

“EMBRACE LIONISM THRU THE EYES OF A CHILD!”

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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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FROM YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Pat Casey-Gillum:

As I listened to our new U.S. President Barack Obama’s speech at his inauguration, I was overwhelmed with his message of hope for the future of our country. However, his message also spoke of our duty to serve those in need. I truly feel that this message embodies what we as Lions already know, but I ask you to ask yourselves:

- Have you asked, or told anyone lately what a privilege it is to be a LION?
- Are you excited about being a LION?
- Have you had that *Lion feeling* in your heart lately?

Times are tough right now for everyone, but it does not take money TO SERVE. All it takes is willingness, a little creativity, and a desire to give of yourself – asking nothing in return except a smile and a glimmer of hope in another person’s eyes.

The world needs more Lions – won’t you do your part to increase membership? Give me or our great M.E.R.L.O. Team a call today. Do not let your membership drop. Remember my goal for the district:

- A net gain of 1 Person per club.

So if you have lost members, you need to replace them AND add one more member. Some of the clubs have done their part. Won’t you help show our district how great it is to be a Lion?

I will see you in February at the MD-4 Convention in Fresno and/or at the District Meeting in Escalon.

What a great Day for Lionism!
Pat

DG

MD-4 Convention

How to get to Fresno Radisson Hotel

✈️ Fly in to Fresno International Airport (Hotel Shuttle is Available)

🚆 Ride Amtrak (Hotel Shuttle is Available)

🚌 Ride Greyhound (Hotel Shuttle is available)

🚗 Drive

From NB Highway 99, take Highway 41 north & Exit Van Ness Avenue exit, turn left and go to Ventura street and turn right. Hotel will be on the left.

From SB Highway 99, Exit Ventura Street and turn left. Take Ventura to hotel on the left.

“All that Jazz” Highlights

Friday, February 13, 2009

8:00am Golf at Riverside Golf Course

8:00am - 5:00 pm Registration, Certification, Project Displays & Pin Traders

9:00-Noon Various Seminars check your program for details

12:15-2:00 pm Welcome Lunch and Roundtable discussions

2:30-3:30pm Open Forum

With President Al Brandel, PIP's Kay Fukushima & Bill Biggs, ID Dana Biggs & CC Bill Dunlevy

4:30-5:30 pm ID Candidate Bob Smith Reception

6:30 pm First Nighters “Diamonds & Denim” Dance & Costume Contest with the “Cadillac Cowboys”

****Wear your best western theme duds and win cash prizes****

Saturday, February 14, 2009

8:00am - 5:00 pm Registration, Certification, Project Displays & Pin Traders

8:00-11:00 am Opening Flag Ceremony (a Joel Keyte production), Business Session

11:00-Noon District caucus, check program for locations

12:00-2:00 pm International Presidents Luncheon

3:00 - 4:30 pm Jazz Bands

6:30 pm Governors Banquet, Academy Awards (a Joel Keyte production) and our Elvis Show

**** Bring your sweetheart for a Valentines evening she'll never forget****

Sunday, February 15, 2009

7:00-10:00 am Certification and voting

8:30 am Memorial Service (a Joel Keyte production)

9:00 am Breakfast

9:45-11:00 am Inspirational speaker, election results, drawings

Headquarters Hotel

Fresno Radisson Hotel

2233 Ventura Street

Fresno, CA

Across from the Convention Center

Free Parking, Free Internet, Free Airport Shuttle

(559) 268-1000

\$109.00 per night

Youth Symposium & Alternate Hotel

Holiday Inn

1055 Van Ness Avenue

Fresno, CA

2 Blocks from Headquarters Hotel

Free Parking, Free Internet, Free Airport Shuttle

(559) 233-6650

Group Code YSL

\$95.00 per night

Host Committee Co-chairs

PDG's “Van” & Happy Van Caster (559) 875-2816 e-mail: wvancaster@att.net

Registration forms are on the internet at: www.md4lions.org or 4a2lions.com.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION ONLY
PLEASE MARK YOUR DESIRED MEAL CHOICES

