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PDG Ellen Liebherr 616 17<sup>th</sup> Street Huntington Beach 92648 H: 714) 969-9549 C:(714) 458-3077 Email: ellen@creativecateringhb.com My Dear Lions, Leos, and Friends of 4-L4:

I am always honored to be your District Governor, and this week I was so proud of being a Lion. (I am all the time, but this was special!) I was asked by Lion Thom Fleury of the La Habra Host Lions to go with him on his monthly service project to the Ronald McDonald House in Orange. So along with Lions Randy McMillan and Mark Handler from La Habra Host, Lion Martha Hebert from Ontario/Upland, VDG Judy and her husband George, and IPDG Jon and Lion Sheila Casteel from Upland Host, we met Thom and helped him prepare a meal for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald house near CHOC. Just a simple meal, but so appreciated by the family members we met who have children in the hospital and need to be near them for extended lengths of time. The whole thing has inspired me to go back to my own club, and suggest the we investigate doing the same kind of service project at the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda.

Just recently, the Leos of 4-L4 held their annual fundraiser for the Orphanages of Thailand. It was a great event with good food, an excellent raffle, inspiring patriotic songs, beautiful photographs of the orphans, and a presentation by Lion Sheila Casteel, in which she reflected on her time spent with IPDG Jon in Pattaya, Thailand last year. The Leos organized the whole event, ably assisted by Lions John Doogan, Jack and Wanda Tanaka, and Ken Bell, and again showed what outstanding future leaders we have in our District.

Our Convention is almost here – a time for celebration and reflection, and anticipation of the year to come with the new leaders who will be elected on the Saturday morning. There will be a lot of fun and games under the very able leadership of the Convention Committee, led by PDG Mike and Sandi Scheafer, and we will have a chance to meet and talk with the representative of LCI, International Director Neil Spencer from Florida.

It's hard to believe my year is almost over. I hope many of you will be in Ventura to help me celebrate one of the best years of my life.

See you there,

Always in Lionism,

### Elizabeth

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## Vice District Governor Judy Schnitzer

Greetings Lions, Leos and Friends:

On April 5, George and I attended the Huntington Beach Host Lions Club Crabfest, and oh my what a fantastic event that was! Even though I am not a fan of crab, I actually tried one and it tasted pretty good. I really enjoyed the salad, soup and dessert! The auction items were fantastic and you Huntington Beach Host



Lions Club members are to be congratulated for a job well done--everything was so organized and all of us Tustin Host members in attendance were very impressed. Thank you so much for your hospitality. I look forward to attending next year.

April also brought us the 4th Cabinet Meeting hosted by Saddleback Region. What a great meeting. Hats off to Region Chair Joan Parks and her Zone Chairs. Since this was the District Student Speaker Contest, we heard three great speakers. Foothill Region contestant Madeline Zhu was the lucky winner and will now move on to the Area Contest.

Cucamonga District Host Lions Club gets the bragging rights for having the winning contestant. Thank you to each club who participated in this wonderful program and special thanks to Chairman Jack Tanaka and to each of his Region Chairs, Ken Sherwood, Dick Prescott and Cherrill Cady for a great job.

Other highlights of the Cabinet Meeting were:

- The presentation of a special award to Diamond Bar Leo Club Member Yolanda Gong, winner of the design contest for exterior color and layout of newly remodeled Lions Sight & Hearing Mobile Testing Vehicle
- A presentation of a special award to Student Harrison Jeong who received an MD-4 Honorable Mention for his entry in the Peace Poster Contest (Fullerton Breakfast Lions Club gets the bragging rights for this winner)
- A demonstration from the Tustin White Cane Marching Society & Precision Drill
  Team headed up by Tustin Host Lions Club member Walter Sullens which
  included Lion Scott Quinlan of the Huntington Beach Host Lions Club. This unit
  will be marching in the 2010 Rose Parade along side the Lions Float.

Last, but certainly not least, I had the honor of introducing my visiting Vice District Governor guest Larry Dicus and his wife Jane from District 4-L2. Larry and Jane are just two of the super people George and I have met on my VDG journey--we are forming some wonderful friendships.

Now it's time to turn our attention to the Convention and celebrating our Queen's year. PLEASE DO COME and join in on the Medieval Games, the "British Invasion", the Governor's Banquet and whatever else that the Convention Committee has in store for us. Remember these Lions work hard to organize the Convention and they need your support by attending and taking part in the festivities. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

## **District 4-L4 Convention**

Two traditions for each 4L4 Convention are the memorial service for our departed Lions and the introductions of Club Presidents. The Governor and your Convention Committee is requesting that each Club send a photo of your President with club banner. Also, if your Club has lost a member this Lion's year please send a photo and brief biography of that member.

