May 14, 2009**

Arrive by: 10:30 a.m.

**Longest Drive** ..... **Closest to the Pin**



**FEE: \$75 includes Golf & Cart & Box Lunch & Tee Prizes**

Mail by May 7<sup>th</sup> to: **Hank Lopez, Convention Golf Chairman**  
491 Sturgeon Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
Phone: (949) 689-9479

Fill a foursome, or we will place you



Name:

Club:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Send this portion by May 7<sup>th</sup> along with your check payable to District 4-L4 Convention  
To: Hank Lopez, Convention Golf Chairman, 491 Sturgeon Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626



# OUTSTANDING ORANGE

**REGION CHAIRMAN  
CAROL LINENHAN**

*"Knowledge of what is possible is the beginning of happiness."* – George Santayana

The **Orange Region** was busy the month of February preparing for the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Speakers Contests. "Water-Will California be Left High & Dry?" The Clubs in the Region have the most important job in the success of a student speaker contest because they make the first contact with each of the schools. I want to thank all of the Orange Region Clubs for taking the time and interest in this most **worthwhile** opportunity to further the awareness of Lions in our communities and by giving our students this unique speaking contest. By the time you read this the following eight clubs have had a student speaker contest at the Club Level: **"Zone A" Fullerton Breakfast, Fullerton Host and La Habra Host, "Zone B" Anaheim, Buena Park Noon, Orange County Central and Orange County Korean American and "Zone C" Seal Beach Host.** The Club contests are over and we will be having the **Zone Contests**, chaired by **"Zone A" Chairman Lion Roy Ramsland** is schedule for Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, **"Zone B" Chairman Lion Mike Smith** is having theirs on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and **"Zone C" Chairwoman Lion Renee Schulte** will be Thursday March 12th. Please try and attend these **Zone Contests**. The speakers have all worked so hard on their speeches. I know I always learn something from each and everyone of them. Don't forget our **Orange Region Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31st where the winners from each of the **Zones** will be competing. **Lion Dick Prescott** from **La Habra Host** is the chair for this evening. Please mail your reservations to me by March 23rd, 2009.

*"In matters of principle, stand like a rock; in matters of taste, swim with the current."* – Thomas Jefferson

Teen Recognition was January 31st, 2009. I would like to hit on some of the highlights of this very special evening. **Lion John Doogan, Stanton Lions** was the chairman. **Lion Karen Russell, Seal Beach Host** was the Orange Region co-chairperson. The following **Orange Region Clubs** were in attendance that night: **Fullerton Breakfast, Fullerton Host, La Habra Host, Seal Beach Host and Stanton.** Prior to the students being honored we heard from a MADD representative. They also had their crushed car exhibit at the function. Did you know the average age for a person to start drinking is thirteen years? That 449 young adults fifteen to twenty-four were killed in 2006 and that 63% of all eleventh graders have tried alcohol? Ryan Hilliard, who was involved in a drunk driving accident that killed his best friend, told us that DUI stands for Don't Underestimate the Impact. Ryan was driving the car and he explained how his whole life changed. He never felt it could happen to him. Seventy percent of people listen and understand and thirty percent don't. **Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez** remarked "I'm so glad you must be thirty years old to run for Congress or these students would be giving me a run for my money". This was after hearing all the accomplishments of the students who are drug and alcohol free and passing this valuable information on to their peers. About twelve

Seal Beach Host Lions Club  
Cordially invites you to their  
70<sup>th</sup> 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 Linenhan 714-846-2478  
Carol\_linenhan@yahoo.com

*Dress: Italian or California smart*

**Orange Region Report (Continued)**.....

were honored that night with checks and proclamations from Congressional and City representatives.

*"Less is more."* – Robert Browning

Being a Lion is giving and providing services to those less fortunate. As more and more people are losing their jobs and states and cities are cutting back on services we as **Lions** are being asked to provide more. Your club may be contacted by agencies asking for assistance. We also must realize that our own fundraising may not make the revenue they are use to because of these economic issues. That doesn't mean we can't give, it means we must think of new creative ways to help. You can still provide services like **Fullerton Host, Orange County Central and Westminster** by collecting used eyeglasses. **Seal Beach Host and Orange County Central** take used, clean, undamaged clothes to agencies that take wearable clothing to share with those who can't afford new clothes. Maybe your club can't afford to provide a whole dinner at the Ronald McDonald House-- call a neighboring club and share the expenses. **La Habra Host** goes once a month to the Ronald McDonald House to volunteer their time. You also will be getting to know another club by doing this. Another example, as provided by **Anaheim Host**, is children eye photo screening. There are many ways to provide and volunteer our time and services. Let us continue to be creative.