Postmarked After 12/31/2008

2009 - 90th MD-4 Annual Convention

"All that Jazz"

February 13th-15th Fresno, California

Use one form for each Person Registered Please Print Sorry, No Telephone Registrations Accepted

Club Name: _____ District: _____
Current Office Club/District: _____ International: _____
Name: _____ Name on Badge: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: H () _____ W () _____ E-mail _____

SPECIAL PACKAGE PRICING: Registration, Convention pin, Welcome Luncheon, Friday Dinner, International Presidents Luncheon, Saturday Banquet, Sunday Breakfast & Speaker. \$225.00

Registration (Required of all attendees). \$45.00
Convention Trading Pin. \$3.50

Friday February 13th

MD-4 Golf Tournament Cart, Fees, lunch @ turn, Prizes \$50.00
Welcome Luncheon. \$35.00
First Nighters' Denim & Diamonds Western Theme
Stuffed Pork Loin _____ Baked Halibut _____ \$50.00

Saturday February 14th

Luncheon with International President Al Brandel
Tri-Tip _____ Cashew Chicken Salad _____ \$40.00
Governors Banquet Valentines with "Elvis"
Prime Rib _____ Grilled Salmon _____ \$50.00

Sunday February 15th

Memorial Service, Breakfast, Speaker, Awards, Election Results. \$30.00

Total _____

All mailed registrations must be received by **February 6, 2009** No Refunds after January 15, 2009

Special Dietary Needs Request: _____
Credit Card Registration Visa Master Card PAYMENT BY CHECK PREFERRED
Account Number: Exp. Date:
Security Code
Authorized Signature: _____ Check Number _____

Complete registration form & mail with check payable to: MD-4 CONVENTION 2009
Information: Phone (559) 875-2816 PDG Happy Van Caster Registration Chair
2381 Cherry Avenue
Sanger, CA 93657-3607

MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECT WITH **RADISSON HOTEL**
(559) 268-1000 OR (800) 333-3333
OR **HOLIDAY INN** (559) 233-6650

MD4 CONVENTION
MEMBERSHIP FORUM
“COME ASK THE EXPERTS”
Friday, February 13, 2009
10:30 AM

Moderated by International Director
DANA BIGGS

LIONS ALL STAR LINE UP:

PDG Carl Burson – “Recruiting”

PID Bill Crawford – “Forming

PIP Kay Fukushima – “How do we do it?”

**PIP Bill Biggs – “Retention,
How do we use them or keep them?”**

**Come to learn, share and be inspired by the
greatest, most talented Lions in MD-4. You’ll leave
better prepared, excited and committed to grow in
Lions!**

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even months. Articles
due by 20th of odd
months.**

Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Francis Bognuda:

I cannot believe that it is early February already! What an exciting six months it has been, and I hope that everyone had a great holiday season.

Norma and I have just returned from the "Leadership Training" at Harris Ranch where District 4-A1 had 10 people in attendance. This training included information and guidelines concerning "Lions Organizational and Leadership Skills". It is a great training to help improve your own skills as well as the members of your club.

February is the MD-4 convention in Fresno. I hope that you have made your reservations; it is going to be a great event. Our International President Al Brandel will be there and it is a great chance for you to meet him just a short distance from your home.

Soon you will be receiving information about 4-A1 convention in San Ramon. It is going to be a very fun event with many new things happening.

Your MERLO team has been working on new programs for clubs and we have made presentations to many clubs. If you would like to schedule a presentation for your club, please call me to set up a time and place.

At this time I would like to thank all the clubs for the great hospitality they have shown us on our visitations, and the Lions who have stepped forward to fill the committees. Remember: socialize, harmonize and personalize to help increase your club membership and to help serve on committees.

See you at the MD-4 convention and/or at the District birthday party in Escalon on February 27-28th, 2009.

Until then "We Serve".

