

“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.”

From Your District Governor:

Francis Bognuda

**HERE'S HOPING EVERY-
ONES HOLIDAYS ARE
HAPPY AND SAFE! DG
FRANCIS & LION NORMA**

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I would like to thank RC REY GARCIA and the Mountain Region for a great district meeting in Sonora in November. Break-out sessions included: Extension by PDG Judith Arribere and Retention by PDG Pam Burdick. It was fun to see many of the Lions in their football jerseys Friday night.

Now that the Christmas season is here, I hope that you will not forget the people less fortunate than you. It would be great for us to make one extra basket of food or donate a pint of blood to help your community.

I would like to congratulate the 5 club Presidents and 6 Secretaries who received Excellence Awards for last year. My visiting DG, Marty, thought that it was great to have that many. I feel that we should have at least 10 for each category for this year. Remember that they have to be nominated by their respective clubs. I am sure there are presidents and secretaries who do not take credit for all their hard work in accomplishing the requirements.

ALL clubs need to work on participating in the Student Speaker Contest at the club level before February 22, 2010. I am hoping that more clubs will participate in order to allow more students a chance to express their thoughts on the topic: **Universal Health Care “How Will It Affect Us”**. Also it will help them expand their communication skills, win money and scholarships, as well as introduce them to Lionism. *Continued page 2*

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7/1-11/30 Congratulations District 4-A1: +1 in Membership; Great work!!

From Your DG continued

Do not forget that the Leadership Institute is coming up January 16-18, 2010 at Harris Ranch. See other article.

MD4 convention is going to be February 4-7, 2010 in Riverside, CA where you will get a chance to meet and listen to the IP play the piano, among many other things. (See separate article and application.)

Recently I received a few phone calls from clubs about the District forming new clubs in "their" area. These clubs felt there was no need to form the new clubs, that prospective members should join existing clubs. Well, I feel that the more members and clubs we have, the better. So we will go forth with the plan to form new clubs and hope that the surrounding clubs will encourage their development. Please join us and let us MOVE TO GROW together, because WE SERVE. I am always available to discuss this process as is the MERLO team.

Congratulations to the District 4-A1 Peace Poster Contest winner Erynne Estoesta, 12 years old from Toyon Middle School, Valley Springs. She was sponsored by San Andreas 49er Breakfast Lions (2nd year in a row). Next judging will be at the MD4 Convention.

Again, have a Merry Christmas and a marvelous New Year enlightening more people to join our wonderful organization.

"Please remember that the most beautiful things in the world are not seen but felt in the heart." •

Eyemobile News

By Lion Allen Hoek, OD

The Board of the District 4-A1 Eyemobile wants to recognize the recent passing of Lion Lincoln Abraham. Lion Lincoln was on the Eyemobile board in the late 70's to early 80's. He was part of the group that designed Eyemobile #2 – the Winnebago. When his son, Lion Bob Abraham, was on the board; he told us that his dad even personally cosigned the loan to purchase it. That is trust in your fellow Lions!

The Eyemobile is about to enter its slow time of the year. This gives us a chance to fix it up. As I write this, I'm making plans to have our newest Audiometer repaired. Fortunately, we now have two. *Continue pg 3*

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Top Club Chairperson

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XXX new info

MD4 Flag Day Chairperson:

It has just come to our attention in the district directory that p.87 has the wrong MD-4 Chairperson for Flag Day. The correct name is Robert Ferber, 300 Railway Ave. Ste. "M", Campbell, CA 95008 R: (408) 268-6739 e-mail bobferber@earthlink.net. This is the person who clubs need to contact for flags and materials. •

Lions Leadership Institute

January 15th to 18th, 2010

Harris Ranch

This program is for all MD-4 Lions interested in leading
and motivating volunteers using the style and skills taught
by Lions Clubs International.

Cost: \$250

Open to the first sixty Lions who register, by 12/31/09.

* Please register early as there is a pre-class assignment that needs to be completed.

Lions Leadership Institute application

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip code _____ Phone _____
Club _____ District _____ Email _____
Date _____ Check # _____

When completed send to:

Chris Morris
2198 Casa Mia Drive or cdmsr@pacbell.net
San Jose, CA 95124
408-371-6866

Here's hoping that you can join the members of MD4 for this very interesting and enlightening leadership institute. If you have had a chance to talk to someone who has attended it previously, you will know how worthwhile it is, especially as you go up the chairs in Lionism, whether in your club or in the district. We would strongly recommend that clubs offer to pay for one of your members to attend; it will help to strengthen your club's leadership and give everyone who is interested the opportunity to attend. Plus, you do not have to drive to LA to attend! This is the kind of institute that you could pay \$1000.00 for in the corporate world. •

Eyemobile News continued

Lion Mel Carothers is working on getting our back-up camera system working again. He is also going to investigate rerouting the exhaust system for the generator. At the very least, we want to route it out the driver's side. This will make things nicer for those working on the Eyemobile. Earlier this year, we replaced most of the hydraulic jack system. Lions Terry and Sandy Anderson are continuing to work on Instructional signs for the inside of the unit.