You can send those items by email or regular mail. Please send to: PDG Jim North 8159 Wadebridge Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 jamesnorth@msn.com



### LIONS TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

By PDG Ellen Liebherr

In 2017 Lions Clubs International will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Plans are in motion for a worldwide celebration. Past International President Kay K. Fukushima is the MD-4 General Chairman for the events to be held in the State of California. Each District has been asked to participate.

When I got a telephone call from Lion Kay a couple years ago asking that I participate, I said "sure" then joked that I would volunteer for anything if I got 10 years to plan. Looking at that now, it's like ut-oh, I was District Governor 10 years ago and that seems like just yesterday. I guess it is never too early to get started.

The basic plan in each District is to have a Lions International Food Fair in the year 2017. I will be looking for Lions and Leos to commit to participating and sharing in the profits of this event by preparing ONE food item to feed 500 to 1000 people. From a chef's viewpoint, this sounds like such an exciting event. The La Habra Lions know all about corn, the OC Korean American Lions make great teriyaki sticks, the Harbor Mesa Lions are dessert queens, the Seal Beach and Costa Mesa Clubs know how to make great fish & chips, our Leos make the best hot dogs — what is your club's specialty?

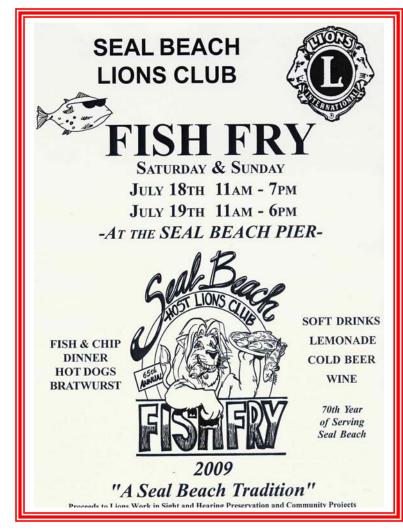
Talk it over and see how you can participate. Maybe smaller clubs could team up together. Wouldn't it be great if all 31 clubs participated? Remember, you share in the profits if you get with the program.

We will also be looking for a venue. If you have any ideas on a location, send them my way. We hope to secure a place somewhat central in our District.

Another one of my responsibilities is to help each of the participating Clubs prepare a "Professional looking Club Brochure" that would be conducive to attracting potential new members. We are looking to help clubs promote themselves by telling their stories as to how and what they have done and are going to do to improve the quality of their communities.

To start this part of the project off, I would ask that if your club already has a brochure, please mail it to me. I am sure that by comparing and sharing all of the ideas and talent in our District each club will benefit.

Oh yes, one more thing. Money. Each District is asked to raise \$20,000 by 2017 for promotion and operations. I know this sound like a lot, but if we start now, it could be painless. Unfortunately, since this money can't be raised from the public, it will be the responsibility of all Lions to make this happen. However, all we need is \$3 per year per member for 7 years to meet our goal. Even if your club doesn't participate in the food fair, your financial support is greatly needed.



LIONS CELEBRATE 100 YEARS (Continued)

There are a number of ways that money could be raised. Here are some ideas.

Designate the revenue from a meeting raffle or two toward the Anniversary Fund.

Have a 50/50 drawing within your club with proceeds going toward the fund

Approve a \$3 per year increase in Club dues
Ask for a personal donation of \$3 from club members

Money collected will be managed for each District by the MD4 office. More information on how to register your donations as well as updates on our plans as they progress will be reported monthly in upcoming issues of the Forum.

I hope as you read this article and talk it over within your club that you keep an open mind to how this event can help promote Lions Clubs International and our local Lions Clubs. I know that from past experience, when this District works as a team, we are able to achieve any goal set. Our goal for 2017 is to show our communities how proud we are to celebrate 100 years of serving those in need.

If you are interested in being part of the planning committee for District 4-L4 please contact PDG Ellen Liebherr, 616 17<sup>th</sup> St., Huntington Beach CA 92648 @714 458-3077 or ellen@creativecateringhb.com

# 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. Thank you to all of the Clubs who have their dues. Club secretaries should be noting this on their VAD reports.

Please keep in mind that when you pay your dues on time, this is how we can promote great programs in our District and keep our District financially sound.

By the time you read this, our last Cabinet meeting will be over. I want to thank Lion Joan Parks and Lion Carol Van Holt for an excellent job with setting the meeting up at the Costa Mesa Country Club and the great decorations. Also a thank you to all of the Cabinet members who helped with check in and selling raffle tickets. If you missed this Cabinet meeting, you missed a great one. The District Level Student Speakers Contest was wonderful. All three students were excellent and anyone of them would have represented us well at the Area Level Contest. The winner Madeline was from the Foothill Region.