VDG Francis

District 4A-1 Happy Birthday Party

San Joaquin Region

Dates: February 27 & 28, 2009
Place: Escalon Community Center
1955 Escalon Av. Escalon

Friday Night:

5:30 pm. Cocktails, Games, Socializing, Fun
7:00 pm. BBQ Steak Dinner with all the trimmings
Birthday cake, Games, Fun

Saturday:

7:00 am. Eye Openers, Breakfast
8:00 am. Pre-district Meetings, Games
9:00 am. District Meeting, Break-outs
Noon Lunch, Birthday cake
1:00 pm. Recognitions, Raffle

Cost:

Friday Night (only): Registration and Dinner \$30.00
Saturday (only): Registration, Breakfast, Lunch \$15.00
Friday Night and Saturday Special \$35.00

• Every Clubs Needs to bring Two Raffle Gifts.

Questions: RC Roy Patterson 209 835-1602 rmpatterson1236@att.net

Lions Wishing to Spend the Night:

La Quinta Inn
1524 Colony Rd. (209) 599-8999
Ripon, CA. (99 at Jack Tone Rd.)
Ask for "Lions Club District 4A-1" Rates
Rooms: \$75 and \$86 (Deadline 2/13)

Registration:

Friday Night (only) \$30.00 per person

Names: _____

Saturday (only) \$15.00 per person

Names: _____

Friday Night and Saturday Special \$35.00 per person

Names: _____

Total enclosed: _____

R.S.V.P. by Feb. 19, 2009 Check payable to RC Roy Patterson, 1236 Audrey Dr. Tracy CA 95376

**DISTRICT 4-A1
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday February 21, 2009
9:30 AM, Shotgun Start**

**Lockeford Springs Golf Course
16360 N. Hwy. 88, Lodi, CA**

\$75.00 per Player

MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH RESERVATION

Includes: Green Fees, Cart w/GPS, Range Balls,
BBQ Lunch & Prizes

**All Entry Forms and Money MUST be received by Feb. 7,
2009 (If you are unable to make this date, contact below)**

All Lions, Lioness', Leos, and Guests are invited to play (Singles or Groups)

Prizes Will Be Awarded For:

Low Gross, Low Net, Low Net Calloway, Closest to Pin, & Longest Drive

Detach and mail this portion, with payment

Make checks payable to Jackson Lions Club

Please type or print legibly

Name	Address	City	Zip	Index *	Club

**Players with no Index , write in "Calloway"*

Mail Entries and Checks To: Jackson, Lions Club
P. O. Box 64
Jackson, CA 95642

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From MD-4:

Leadership Institute:

From a trainer:

The Multiple District Leadership Institute for 2009 was completed January 19, 2009. It was two and a half days of intensive training in all areas of Leadership. There were 54 Lions in attendance with 8 from District 4-A1. Congratulations to: VDG Francis and Lion Norma Bognuda, VP Jerry Cooper, District Chair Steve Granlees, President Eileen Guadagnolo, RC Willie Hughes, VP Allen Seitsema, and ZC/Pres. Jerry Walden all from 4-A1. The evaluations praised the training and the trainers. Please ask anyone of the former participants and they will let you know how worthwhile the Institute is for anyone. The training relates to our personal, professional as well as our Lions Leadership. The Institute covered Public Speaking, Teamwork, Lions Fundamentals, Changing Leadership, Conducting Effective Meetings, Conflict Resolution, Goal Setting, Leadership Styles, and Lions Internet.

The Institute is an annual training partly funded by Lions International and MD-4, with participants paying only \$250.00. Please think about funding a member of your club to participate in the training next year. It is always during the holiday weekend in January. It starts on Saturday morning and ends Monday noon.

Hope to see more of you next year!

PDG Pat Dimond, MD-4 Leadership Team

From a student:

Heading down I-5 from Modesto to Harris Ranch. . . What a long trip and what was I thinking? Giving up two and a half days of my life to sit in some conference center with the smell of cows was a waste of my time. And not to mention, being with a bunch of folks I did not know. Or so I thought. . . Surprise, surprise, surprise.

