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Hello Fellow Lions, Leo's and Friends

Yes, your district cabinet has finally finished all of our District Governors' visitations. This doesn't mean that our days are not busy or filled with Lions' tasks. At the beginning of November, there was a pre cabinet meeting that dove tailed right into our 2nd cabinet meeting on the 11/10/2012. I would like to thank all one hundred Lions who attended. Your cabinet is trying very diligently to make the meetings informative, entertaining and fun. I have had a lot of positive feedback on the singers at lunch as well as finishing on time. Congratulations to Lion Jackie Maloney on winning the \$100.00 gift card that was raffled off. A big thank you to all the clubs that donated raffle prizes.

November found many Lions busy with helping the needy and less fortunate through donating not only money but their time and many other resources. I helped carve 70 plus turkeys at American Family Housing for Thanksgiving Day dinners. My participation was a small part compared to that of Seal Beach Host & Huntington Beach Lion members serving over 600 dinners as well as several other Lions clubs helping in their communities on Thanksgiving Day. The East Coast took a hit with Super Storm Sandy and again Lions were there to help the victims. At our cabinet meeting we passed the relief basket and collected over \$4000.00 with pledges bringing the total to over \$9000.00 dollars. Thank you Lions!

On November 17, 2012, a Level II Extension Work Shop was conducted in which twelve Lions attended. We are ready to start some new clubs in our 4-L4 District. Thank you all for attending and your commitment to providing membership growth in our district.

Congratulations to Harbor Mesa Lions for winning the "Eagle Award" given by the Daily Pilot Newspaper. There's no Turkeys at Harbor Mesa which was also another award.

On November 26, 2012, your executive team and Peace Poster Chairman Lyle Sutton met at our home to judge the Peace Posters and Essay Contest that we received from many clubs. This year we had fourteen Peace Posters and one Essay. They were all magnificent pieces of art and it was no easy task selecting a winner. The Peace Poster winner was Shea Meyerson, an eight grader from Orchard Hills School and sponsored by the Tustin Host Lions. The Essay Contest winner was Daphne Faleafaga an eight grader from Stanford Middle School and sponsored by the Orange Lions. These district winner's submissions will be forwarded to MD-4 for further competition at the state level. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Peace Poster Contest. At the next cabinet meeting, I will have all the Peace Posters with an attached certificate for all the students. Please see that a representative from any club that submitted a Peace Poster pick it up and return it to the student.

With the Christmas Holidays soon approaching, we turn our thoughts to family, friends and traditions. It is a time to reflect on the things in life that are most precious to us - our family, home, health and happiness. It always makes me feel good when I can give and expect nothing in return as I know many Lions feel the same way. The holiday season can actually be an excellent time for clubs to invite new members. It is traditionally a time when people look outward toward those in need. It is also a time when many Lions clubs schedule events and special service projects linked to the holiday. Many of these can be especially attractive to individuals seeking a way to serve. Together, these factors provide fertile ground for the expansion of Lions' service.

HO HO HO and a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all Lions, Leo's and Families
PJ Smith, DG 4-L4

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2013 MD-4 Leadership Institute

January 19th to 21st

Harris Ranch

Coalinga, California
located off Interstate 5
Cost: \$250
Double Occupancy
an extra \$60 per night as a single

LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at the club, zone, region and district levels. There is a focus on applying many of the leadership skills long recognized in business and government to working with volunteers and the community.

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates are Lions in good standing who have are active in their club or district leadership.

COST OF THE INSTITUTE

The cost to the attendee is \$250 for the weekend. The rest of the cost of the Institute is picked up by Lions Clubs International and Multiple District Four. This covers the meals, materials and a shared room at the hotel.

APPLICATIONS

Lions who meet the qualifications may apply. If you are interested in attending, applications are available from your district governor or you may download an application from the MD-4 web site.

Requirements

All attendees agree to do the pre assignments and to attend all of the classes

AREAS OF EMPHASIS

Some of the areas covered in the course work are Change Leadership, Presentation Skills, Diversity, Conflict Resolution, Supporting Teams, Project Management, LCIF, Communications and Technology & Lions.

DRESS

The dress is casual. Please wear comfortable clothes to the classes. Business attire is appropriate for the graduation dinner on Sunday evening.

STARTING TIME

We start training at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning. Some students may want to come in on Friday evening. You can do that at your own expense. We have a group rate of \$120 per night that you may use. Meals start with the Saturday Continental Breakfast at 9 a.m. All sessions start on time. Training ends Monday at noon.