Thank you to Linden (\$1,000) and Ceres (\$500) for their large donations. Also, thank you to Denair, Hilmar-Irwin-Stevenson, and Atwater-Winton for their donations in memory of Lion Lincoln Abraham. Allen Hoek, OD, Pres. •

IN MEMORIAM:

September – November 2009

Atwater Winton – Brian Heller

Linden – Joseph Dondero

Modesto Breakfast – Gary Strait

North Fork – John Andera

Ripon – Robert Whitmore

San Andreas 49er Breakfast – Art

Freeman

Sierra – Edwin Wickham

DISTRICT 4-A1 MEETING**FEBRUARY 26-27, 2010****SAN JOAQUIN REGION****COMMUNITY CENTER, ESCALON****THEME: BASKETBALL****If you wear a basketball jersey, \$5 off fees.****MOTEL: LA QUINTA INN MANTECA-RIPON****1524 COLONY RD, RIPON****HWY 99 & JACK TONE RD****20 ROOMS @ \$77 BY FEB. 20****FRIDAY NIGHT, DINNER BY LINDEN LIONS****BREAKFAST BY ???****LUNCH BY TRACY BREAKFAST LIONS****SPEAKERS:**

- 1. REPRESENTATIVE FROM RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**
 - 2. PDG CHRIS MORRIS, SAN JOSE, MD-4 LEADERSHIP CHAIR**
 - 3. PDG CHUCK CASSEY, VENTURA, MD-4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**
 - 4. LION RON RAINES, DISTRICT IT CHAIR
"E-MAIL FOR LIONS CLUBS
PROMOTING AND GROWING
THIS VALUABLE TOOL"**
- More Info: RC Robert Arrigone,
(R) 209-482-1504**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**September – November 2009****Club/Member****Sponsor****Arnold**

Haydn Griggs

Sandy Sandmeier

Bass Lake

Drusilla Bratty

Diane Peterson

Ceres

Joshua Swartz

Eric Ingwerson

Chowchilla

Chelsi Larson

Unknown

Rhonda Roduner

Shellie Kühr

Chowchilla Lioness

Shelly Badilla

Paula Hansen

Marylee Davis

Dorothy Price

Clements Lockeford

James Self

Jordi Domenech

Copperopolis Lake Tulloch

Lisa Lujan

Lucy Speed

Carmen Barajas

Lynne Ernst

Robertos Barajas

Lynne Ernst

Escalon

Edward Cash

Michael Caskey

Dwayne Roberts

Monty Vander Beek

John Thiercof

Edward Alves

Gustine

Dale Anthenien

Wayne Medina

Dawson Anthenien

Wayne Medina

Richie Gomes

Larry Viveiros

Delbert Rocha

Mike Gandy

Louie Spinazze

Wayne Medina

Jackson

Craig Kinzer

Craig Conrardy

Craig Weber

Norman Trevaskis

Mike Flynn

Tilden Richards

Marek Kuiee-Zawa

John Sondeno

Lodi

Gary Lopp

Russell Battaglia

Lodi Mexican American

Sergio Lopez

Antonio Morales

Phillip Alfonso

Dave Sanchez

Enrique Basulto

Tony Pacheco

Madera Breakfast

John Rosel Jr.

James Long

Manteca

Jack Mattos

Lisa Stallings

Mariposa Golden Oak

Dotty Ducret

Karen Verdugo

Luch Woo

Bonnie Snider

Merced Breakfast

Gary Eno

Allen Sietsema

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Top Clubs as of 11/7/09

A (25 or less)

West Point
 San Andreas 49er Breakfast
 Turlock 12:10
 Delta
 Tracy Tank Town
 South Stockton
 Mariposa Golden Oak
 Merced Golden

B (26 – 45)

Lake Don Pedro
 Modesto
 Lodi Mexican American
 Mokelumne Hill
 Merced Breakfast
 Dos Palos
 Fil Am
 Madera Evening

C (46 or more)

Arnold
 Jackson
 Ceres
 Modesto 500
 Tracy Breakfast
 Escalon
 Madera Breakfast
 Livingston

It is not too late to qualify for Top Club! The division competition is close! Keep up the great work!

Please remember to list all officers who attend District, Region, Zone events to ensure that you earn all possible points. Also, when making a donation for eye or ear exams, please list amount donated.

Hope everyone has a great holiday season!

(Please note: these clubs are not in any particular order.)

Lion Judi Howell, Top Club Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP:

EXTRA – EXTRA – EXTRA – READ ALL ABOUT IT!

New Lions Club being organized in two areas – lone and/or Sutter Creek! We need your help!

The first Organizational meeting was held for the formation of Sutter Creek Lions Club on November 18, 2009. We have over 20 names of business owners who are interested. Starting a new club requires a lot of work, enthusiasm, and devotion to Lionism so if you know of anyone in the **Sutter Creek area or the City of lone area** who would be interested in learning more about Lions, please e-mail me (pgillum@sbcglobal.net) his/her name and I will include it in future meetings.

IPDG Pat Casey Gillum



"You should check your e-mails more often. I fired you over three weeks ago."

District Bowling Tournament

**Sunday, December 6,
 2009 @ 11:00 AM**

**@ Valley Bowl Madera
 12829 Highway 145
 Madera, CA 93637**

•Register Early!!