I walked into the conference center and was greeted warmly by PDG Bill Newyear who handed me my leadership binder and instructions. I was impressed with the artwork on the cover and the way the binder was laid out. The topics caught my eye immediately. Topics on speaking skills, team building, goal setting, member motivation, conducting effective meetings, conflict resolution, Lions on the internet, Lion fundamentals and changing leadership. I was sold before the meeting started. We were divided into four groups that gave us an opportunity to work with and meet all the participants.

Our session started with an introduction of both participants and faculty. The participants were fellow Lions from all over the state. Our faculty was all

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Past District Governors.

The first day instilled in me a sense of pride that I had not felt since I first became a Lion. At the end of the day, I wondered why we had so few Lions at such a great training event. *(In the real world, this kind of training would cost you a small fortune! ED)* We had about 60 Lions in attendance when we should have had 600. The training was information that could have been used not only in Lionism but in the corporate world as well.

Each faculty member was well prepared and very professional. And most of all, they showed the true of Lionism. I am so grateful for our own PDG Pat Dimond and PDG Don Allen for their leadership and support at the institute.

The two and a half days were well worth the time. The fee to attend was a great bargain. The experience was immeasurable. To my club (Modesto 500), thanks for encouraging me to go. I will be forever in your debt.

VP Jerry Cooper

From District 4-A1:

District Governor Visitations:

2/3 Los Banos

CANCELLED*

2/4 Garrotte

2/17 San Andreas

2/18 Le Grand

2/26 Manteca

3/12 Chowchilla

*Reschedule?

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District Roster Changes:

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Triple Star Awards:

The following outstanding Lions are awarded a Triple Star award during the District Meeting or on my visitations to the clubs during December 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009.

<u>Turlock:</u>	Lion Mike Baptista
<u>Livingston:</u>	Lions Diane Delmas and Tom Nakashima
<u>North Fork:</u>	Lion John Andera
<u>Le Grand:</u>	ZC Ron Raines
<u>Delhi-Ballico:</u>	Lion Kent Christensen
<u>Stockton Delta:</u>	Lion Tina Celli
<u>Sierra:</u>	Lion Wayanne Markley
<u>Bass Lake:</u>	Lion Jill Cooley
<u>Waterford:</u>	Lion Dave Rose
<u>Mariposa:</u>	Lions Chris Chase, and Rick Peresan
<u>Sierra:</u>	Lions Fred Bunch, Marie Bunch and Pres. Colette Goga
<u>Gustine:</u>	Lion Wilbur Gomes
<u>Crows Landing:</u>	Lion Jaime Miranda
<u>Lodi Mexican-American:</u>	Lions Antonio Morales and Tom Gomez
<u>Tracy Tank Town:</u>	Lions Debbie Hopman and Jane Williford
<u>Mariposa Golden Oak:</u>	Lions Karen Verdugo and Audrey Noel
<u>Copperopolis-Lake Tulloch:</u>	Lions Bill Skellenger and Denise Stepps

Look for their Triple Star Lapel Pin and acknowledge their contribution to Lionism when you see them.

Patricia Casey-Gillum, District Governor 4-A1

Membership Report:

District 4-A1 as of December is down 6 for the year. While that is much better than MD-4 which is down 450, we are still down! My goal this year is to have a net increase of 62 (that's 1 per club). Congratulations to the following clubs for their membership efforts so far this fiscal year (7/1 – 1/28):

Arnold – 3, Atwater Winton – 1, Bass Lake – 5, Ceres – 3, Chowchilla – 2, Clements Lockeford – 1, Copperopolis Lake Tulloch – 1, Crows Landing – 1, Dos Palos – 1, Gustine – 2, Hilmar Irwin Stevenson – 3, Jackson – 8, Lake Don Pedro Gold Chain – 1, Le Grand – 1, Linden – 7, Lodi – 2, Lodi-Mexican American – 8, Madera Breakfast – 1, Madera Evening – 1, Manteca – 3, Mariposa – 5, Merced Breakfast – 3, Merced Golden – 1, Modesto 500 – 2, Modesto – 3, Mokelumne Hill – 1, