

“Committed to Excellence”

Mission Statement of Lions Clubs International: “To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.”

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Our District finished the year with a “+10” in membership for the first time in thirteen years!

DG Francis

From Your District Governor:

Francis Bognuda

Hello 4-A1:

Well, “Lathrop Lions” were chartered in June as a new club. Our District finished the year with a “+10” in **membership for the first time in thirteen years!** I hope this year will continue with motivation from everyone to increase “Lionism” more within our District. All clubs have had their installations this year, and I hope all of the officers are ready to work in their communities with “Commitment to Excellence”.

The Happy Trail Wagon Trip started July 1 in “Minneapolis” at the 93rd LCI convention. Those of us who were there had a great time. While I had to go to class, Norma went sightseeing in Minneapolis. We were entertained by the “Beach Boys” with a two hour performance. Even our International President Al Brandel sang along with them! Then we were educated by “General Colin Powell”.

On July 14, we started our visitations to the individual clubs throughout our district. We would like to see as many of you there as possible to hear about the new things in “LCI”.

On July 18th, we had a new “Leo Club” chartered in Madera with about 85 new students. What a great job “Madera Evening Lions” have done! Keep up the good work in your community.

In August, we will have our “District Installation of Officers” in Merced. The Leos will be cooking dinner Friday night. I hope everyone will come and enjoy the “Baseball Game” we have planned. **Do not forget to wear your “Team Shirt”.** Saturday there will be two inspiring Lions to help with advancement of “Lionism”.

At this time I would like to thank Lion Kent Christensen and Cabinet Secretary Roy Patterson for their work on the district directory. I know that it was to be out by July 1, but there were problems with the binding. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did putting it together.

Let us make this year a better year for all of our friends in our communities. “For every person you touch, they

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From Your DG continued

will never forget what you have done for them". Now is the time to start getting new members to help your club succeed. **This year our goal is to have 1 new club or more, and 1 new member or more per club by June 2010.** Do not forget "one more person is two more hands to help out".

"Thank you for all that you do as Lions"

Francis Bognuda, District Governor •

Lions International Peace Poster Contest: in local schools and youth groups encouraging young people, ages 11 – 13, to artistically express their visions of peace. **2009-10 Theme: Power of Peace**
1 kit per contest (school or group or club purchased from club supplies) Deadline for purchase 10/1/09; deadline to DG of 1 winning poster 11/15/09; DG winner to MD4 12/1/09. •

**From 1st Vice
District Governor:
Steve Granlees**

Hi District 4-A1 Lions:

This is a friendly reminder about our MERLO meetings of which the first meeting will be August 3 @ 6 PM @ Perkos Café, 905 N. Carpenter Rd., Modesto.

I am aware of at least 6 clubs which need a little assistance from our team to help rebuild and strengthen their clubs. If there are any clubs who would like our help, please let me know and we will do our best to help.

As some of you know, IPDG Pat Casey-Gillum, the Membership Chairperson on our committee along with several other good Lions, have been working on starting 1 or 2 NEW clubs in the Mountain Region in the lone, Sutter Creek, and Plymouth areas.

Yours in Lionism,

Steve Granlees, 1 Vice District Governor •

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BEST OF SHOW: Environmental Photo Contest, LCI 2009; Haruo Kunita, Otawara Lions, Japan



Lions District
4-A1 Meeting

August 14th and 15th

Mc Combs Youth Center
615 W. 15th St, Merced

Friday night Dinner (including Saturday registration) \$25.00

Saturday Breakfast and Lunch \$10.00
Saturday Only Breakfast, Lunch and Registration \$20.00

Number attend Friday Dinner
_____ X \$25.00= _____

Number attend Saturday Meeting
_____ X \$10.00= _____

TOTAL= _____

Number attending Saturday only Breakfast, Lunch and Registration
_____ X \$20.00= _____

I have blocked off 8 rooms at the Quality Inn in Merced for Friday night; the price is \$59.49 plus tax. The hotel phone number is 209-723-3711. The hotel is on V St right off HWY 99. RC Jim

RSVP by 10 August 2009

Make checks payable to:
Merced Golden Lions Club
676 Cornell Ct
Merced, Ca. 95348

Directions to Meeting:

1. **From the north Hwy 99;** take 16th St off ramp to M St. Turn right one block to 15th St right turn. Mc Combs Youth Center is on the corner.
2. **From the south Hwy 99** take 16th St off ramp to M St turn left one block to 15th St right turn. Mc Combs Youth Center is on the corner.
3. **From Santa Fe** stay on Santa Fe it will turn into Olive Ave until you get to M St Turn right on M St and stay on M St until you get to 15th St turn right.>>>>

4. **From Hwy 140** stay on Hwy 140 (Yosemite Parkway) until it dead ends into 16th St Turn right and stay on 16th until you reach M St, then turn Left on M St to 15th St. Mc Combs Youth Center is on the corner of M St and 15th ST.
5. **From Hwy 59** stay on 59 (Martin Luther King Way) to 15th St Turn left on 15th St to M St. Mc Combs Youth Center is on the Corner●