1st Vice District Governor
Sheila Casteel



2nd Vice District Governor
Gil Smith

For quite some time I have been talking about our Level 2 Extension Workshop. At last, it came to pass! On Saturday, November 17, a group of Lions met at the Brea Lions Scout Center with PCC Jim Canon from West Virginia conducting the workshop. In addition, two staff members from LCI, Tamera Ivetic, Department Manager of Membership and New Clubs Development and Antoinette Tu, Membership and New Club Development Coordinator, both Lions, attended the workshop. PCC Jim gave us several strategies and methods for starting new Lions Clubs. It was a long day for many of us, but well worth our time. Plans are underway to start 4 new clubs by June. I would like to thank all of you who gave up a Saturday to attend!

I would like to thank so many Lions this year for their support and willingness to give back to the health and development of their clubs and to other clubs in the district. It is this sharing attitude that will lead our district to new heights.

We made it to the finish line for visitations. This year Governor PJ was entertained with hearts, Keystone cops, a portable jail for too many jelly donuts, and a hula dancer.

I have received many positive comments on the November 10th cabinet meeting. It was well-organized, had good information, and training was imparted. It also was kept on track and on time. Good job PJ and Drew.

Thanks to every Lion for all you do in your community and best wishes for happy holiday season.



EVERYONE LISTENS ATTENTIVELY TO PCC JIM CANON TALK ABOUT CLUB EXTENSION.



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR P.J. POSES FOR THE CAMERA WITH FRIENDS AND CAKE!

Thanksgiving dinner is just a memory, but my feelings of gratitude for all my blessings in this life are held close to my heart always. Thank you to everyone in my Lions and extended Lions family for who you are and what you do. As we move further into the Holiday Season, I extend my wishes for joy, peace, and love to all of you and your families.

Planning for 2013

Now is the time to plan your training for the first quarter of 2013. We have an abundance of trained Club Excellence Process (CEP) Facilitators and Certified Guiding Lions (CGL) who are ready and able to help any club in the District achieve its goals. CEP is an excellent approach for any club to review its mission and goals. Guiding Lions are an excellent resource for any club that would like to engage in reinvigorating and rebuilding itself. In many instances the same 4-L4 Lions are qualified as both CEP facilitators and CGL.

District Leadership Academy

The Membership Workshop prior to the November cabinet meeting was well received with 23 Lions engaged in interactive discussions. Your next District Leadership Academy topic immediately before the January cabinet meeting will deal with Club Dynamics, Working Together and Conflict Resolution.

Thank you to all the Lions who have joined us is the various trainings offered thus far this year. Your dedication and willingness to help develop future Lions will have a lasting effect. Now is the time to make use of these valuable resources.

The District Leadership Team would like to hear from you on how we can help meet your needs in Lionism whether it be mentoring, training, sharing ideas or providing some assistance that will help you grow and meet the needs of your local communities.

STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST
MD-4 LIONS CLUBS OF CALIFORNIA
2012-2013 Topic
"How Do We Create and Keep Jobs in America?"

District 4-L4

presents

Melvin Jones Awards Dinner



Date: Saturday, January 5, 2013

Place: Knott's Berry Farm Hotel
7675 Crescent Avenue
Buena Park, California 90620

Time: 6:00 p.m. Check-in/Social
7:00 p.m. dinner

Cost: \$55.00 Filet Mignon or Vegetarian

RSVP by December 15th to:

Lion Marianne Allen
P.O. Box 487
Garden Grove, California 92842
(714) 534-3791
Black Tie optional



Please make reservations by December 15, 2012

Club name _____

Number attending: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to: District 4-L4

Please send the name(s) of those attending on the back of the form

Send completed payments to:

Lion Marianne Allen
P.O. Box 487, Garden Grove, California 92842



Governor PJ with University High School Leo President who received the "Lions Young Leader in Service Silver Award" from Lions International President Madden. This award is given to Leos with over 100 hours of service within one year.



PASADENA HOST
LIONS CLUB

P.O. BOX 364, PASADENA, CA 91102-0364 (626) 683-1420

Chartered March 26, 1920

November 17, 2012

Dear Fellow Lions,

The Pasadena Host Lions Club takes a great pleasure to invite Lions and their guests to the 19th Annual **New Year's Eve Breakfast and Float Tour Celebration**.