Before Dec. 1 - \$20.00

Dec. 1 on - \$22.00

•Buffet after bowling:

Chicken, Pasta, Salad, Bread

•Cash prizes for High Game, Handicap Series, High Series for Men and Women; 4 Member Co-ed Teams

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

•Please indicate book average or it will be 80 % of high average Norma Bognuda

Registration/questions: 209-931-2789

**15857 E. Baker Road
 Linden, CA 95236**

LION'S 61st ANNUAL DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION**Horizon HOTEL, Lake Tahoe, CA****APRIL 15-18, 2010**

The attached forms will be used to assist the Convention Committee to determine the exact number of Lions, /Leos/Guest who will be attending your Convention.

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT REGISTRATION ON ANY OTHER FORM. OTHER FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE MAKE COPIES OR REQUEST ADDITIONAL FORMS FROM YOUR CONVENTION COMMITTEE. FOR ASSISTANCE, TELEPHONE PDG PAT DIMOND (209)521-5568. REMINDER: **ALL LIONS/LEOS/GUESTS ATTENDING ANY CONVENTION FUNCTION MUST PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE.**

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Make hotel reservations with the Horizon HOTEL. The standard room rate is \$79.00per room/per night. Suites and Executive rooms are available at a higher rate. Reserve your room by March 14, 2010 to guarantee rate and availability. Contact the hotel directly 1-800-648-3322. A specific number of rooms have been allocated by the hotel for the convention. Regardless of the cut-off date (March 14, 2010), when that allocation is filled rooms will be at a higher rate. **RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY TO RECEIVE THE LOWER RATE.**

PREREGISTRATION: A policy of District 4-A1 for the 2010 Convention will be \$17.00 pre-registration fee for each Lion/Leo. A \$15.00 pre-registration fee will be charged for each guest. District 4-A1 convention pins will be available at \$4.00 each. Each Lion, / Leo and guest participating in any convention event, enjoying a meal, or voting must pay the registration fee in addition to any other charges for the event, meals, etc.

REGISTRATION FEE AFTER MARCH 31, 2010, AND AT THE CONVENTION: Registration fees will be \$20.00 for each Lion/Leo and \$18.00 for each guest.

RAFFLE GIFTS: It is requested that each club bring a minimum of two (2) gifts to be raffled at the convention. Please bring your gifts to the registration table for distribution. **PLEASE COOPERATE.**

ATTENTION: CAMP PACIFICA, ALL STAR FOOTBALL, and PIN TRADERS (NO SALES-TRADING ONLY). If you need a table at the Convention please request it before the Convention starts, you can do this by contacting PDG Pat Dimond (209)521-5568.

PLEASE SEND CHECKS FOR MEAL RESERVATIONS TO:

Lion Grant Fox, Convention Committee

1955 Independence Way

Turlock, CA 95382

634-7686

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Each Lion/Leo MUST make their own reservation for the hotel. Call directly 1-800-648-3322. ROOM CHECK-IN is 4:00 P.M. If you have any questions regarding reservations, contact the hotel. The Horizon Hotel will do their best to group your club together. **ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE ON OR BEFORE March 14, 2010**, with the hotel, however, a specific number of rooms have been allocated by the hotel for the convention. Regardless of the cut-off date (March 14, 2010), when that allocation is filled rooms will be at a higher rate. RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY TO RECEIVE THE LOWER RATE. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 31, 2010.**

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE: Each Lion/Leo/Guest must have registration fees paid in full before they will receive their convention packet. Registration fees are as follows:

Pre-Convention:	Lion/Leo	\$17.00	Guest \$15.00
After March 31, 2010	Lion/Leo	\$20.00	Guest \$18.00

You MUST be pre-registered or registered at the convention before being eligible to vote or to participate in any of the convention activities. **THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010**

Registration	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Hotel Lobby
Credentials	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Hotel Lobby
First Nighter's Dinner - Meet in Lobby	5:00 p.m.	Tahoe Queen

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010

Registration	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Hotel Lobby
Credentials	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Hotel Lobby
Food Faire	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	South Entrance
Slot Tournament	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Casino
District Candidates Hospitality	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	TBD
Reception and Dancing	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Sequoia Ballroom

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010

PDGs' Hosted Eye Openers Everyone Welcome	6:45 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.	DG Suite
Registration	7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Hotel Lobby
<u>CREDENTIALS</u>	7:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Hotel Lobby
<u>VOTING</u>	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	
Breakfast	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Sequoia Room
Opening of General Session	9:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Tamarack Room
Student Speaker's Contest	12:00 noon PROMPTLY	Sequoia Room
Student Speaker's Luncheon	Immediately after Contest	Sequoia Room
Lions Forum	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Tamarack
GOVERNOR'S Banquet	7:00 p.m.	Sequoia Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010

Awards Breakfast	8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Sequoia Room
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61st District 4-A1 Convention Meal Reservation

Please register early, but the deadline is March 31, 2010

Name: _____ Name on Badge: _____

Circle choice: PDG Club Pres. Club Sec. Zone Chair Region Chair Lion Leo Guest First Timer

Guest Name _____ Name on Badge: _____

Circle choice: PDG Club Pres. Club Sec. Zone Chair Region Chair Lion Leo Guest First Timer