DG VISITATIONS:

- 7/14 Stockton Host
- 7/15 Modesto
- 7/15 Sierra
- 7/16 Yosemite
- 7/16 Turlock
- 7/20 Stockton Fil Am
- 7/21 Argonaut Breakfast
- 7/21 Waterford
- 7/22 Sonora
- 7/23 Sonora Mountain
- 7/27 Lake Don Pedro Gold Chain
- 7/29 Lodi
- 8/4 Clements Lockeford
- 8/6 Merced Breakfast
- 8/11 Bass Lake
- 8/11 Merced Golden
- 8/12 Madera Evening
- 8/13 Madera Breakfast
- 8/13 Manteca
- 8/17 Dos Palos
- 8/18 Mariposa
- 8/19 Livingston
- 8/25 San Andreas 49er Breakfast
- 8/25 Atwater-Winton
- 8/26 Stockton Pacifica
- 8/27 Merced Breakfast
- 9/1 Delta
- 9/2 Arnold
- 9/3 Tracy Breakfast
- 9/8 Mariposa Golden Oak
- 9/9 Ceres
- 9/10 Modesto 500
- 9/10 Chowchilla
- 9/16 Le Grand
- 9/17 Escalon
- 9/22 Chowchilla Lioness
- 9/24 Tracy Tank Town

(Confirmed and current as of August 3 per CS Roy) ●

Environmental photo contest:
Best of Plant Life:
Mel Adams, 5 Point Lions Club, Texas

Highlights of the 2009 – 2010 International Theme:

MOVE TO GROW by IP Eberhard Wirfs

Focus on Personal Growth and Membership Growth:

During this year, districts will be encouraged to take action to grow in humanitarian service, leader development, club membership, international social understanding, Leo clubs, Lions Quest, cultural activities and LCIF support. We should do the following:

- Achieve growth in social understanding – through promotion of Lions exchange programs. We will encourage Lions from various districts to travel in a group to other districts to enhance their understanding and appreciation of our diversity and to promote global brotherhood. There will be a global youth music contest.
- Make an effort to meet the needs of our Association by empowering our members. We should promote leadership development in all areas to ensure Lions provide high quality service, to support membership growth efforts, and to meet the needs of members seeking personal development opportunities.
- Identify potential leaders in our districts and move to encourage them to actively participate in LCI's e-learning programs and Lions Leadership Institutes. And most importantly, we must enable them to accept leadership responsibilities and to make use of their enhanced skills. Remember, leadership is not only a position, leadership is action and movement.
- Move to grow membership. Membership is the key to our success – members are our most valuable asset and resource. I will ask you to encourage the induction of qualified members – individuals who have been successful in their professions, have a desire for global networking and a strong interest in having an impact on the community through service.
- Provide new interactive Lion leadership programs on CD to provide quality leadership programs to all parts of the world.
- Continue inducting women and young adults into our clubs – welcoming their fresh ideas and new energy. LCI will support your efforts through the restructured Global Membership Team, extension representatives in the field,

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

JUNE - JULY 2009

Club/Member	Sponsor
Arnold	
Diane Sudbury	Diane Schilling
Bass Lake	
Gerald Chappell	Emil Paul
Charles Ralphs	Ed McGowan
Ceres	
David Hurst	Harry Herbert
Errol Fiskin	Myron Anderson
Cleve Lamb	Myron Anderson
Clements Lockeford	
Y Acosta	Leonard Blank
Hilmar Irwin Stevinson	
John Stokes	Earl Anderson
Jackson	
Jack Brotherton	Martin Ryan
Craig Conrardy	Jeffery Votaw
Adam DeLange	Lee DeLange
Robert Thornhill	Lee DeLange
Lathrop (continued from last report)	
Sonny Dhaliwal	New Club
Maureen Iorio	New Club
Juanita Lamb	New Club
Kristy Sayles	New Club
Thomas Sayles	New Club
Merced Breakfast	
Fred Risard	Walter Dancey
Karen Harkreader	Albert Bardini
Ron Harkreader	George Hill
Oakdale	
Bradley Bates	John Rowell
Sonora	
Jack Harris	William Dunlavy
Les Nunes	James Rende
Tern Yang	James Rende
Tracy Breakfast	
Roger Winkler	Donald Bisbee
Up Country 88	
Dave Herspring	James Zipse •

International Theme continued

And a flow of information to arm you with the knowledge necessary to develop and execute an effective membership growth plan.

- Take advantage of the Public Relations Grant Program to support the development of effective district websites. And of course, all Lions will be encouraged to “live the brand” – to support and communicated the revitalized LCI brand both inside and outside of our Association.
- Share our best practices around the world. Each of you is encouraged to share your ideas, challenges and successes with fellow Lions. By bringing the benefits of successful initiatives from one part of the world to another, we can all grow. The new 2nd vice district governor is now being implemented worldwide to facilitate delegation and will prepare the vice district governors for their term as governor.
- Maintain our momentum in providing service. We must move to make the Lions Quest program available to more children and encourage involvement of young people by promoting Leo clubs.
- Continue to promote blindness prevention programs worldwide. We should maintain our momentum – **we must move to grow in Lions service.**
- Promote the development of LCIF with a long-term view so that our Foundation can continue its rich heritage of bringing healing and hope to people worldwide.
- Participate in a worldwide Lions in Sight program, a celebration of achievements and service. Share our message of global humanitarian goodwill with others, and conduct an activity to increase public awareness and understanding of who we are and what we do in Lions clubs.
- Provide a new award entitled President’s Gingko. This special award will be given to recognize achievements in various fields of outstanding results.
- Provide Excellence Awards for district governor team, region and zone chairpersons, and club presidents.
- Enhance communications between the district governor team and the International President, as well as the executive officers and Lions clubs members. •

Congratulations!



DISTRICT 4-A1 TOP CLUB CONTEST INFORMATION

CHANGES FOR 2009-2010

Presented by: Judi Howell, Top Club Contest Chair

There have been several changes and updates to the Top Club Contest. The purpose of these changes is to encourage more clubs and individual Lion members to participate in District and International activities. This is what is new for this year!

To encourage clubs to participate in district contests and programs, **first time participation** will be awarded the following additional points for these activities:

- Hosting a student speakers contest 100 points
- Club membership in Lions Foundations 200 points
 - Ear of the Lion
 - Lions Eye Foundation
 - Lions in Sight
 - LPCCI
- Scrapbook contest 200 points

Clubs will be awarded the following points for awards presented the individual club members or to the club as a whole:

- Melvin Jones Fellow 100 points
- Club President Excellence Award 100 points
- Club 100% Secretary Award 250 points
 - Both awards in same year 150 additional points
- Service award for District Sponsored Project 100 points

Additional points to be awarded for attendance at the District Convention activities, beginning in April 2010:

- Attendance at each meal/meeting Convention 100 points
- Each day of attendance at Convention 100 points

Other changes:

- Club has a website 100 points
- Promotes Alzheimer’s and Cancer Awareness 100 points
- Diabetes blood test at Dist. Mtg. 10 points per member
- Donation of Medic Alert Bracelets 200 points ●

LIONS NIGHT AT THE “NUTS”
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2009
BBQ, BASEBALL GAME, FIREWORKS
5 PM \$10.00 Contact PDG Bob Tognetti
for tickets or more info 209-523-9403



IN MEMORIAM:

Let us take a moment to remember the Lions in our district who have gone onto the great jungle. We will truly miss the great contributions they made to our clubs.

JUNE – JULY 2009

Argonaut Breakfast	Jerry Campbell
Ceres	Ron Ivey
Crows Landing	Pete Dompe
Lodi	Bozant Katzakian
Modesto	Dr. William Nelson
Oakdale	Jens Nielsen
Sonora	Newton McKenna



Leo News

By Lion Jean Weaver
Leo Club Chairperson

As we begin a new year of Lionism it is especially encouraging to bear witness to the power of our youth. I am proud to report that Lionism is being well represented by the Leos of our District.

I had the pleasure of attending a re-chartering of the Madera Leo Club on Saturday, July 18th. Not only was I impressed by the large membership, but of the projects they have undertaken in the last few months. They have held car washes, filled back packs for kids, and provided shoes for children in their community who have probably never had a new pair of shoes. To see the faces of both the recipients and the Leos who were helping fit them with the new shoes was truly inspiring. And I am really jealous of their advisor, Rose Cantu, because she has 5 new Leo Co-Advisors to help her with the club!

The Golden Valley Leo club recently held an Egg Roll to Go Sale. Proceeds will benefit a local community project; they also regularly serve dinners at the American Legion Hall, help Parks & Rec. with their community activities, and are a welcome assist for the Merced Golden Lions projects.

UNIQUE FUNDRAISER:

Lion George The Painter
1st Annual Alcatraz Swim
When: August 29, 2009

Lion George The Painter, proud member of the Stockton Fil-Am Lions club will be swimming from the Island of Alcatraz to the shore of the city of San Francisco in front of Ghirardelli Square. The race will begin at 8 AM and the swimmers should arrive on shore around 10 AM. It is approximately a 1.5 mile track. This is Lion George's 1st attempt at this astounding feat. His family and friends will support Lion George. Lion George has turned his swim into a fundraising event through the Stockton Fil-Am Lions club and the proceeds will go to the Children's Home of Stockton with much needed supplies/'support. Lion George is accepting donations/sponsorships through his manager and Chairperson Lion Dr. Mike Arishin of the Stockton Fil-Am Lions Club.

Sponsors are being taken @ \$100.00 ea. - \$500 ea. Sponsors will receive a t-shirt with their name and phone # on it from the event and a dinner at the Ciao Bella Restaurant @ the day after the event party, time, time to be announced. Checks should be made out to the Stockton Fil-Am Lions Club.

Contact: Lion Dr. Mike Arishin
5637 N. Pershing Ave. #G15
Stockton CA 95207
Phone: 957-9901 or C. 481-6816

Alpha Valley Leo Club at Valley School in Merced will be gearing up again with their many projects as soon as school starts, sponsoring activities at Shelby school for the disabled, and organizing canned food drives, and special 9/11 remembrances, along with other activities.

Merced HS Leo Club has also been busy helping the Breakfast Lions with their projects.

Modesto's Leo Club was involved with marching in the July 4th parade along with 5 members of Modesto 500 Lions and the District Eyemobile. Besides passing out candy, they also distributed fliers about their club. Presently they are helping the Lions with their food booth at the county fair (*and what a big help they have been. Ed*).

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Leo News continued

So as I said, Lionism is alive and well in our youth who are following in the footsteps of the Lions before them to "Serve". If your club is interested in starting a Leo club, let me know. Leos are the future of Lionism; let's get them started in your community. ●

MD4 Council of Governors

Meeting: June 3-6, 2010

to be held in Stockton.

Planning meeting to be held

after our District Meeting

August 15 in Merced.

Anyone who wants to stay

and learn about it or work

on it is welcome to do so.

(Also, we will be having the

MD4 Student Speaker

Contest at the COG Meeting!)

●DG Francis●

Corrections to District Roster:

- p. 37 Club Anniversaries – Yosemite Region
Merced Breakfast – 50 years
- p. 40 Bulletin Contest Ken Harrison Atwater, 95301
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- p. 42 Mike Okamoto mike.okamoto@yahoo.com
- p. 53 Youth Marco Rudolf R: 209-664-1199
- p. 54 Youth Camp/Exchange See p. 40 above.
- p. 55 RC Rey Garcia
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- p. 56 Up Country 88 Pres. Harold Vinson
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- p. 59 Pres. Wilma Hughes willhug@goldrush.com
- p. 60 Garrotte Lions meet at 6 PM
- p. 62 RC Robert Arrigone 15700 East Baker Rd.
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Pres. Carl Smith cesmith96@msn.com
- Delta Lions 1st Tues Dinner (call for location)
3rd Tues Board 6:30 PM
- p. 63 Pres. Gloria Chapa c. 209-271-7802
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- p. 64 Pres Thurman Conway 209-604-1036
- p. 68 RC Jim Syvertsen R: 209-721-1111
- p. 69 Pres. Mike Baptista
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- Turlock 12:10 2nd & 4th Thur at 6:30 PM
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IT'S OFFICIAL! DG FRANCIS!

1st VDG Steve Granlees and Sharon

Lions Clubs International Convention

DG Pat with MD4 entry in LCI Parade

PDG Pat Dimond showing her support!



LPCCI

By PDG Don
Allen

Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) raises and trains dogs to assist adults and children with disabilities other than blindness, free of charge. LPCCI (Lions Project for Canine Companions) seeks to educate people about CCI, raise funds and find puppy raisers for CCI.

CCI trains four kinds of dogs: Assistance dogs that assist adults with disabilities, skilled companion dogs that perform the same tasks but require someone to take responsibility for the dog, facility dogs that work with a handler typically in hospitals or care facilities, and hearing dogs that alert people with hearing problems to a ringing phone or bell.

This is an exciting year for me for several reasons; first, I am President of LPCCI. Last year CCI provided a service dog to the first returning veteran, Jeffrey Adams, who lost a leg in Iraq. Jeff is quite a remarkable person who has learned to ski and is a certified ski instructor for returning veterans. Another new program is Court House Dogs, where a facility dog is used to make it easier for children to testify in the interview process. Jill Loving, wife of PDG Jim Loving, is going to apply to raise a puppy. We could have a puppy at our meetings, as part of the job is to socialize the dogs to many situations.

If you are interested in learning more about these programs please contact me and we can make a presentation at your club.

On Saturday, November 21 I will be attending a graduation in Santa Rosa. If you would like to join me we can have lunch at the "Warm Puppy Café", located next to Charles Schultz (Snoopy) Museum, and attend the graduation at 1 PM. If you would like to help spread the word about CCI and LPCCI, again contact me. We have two "trustees" in the district at this time and could use another person. ●

Youth Exchange by Lion Carrie Guadagnolo

We have just placed our last Lion's Japanese Youth Exchange Student for this year. Everyone now has a home. Next year, Lion Bob Olson of the Livingston Lions Club will be the District 4-A1 Lions Youth Exchange Chair. I am sure that he will do a great job! He has really helped this year as one of my co-chairs!!

From,
Lion Carrie Guadagnolo
District 4-A1 Lions Youth Exchange Chair

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Japanese Students: Arriving Sat Aug 15, 2009;
Departing Sat Aug 29, 2009

- CA-1 **Kouhei Fujino**. Male 20. Freshman Takushoku Univ., from Hokkaido. Studying Spanish. Favorites are soccer and music.
- CA-2 **Ami Sasaki**. Female 20. 2nd yr Mejiro Univ. Cat allergy.
- CA-3 **Takashi Vechi** Male 21. Univ. of Suka . Goal teacher of handicapped . From Okinawa. Wants to meet American family and children.
- CA-4 **Chie Tasaki**. Female 21. Daito Bunka Univ. Speaks English well. Hospital volunteer. Has never visited a foreign country.
- CA-5 **Moemi Suzuki**. Female 17. Tamagawa Academy. Plays clarinet in Brass Band. Lions Speech Contestant. Wants to learn our culture.
- CA-6 **Toshiki Takamura**. Female 16. Honchcu Kaganei City. High School student, plays baseball and badminton. First time traveler.
- CA-7 **Misaki Ohno** age 21 Female. from Aomori, North Japan. College student Biotechnology. Wants to visit hospitals. To be a doctor.
- CA-8 **Manako Nitta**. Female 20. Teikyo Univ.Tokyo. Home in Iwate, North Japan. Medical Technology. Plays Oboe.
- CA-11 **Mika Nogoshi**. Female 17. Sapporo. wants to be a esthetician. Interested in beauty. Wants to experience our food and culture.
- CA-13 **Haruka Sakai** Female 17 Hokkaido. Belongs to English studies class. Wants to improve English. Likes dance.
- CA-14 **Akane Sato** Female 17. Iwate Japan. Senshuu Univ Kitakami High School. Likes music. Anxious to meet an American host family.

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Youth Exchange continued

- CA-15 **Takashi Sasaki**, Male 17. Likes baseball, Western music and fish but will like all food. First time traveler. Anxious to meet you.
- CA-19A **Emi Okumura**, Female 16. Plays tennis, listens to music.
- CA-19B **Momoe Yoshimura**, Female 16 . Gunma Prefecture. Likes cats and dogs, plays trumpet, viola, electronic organ.
- CA-20 **Haruka Kawai**. Female 16 Okazaki Minami Lions, Likes vegetables and fruit, no meat but likes fried chicken & roast fish. First time abroad.
- CA-21 **Yurika Oshima** Female 16. Aichiken Japan. Plays on Volleyball team. Loves strawberries, fruit and vegetables. First time abroad.
- CA 23 **Minami Kurawaki**. Female 16 Osakashi. Wears sunglasses for eye comfort.
- CA-24 **Erika Nagura**. Female 17. Osaka. In Choir and debating clubs, likes pets, cats and dogs. Very anxious to meet you.
- CA-25 **Saki Tatsun**, Female 16. Yao, Japan. My family is cheerful and at our house laughter all year long. I would like to speak fluent English.
- CA-27 **Keita Nagai** Male 19. Shimane Japan. Osaka Gakuin University . Plays baseball every day wants to see a majors game.
- CA-28 **Raita Kitajima** Male 17. Fukuoka Japan. Plays soccer and baseball. Wants to learn American culture. has not been to America.

(Hopefully you will get a chance to meet some of these students while they are here! Ed)

Lion Bob Olson

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Environmental photo – LCI convention Landscape winner:
Tom Holman Kanixsu Lions Washington, USA

CALIFORNIA LIONS CAMP CAMP PACIFICA 2009

The “Good Old Summertime” has arrived. It’s time for camp to get spruced up and welcome our campers. This year we will have two sessions, the first starts July 26th through August 1st and the second session runs August 2nd through August 8th. We are fortunate to have two of our returning camp directors, Brooke Myers and Holly Philpott joining us this year; they’ll share the duties of camp director. They have hired outstanding counselors for this year’s camp. This year the campers will be going on a one day trip to Yosemite. There are many returning campers; some of our counselors are former campers. We also have quite a few new ones.

Once again we have a variety of clubs coming up to cook for our campers: Mariposa Golden Oak, Bass Lake, Oakdale, Mariposa, Sierra Oakhurst, Delhi and Livingston, Atwater-Winton, Madera Evening, Madera Breakfast, Le Grand, Merced Breakfast, Sonora, Chowchilla, Lake Don Pedro, San Andreas 49er Breakfast, Linden, Chowchilla Lioness and Sonora Mountain. Thank you to the Lodi Mexican American Lions who have arranged for a donation of cereal and snacks from General Food.

The big project for this year was fixing up the shower house which is now complete and just in time for camp. Our caretaker Roger has been doing a fine job; he’s been pretty busy keeping up with the renter’s and getting the camp ready.