# ENSENADA VISITATION "THE CRUISE"

By Region Chairman Joan Parks

A hearty group of Lions, twenty to be exact, set sail on February 20th under the leadership of District Governor Elizabeth. Those on this trip were PDG Mike and Sandi Scheafer, PDG Barbara and Ron Hayward, PDG Jon and Sheila Casteel, Lions Terese and John Ganser, Cathy Waters and Alan, Carol Van Holt, Joan Parks, Pat Mason, Shirley, Nancy Smith, Loyce Mejias, Martha Hebert, and Ken and Denise Myers. This story does not end up like Gillian and the Captain, however. The cruising was smooth and relatively uneventful. We all had a great time. Someone must have tipped off some of the other passengers, however. There were crowns everywhere! In honor of our own queen! No, but we did get a couple of those crowns and our own queen behaved better than queenly, she did not take serious notice of these interlopers. It did seem to some of us that the staff were trying to ply us with way too much food.....this does not include the Molten Chocolate Cake at dessert however. It was on the menu every night and some of us had it every night! The ship was very pleasant, the staff so nice and we, as Lions, behaved ourselves accordingly. There were lots of fun groups aboard and you just know our Lions interacted very well and very loud, at times, with everyone.

The landing and taking to the streets of Ensenada went well. We shopped and spent most of Saturday Morning on the main shopping street, spending time and some money.



Thanks to PDG Mike Scheafer, who speaks his own fashion of Spanish, and I must say, he converses very well with the locals. He arranged for us to have the shuttle take us not just back to the ship, but drop us at the restaurant where we were to meet with the Ensenada Lions Club. This is the 51st visitation by our District. The Ensenada Lions were as hospitable as ever. The Lions and their wives treated us to a delicious lunch of chicken or fish plus all the sides and wine. It was a great visit, for some of us with old friends. We got to see recent pictures of their latest projects and of course many pictures of the school we have contributed to in the past. They expressed how happy they were that we made the trip. Governor Elizabeth spoke of our relationship and of keeping visitations going. Checks were presented to the Ensenada Lions Clubs to continue their work

from several of our clubs and a donation from the District as well as personal donations were presented, totaling over \$1000.



Later that afternoon we boarded the ship for the trip home. We spent a pleasant evening at the formal dinner and then some singing time in the Casino or just wondering the ship. Since the ship takes 24 hours to return to Long Beach, at a very slow pace, I might add, Sunday was spent at sea. Lions being Lions, we found all kinds of ways to spend our time. Some sat around the deck, some took spa treatments, some played the Trivia games, Bingo, stayed in the Casino, took line dancing lessons, listened to all kinds of music and various points on the ship, or watched the Ping Pong Tournament and the Man's Hairiest Chest Contest (not really a pretty sight!). Four courageous Lions entered the Scavenger Hunt and as partners tied for 1st place. Now it's true the other teams didn't return, but that doesn't matter. The point being we ran the race! Each team shared first and second place, each person receiving a coveted genuine, imitation gold ship on a stick trophy.

Well, it was a great trip, great fun and camaraderie. The weather held and no one was harmed in the making of the trip. I do need to note, that as we went through immigration the governor was sent to the non-US Citizens entry locale, green card and all. Our last sight of her was her waving us goodbye in that long line as we zipped through the US Citizen line. By the time this goes to press, I'm sure someone will have heard from her.



FYI.....What goes on in Mexico stays in Mexico! See Governor, and others, my lips are sealed.

THE HUNTINGTON BEACH HOST LIONS CLUB PRESENTS

# CRABFEST 2009



WE'RE BACK IN HUNTINGTON BEACH!

"All You Can Eat Crab Feast"

- CRAB
- BREAD
- SALAD
- CHOWDER
- NO-HOST BAR

TO BE HELD AT

## Old World German Restaurant

7561 CENTER AVE. • HUNTINGTON BEACH

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Doors Open at 4:00 P.M.

\$40.00 per person

TICKETS ARE PRESALE ONLY NONE SOLD AT THE DOOR. DEADLINE FOR PURCHASE IS MARCH 22, 2009.



For information: [www.hblionscrabfest.com](http://www.hblionscrabfest.com) or [www.hbhllions.org](http://www.hbhllions.org) or call (949) 689-9479

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$40.00 each. Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Visa / MC # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

For Group Seating: Name of Seating Party \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to **Huntington Beach Host Lions Club**  
 Mail check and this reservation form to: **Huntington Beach Host Lions Club**  
 Attn: Dick Sklar  
 6682 Mason Drive  
 Huntington Beach, CA 92647



## 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

### 4-L4 Peace Poster Winner

The Peace Poster by Harrison Jeong, who was sponsored by the Fullerton Breakfast Lions Club, which won our District Contest has also won a Highly Recommended Award from MD4. Congratulations to Harrison, who is a student at Parks Junior High School in Fullerton.



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  
<http://usacanadalionsforum.org>



## 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>

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





# SPECTACULAR SADDLEBACK

**REGION CHAIRMAN  
JOAN PARKS**

Two important messages to begin with.


Our Region has lost a really devoted and dear Lion with the death of Lion Marj Vallancey. Marj was a longtime member and Past President of the Huntington Beach Host Lions Club. She loved and lived Lionism. She will be missed by many. We all send our condolences to the many friends she had and to the members of her club. Marj had been a Zone Chairman and a Region Chairman and the driving force behind the club's Laughlin bus trips, which many of us enjoyed over the years. She enjoyed working the many projects and fundraisers for and with her club and always attended many events in the District and with and for other clubs. She was a dear lady. PGD Ellen Liebherr has arranged a Celebration Of Life on Sunday, March 1, 2009.

And secondly;

At the just resented MD4 Convention in Fresno, PDG Mike Scheafer, President of the Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions Club was presented with the International President's Award by International President All Brandel. This prestigious honor is the second highest award presented to an individual Lion. Congratulations Mike, from your Region.

Our clubs are currently working hard on the Student Speaker's Contest. It's going really well, although it seems it's been tougher to get students this year. I have attended several at the club level and it's so great to see and hear from these enthusiastic young people. We have speakers from Tustin Host, Huntington Beach Host, Harbor Mesa, San Clemente and Mission Viejo Lions, as well as the Laguna Niguel Lions. So now, we are onto the Zone Level. We have our Zone A Contest with two speakers on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March and the Zone C Contest with three speakers on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March. Since there was only one club participating from Zone B, that winner goes onto the Region Student Speakers Contest at the Region Meeting. Please support your Zone and Region Contests. These young people work hard on this and deserve our support, whether they represent your club or not. The next Region Meeting, with the Region Student Speaker's Contest, will be April 6<sup>th</sup> (please see the flyer elsewhere in the Forum). It would be great if every club would attend, with 1 member, or 20!

Our Region Clubs have been working hard raising funds and doing Service Projects. They have been giving and helping in and around their various communities. The Chinese American Club made a donation to City of Hope and \$250 to AASCSC, Mission Viejo made a \$1000 donation to Saddleback College Scholarship, plus donations to South County Outreach, City of

Rancho Cucamonga Optometric Center  
And  
  
Cucamonga District Host Lion Club  
*Announces*  
**Sip For Sight**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wine Tasting Dinner*  
Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 6:00pm  
Antonino's Ristorante Italiano  
8045 Vineyard Ave., Ste. 1, Rancho Cucamonga  
For More information contact: Alice-Faye Peugh at 909-989-2232

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**Menu**


- Reception: Assorted Cheeses with Cava, Poema -Spain
- Appetizer-Crab Cake in gorgonzola sauce/Sauvignon Blanc, Nobilo Vineyards-New Zealand
- Tri Color Ravioli in mascarpone sauce / Pinot Noir, Louis Jadot- France
- Bacon Wrapped Shrimp/Chardonnay, De Loach-Russian River
- Lemon Sorbet
- Chicken Cordon Bleu / Merlot Hardys "Nottage Hills"-Australia
- Dessert: Tiramisu / Moscato D'Asti-Italy

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**Proceeds Benefit**

Local Lions Charities and  
Lions International Charities & Disaster Relief Efforts

- Vision Equipment for the R.C. Public Library so that vision impaired persons may take full advantage of the opportunities the library has to offer
- Scholarships for local students encouraging community service
- Lions Student Speaker Contest scholarships which promote and stimulate innovative thought on current public issues
- Help the less fortunate with their hearing and vision needs
- Help local charities including G.A.P. Food Bank, Santa Claus Inc., and Foothill Family Shelter
- Lions donated over \$10,000 to Southern California fire victims in 2008

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Last Years event saved over 830 people from blindness! Thank you for your support.

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75 for Total of \_\_\_\_\_  
I would like the tickets:  Mailed  Delivered  On Will Call  
Make checks payable to Cucamonga District Host Lions Club, PO Box 182, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729

AFTER OVER 31 YEARS WITH BLIND CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER, LINN MORGAN WILL BE RETIRING THE END OF FEBRUARY. SHE HAS BEEN A LION (STARTING OUT AS A LIONESS') FOR ABOUT 30 YEARS. SHE IS NOW PRESIDENT OF THE TUSTIN HOST CLUB. "OVER MY YEARS IN LIONISM I'VE MET THE GREATEST PEOPLE AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO BE A LION"

THANKS, LINN, FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE WORK AT THE BLIND CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER.

**SADDLEBACK REGION REPORT**  
(continued).....  
Hope, LPCCI, LCIF Lions in Sight and the Student Speakers Foundation. Huntington Beach Host made a donation of \$520 for glasses for school children as well as \$350 to the Therapeutic Riding Center of Huntington Beach, City of Hope, Teen Recognition and the Surf City Singers. Harbor Mesa has donated \$500 to the Fire Relief Fund, as well as the Blind Children's Learning Center, and LCIF. Clubs in our Region have all been working hard on Student Speakers, Peace Poster Contest, many attended and presented Melvin Jones Awards at the January Melvin Jones Dinner, City of Hope, Canine Companions, as well as large eyeglass collections, the Boys Scouts, and Leos Clubs.

# 2008-2009 DISTRICT CALENDAR

March 7	Pomona Host Bowl-a-Thon
March 7-8	Hearing Days
March 14	Seal Beach Lions 70 <sup>th</sup> 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 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

## **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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