REMINDER: Get your reservations in now for the District 4-L4 Convention to be held in Ventura May 14-17, 2009. Convention Chairmen Michael Scheafer promises it to be a great one.

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.



## CABINET SECRETARY'S CORNER NANCY SMITH

The final Cabinet Meeting is now a memory. We made it through all 4 and have survived and have remained relatively sane, I think, although we are probably not 100% there or we wouldn't take on the task in the first place.

All kidding aside it has been a great journey with Governor Elizabeth and all the wonderful and capable Region, Zone and Cabinet member this 2008-2009 year. I give kudo's to all for all the hard work and cooperation. I think we made a great team. Even though Governor Elizabeth and I have worked together for 26 years in Lionism, it has been quite an experience working with her this year. I have loved it. She has been a delight to work with and I will truly miss this job.

We still have a couple of months left and the best part to come is the Convention. I am really looking forward to a great Convention in Ventura. We will celebrate a great year and welcome VDG Judy and her cabinet. I can see VDG Judy getting into the groove already. She will be a great Governor.

To all of you club secretaries I thank you for all your cooperation and trying your best to get all those reports in on time. I have found all of you to be very easy to work with and congratulate you on a good year. Please don't forget to get those PU 101's done by May 15<sup>th</sup>. We need all the information as soon as possible so we can get ready for the new Leadership School on June 13, 2009.

Here is wishing you all continued success in Lionism and hope to see many of you at the Convention next month.





# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### PDG CHUCK OVERBEY

Gilbert Moisa Flores was born, the son of Herman and Connie Flores, on January 21, 1949 in Los Angeles. He attended Montebello High School and graduated from East LA College. He served 30 years with the LA County Sheriff's Department, retiring at the rank of sergeant. He was introduced to his future wife, Estelle by his cousin, and they hit it off. They were married for 42 years and they have four children and 7 grandchildren. Estelle told me "I will always miss him. He was my sweetheart and my best friend".

Gill had many special interests including fishing, golf, and skiing. He especially loved working with youth. One of his favorite projects involved skiing with handicapped kids, including blind kids, where he and others would ski backwards while holding the youth behind him so the youth could sense the thrill of the wind and the total effect.

Gill joined the La Habra Host Lions Club on Feb. 28, 2006. He was a terrific Lion as his views and his commitment to helping others blended perfectly with the Lions Creed. He was very active with the La Habra LEO Club and worked most of the club projects. Gilbert was a very caring and compassionate man and had great love for his wife and family. He had a massive stroke on April 4 after working his Lions Club Easter Breakfast. He passed away the following Good Friday of May 10, 2009. He will be greatly missed.





## Hearing & Speech Action News

Keith Campbell, Chairman

Recently we have received some calls from 4-L4 Lions asking how they and we go about helping needy people who have hearing loss. Our system works as follows. The District Hearing Aid Bank (HAB), administrated by the 4-L4 Sight & Hearing Foundation, is a participant in Lions Clubs International's Hearing Aid Recycling Program (HARP). Many of you are active in the collection of used hearing aids and these, along with new aids available from LCI and sometimes from manufacturers, are what make it possible for us to provide this service at a very reasonable cost. The recycled aids are tested, refurbished if possible, or salvaged for parts. The actual testing and fitting is done by State licensed audiologists and hearing aid dispensers, who work with us by keeping their professional charges at a minimum.

The steps involved are: 1)Requests are received from sponsoring Clubs, individual Lions, school and social workers and individual prospective patients who know of us via word of mouth or other publicity. 2) An application is provided which asks questions about financial status, other possible avenues of help, history of hearing health, etc. Requirements include a clearance by medical examination or an acceptable waiver. 3) If approved, the patient is referred to a provider who completes the fitting process and bills the Hearing Aid Bank. Typically a certain amount of follow-up care is included.

Please note that a minimum fee (currently \$400) is requested from the patient and this may be waived depending on circumstances, so the program is funded almost entirely by Club donations. Your Club, as a member of the Sight & Hearing Foundation, can contribute to HARP by specifying that your donation go to the HAB. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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





## FABULOUS FOOTHILL

### REGION CHAIRMAN KEN SHERWOOD

FABULOUS FOOTHILL STAMPEDE- That's an apt description of the crowd when the dinner bell rang and they yelled "y'all come git it". The food at the **Pomona Breakfast Lions Club**'s 32nd annual Stampede on Saturday, April 18th is what caused the rush.