Club Name: _____ Member Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

ITEM	Pre-register	At the Door	Qty	Amount Enclosed	
First Nighter's Tahoe Queen Cruise	\$75	N/A			
Slot Tournament	\$25	N/A			
Lion/Leo Registration (Included in super package) (Must be paid if attending any convention event).	\$17	\$20			
Guest Registration (Included in super package) (Must be paid if attending any convention event).	\$15	\$18			
SUPER PACKAGE	EARLY BIRD Postmarked by Feb 1, 2010	REGULAR Postmarked by March 1, 2010	Quantity	Amount Enclosed	
Includes: Registration, Food Fair, Friday Night Surfer Party, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner, Sunday Breakfast	\$110	125.00			
Individual Selections	EARLY BIRD Postmarked by Feb 1, 2010	REGULAR Postmarked by March 1, 2010	Late after Mar 1, 2010	Quantity	Amount Enclosed
Saturday, April 17, 2010 Breakfast	22.00	24.00	25.00		
Saturday, April 17, 2010 Student Speaker Luncheon	26.00	28.00	30.00		
Saturday, April 17, 2010 Governor's Banquet	40.00	44.00	46.00		
Sunday, April 18, 2010 Awards Breakfast	22.00	24.00	25.00		

If you require a vegetarian meal, please indicate here: _____

Any cancellation for refund must be received by the Convention Committee on or before March 31, 2010.

No refunds will be made after that date.

Total Amount Due _____

Make Check Payable to:

District 4-A1 Convention Committee

Payment by check preferred

Circle choice VISA or MASTERCARD

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Month _____ Year _____

Signature _____

Mail form & check to:

Lion Grant Fox

1955 Independence

Turlock, CA 95382

Lions International

Special Message from the President

Get ready to come out of your dens and roar! **Lions In Sight** is fast approaching.

What is Lions In Sight?

Most people know Lions very well for our work in sight, but too often we are not 'in sight' of the public. Some Lions even say we are a 'best kept secret'. So to increase our visibility, I have asked all clubs and districts worldwide to organize public awareness events during the last two weeks of January 2010 in a special campaign called **Lions In Sight**.

The goal is very simple -- to raise public awareness to who we are and what we do.

To help you get ready, a special [Lions In Sight](#) section on our web site has suggested activities, promotional ideas, and helpful tools such as sample press releases, downloadable posters, newspaper ads, a new billboard advertisement, and other materials.

- 1. Tell the public about your club by placing an ad in the newspaper, **putting club posters in shop windows or public places**, or by issuing a press release to your local newspaper or television station.
- 2. Hold a community open house or set up a Lions information table at a public place where Lions can greet people and inform them about Lions activities and who we are.
- 3. Organize a project to which the public can be invited to see Lions in action and experience our kind of fun and service.

Above all, be creative and use your network of Lion friends to generate ideas for interesting events and winning promotions.

Let Us Spotlight Your District's Campaign

I am asking district governors to contact the public relations division manager, Dane LaJoye, during the month of November with an overview of your Lions In Sight activities. The most creative and unique activities will be prominently featured on the association's web site, and some will be selected for special public relations support from LCI. [Contact Dane by email](#) or by phone at 630-468-6764.

As an incentive, district governors who achieve over 50% club participation will receive a specially designed Presidential Certificate and will be recognized on the LCI web site.

By raising our visibility in the 45,000 communities we serve during this special campaign, we can introduce our great organization to thousands and thousands of service-minded people like us.

So again, Lions, let's together come out of our dens and roar... as we "Move to Grow".

With cordial regards,
Eberhard J. Wirfs, International President
Lions Clubs International

From Debbi Hopman, PR Chairperson: As a special incentive, if 32 of our clubs participate in this campaign, our DG Francis will receive recognition. Let's make District 4-A1's Lions In Sight campaign the best!

HOW TO FORWARD E-MAIL APPROPRIATELY

A friend, who is a computer expert, received the following directly from a system administrator for a corporate system. It is an excellent message that ABSOLUTELY applies to ALL of us who send e-mails. Please read the short letter below, even if you are sure you already follow proper procedures.

•**Do you really know how to forward e-mails? 50% of us do; 50% DO NOT.**

•**Do you wonder why you get viruses or junk mail?**

•**Every time you forward an e-mail; there is information left over from the people who got the message before you, namely their e-mail addresses & names.**

As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses builds, and builds, and builds, and all it takes is for some poor sap to get a virus, and his or her computer can send that virus to every e-mail address that has come across his computer. Or, someone can take all of those addresses and sell them or send junk mail to them in the hopes that you will go to the site and he will make five cents for each hit. That's right, all of that inconvenience over a nickel!

•**How do you stop it? Well, there are several easy steps:**

(1) When you forward an e-mail, DELETE all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message (at the top). That's right, DELETE them. Highlight them and delete them, back-space them, cut them, whatever it is you know how to do. It only takes a second. YOU MUST CLICK THE "FORWARD" BUTTON FIRST and then you will have full editing capabilities against the body and headers of the message. If you don't click on "Forward" first, you won't be able to edit the message at all.

(2) Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, do NOT use the To: or Cc: fields for adding e-mail addresses. Always use the BCC: (blind carbon copy) field for listing the e-mail addresses. This is the way the people you send to will only see their own e-mail address. If you don't see your BCC: option click on where it says To: and your address list will appear. Highlight the address and choose BCC: and that's it. **It's that easy.** When you send to BCC: your message >>>>>>>

will automatically say "Undisclosed Recipients" in the "To" field of the people who receive it.

(3) Remove any "FW" in the subject line. You can re-name the subject if you wish or even fix spelling.

(4) ALWAYS hit your Forward button from the actual e-mail you are reading!!!! Ever get those e-mails that you have to open 10 pages to read the one page with the information on it? By Forwarding from the actual page you wish someone to view; you stop them from having to open many e-mails just to see what you sent. (If there are more than 3 forwards, I delete the e-mail.)

(5) Have you ever gotten an email that is a petition? It states a position and asks you to add your name and address and to forward it to 10 or 15 people or your entire address book. The email can be forwarded on and on and can collect thousands of names and e-mail addresses. **A FACT: The completed petition is actually worth a couple of bucks to a professional spammer because of the wealth of valid names and email addresses contained therein. If you want to support the petition, send it as your own personal letter to the intended recipient. Your position may carry more weight as a personal letter than a laundry list of names and email addresses on a petition.**

(6) Another type I hate is the one that says that something like "Send this e-mail to 10 people and you'll see something great run across your screen." Or, sometimes they'll just tease you by saying something really cute will happen. **NO IT WON'T!** Also, don't let the bad luck ones scare you either, they get trashed!

(7) Before you forward an Amber Alert or a Virus Alert, or some of the other ones floating around, check them out BEFORE you forward them. MOST of them are junk mail that's been circling the net for YEARS! Just about everything you receive in an email that is in question, can be checked out at Snopes. Just go to:

<http://www.snopes.com/>

It's really easy to find out if it's real or not. If it's not, please don't pass it on.

From the Web; author unknown.

**From Your
1st VDG**

Steve Granlees

Well, since last I wrote you, Sharon and I have had the opportunity to travel to Tennessee for the USA Canada Forum in September. We started off touring in Nashville and then 4 AM on the 23rd left for Memphis! Ran into PDG Pat Casey Gillum and Sue Carner almost as soon as we got to the hotel and then took the street car to the convention center. The program started 1 day early to include the presentation of the Lions Quest program and No Child Left Behind. With the increasing responsibility and accountability of No Child Left Behind (NCLB), schools are using Lions Quest and its unique approach, to improve and sustain academic achievement for all students.

There were 65 regularly scheduled forums starting the 25th . . . offering a wide variety of topics depending on whether you are an international officer, district officer, or club officer, or even a regular member. Unfortunately, you can only get 4 in on Friday and 3 in on Saturday. With all the great material, we all decided that they needed to expand the forums to be offered on Thursday also. I attended the following: "Move to Grow – Latest News from LCI's Executive Officers", "VDG – The Year of Planning and Preparation", "The Club President – The Backbone of LCI Success", "The Art of Public Speaking", "Effective Recruitment & Retention of Lions Members", "Club Extension – Effective Techniques in Sponsoring New Clubs", and "From 6 to 60 – What! New Members! Where Did They Come From?"

We had some fantastic inspirational speakers at meals and got to hear from our International President in person. PID Bill Iannacone will be the Forum President next year.

We also got to meet lots of new people, enjoy the great area cuisine, and see some of the sights. Very busy schedule! Wish we had had more time to do everything.

If any of you Lions ever have the opportunity to attend this Forum, I suggest you take advantage of it! Not only is it a great learning experience, it is a great way to see some of the country. Two years from now it will be in Alaska!

Sharon and I send you our very best wishes for the holiday season.

Yours in Lionism,
1st VDG Steve Granlees

Peace Poster Contest

**Oops! Due to unforeseen
circumstances will
have to put in next issue.**

Judging for the District Peace Poster Contest has been completed with the following results:

CONTESTANTS

- 1. Erynne Estoetsa, 12 years old, Toyon Middle School, Valley Springs, sponsored by San Andreas 49er Breakfast Lions (winner)**
- 2. Jessica Stohlman, Arnold Lions**
- 3. Molly Baier and Kristin McCluskey, Sonora Lions**
- 4. Camille Vance, Modesto 500**
- 5. Vyanca Santana, Delta**

DG District Visitations:

December – **no visitations**

1/5/10 Los Banos 7 PM

1/6/10 Hilmar-Irwin-Stevinson
6:30 PM

1/14/10 Turlock 12:10 6:30 PM

1/21/10 Lodi Mexican-American 6:30 PM @ Lodi
Senior Center, 105 South Washington St, Lodi

Murphys-Angles to be confirmed

Serbia lion cubs Belgrade Zoo (off of web)

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**MD-4 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS JOINT MEETING
JUNE 3, 4, 5, & 6 2010
STOCKTON HILTON HOTEL**

Thursday 6/3

Dinner at Linden Lions Club House; Prime Rib;

NEED DRIVERS WITH CARS

Friday 6/4

10 AM Winery Tour in Lodi

12 PM Lunch at Robert Mondavi's – lunch by Lodi

Mexican-American Lions

1:30 PM to second winery

NEED DRIVERS WITH CARS

Dinner at hotel

Karaoke by Lion Ron Cotta/ prizes

Saturday 6/5

2 PM MD4 Student Speakers Finals

7 PM Dinner at hotel

Dance music by Lion Frank Rodriguez

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SEVENTY GIFT BASKETS

	Have	Need
14 cases wine	8	6
8 cases water	6	2
6 cases assorted chips	0	6
72 bags nuts	0	72
6 boxes candy bars	0	6
72 lions	72	DG Francis
72 pieces fruit (apples, oranges, etc)	0	72

PLEASE CALL PDG Dan Agari (209) 473-0722 if you or your club would donate any of the above items. Thank you, PDG Dan Agari 1997-98

your Leo club advisor all the information about this once in a lifetime program for young people in your community but do it NOW. A host family does not have to be a Lion but must be approved by a Lions club. All the information you ever wanted to know about our YEP is available via the following link: <http://ye.md4lions.org/library.html> There are scholarships available with the MD-4 YEP Foundation. Scholarship funds come from the OPPORTUNITY DRAWING now with each club president to be drawn at the MD-4 Convention. Bob Olson YEP Chair

2017 - DISTRICT 4-A1 PLANS FOR LIONS INTERNATIONAL 100TH CENTENNIAL:

Committee: PDG Felix Romo, District Chair, working members, PDG's Pat Dimond, Ann & Bob Tognetti, Bob Ransom, Dan Agari, Lions Glenn Matthews and Vince Peraino. These volunteers are being asked to attend all MD-4 Conventions. Each of us will need to get a Lion to work along with us as a substitute to take over, in case something happens to us.

We need 4 to 5 Lions from each region. These volunteers will be asked to attend quarterly meeting, as I have to make quarterly reports to MD-4 Chair PIP Kay Fukushima.

Plans include some fundraisers, as each District needs to raise \$20,000 for MD-4 Celebration. We have discussed a golf tournament, jewelry auction, ball drop, and money raffle. Also need to plan for an International Food Faire, sit, entertainment, and a historian. Some of the committee is in place for these events, but we need volunteers to help plan. Need to start all of this by 2012, which seems like a long time away, but there is a lot of planning needed.

Since I wrote this, I have resigned from the Committee due to my health. Need a replacement or 2. Whoever replaces me must attend all MD-4 Convention, 1 day only, for Committee Meeting. PIP Kay Fukushima is Chair and PID Bill Crawford is Vice Chair.

Anyone interested can phone me.

PDG Felix Romo cell 209-768-0742

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM:

Our Lions Youth Exchange Program will open the door to the world next summer for 132 students. 36 will travel to 13 European countries and those countries will send the same number for us to host. We will offer the same opportunities to 30 students going and coming from Japan. The students from Europe will arrive at SFO July 10 and depart for Southern Cal on July 24th. Japanese students will arrive July 25th and go south August 8th. Our students going to Europe and Japan will depart July 4th and return August 8th.

It is time for all Lions in our district to consider potential applicants for both hosting and travel abroad. Think about asking a child, grandchild, a niece or nephew, neighbor, a coworker's child. Talk to your school teachers, administrators, club advisors. Give

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**From Your
2nd VDG**

*Dave
McCullough*

**CONTINUATION OF STUDENT SPEAKER
RULE CHANGES (from last issue):**

Contest Rules:

Currently reads: A late contestant may compete if arrival time is prior to the beginning of the final beginning of the final speaker.

CHANGE TO: A late contestant shall not compete if arrival time is after the draw of the speaker order.

The following are causes for disqualification: (pg 13)

Rule Number 4 currently reads: Use of notes above club level in excess of one 3 x 5 card both sides.

CHANGE TO: Use of notes above club level in excess of one 3 x 5 card both sides. Braille note card to be equivalent size.

Rule Number 9 currently reads: Watches or cell phones may not be worn or used by the contestants during the contest.

CHANGE TO: Watches or electronic devices shall not be worn or used by the contestants during the contest.

SPEECH EVALUATION STANDARDS:

Attached Rubric Score Sheet to be utilized. Adding ten (10) points each for the following: Currently reads: Quality of material for twenty (20) points.

CHANGE TO: Text alone will be changed to
c. Main points supported by evidence
d. Conclusion was clearly presented

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING:

It is recommended that all packets include enough copies of the "Suggestions for Judges" sheets for each judge plus teachers.

3x5 card be made generic to be used at all levels. ●

NEW MEMBERS continued

Murphys Angels

Carl Black
Scott Cross

Robert Mulvany
Leon Dube

Oakdale

Steven Jensen

Stephen Jensen

Patterson

Tom Morris
Adrian Patterson

Michael Lara
Jarod Lara

Ripon

Jack Doornenaar
Mike Tremaine

Gary Medeiros
Gary Medeiros

Tracy Breakfast

John Dyer
Michael Trotter
Manuel Juarez

Gene Birk
Thomas Hawkins
George Medina

Waterford

Kenneth Ayers
Steven Dunn
John Fernandes
Jeremy Reynolds

Keith Self
Kenneth Krause
James Miller
James Miller

West Point

Katie McCollum

George McCollum

More Student Speaker Information:

By Lion Garrett Becker, Student Speaker Chairperson

If we could encourage all clubs, ZC's and RC's to read their contest booklets very carefully and pay very close attention to the deadlines! There are 8 changes they need to take not of including increased \$\$ awards at the different levels.

Also, our district goal for donations to the Student Speaker Foundation is \$4500.00. If every club gave \$100.00 we would meet that goal, and then some. Thanks, Lion Garrett ●

Student Speaker Dates:

Club by February 22, 2010

Zone by March 15, 2010

Region by April 12, 2010

April 17, 2010 District 4-A1 Contest, Convention at noon

May 24, 2010 Area Contest

June 5, 2010 MD-4 Final – Stockton ●

PRIDE NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS: Recently, DG Francis presented **President Excellence Awards** for 2008-2009 to Lion Mike Pappas, Escalon; Lion Marco Rudolf, Merced Breakfast; Lion David Thompson, Modesto 500; Lion Eileen Vaccarezza, Stockton Delta; and Lion Terry Anderson, Turlock 12:10.

Also he presented **100% Secretary Awards** to Lion Marty Ware, Arnold; Lion Bob Bader, Sonora; Lion Debbi Hopman, Tracy Tank Town; Lion George Corvelo, Atwater-Winton; Lion Sue Carner, Modesto 500; and Lion Robert Faretta, Merced Breakfast.

And going a little north: Greetings from Washington District 19-I! Forks Lions – who are just about at the end of the world out in northwestern WA is a very lively club (and that is putting it mildly). The town, thus the Club, is full of logging folks of all types, but they do soooooo much for their community. Might add that their eyes are not just closed at helping their community, they very willingly help beyond that level also.

It has been an annual event for them to cut firewood and take it over to eastern Washington where all the row crops and farming takes place in our state, and the Lions Clubs there arrange an exchange for groceries to be taken back to the Forks Food Bank. It's an annual weekend trek and they have so much fun doing it. Be sure to watch the you tube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NG_H514mlg4 It's great! Lions accomplishing a project and doing so much good! *PDG Marvin and Kathie Miller (03-04)*

San Joaquin Region:

Lathrop Lions have jumped right into helping their community and other local clubs with their projects. They worked the corn maze at Dell'Osso Family Farms and the Lodi Grape Festival.

Tracy Breakfast Lions have worked many hours doing the snack bar for Tracy High football games. Also did ball draw for Patterson Lions. They are busily planning their 50th anniversary for 4/10/10.

South Stockton Lions cooked lunch for the Blind Center and also purchased 50 white canes for them.

Delta Lions did almost 200 volunteer hours in>>>>>

November – for a small club that is awesome! Had a very successful ravioli >>

dinner (see pictures). Also helping Pacifica with UOP volleyball and basketball ticket-taking.

RC Jim & Pat Syvertsen (Stanislaus)

Fil Am Lions had their annual Manong/Manang (Senior Citizen) Thanksgiving luncheon. They were also busy with a golf tournament and pancake breakfast. **CONGRATULATIONS** to George Wigman who successfully swam from Alcatraz to San Francisco to raise money for Children's Home of Stockton.

San Joaquin Lions did a successful enchilada dinner to raise money for St. Mary's Dining Room and Emergency Food Bank. **They have brought in 6 new members!** Also they served beer at the Lodi Grape Festival (beer at a "wine" festival?????).

Tracy Tank Town Lions did greater than 460 hours to West High School concessions in 1 month! Way to go! Also adopted Jacobson Elementary School – gave them money and school supplies.

Linden Lions fed the clients screened at the Kaiser Permanente Hospital of Stockton Health Fair with 1400 lunches served and 423 manhours involved. Received a nice check of over \$7000 for it too! Wow! Also sent 2 youths in the YE program to Australia and Portugal. AMR has generously donated an AED for use at the Lions clubhouse. They provided training as required. (*Hopefully someone will not decide to "play" with it! Ed*)

Also heard from Lodi and Manteca Lions.

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Pride News continued

Yosemite Region:

Chowchilla Lioness Lions held a fairgrounds fundraiser in August in order to replace their meeting place which was burned. Did White Cane Days.

Atwater-Winton Lions provided use of the Eye-mobile to screen more than 3500 students of the Atwater Elementary School District and more than 700 students in the Winton School District in October and November. Also worked at Camp Pacifica in November, did White Cane Day and are presently doing a Poinsettia fundraiser.

Merced Breakfast Lions recently celebrated their 50th anniversary with a dinner and a short cruise. Their featured speaker was PID Bill Iannacone.

Congratulations to PP Marco Rudolf and Sec. Robert Faretta on their recent awards; and to Ken Harrison on his Melvin Jones Fellow. Did White Cane Days, highway cleanup, and cooked/served a meal at the homeless shelter each month.

Sierra Lions submitted three proposals to the Chukchase Grant Program and were awarded a grant for \$25,000 for eye exams and eyeglasses after screening with the Eyemobile. They also did highway cleanup; had their Haunted House at Camp Pacifica; and had two chocolate fountains at the Oakhurst Chocolate and Wine Festival.

North Fork Lions served 451 breakfasts for the annual Grizzly Bicycle Run. Also had blood drive.

North Fork
Lions at
their
Pancake
Breakfast.

Madera Evening Lions worked a football concession booth; cooked and served lunch for Wine Trail at Quady Winery; and had a Luau “Gone Western” fundraiser.