We still need clubs to sponsor some of our campers. There is still time to send in your camperships. This year we will not have a Lion’s Day at camp; they have been poorly attended. Look for information on our upcoming fundraisers. On August 29th we will have Lions Night at the Nuts, in Modesto; your club should have received tickets in the mail. Also on September 12th we will have our annual ball draw in Tracy. Join us for a delicious steak dinner and a chance to win \$\$\$\$. For more information. call Ann at 523-9403 or 614-4121.

Thanks for your support!!!

PDG Ann Tognetti
President ●





**ALL STAR FOOTBALL GAME:
Mew leads South victory**

By Ron Agostini

The Modesto Bee June 21, 2009 p. C1, 7

For those of you who were not able to make the game or did not want to deal with the heat, you missed a great game (especially for The South!). As I am not a sports-writer, I will give you the benefit of one. ED.

Boomer Green had not caught a pass all week in practice. To quarterback Trevor Mew, that meant Green was due.

“I told him, ‘I’m throwing to you. We’re counting on you.’ “ Green said.

Those words were all Green, the swift receiver from Enochs, needed to hear. He caught Mew’s fade pass in stride, stepped away from beaten defender Alfred Gross, and sped the remaining 55 yards into the end zone with the 80-yard bomb with 7:23 left that clinched the South’s 19-3 victory Saturday night in the 38th Lions All Star Football Game.

The play demonstrated the South’s game-long efficiency all night. It didn’t commit a turnover – the North had four – and rode a brilliant night by quarterback Trevor Mew of Central Valley, the game’s overall MVP.

Mew, the biggest reason the South snapped a six-game losing streak in this series, completed 11 of 16 passes for 177 yards. . . . His performance resonated in front of a crowd of about 2,500 at Stagg Memorial Stadium . . .

The most valuable defensive player was South linebacker J. J. Belton of Central Catholic, who recovered two fumbles and forced another. . .

The win closed the South’s gap in the series to 21-14-1. . . . The Lions, however, have remained true to this game: \$374,520 has been raised for charitable projects targeted by Lions clubs over the years. . . ●

Student Speaker Contest Topic:

**“Universal Health Care –
How Will It Affect Us?”**

Congratulations to DG Francis on having his topic selected as the theme for this year’s Student Speaker Contest! ●

USA/CANADA

LEADERSHIP

FORUM:

9/24-26/09

Memphis, TN

The USA/Canada Leadership Forum creates an atmosphere where Lions from all over the United States and Canada can get together to share and to learn from each other.

Professional speakers and dynamic Lions work together to bring to each attendee, the skills they need to assist their own Lions Clubs to be successful.

ALL clubs should try to send at least 1 person to this really great forum. Encourage your 1st VP to go especially! Usacanadalionsforum.org ●

From the Editor:

I’M BAACCKK!

WOW, seems like a long time since the June issue, but I have learned a lot taking a power point course at SJ Delta and a session with our district IT specialist Ron Raines. Many thanks to those who either wrote their own articles or gave me the info to write them. Also many thanks to those who have provided the pictures. It would not look as good without them, as those of you who choose to download the text only versions are finding out! Everything I learn makes it easier to do the newsletter and for it to look better.

If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Lion Sue Carner

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Charter of Lathrop Lions June 14, 2009

Presentation of club bell and gavel by
South Stockton Lions.



Pride News

•Yosemite Region:

Atwater-Winton Lions report that they did well with their firework sales.

Sierra Lions had a busy month working at Camp Pacifica and helping with a community fundraiser.

Madera Breakfast Lions are sponsoring the new district project of collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Other projects included working at Legends over Madera Air Show selling soft drinks; manning a food booth for the Bobby Sox Tournament; cooking ham-burgers and hotdogs for Camp Aroli Cub Scouts Day Camp; as well as cooking for Camp Pacifica. Donated \$23,448 to City of Madera Parks and Recreation as final payment of a \$40,000.00 pledge! **WOW, WAY TO GO! ED.**

Madera Evening Lions sponsored a new Leo Club, cooked dinner for Furman High Graduation, and Camp Pacifica; as well as running a Little League Booth.

Merced Breakfast Lions have also been very busy: made dinner for homeless shelter; cooked for a wedding rehearsal dinner, put on a pancake breakfast, and ran a fireworks booth. For youth, they are the sponsoring club for Leos, and provided 10 \$500.00 scholarships. They also hosted 5 Lions from their sister clubs in Japan who were returning from LCI convention.

Chowchilla Lioness Lions are hosting a Dinner Night on August 15 to raise funds to replace and rebuild their fire-torn meeting place.

North Fork Lions served 450 breakfasts at the North Fork Loggers Jamboree 50th anniversary on July 5th. *Way to go! ED.*

Clubs not heard from: *Chowchilla, Dos Palos, Le Grand, Livingston, Merced Golden, Bass Lake, Mariposa, Golden Oak, and Yosemite. Hope you all are doing OK – would love to hear what you are up to! ED.*

•San Joaquin:

South Stockton Lions sponsored the newest club Lathrop Lions, along with **San Joaquin Lions**. Also worked the Beep Baseball Tournament. Their June golf tournament was very successful.

San Joaquin Lions worked with other SJ clubs on the Beep Baseball Tournament. Also they are volunteering at “Packed with Pride” – providing goodie boxes for the military in war zones. Congratulations to Lions Ron Valverde and Maria Winget on receipt of Melvin Jones Fellows. Also Pres. Gloria won the chili cook-off at the All Star Football Game. *Kind of sad that only 4 clubs competed! ED.*

Lathrop Lions worked 40 hours on the East Union Cemetery and have had a club visitation from **Modesto 500 Lions**. *No we did not steal their bell. It's too pretty. ED.*

Delta Lions have also been very busy. They have done 12 visitations since the last newsletter! They worked on the Relay for Life and the Pixie Woods Wine Tasting. Also they spent a lot of time in the hospitality room at Beep Baseball. Congratulations to Lion Tina Celli – their oldest member and Lion of the Year!

Lodi Lions will be celebrating their 70th Anniversary this year! Congratulations!



Pride News continued:

On September 17 – 20, they will be working on the Lodi Grape Festival. November 14th will be their Enchilada Dinner at Winner's Champions Room, 6 – 8:30 PM.

Heard from **Linden Lions** and **Tracy Tank Town Lions**.

Did not hear from Escalon, Manteca, Ripon, Tracy Breakfast, Lodi Mexican American, Stockton Host, Stockton Pacifica. No newsletters, no activity reports, are you there? Does your community know you exist???

● **Mountain Region:**

Don Pedro Gold Chain Lions parked cars, sold food and novelties on July 4th as a fundraiser. **Sonora Mountain Lions** have had an omelet breakfast, are helping with Meals on Wheels, and have a health equipment loan program.

West Point Lions are helping to establish a new lone Lions Club. They also put on a "Community Fair" where various organizations paid for a table to advertise themselves – purpose, goals, activities to foster unity and work together. *Great idea. ED*

Sonora Lions announced the passing of their bulletin editor of 20+ years, Newt McKenna. *I will miss him also – great bulletins. ED*

Jackson Lions are up to 131 members. On July 3 they put on a fireworks show for about 4000 people! "It's a Happening"! They also sold fireworks (proceeds sponsor the show but do not cover all the expenses) and had a community picnic and games. Khylee Monson of Pioneer, CA was diagnosed with a brain tumor that doctors say is terminal. The community is donating to help pay for her medical care and other expenses.

Garrotte Lions put on a dinner and bingo night to provide bonds and cash for scholarships.

Arnold Lions have held a golf tournament and a pancake breakfast.

San Andreas 49er Breakfast Lions continue to show they may be small but they are mighty! Mighty busy that is. Kite Day was held in June. Also gave a \$500 scholarship. Next fundraiser was a BBQ on the 4th. Attended Lathrop chartering.

Also heard from Up Country 88 Lions. How about Argonaut Breakfast, Clements-Lockeford, Copperopolis Lake Tulloch, Mokelumne Hill, Murphys Angels, San Andreas, and Tri Dams? Hello up there! ED

● **Stanislaus Region:**

Turlock 12:10 Lions Club is another small but mighty club. First of all, they have had to move their meeting to different place and time: **Latifs Restaurant 6:30 PM on 2nd and 4th Thursday.** Please note this is most likely temporary until Perkos is redone. Secondly they have been busy working with the Turlock Gospel Mission assisting homeless families in Turlock. They could really use some gently used wearable clothing especially as the cold weather approaches. Contact Pres. Terry (B) 632-8883 or (H) 634-0203. Third, they have established a Del Ahlberg Scholarship at Turlock High School and they sponsor a Boy Scout troop. Fourth, in October they will cosponsor a Halloween Maze with the Kiwanis. And finally, their major program is the new MedicAlert Program "No Child Without". You will hear lots about it in the next few months! They will be hosting a car rally on September 19 in conjunction with MedicAlert. For further information, please contact the club.

Modesto 500 Lions is also having difficulty finding a place to meet as their restaurant had to close suddenly. Fortunately the first week of August was spent working at the Stanislaus County Fair – their major fundraiser for the year. Cool weather and a cool economy dampened sales somewhat. They also saw **Turlock 12:10** (they helped the 500), **Turlock** (Destruction Derby) and **Ceres** (they did the parking). Modesto 500 is also busy doing visitations in San Joaquin Region. For those who wonder, IPDG Pat is enjoying her time off!

Ceres Lions cleaned up the Sgt. Howard Stevensen Memorial and Natural Wildlife Grove in June. Congratulations to Art McRae on his Melvin Jones Fellow.

Modesto Lions is also looking for a new place to meet since they met at the same restaurant as above.

Greater Modesto Lions worked the election and of course their most famous couple (Dimonds) continue to attend Council of Governor meetings and the LCI Convention.