Thinly sliced, delectable BBQ beef (12 year old granddaughter Haley went back for 2nds and 3rds), the sweet, juicy BBQ chicken (9 year old Kody's description), yummy baked beans, potato salad, green salad and fresh rolls (Kody had three) were well worth the \$25 admission. Live music for dancing and raffle prizes that lined two full walls of tables of the Pomona Elks Lodge were big draws. The smaller lodge made the crowd seem large. The attendees were boisterous and seemed to enjoy the festivities. Some came in costume (western). 10 year old grandson Grayson dressed all in black as did I in my "Black Jack" persona. Pomona Breakfast Lions biggest fundraiser of the year was a total success for those who were there. Y'all come next year, y'hear.

The final cabinet meeting of 2008-2009 kicked off at 9:00am Sunday the 19th. The session was well run by Saddleback Region Chair Joan Parks and was truly a success. Lion Joan is a pleasure to work with on any project. Calm, confident and cordial all describe Lion Joan to a "T". Saddleback has been extremely fortunate this year to have Joan as chief administrative officer. Her graceful helping hand extended far beyond her region. She has my heartfelt thanks for her help and guidance throughout the year.

The main order of business was the student speaker contest. "Water-will California be left high and dry?" It was an arid topic but saturated with data about drought, shortage, conservation and the quest for more water.

Miss Madeline Zsu from Claremont High School, representing Cucamonga District Host Lions Club and Zone "A" of the Foothill Region spoke eloquently for 9:48 and won the District 4-L4 scholarship with a flawless delivery and superior use of vocabulary making the audience thirsty for more. For those wishing to drink in more, the Area 4 speak off will be Saturday, May 9, 2009 in Whittier. Call Lion Jack Tanaka, student speaker chairman for particulars. The MD-4 final contest will be Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the Doral resort in Palm Springs, CA at 2:30 pm during the Council of Governors final meeting of the year. Also at this COG the Area 4 student speaker chairman will be chosen for a four year term culminating in the MD-4 chairmanship the final year. Orange Region Chair Carol Linehan is a candidate for the office. Carol is organized, focused and fully capable and qualified to fill the chair and I know she has the support of District 4-L4. She has done an outstanding job as Region Chair in Ourstanding Orange and



#### FOOTHILL REGION REPORT (Continued).......

will be great in the leadership of the student speaker committee. Good luck Carol!

Also at the cabinet meeting, the biggest sales pitch was for the upcoming district convention May 14-17, 2009 at the Four Points Sheraton in Ventura. Parties, hospitality, awards and fun are the keys to a great convention put on by the premier convention committee chaired by PDG Mike and Lion Sandi Scheafer. It was noted at the cabinet meeting that there are two candidates for the two VDG seats available this year. Neither filed papers in time to campaign so will be nominated from the floor at the convention. 1st VDG candidate, Lion "Stormin Norman" MacKenzie has extensive membership recruiting capabilities and is looking to vastly increase the rosters of District 4-L4 clubs. 2nd VDG candidate (OMG) Ken Sherwood has extensive training in absolutely nothing. ("Honey, what are you doing?" / "Nothing" / "That's what you did yesterday" / "I wasn't finished"). The unopposed vacancy was irresistible and I wanted to be the 1st 2nd. Quote Marilyne, "You did WHAT?". I ran out of excuses. But it's about service and family.

Lions are my family too and if I can be the standard bearer from the top for one year and represent you, I'm proud and honored to do so. Come to the convention and help us get over the shock.





## 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.

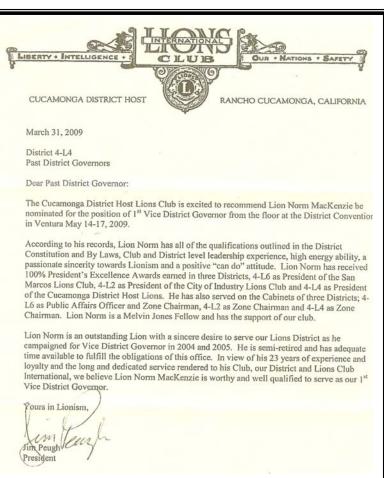
Don't miss out on the fun. Register early. We look forward to seeing you in Ventura.

