



District 4-A1 Newsletter August 2007



Hi, I'm Lion Jim Loving.

I am your District Governor for the year 2007-2008. There were a lot of Lions in Chicago at the International Convention, about fifteen thousand, give or take a few. My class had thirty three Governors from a number of different states, all of California's Governors were in this class. Other states were Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, Indiana, and Alaska. We spent three days in class from eight in the morning until six in the evening learning all that is involved in being a District Governor. We had classes covering Leadership, Strategic Planning, Serving the Image of Lions, Constitution & By Laws, and Strategies for Increasing Membership. The workshops were great. We also had the opportunity to visit Lion's Headquarters.

The President, Mahendra Amarasuriya, invited Deepak Chopra to be the guest speaker Sunday morning. He is a world renowned motivational speaker and he spoke on the President's theme for the year "Challenge to Change." Monday saw the opening ceremony with the parade of flags from all the 200 countries that have Lion's Clubs including the most recent, Iraq. In the evening we all attended the Graduation Banquet and were entertained by dancers from the President's country, Sri Lanka. Tuesday - awards were presented and a variety of workshops were available. In the evening we were entertained by Glen Cambell and his daughter. Wednesday was the Lions International 4th of July Parade. Our new International President, and all the District Governors were inducted. That night there was a Lion's Night at the Wrigley Field with the Chicago Cubs and the fireworks afterwards were magnificent! It was great and as you looked around

there were fireworks going off all over Chicago. Thursday - we learned more about our International President and his ideas for the year. "The Challenge to Change" may include our clubs looking different from how they have looked in the past. Our membership may change to include younger people and more women. The kinds of activities that clubs engage in may need to change too. He encouraged us to listen to our new young members' ideas and be brave enough to make changes to ensure we keep them interested and engaged in the club.

On the last day of the Convention Former president Jimmy Carter spoke to us about the excellent work being done by SightFirstII and how it has virtually eradicated River Blindness from the world.

My theme for the year is "Loving Lions Care." We know all Lions care because of the things that Lions do to help others that are less fortunate than ourselves. But we seem to be the best kept secret in the world. We need to let people know what we do because when they know what we do for our own communities and learn about our world wide projects like Campaign SightFirst II they will want to be part of this wonderful organization. As your Governor for this year I look forward to our clubs growing and I am going to start two new clubs in our District. Most of all what ever you do this year make sure you have fun! Remember I am here for you. Anything I can do to help your club just give me a call.

I would like to thank all those concerned in putting together the All Star Football program especially Lion Elizabeth Gibbs-Olsen for being the chair person. I want to thank Past District Governor Don Allen for taking on the challenge of becoming President of Camp Pacifica and all his board for all the work that

they have done to make this year's camp such a success. My thanks to all those Lion's Clubs who cooked for the children and the counselors through the two weeks of camp. Finally I would like to thank all the people who agreed to serve on my Cabinet this year. It's going to be a great year as we "Loving Lions Care" and meet the "Challenge to Change."

Lions – don't forget our web site www.Lions4-A1.org
If you would like to put something on the web site, for example your club events or anniversaries, let me know or contact Ron Raines of the Le Grand Lions Club at ronraines@comcast.net.

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Greetings from your VDG!

By: VDG Pat Casey-Gillum

WOW – Those of you who missed the 90th International Convention sure missed a good one. From the International Parade to President Carter to the installation of our own DG Jim Loving, - everything was superb! The weather even cooperated for the most part. As in any event, there were glitches but the friendship, the camaraderie, and focus on Lionism was fantastic. I was able to visit the National Office while in Chicago and the experience further engrained in my mind just what a wonderful organization we have.

As you may know, I am the 4A-1 facilitator for the MERLO team this year and want to invite all the clubs to contact me if you need our help. Need a refresher on what we do?

- M = Membership: We have lots of ideas for generating new members!
- E = Extension: Do you have a desire to start another club in your area? We are here to help.
- R = Retention: Having problems keeping members? We have the tools to take better care of our most valued resource – our members.
- L= Leadership: Need ways to encourage your members to take the leadership challenge? Give us a call.
- O= Orientation: We have ideas, suggestions, and lots of material from International to help orientate your new members. Remember, Orientation starts from the first visit.

I'm extremely excited about being your VDG for 2007-08 and look forward to meeting with you when I visit with our DG Jim or when you call the MERLO team for assistance.

Have a great summer in Lionism,

VDG Pat Casey Gillum

34th LIONS ALL STAR FOOTBALL

By: Elizabeth Gibbs Olson

Web site lionsallstarfootball.com

The game is done and the website has the photo's of the game and another year under the belt with great Lion's success!

The North rose again to win 16-12 and the South put up a valiant effort. Everyone had a great time and the out door temperature gave the players, coaches and attendee's a break this year...

Thank you to all of you who always support this game. It was a great success and that is due to your ongoing efforts. The Stadium Club was full and it appears that we had more attendance than last year....plus 3800.

Go to the website www.lionsallstarfootball.com for newspaper coverage and the photo's of the game.....more to follow.....stay tuned.....