You and your guests will be treated to a wonderful breakfast prepared by Chef Raul at the Historic Green Hotel in Old Town Pasadena. After you have enjoyed your breakfast you will be shuttled by luxury coach to the Float Palace where you will be greeted by Docents who will guide you through an up close VIP viewing of over fifteen floats, including our own Lions International entry. The display of flowers and float designs will be breath taking. Each float will be finished and ready to roll down Colorado Boulevard on New Year's Day, January 1, 2013 for the 124th Tournament of Roses Parade.

We are pleased that Lions International President, Wayne A. Madden has made time in his west coast visit to attend our breakfast. Let's all show our hospitality and support to him, by attending this once a year event.

We would ask that Club President and secretaries inform their club members that fliers can be seen and down loaded from our website at pasadenahostlions.org

See you New Year's Eve Morning.

Kirit Dave, Event Chairman
626-301-7996 or kirtsauto@gmail.com

**Multiple District 4 Convention
February 8-10, 2013
Sacramento CA**

**Multiple District 4 Leadership
Institute
January 19-21, 2013
Harris Ranch**

**For more information
www.md4lions.org**



Osama Bin Laden was living with 3 wives in one compound and never left the house for 5 years.

It is now believed he called the Navy Seals himself.....



Cabinet
Secretary

Dewey
Linehan

If you've ever had the chance to serve on the District Cabinet, November is quite unique in its own way, we finish up the month with the last of our visitations. Now don't get me wrong, even with the hectic schedule of visiting every club in the District, they are all different in their own way. Take for instance the Harbor Mesa Lions Club, one of the first visitations we made. They started it off with a "Court Room" scene with Governor PJ on trial for impersonating a Governor, what a show. Then the Seal Beach Host Club put on a skit whereas, Governor PJ was arrested for disturbing a fellow police officer from his Coffee & Jelly Donut break. The Korean Club, they like to golf, what could be more fun then getting an offer to play 18 holes at a private Country Club after the meeting, well our Governor was asked but had to be at another function that evening and time wouldn't permit, then there was the Vietnamese Club, boy they like to pass around the wine, and eat good food. The Chinese/American Lions Club, I have to tell you, they eat, eat, and eat, after the (7th) entrée I could hardly walk out of their meeting. I'm saving the almost next to the last Club visitation to tell you a story you won't believe, The Newport Hawaiian Club visitation was like out of a short episode of "Hawaii Five 'O", when Detective PJ Smith, played by Governor PJ Smith was coached by one of the Hawaiian dancers to come out and learn the Hula, this visitation will long be remembered, most of the Cabinet and dignitaries were in attendance, Wanda & Jack Tanaka our very own International Lions of the year were in attendance, and what could make it more Hawaiian than that. "Isn't it great to be a Lion, famous quote by a 4-L4 Governor?

We just had our 2nd District Meeting held at the Ontario Hilton Hotel in Ontario. I would like to take this time to thank Region Chair Drew Sasser for an outstanding facility with great service and food. Also I would like to thank all the Lions Carol Proctor, Amanda Behnke, Loyce Mejias, Randy McMillan, Wanda Tanaka, Sandi Scheafer and Mike Smith for their help with the check-in and raffle, it really makes a difference, hope I didn't leave anyone out it gets pretty busy and you don't see everyone oh and my wife Carol too.

At this Cabinet Meeting we tried something a little different, a small prize was awarded to the clubs with most in attendance using the A-D divisions that seemed to work out fine. The Governor is getting pretty generous with his Paddy Passes. We also had two visitors from L-3 PCC Bill Dunlevy and Lion Margaret Dunlevy, 1stVDG.

Our last visitation was at the Governor's Club in Brea, we celebrated this last event with Governor PJ and the Cabinet with a traditional Turkey dinner. What could be more festive than to sit down with the Lion Family? 1st Lady Georgia was unable to attend due to a touch of the flue, but our crafty Governor brought a likeness of her in the form of a picture (mask) so she was kind of there. During this meeting a 50 year chevron was presented to the Secretary of the Club Lion Ron Taylor.

**Orange Lions Club
Annual Charity Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo**



Saturday, March 16, 2013



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:
Diane Quinlan 714-623-1439 or Val Bedel 714-377-0871

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

CABINET SECRETARY MESSAGE (continues).....

Fliers for the "Melvin Jones Awards Dinner" to be held on January 5th 2013 have hit the streets, set this date aside for a special evening of recognition to well deserving Lions recipients.

I would like to share this with you all; Carol and I will be leaving for the Hawaiian Islands for a two week stint in paradise. Now I know what you're going to say, but we both need a little R&R before we start the New Year off with our Lions work.

Be sure to look for our Lion's Float on New Year's Day, it represents a lot of hard work performed by our District and others. A big thank you goes out to Wanda & Jack Tanaka for coordinating the work force to decorate this symbol of Lion's.

As we move into the Holiday Season, I would like to extend a safe, Happy Holiday Season to all Lions, friends and their families and a Happy New Year.

Finally, our next District meeting will be on January 26' 2013. Fliers should be out by the end of December, and RSVP'S are appreciated. See you all next year either at the Melvin Jones Dinner or the Cabinet meeting.

PDG's Husband goes pole dancing in Hollywood for the YEP

More adventures with the Youth Exchange Students in July. On Thursday, we boarded the Metro Link in Santa Ana and Montclair and headed to Union Station for a day of fun in Hollywood. The Blue Lion Subway took us to the Kodiak Theater in Hollywood where the students enjoyed a day of seeing the sights and shopping while the host families enjoyed people watching and coffee. One family stayed later and took a tour of the celebrities' homes.



On our return subway trip some of our students were hanging onto poles and with a sudden stop were spun around – they said look we are pole dancing in Hollywood – so guess which husband of a PDG did his own pole dance??? That is right our own Lion George of the Orange Lions got up and did a pole dance for the kids (who says what happens in Hollywood stays in Hollywood). Needless to say it was very entertaining to the other passengers and the students who talked about it for days!



After pole dancing and fun in Hollywood it was off to Union Station for fun and lunch..... the adventures continue see next month for more fun....want to know how you can have fun and pole dance with us? Check you district directory for you YEP chairperson. Any of them would be glad to come out and give a presentation for your club!

MD4 STUDENT SPEAKER FOUNDATION



The MD4 Student Speaker Foundation requests that each District raise **\$7,000** toward the Scholarships that are given out each year to the Students. The Foundation can continue to provide the fifteen (15) District winners \$4,500; the four (4) Area winners \$6,500 and the one (1) Final winner \$10,000 if each District continues to support the Foundation.

I would like to say thanks to the clubs and individuals because as of today 4 L4 has donated **\$1157** to the Foundation.

You ask yourself, how we as Lions, Clubs and District 4L4 can raise the money to reach our goal. You as individuals can support the Foundation by purchasing a Fellowship for yourself. A club can recognize a Lion who has contributed service to your club or to the Student Speaker Program i.e. chairing your club contest with a Fellowship or Supporter Patch.

A Supporter Patch/Year Chevron is \$100. The four Fellowships range in price from Harry J. Aslan- \$200, Dwight E Stanford - \$300, Donald E Snyder - \$400 and Fred W Smith - \$500. This year the Foundation added an Al Ohrmund .supporter award \$250.

Another way which costs you or your club no money is to give me your used /old cell phones and ink cartridges. Harbor Mesa donated \$57 in products last month.

All donations to the Foundation are Tax Deductible.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting the Student Speaker Foundation.

Lion Carol Ann Linehan
2012-2013 District 4 L4
Student Speaker Trustee

District 4-L4 Cabinet Meeting

Saturday, November 10, 2012

In commemoration of Veterans' Day, the November 10th cabinet meeting honored those who have served or who have family members who have served in the armed forces. Tables and the podium were decorated with a patriotic motif, and armed forces honorees stood as everyone sang the songs of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

Many Lions commented that this meeting was one of the best ever with informative presentations, a mood of celebration and tightly enforced time limits.



DG PJ Smith makes opening remarks.



Foothill Region Chair Drew Sasser



Flags of the United States and its the branches of its armed forces



Song leader Carol Van Holt



1st Lady Georgia and DG PJ Smith



Speaker Randy Stein



PCC Larry Dicus



IPDG Ken Sherwood



1VDG Sheila Casteel



2VDG Gil Smith



PDG Barbara Hayward



Don't honk the horn!



PDG Jon Casteel, Jack Tanaka



PCC Ed Bordenkircher



PDG Dan Mayer



PDG Matt Hunyadi



Assistant Chaplain Lyle Sutton

Photographs taken by District Photographer Barbara Smith & 2VDG Gil Smith

District 4-L4 Cabinet Meeting continued



Zone Chair
Marc Poli



Cabinet Treasurer
Sandi Scheafer



Special award



Zone Chair
Gary Denni



Club representatives line up to
make announcements



DG PJ stands at flag-laden
lectern



Cabinet Secretary
Dewey Linehan



Delivering raffle prizes



IPDG Ken with IP Tam's
Certificate of Appreciation



Superstorm Sandy
Collection



Jack Tanaka



PDG Elizabeth
Warren



Jackie Maloney



Martha Hebert



Gil with overtime
horn



Carol Van Holt



Sharing a laugh!



Giving benediction



National Anthem

Final District Governor's Visitations

Huntington Beach Host Lions – November 1, 2012



Huntington Beach Host Lions with DG PJ and cabinet



DG PJ Smith with HB Host President Steven Christy



PR Chair Carol Van Holt jokes with Cabinet Secretary Dewey Linehan.

Brea Lions – November 15, 2012
Last Visitation to Governor's Home Club



Brea Lions pose with District Cabinet after the Governor's visitation.

Fullerton Host Lions – November 15, 2012



Fullerton Host Lions President Marc Poli with DG PJ Smith and some of the club's members, cabinet members and guests

Newport Beach Hawaiian Lions



Tail Twister Bill Hall with PDG Barbara Hayward



Brea Lions President Bill McLeran with DG PJ



Newport Beach Hawaiian Lions and District Cabinet at the close of the meeting



A Hawaiian dancer entertained.



Tail Twister fines Wanda Tanaka



2VDG Gil Smith, 1VDG Sheila Casteel and DG PJ Smith



NB Hawaiian President Sally Nockold (R) and a fellow NBH Lion with a birthday cake for PJ



Newly inducted Newport Beach Hawaiian Lions

CALIFORNIA LIONS FRIENDS IN SIGHT EYEGLOSS CLINIC – SANTA ANA

The Santa Ana Lions were joined by Seal Beach Lions and Leos to distribute eyeglasses to needy people through CLFIS. The event was held on November 10th at Valley High School in Santa Ana where more than 400 patients were attended to at this all day clinic.



Lions helped with check in, applications, eye testing, assistance to optometrists, eyeglass distribution and eyeglass fitting. Estimates of 400 people were screened with 370 people leaving with new eyeglasses giving them the gift of sight within a few hours of arriving to the clinic. Eyeglasses need to be manufactured for another twenty people, ten people needed no eyeglass correction, four were referred to specialists, and two were sent to the hospital emergency for immediate care.



This is a truly rewarding project where you get to ‘instantly see’ results in helping the needy. Additionally, it is quite inspiring to work alongside the CLFIS core team of Dr. Brian, Dottie, Don, Patti and Rob who do this thirty times a year. These are amazing Lions and are wonderful to work with.

Lion Cathy Newton
Sight Chairman, Seal Beach Lions Club



HEARING & SPEECH ACTION NEWS

Noisy Toys

First let me say that I believe plagiarism is a compliment to the original author, so here is some vital information from Lion Jeff Carroll’s recent article at abclocal.go.com.

Researchers are warning parents about the dangers of high-decibel holiday toys. Some of the hottest selling toys exceed national safety guidelines. Used improperly, prolonged high-decibel exposure can cause hearing damage. “A couple of them were up in ranges I really didn’t expect to see,” said UC Irvine researcher Jeff Carroll.

A high-tech sound level meter was taken to local stores to measure the peak loudness of hundreds of toys. Topping the list was Disney’s High School Musical Rockerz Jammin Guitar. That one came in at 106 decibels. That’s about as loud as a lawn mower or maybe standing next to a subway,” said Carroll. Two other Disney products – the Hannah Montana and Cheetah Girls in Concert Collection Dolls also made the list. A Disney spokesperson says, “Disney requires our licensees and manufacturers who make our products to meet every safety standard, including noise control. We are investigating these products.”

Learning Curve’s Bob the Builder Deluxe Talking Tool Belt came in at 96 decibels. Fisher Price’s ever-popular Tickle Me Elmo peaked at 100 decibels. Fisher Price responds, “We are extremely judicious in establishing appropriate volume levels in our toys. We carefully self-regulate to a very conservative decibel range for average play distances, depending on the type of toy.” Fisher Price also went on to say that comparing their toys to OSHA standards is misleading, since their guidelines assume continuous exposure. Hearing experts understand that, but say cumulative exposure to noise can add to a child’s hearing loss later in life.

If you keep toys at arm’s length, the decibel dangers drop dramatically. “None of these toys are inherently dangerous,” said Carroll. “What we’re emphasizing is education on proper use of the toy.”

(Also see “Noise Levels – The Enemy of Hearing Aid Users”, Mark Ross, Hearing Loss Magazine, May/June 2007)

Keith Campbell
District Chairman
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**5th Annual Ensenada Visitation Cruise
Carnival Inspiration**



**Join District Governor PJ, Lions & friends
for the Ensenada Cruise.
March 8th – March 11th, 2013**

On Saturday, March 9th, District 4-L4 will join the Ensenada Lions for lunch. This year will mark the 55th International Visitation between District 4-L4 and the Ensenada Lions.

Sailing categories will be as follows:

- Category 6C mid-ship outside \$420.60 per person (8 Cabins Left)
- Category 6B forward or aft outside \$410.60 p. p. (8 Cabins Left)
- Category 4C mid-ship inside \$375.60 per person (7 Cabins Left)
- Category 4B forward or aft inside \$370.60 per person (6 Cabins Left)

The remaining Inventory will be pulled on Oct 10th

\$100 deposit per person is due now.

Final payment is due December 21, 2012 .

If paying by check Dec 14th.

Please call 714-846-2478 or email Lion Carol Linehan
CADL8029@yahoo.com for questions and reservations.

Vamos a Ensenada!



**RONALD MCDONALD
HOUSE RULES 2013**

- No food can be brought in prepared at home or in a crock pot.
- No homemade made baked goods can be brought in - they must be made at the location or store bought and still in the store package
- You are required to clean up after you make the meal this includes dishes, wiping down the counters, sweeping the floor and taking out the trash.
- Dinner - you can come as early as 4:00 - but dinner needs to be served from 6:00 - 6:45
- Breakfast - you can come as early as 7:00 - you can serve anytime between 8-9 for 45 minutes.
- NO LUNCHES
- You are required to bag up all the left-overs and not leave anything out - all food must be marked with what it is and the date it was made.
- Each adult must sign a contract with Ronald McDonald House yearly for release of liability.
- No Children under 16 years of age. Maximum number of people to help is 10.
- You must not have a cold, a fever within the past 48 hours or an infection.



**Lions Float
Decorating**

Yes, it is that time of the year again. The Lions float for the Rose Parade on January 1, 2013 needs to be decorated. Phoenix Decorating Company has designed and built the float. We will be decorating in the Rose Palace building at: 835 S. Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, California 91105.

I have been appointed by Governor P.J. Smith to coordinate District 4-L4's decorating dates. This year's dates and times are on Saturday - December 15th 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Saturday - December 22nd 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Wednesday - December 26th 2 shifts 8:00 am to 12:00noon and 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm. Leos will have 4 shifts on Friday, December 28th from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Please call or send me an e-mail message with the names of your decorators, club name and a contact phone number. All sign-ups are first come, first serve. I will maintain a wait list too.

Here are some instructions for all decorators.

1. Please do not bring radios, iPods, jewelry or purses. You need to hear instructions at all times. Bring your I.D. and money only. Fanny packs work great.
2. Wear old but warm clothing and sturdy shoes with closed toe and heel. Tie back long hair.
3. Fire lanes must be kept open at all times and the area around the float should be kept clean.
4. Please do not expect to use the office phones. Incoming calls will not be accepted for workers and no paging will be allowed from the office. Only emergency calls will be taken.
5. No one is allowed inside the building during judging. When you are asked to step outside, please do so promptly and remember to take out any personal items with you.
6. All breaks are to be taken outside.
7. Volunteers are here to work. There will be some not-so-glamorous jobs that need to be done besides decorating. It all has to be done.
8. No smoking is allowed in the buildings.
9. No more that 3 people are allowed on scaffolding at a time.
10. Do not wear flowers at any time, even after the floats have left the building.
11. Please sign-in with your coordinator when you arrive at your float and when you leave. Sign-in sheets are collected daily.
12. If you show up unannounced, you may not work on the Lions float.
13. Anyone observed working unsafely may be asked to leave.
14. Have fun!