Cheers in Lionism
Mike Scheafer, PDG
2009 Convention Chairman

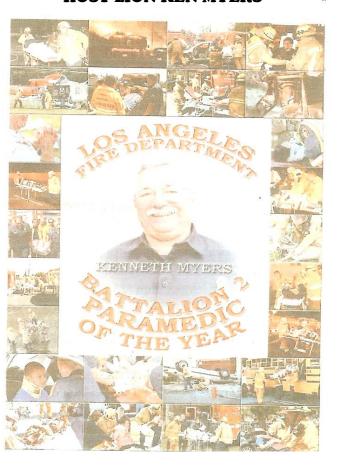








#### CONGRATULATIONS UPLAND HOST LION KEN MYERS



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# OUTSTANDING ORANGE Region Chairman CAROL LINEHAN

"The miracle, or the power, that elevates the few is to be found in their industry, application, and perseverance under the promptings of a brave, determined spirit." -- Mark Twain

Last Sunday at the 4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting three young stars were in our midsts. I'm referring to the three Region Student Speakers. Madeline Zsu from Foothill Region was our District winner is a junior. Madeline will be representing District 4-L4 at the Area Contest on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>. She also won our District Contest last year. Good luck Madeline. Mabel Tsui, a freshman from the Orange Region and Grady, a sophomore from the Saddleback Region were all exceptional. I always say I'm so glad I'm not a judge. We hope to see these students back again next year. As one judge said they are our future.

"When things are steep, remember to stay level-headed." --Horace

As **Lions** we are facing many challenges. Our fundraisers may not be producing the revenue we are accustomed to making in the past. We are trying new things and in some instances making less. More and more charities are asking us for money. We can not despair; just remember it is better to give something no matter even if it is less than nothing at all. The people we are providing services to still appreciate all that we do.

Some examples of things as Lions that we can do and don't cost us money are: Fullerton Host Lions worked at a homeless shelter; La Habra Leos worked a community clean-up day by cleaning the property of a seventy-year-old resident who had violations from the city. This project cost no money just lots of eager hands and backs to make a difference in this resident's life.

"Mix a little foolishness with your serious plans: it's lovely to be silly at the right moment." **Horace** 

Welcome new members: **Anaheim Lion Alex Khojikian**, **La Habra Lion Timothy Shaw and Seal Beach Host Lion Cathi Lande**.

## 2009-2010 DISTRICT DIRECTORY ADS

Ads for the District Directory will be accepted until June 15th, 2009. Ads must be black and white.

You can send a hard copy to Ken Sherwood at: 6666 Dakota Ave, Alta Loma CA 91737 or 259 S. East End Ave, Pomona CA 91766

You can also email it to him at <a href="mailto:sherwood2@yerizon.net">sherwood2@yerizon.net</a>

Pricing is the same as last year, but email Ken for specifics

"A good heart, is the sun, for it shines bright and never changes"-- William Shakespeare

**Seal Beach Host Lions** honored ten teachers and one administrator from the Los Alamitos School District and one faculty member from the North Orange County School District. The Club provided the honorees a dinner and presented each recipient with a Harry J. Aslan Fellow. **Seal Beach Lion George Dooley** was the faculty member who was nominated by his peers. Congratulations Lion George!



Orange Region Lion events coming up in May are as follows; May  $2^{nd}$  La Habra Host Scleroderma Dinner, May  $4^{th}$  Orange County Central Golf Tournament and May 14th - 17th is our annual District Convention. I hope to see you there.



Teachers from the Los Alamitos School District were honored by the Seal Beach Lions at their annual "Honor the Teachers" Dinner Banquet. A teacher from each of the local schools is chosen "Teacher of the Year".

#### **HARBOR MESA CLEANS HOUSE**

The Harbor Mesa Lions Club held their annual garage sale on April 3. Held at PDG Lion Barbara Hayward's home, the club raised over \$700 selling items that members and donors contributed.

Expenses \$-0-,
Sales \$700+
The whole experience - Priceless!

The members enjoyed buying the items other member's had donated. The customer's enjoyed being entertained by the club's antics of singing, dancing and having a good time.

It was a great way to raise funds and have fun. All funds will be donated to the many organizations that the Lions help.



Lion Joan Parks does a product demonstration for Lion Lynn Seaholm.



We support our Lions Youth Programs by participating in the Albertson's Community Partners. By February 28, 2009, anyone holding one of the Community Partners Card (Albertson's Preferred Card) needed to reactivate their cards.

Since the deadline has past, you can still activate your card by doing the following: Go to <a href="www.albertsons.com">www.albertsons.com</a>

- Enter your zip code in the Get Started section
- Click on "In the Community" at the bottom of the page
- Click on the Community Partners logo on the right side of the page
- Click on Shoppers login or register with your Preferred Savings Card first. (The number is on the back of the card below the barcode)

This should complete the process. If you have trouble entering the information, you can contact Albertsons at 1-877-932-7948. If for some reason you need the Community Partners ID# (not your member card #), the number is 49000121801.

For anyone holding one of these cards, please activate your card immediately. This is so important to our Youth programs. As the saying goes, then SHOP **UNTIL YOU DROP**. For any questions please contact Marianne Allen, Cabinet Treasurer



Lion Marianne Allen uses her best sales pitch



PDG Lion Barbara Hayward and Lion Eileen Jensen handle the merchandise.