Modesto Breakfast Lions also have a very busy Lion couple – the Tognettis! We don't get to see them so often as they have taken on activities outside of Lions! However his is Pres. again. *(Maybe he will get it right this time? ED ©)*

So where are Denair, Hilmar-Irwin-Stevinson, Oakdale, Waterford, Crows Landing, Gustine, Los Banos, and Patterson?? ●

**Corrections to District Roster continued:**

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By PDG Harry Carlson

August and September will be very busy months for the MedicAlert Committee (see district roster). Members of this group have been invited to attend a training session on August 12 at the MedicAlert International headquarters facility in Turlock at 3:30 in the afternoon. During the District Meeting of August 14-15, RSVP packets will be distributed to each club in the district. Please have a representative present. Included in this packet will be information regarding the "No Child Without" program with which we will be actively involved during this Lion year. An RSVP invitation in the packet will invite representatives from each and every Lions Club in District 4-A1 to attend an Open House at the MedicAlert Headquarters on Saturday, September 12.

One week later on Saturday September 19, the Turlock 12:10 Lions Club will host a car rally with all proceeds to go to the "No Child Without" program. This will be a fun rally with a theme revolving around historical features in our area. Following the rally there will be a BBQ, games, and an awards ceremony to be held in the picnic area behind the MedicAlert building. •



ROASTING OF THE GOVERNOR

Date---Saturday September 19, 2009

Time--- 4:00 PM----8:00 PM

Place---Stockton Blind Center

130 W. Flora St.

Stockton, Ca

**Hosted by---South Stockton & Lodi
Mexican American Lions Clubs**

Dinner--choice of tri-tip or chicken

Salad

Chili Beans

No host bar

Ticket--\$20.00/person

Contact persons:

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New LCIF Volunteer

Structure:

(From LCIF Website)

In order to strengthen LCIF and build on the momentum of Campaign SightFirst II, LCIF has established a new enhanced volunteer structure to provide consistently trained and longer-serving LCIF Coordinators in every district and multiple district worldwide. These volunteer coordinators will serve as ambassadors of LCIF in all regards. They are being appointed and trained during this Lions year (2008-2009) for a four-year term (allowing for some variation to address local needs). The new LCIF MD and District coordinators will fill the role formerly served by MD and District LCIF Chairpersons. Therefore, the former LCIF Chairperson position will no longer exist beginning in July 2009. This new structure will be effective following international convention in Lions year 2009-2010. The list of LCIF MD Coordinators is available online. Please give these leaders your best advice and full support as they prepare to support our Lions Clubs International Foundation. Working together, Lions have the opportunity to build a stronger foundation and create a better world. •

Family Cub Program Coming Soon and How You Can Help:

(From LCIF Website)

The new Family Cub Program, in connection with the Family Membership Program, was introduced at the 92nd Lions clubs International Convention in Minneapolis. Formulated especially to encourage families to volunteer together, children under the age of 12 will have the opportunity to build a lifelong dedication to helping those in need. Cubs will be distinguished with age-specific patches and Lions clubs will be equipped with a guide full of age-appropriate activities.

Now here is where we need your help! Cubs will be divided into three age categories: under age 3, ages 4-7, and ages 8-12. Lions Clubs International is looking for a series of names to give to each of the three age categories. Submit your Cub name ideas to the Membership Programs and New Clubs Marketing Department. Look for more information on the Family cub Program coming in July. •



District 4-A1 Calendar

• August 2009

- 2 – 8 Session II, Camp Pacifica
- 14-15 District Meeting – see page 3
- 15 Japanese Youth Exchange to arrive
- 15 **Chowchilla Lioness Lions** hosting Dinner Night – funds to rebuild meeting place
- 27 **Merced Breakfast** Night Meeting, Lake Yosemite, 6 PM
- 29 Lions Night at the Nuts, Thurman Baseball Field, Modesto, 5 PM BBQ, 7 PM Baseball Game, then Fireworks \$10.00, see p. 6
- 29 Unique fundraiser, see p. 7
- 29 Japanese Youth Exchange to depart

• September 2009

- 7 Labor Day
- 11 Patriot Day
- 12 Annual Camp Pacifica Ball Draw, Tracy, for info PDG Ann 523-9403 or 614-4121
- 12 Open House at MedicAlert Headquarters in Turlock; for more info, Pres. Terry 632-8883 or 634-0203
- 17-20 Lodi Grape Festival
- 19 Car Rally **Turlock 12:10** + MedicAlert, for more information, Pres. Terry 632-8883 or 634-0203
- 19 District Governor Roast, see p. 17
- 24-26 USA/Canada Forum, Memphis, TN See p. 12

• October 2009 - Membership

Growth Month

- 8 Lions world Sight Day
- 10-11 White Cane Days
- 16-18 Council of Governors Meeting, Millbrae
- 31 Deadline to purchase Peace Poster Contest kits