Madera Breakfast Lions worked multiple food booths for various worthy causes; and had a steak dinner for “Old Timers” Day at the Courthouse Park.

Mountain Region:

Garrotte Lions related that Kay Glaves ran for “Honorary Mayor” by collecting “bribes” which helped to bring \$\$ to the club but did not help her win.

Arnold Lions report that they put in 256 hours in firewood splitting in the last month! Did White Cane Day and continue to support Ebbetts Pass Elves.

Sonora Lions participated in the Peace Poster Contest; gave scholarships to Columbia College; and had their annual lobster dinner.

West Point Lions report that they did White Cane Day also.

Jackson Lions contributed \$13,577 in November alone! Way to go – get it back into the community! Also did White Cane Day. Lots of hours being put in to augment the football coaching staff for Argonaut High School – and they are winning!

Lake Don Pedro Gold Chain Lions gave 387 hours to various organizations in October – WOW! That is what service organizations are about!

S A 49er Breakfast Lions did White Cane Day, visitations, and a Halloween party at the Community Center in San Andreas. *Also heard from*

Clements-Lockford, & Up Country 88.

Stanislaus Region:

Greater Modesto Lions are still doing the Kases for Kids program and helped the Dimonds with a Celebration of Life for Lion Gary Strait. Also worked the election.

Ceres Lions donated **2 pounds** of pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House! (1520 tabs/pound) Also had BBQ for Ceres High School Athletic Programs.

Turlock 12:10 Lions have been very busy – had a Halloween maze in downtown Turlock; and also worked the election. They continue to work very hard on the MedicAlert program “No Child Without/ Safely Everafter” and the Turlock Homeless Program, having just finished repainting 2 used school buses for transporting clients.

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2009

- 6 District Bowling Tournament (see page 5)
7 **Pearl Harbor Day**
12 Crab Feed, South Stockton, Eagles Hall, 6 PM, \$40, contact Richard Alvarez (209) 951-8188
12 Crab Feed, Stockton Fil-Am, contact Narciso Giva, (209) 577-5531
12 Crab Feed, Tracy Breakfast, Portuguese Hall, 6:30 PM, \$35, contact Gene Birk, (209) 835-8207 or (209) 914-5533
25 **Christmas**
31 Lodi Mexican-American New Years Eve Dance at St Anne's Gym 8 PM-1 AM; \$25 in advance; \$35 at door. Please contact Antonio Moralis

JANUARY 2010

- 1 **New Years** – Rose Parade with Lion Float
15-18 Leadership Institute (See page 3)
18 **Martin Luther King Day**

FEBRUARY 2010

- 5 – 7 MD4 Convention Riverside, CA (See pages 14 - 15)
15 **Presidents Day**
20 Crab Feed Modesto Lions, Community Center, Riverbank, contact Irene Murata (209) 522-0500
26 - 27 District Meeting, Escalon (See page 4)

MARCH 2010

- 20 Crab Feed, Modesto 500, Howard Training Center, 6 PM, \$35, contact Claudia Miller (209) 577-5580

APRIL 2010

- 10 Tracy Breakfast **50th Anniversary**, 6 PM, Tracy Community Center, \$35, Prime Rib or Chicken; contact Pres Rick Hanson rick_lizhanson@yahoo.com, PDG Dennis Noble dnoble@arrival.net, or CS Roy Patterson mpatterson1236@att.net
15 - 18 District 4-A1 Convention (See pages 6 – 9)

Pride News continued

Modesto Breakfast Lions continue to put up flags on patriotic holidays. CONGRATULATIONS to Rodney Owen on receipt of the Dunlap Award from the Stanislaus county Literary Network for his 33 years of service to the Modesto City Schools supervising students in alternative education and job training programs.

Modesto 500 Lions sponsored a client to the Lions Eye Foundation; held a Peace Poster Contest; and supported the Salvation Army Kettle Kick Off. 3 members attended the USA/Canada Forum. 6 members are mentoring at Shackelford School. **Modesto Leos** held a car wash and with some other money were able to buy \$500 of dry goods for the Salvation Army Food Bank. ●

Major Darvin Carpenter, 2 other Salvation Army employees, and a Leo member help off-load dry goods which are sorely needed this time of year.

MedicAlert No Child Without/Safely Everafter

MedicAlert has developed *No Child Without/Safely Everafter* as a free program to protect children from ages 4 to 14 living with chronic conditions, allergies, or special needs. The memberships are given at no cost to the parent/guardian, school or the school district. This program is fully funded by MedicAlert and, at present, the Lions of District 4-A1.

The foundation is launching this program in the United States with its first partner school district in MedicAlert's hometown of Turlock, CA. MedicAlert hopes to expand this program to interested schools across the United States. *No Child Without* has been a successful program in Canada with more than 12,000 children in 1,500 schools now served and ongoing expansion to new schools planned.

No Child Without/Safely Everafter will provide students with MedicAlert's 24-hour comprehensive emergency information services that safeguard and identify children in an emergency. Access to medical records is especially important when children are involved in an emergency because often they cannot speak for themselves, and a parent or caregiver may not be nearby.

All clubs in District 4-A1 should have received an information packet by now. If this is not correct, please contact Lion Terry Anderson (209) 632-8883/634-0203.

More information in next issue.