**Harbor Mesa Lions Sales Staff** 



The five member "White Cane Drill Team" is searching for more sight-impaired Lions to join their group. They performed at the April Cabinet meeting and received a standing ovation.

Those interested in joining this great group which will be performing at various events, including the Rose Parade, can contact <u>Lion Scott Quinlan</u> of the Huntington Beach Host Lions Club at <u>Home: 714-596-8992</u>, or <u>Cell Phone: 714-200-3964</u>. His e-mail address is: <u>Scottythegolfer@msn.com</u>.

# **Lions Float, Inc. Introduces Garry Lozaun Fellowship**

PDG Garry Lozaun loved the Lions Float, Inc. Project, which fields our Lions Float each year in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. He automatically became a member of the Float Committee when he became Vice-District Governor of District 4-L4 in 1995. He remained very active with the committee in numerous ways until his death in 2008.

One of the major contributions Garry made was the development of this Lions Float Fellowship Program. As Lions Float Committee Members, a significant financial concern is that we must contract and select a float design soon after the Pasadena Parade each year in order to make the schedules. LCI has typically assisted us with some financial support. The problem is that their commitment cannot come until well after the required contract dates. Therefore, if LCI ever elects not to fund our project, we are in a lot of trouble. Garry developed the Lions Float Fellowship Program to be a safety net for such emergencies. He designed the program, selected the honorees and obtained approval for the use of their name, and essentially presented it to the committee as a turn-key project.

The original program honored PDG Wilt LeBlanc as the governor who headed up the original float in 1992, and continued with the committee until his death in 2002. The other honoree was PIP Donald E. Banker, who was the International President when the Original Float was submitted in 1992.

Recently, a new fellowship honoring PDG Garry Lozaun has been approved by the Committee. To obtain any one of these fellowships simply requires you send a check to Chuck Overbey with the name and address of the person you are honoring, and who to send the plaque to. The Wilt LeBlanc fellowship requires a donation of \$300 US: The Garry Lozaun Fellowship is \$400, and the Donald E. Banker Fellowship in \$500. Each fellowship includes a beautiful plaque and a Specific Rose Pin in varying colors. The LeBlanc pin is Yellow, the Lozaun pin is Lavender, and the Banker pin is Red.

This is the time of year when we need to be recognizing and honoring those special members of our clubs and our district, and what better way than with one of these fellowships. They can be prepared quickly and we are ready to support your requests. For any additional information, please contact Chuck Overbey at (562) 694-4294 or Cell (562) 743-5801.

Send Requests to: Chuck Overbey 1419 La Serena Dr. Brea, CA 92821-1929

# MEMBERSHIP

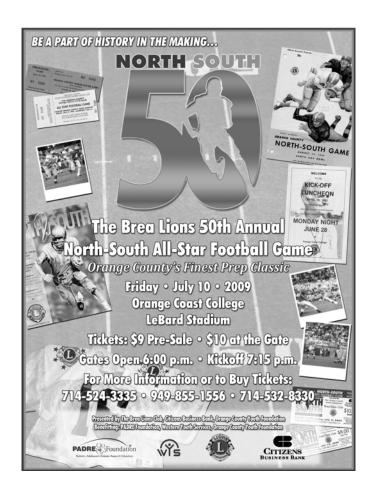
By District Membership Chairman Dave Hubbard

#### ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER?

Is your club a member of your local Chamber of Commerce? Lion Norm MacKenzie came up to me the other night and asked me that very question. I was happy to say that we were. Not only that, but over ½ of the Chamber Board of Directors are Lions as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. The Chamber has been an excellent source of members for the Seal Beach Host Lions Club. Lion Norm was trying to make a point that the Chamber of Commerce is an excellent source of members and working with the Chamber is an excellent way to partner in your community.

If you haven't done so already now is an excellent time for your club to join the Chamber of Commerce. Most Chambers have a reduced membership rate for non-profit organizations. You can sponsor a Chamber mixer. This gives you the opportunity to show what you club does and how it can benefit the community. By involving the Chamber members in your activities gives them an opportunity to resource and for you to gain new members. This is truly a WIN-WIN proposition.

Now is the time to grow. Let's join the Chamber of Commerce. Let's show them how they can benefit by having us as a member and how we can benefit by them becoming members in our Lions Club. We SERVE the community and by doing so are helping the businesses in the Chamber. We buy from them and promote their businesses. They can help themselves by joining us. So, if you haven't already done so. Join the Chamber!