As always we appreciate your support and dedication to the game. I would like to thank the Lions All Star Football Committee for their countless hours they work throughout the year to make this game a success and also to the Lion's of District 4-A1 for their support of our efforts to honor these player's and their coaches in this game every year. I never hear a negative comment from the participants in this game each year. That in itself is success.

CAMP PACIFICA

By: PDG Don Allen

Camp was a success this year, we had fewer campers than we would like but everything went smoothly. The campers and staff were fed by the greatest cooks, the eighteen Lions Clubs that made the trek to camp. Thanks to Atwater-Winton, Bass Lake, Chowchilla, Chowchilla Lioness Lions, Delhi Ballico, Dos Palos, Le Grand, Linden, Livingston, Madera Evening, Mariposa Golden Oak, Merced Breakfast, Oakdale, San Andreras 49er Breakfast, Sierra, Sonora, Stockton Delta, Turlock, and Waterford. If you have time to cook next year it is a very rewarding experience. The campers and staff

are so polite, they almost always sign or say thank you when receiving their food.

Thanks to PDG Norm Clark and Helen who provided seven horses again this year and answered the calls about the care of horses.

Did you know that the care taker of camp is Sierra Lions member Ed Wickham?

The Laurel Medical building was used at camp this year for the first time, what a really nice facility. It has two bedrooms with bathrooms for sick campers (a male and female room), an exam or treatment room and a separate room with bath for the nurse. Then there is a large common room with a conference table, cooking facilities and a laundry room. At Lions Day a very nice clock was presented to American Paving in Fresno, who donated the handicapped paving and sidewalk in front of the Laurel building. Thank you to all the Lions who helped make the Laurel Building possible.

At this writing we are getting a new roof on the dining hall, a much needed roof.

Campaign SightFirst II

By: PDG Don Lustenberger

Our District 4-A 1, is doing pretty good with our donations and pledges. As of June 30th, 07, 4-A1 has contributed \$40,000.00 to SightFirstII. "not bad" We still have another year to go, it would be great if

New Members

Welcome one and all

New members since March 2007

Arnold

Michael Hathaway
Gerald Sachs
Angelina Thompson
Martin Ware
Sandra Ware

Atwater Winton

Mariah Nunes

Bass Lake

Kathleen Sevedge

Ceres

Enrique Perez

Chowchilla

Vicient Jamison
Kevin Pettitt
Chris Pickford
Josephine Prader
Sheila Romeri
Lula Smith
Carmelo Spada

Denair

Denver Hodges Jr.

Escalon

Anthony Victorino

Jackson

William Benson
Stephen King
Joe Ryan
Eric Yocchheim

Lake Don Pedro Gold Chain

Adelina Kalinga
Patricia Moraes
Malati Shinazy

we could raise \$70,000.00 or more. I know it is difficult for some of the smaller clubs to donate large amounts of money. In every Lions Club there is at least one member who is deserving of a Melvin Jones Fellow. The smaller clubs can donate a thousand dollars over a three year period of time. Example, \$350.00, 350.00 and 300.00 this donation can be carried out after the end of the program.

HONOR ONE OF YOUR WORTHY LION MEMBERS WITH MELVIN JONES FELLOW

Up Coming Events

Lions Day with the Modesto Nuts

Saturday, August 25, 2007 – call 209-523.9403

Lions Day with the Oakland A's

Sunday, August 19, 2007 – call 925-798-7929

Atwater-Winton Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, September 15, 2007 – call 209-358-0044

Murphys Angles Golf Tournament to benefit Camp Pacifica

Saturday, October 13, 2007 – call 209-728-2534

Stockton Delta Chicken & Ravioli Dinner

Saturday, October 13, 2007 – call 209-887-2002

Linden

Ralph Colborn
Donnie Snow
Shawn Wright

Livingston

Jeanine Francis
Christopher Soria

Lodi

Keith Harwoo
Crystal Kirst
Douglas Smith
Jack Vanderlans

Lodi Mex-Am

Dave Sanchez

Madera Breakfast

Richard Hansen
Lorenzo Nadora
Jeffrey Seay
Tom Shepard

Manteca

Jim Muthart

Mariposa Golden Oak

Cindy Iudice

Merced Golden

Mena Bahia
Edward Landry
See Lee
Brenda Myers

Modesto 500

Jillian Barrett PhD
Melanie Mancini
George Maudlin
Diana Ringer
Melinda Tyree

Mokelumne Hill

Domenico Nuccio
Kathy Nuccio
Raymond Waller

Murphys Angles

Joe Frates
Ethel Middleton
Hans Roth
Richard Ryan

Oakdale

Daniel Kistler
Richard Nimphius

Patterson

Jerry Goubert
Stephen Perez
Chuck Profito
David Sarasqueta
John Wong
Bobby Yamamoto
Roderick Yamaichi

Ripon

Jon Cummings
John Edwards

Sonora

John Poorbaugh

Tracy Breakfast

Gary Krebbs
Gary Reich

Stockton San Joaquin

Gloria Chada

Turlock

Kevin Byrne

Waterford

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West Point

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