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Reading for L-4

Get on the District 4-L4 Reading/Literacy Train

Join in a new District Project in the following ways:

1. **Donate Books** (new and very gently used) at the Cabinet Meeting. These books will be distributed to Libraries, Schools, Shelters serving children and adults, Boys and Girls Clubs as well as YMCA'S/YWCA'S or other entities that may be in need of reading materials.
2. **Get Involved (clubs and individuals)** by volunteering to read at the very same places as outlined above.
3. **Participate** in President Madden's Reading Action Program (RAP) by:
 - ◆ Developing after school reading programs.
 - ◆ Reading to children at local libraries.
 - ◆ Contacting local schools, asking how you can help.
 - ◆ Donating books and/or computers to a school or library.
 - ◆ Volunteering as tutors through a local school.
 - ◆ Working with local literacy experts and agencies.
 - ◆ Working to promote Braille literacy.

International President Wayne Madden has made Reading and Literacy a priority this year. As there are more than one billion illiterate people worldwide (24 million in the United States), we need to become proactive to bring children and adults that we serve, the tools that will help them with their independence and education.

Become part of the Solution!



LIONS PREPARE THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR AMERICAN FAMILY HOUSING

PDG Ellen Liebherr served as executive chef for the American Family Housing Thanksgiving Dinner. Along with shopping for food, on Wednesday, Nov. 21 she, and Lions Diane Martin and Dave Schwein prepared the dressing, potatoes, yams and vegetables for the dinner.



Seal Beach Lions & Huntington Beach Host Lions volunteered to roast turkeys and bring them to the kitchen where more Lions and Governor PJ carved them Wednesday night. Lions and volunteers cooked 60 turkeys.

On Thanksgiving Day, all the food was transported to the Westminster Community Center where it was warmed and served to 600 people



Giving Back to our Vets

Dear Fellow Lions,

During this holiday season I would like to serve the brave men and women veterans who so valiantly served us and are now faced with homelessness. I would like to see our clubs be pro-active by providing these vets with much needed toiletries. Governor PJ has given me the go-ahead for this timely project.

I would like to invite you to join me by donating travel-size toiletries to give to those in need for Christmas. The items listed below are desperately needed (travel-size only). These items can be found at Target or supermarkets in the Travel/Sample bins at a cost of about ninety-nine cents per item.

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| 1. Toothpaste | 5. Purell Hand Sanitizer |
| 2. Toothbrushes | 6. Kleenex (3 per pack) |
| 3. Shampoo | 7. Bandages |
| 4. Wet Ones and
Antibacterial Wipes | 8. Lotion |

If your club would like to participate, please call me and let me know which item you would like to donate. I want to insure that we have all the items needed (all toothbrushes and no toothpaste would be a problem).

These items will be needed by the last week of November. I can collect the items from you or they can be brought to the Cabinet meeting on November 10th.

On behalf of all the deserving vets, I thank you for your generosity and willingness to help.

Lion Hedy Carnett

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This particular Sunday sermon... 'Dear Lord,' the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. 'Without you, we are but dust....'

He would have continued but at that moment my very obedient daughter who was listening leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four year old girl voice, 'Mom, what is butt dust?'

DISTRICT 4-L4 CALENDAR

2012

December 15 4-L4 Rose Float Decorating
December 22 4-L4 Rose Float Decorating
December 26 4-L4 Rose Float Decorating
December 28 Leos Float Decorating

2013

January 5 Pre-Cabinet Meeting
January 5 Melvin Jones Dinner
January 26 Cabinet Meeting, Orange, PDG Recognition
February 23 Club Student Speakers Contest completion deadline
February 6-7 MD-4 Council of Governors Meeting, Sacramento
February 8-10 MD-4 Convention, Sacramento
February 17 Teen Recognition Awards Reception
March 11 Foothill Region Meeting
March 12 Orange Region Meeting
March 13 Saddleback Region Meeting
March 16 Zone Student Speakers Contest completion deadline
March 24 Lions City of Hope Day
April 6 Pre-Cabinet Meeting
April 6 Region Student Speakers Contest completion deadline
April 13 Orphanages of Thailand Fundraiser
April 22 Orange Lions Golf Tournament
April 27 Cabinet Meeting, Saddleback & District Student Speakers Contest
May 30-June 2 MD-4 Council of Governors Meeting, Torrance
June 1 MD-4 Student Speakers Contest Finals
July 5-9 International Convention, Hamburg Germany
August 2-4 MD-4 Council of Governors Meeting, Pleasanton
September 19-21 USA/Canada Forum, Overland Park KS

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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