#### **SPOTLIGHT ON**



# **Huntington Beach Host Lions Club**

By Lion Joan parks

Huntington Beach Host Lions Club was founded in 1938. Last year they held a beautiful event commemorating their 70th year. There is a common thread that runs through this active and fun loving club, and according to long time member (34 Years), Lion Harvey Marklinger that is respect. Harvey states "I think that the primary reason for our success is that we have deep respect, not just for each other, but also for ourselves as individuals. Lionism may have brought us together, but the respect has made us friends". He mentioned that they actually have events to enjoy each other's company and open the friendship circle to include newer members. They share a common spirit; they unite to help those less fortunate. That is Lionism, which is the Huntington Beach Host Lions Club.

According to their club brochure, provided to me by their club secretary, Keith Campbell, they have sponsored two additional clubs over the years and are a club numbering around 55 member, of both men and women. They also have a branch club, which just celebrated their 1st Anniversary on March 8<sup>th</sup> of this year. According to Lion Leonard Gleason, one of the Guiding Lions for the Branch Club and slated to be next years Club President, "The branch group has attracted working members in our community with a variety of skills, such as marketing, promotion and management. Many of our members are also members of business networking groups and the Chamber Of Commerce". This branch has attracted working members of the community that also have a desire to serve. They have been trying a variety of venues in hopes of finding a permanent location by June 1<sup>st</sup>. For information on future Branch Meetings, Lion Leonard notes that they encourage guests and if interested call Branch Club Coordinator Lion Raymond Louison at (714) 925-5361 or Lion Steve Christy, the other Guiding Lion at (714) 397-3737.

According the President, Lion Hank Lopez, it was Past President, Lion Mike Liebherr, who is to be credited with forcing the club to go for Club Of The Year in 2000-2001. Lion Hank states that "prior to that the Huntington Beach Host Lions we happy not to be in the lime light. We just did our fundraisers and entertained ourselves with social events. We were just somewhat introverted! But, now, alas, we are as active and noisy as any other club in the district". Just ask any visiting club or Governor that visits this loud, outgoing, active club. It can seem irreverent, but they are just a huge fun group.

According to their brochure, their membership includes men and women who share a common commitment to humanitarian service. The members support a variety of programs that are committed to solving local, and global health and social problems. As with all of our District Lions' Clubs, this club also takes great pride in helping make a positive difference in the lives of people in need.

The club has had its share of members who went on to participate at the District level. One would be the honor of having a Past District Governor in their club. PDG Jim North was Governor 2003-2004. His wife Lion Doris, also a member of the Huntington Beach Host Lions, is as busy with District activities as Jim is. Several members have been Zone Chairmen as well as Region Chairmen. Lion Dr. Harvey Marklinger was Chairman of Project LOOK for a number of years. Both Lion Hank Lopez and Lion Mike Liebherr have been active on committees for the Ensenada Visitation as well as District Conventions. Lion Mike has the distinction of being the first, First Dude when Lion Ellen was our first lady Governor. Lion Hank tells me there are even two members who aspire to become District Governor in the near future.

Not to be left out for distinction, the club has two members with long standings in the club. The oldest at large member would be Lion Virg Amermen, with the oldest active member being Lion Roy Rinaldi. Lion Merle Cade is the member who has been a member the longest.

As I said previously this is a very active club. In the brochure they list by month what they do and another list of the projects they actively support. Lion Harvey puts it this way, "We are a hard working enthusiastic group. When a community or fundraising project is planned, we never lack for participants". President Hank notes that the Crab fest is their best fundraiser, and that the pre-mothers day breakfast at Lake Park is their oldest fundraisers. This event was actually dying on the vine until last year when Past President Dick Sklar and the Chairman, Lion Glen Miller decided to put the club's marketing skills to work and revive this event. "Last year was much better than the previous year and we intend to keep this one going for a long time".

A couple of other events that have long been favorites of the entire District are the club's annual Oktobefest at Old World and Laughlin Fun Bus trip. Many clubs support and enjoy these events very much. The Laughlin trip was one that was originated by late Lion Marj Vallancey. Marj always enjoyed the fact that she was Huntington Beach Host Lions first woman member.

The club also supports the community with eye examinations and glasses for needy school children, as well as support for the Boys' and Girls' Clubs and Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops.

The Branch Club is getting into the act as well, with cooking hamburgers and hot dogs at the International Surf Museum and also at SURFIN SUNDAYS where local bands play in the museum parking lot. They will be selling Italian Ice at the Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions Club Fish Fry in May, then again at the Relay for Life in Huntington Beach on June 13th and then on the 14th they will make pancakes for participants in the Relay for Life. There are many more activities that this club is involved in and according to President Hank, "Many of our members want to do more, but they are young and they will chill out!".

To quote, Lion Harvey, "For our club it is very simple: Respect creates friendship; Friendship creates Camaraderie; Camaraderie creates a lot of fun AND a JOB WELL DONE!"



# SPECTACULAR SADDLEBACK

#### REGION CHAIRMAN JOAN PARKS

We are closing in on the end of this Lions' year, and yet all the clubs in Saddleback are still working hard on projects, fundraisers, election of officers and preparing for the next Lions' year. It has been a busy past month, and an even busier month ahead.

The April 6<sup>th</sup> Region Meeting was well attended and the two Student Speakers handled themselves very well. Thanks to Tustin Lions Club for changing their meeting and sharing the time with us. It was great to see so many of them in attendance. Harbor Mesa, Huntington Beach Host, Laguna Niguel, Mission Viejo, and Orange Host Lions Clubs all were in attendance. Lion Cherrill Cady, who is the Saddleback Region Student Speakers Chairman, did a wonderful job on this event. Both Huntington Beach Host Lions Club, and Laguna Niguel Lions Club had speakers who went head to head.

The fourth, and last Cabinet Meeting was in our Region and went very well. Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> found it very HOT and attendance was again spectacular and the speakers fantastic. Thanks to District Chairman Jack Tanaka for such a great program. The winner, Madeline Zsu, who attends Claremont High School, and is sponsored by Cucamonga District Host Lions, will go onto the area contest on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The winner of that contest goes on to the Statewide Contest in Palm Springs on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

In Zone A, Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions gave away a total of \$25,000 at their Allocations Night on April 14<sup>th</sup>. President Mike Scheafer said they will be helping with the O.C. Marathon on May 2 as well as cooking hamburgers at the Civil War reenactment to be held May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Of course they have their big event of the Fish Fry on the weekend of May 30th and 31<sup>st</sup>. Costa Mesa, Orange Coast Lions Club is working on preparations of their annual Spaghetti Bingo Night on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Harbor Mesa Lions Club also gave out their Allocation this past month, approximately \$20,000 to about 15 different organizations. They had their annual Garage Sale and raised over \$800, along with \$500 on their annual See's Easter Candy Sales and \$700 at their Lucy and Ethyl Bingo Night. They also handed over about 700 pair of glasses to PDG Jack Luellen for the Lions In Sight Project. Huntington Beach Host Lions had a huge success with the Annual Crab Fest this year, selling more tickets than in any prior years. They were able to make donations of \$325 for glasses for school age children and \$100 to the Braille Institute, and donated 977 pairs of used eyeglasses and 14 hearing aids. They will have their annual Mothers Day breakfast on the Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, the day before Mother's Day.

In Zone B, Lion Angela Wang reports that the **Chinese American Lions Club of OC** are still meeting regularly and have an average of 77% attendance with some very good speakers. The **Irvine** 



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

July 8-10, 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



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SADDLEBACK REGION REPORT (Continued).....

**Multi-Cultural Lions** continue to support Lion Mo Alingaghian in Project LOOK. The **Orange Host Lions** under the leadership of President Keith Matsuo are preparing for their big event on Labor Day at the International Street Fair in Orange and are still collecting glasses for the Lions In Sight Project. **Tustin Host Lions Club** held the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Tustin Charity Golf Tournament on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Anaheim Hills Country Club and is uniting with the local Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs for a Tri Club Meeting. The **UCI Lions Club** has announced that their annual Casino Night will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the UCI Medical Center.

In Zone C, Laguna Niguel has had two new members join up with them. Mission Viejo Lions Club has reported that they have had service hours for eyeglass collection, counting, packaging and shipping and for the processing of requests for eyeglasses for the needy. San Clemente Host Lions had a big weekend of selling pizza, water and soda at their booth at the annual San Clemente Carnival.

All in all everyone around the Saddleback Region have been very busy and active. Great community support and fellowship.

### 2008-2009 DISTRICT CALENDAR

May 9 Huntington Beach Host Pancake Breakfast

May 14-17 District 4-L4 Convention

May 31-June 1 Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions Fish Fry

June 5 World Environment Day

June 20 UCI Summertime BBQ & Casino Night

July 6-10 Lions Clubs International Convention, Minneapolis MN

July 10Brea North/South All Star Football GameJuly 18-19Seal Beach Lions Fish Fry & Car RaffleAugust 7Upland Host Fish Bake & Corn Feed

Sept 24-25 USA/Canada Forum

### **ATTENTION**

### CLUB PRESIDENTS, CLUB SECRETARIES, CLUB EVENT CHAIRMEN

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SHOW YOUR CLUB OFF THROUGH THE DISTRICT 4-L4 FORUM

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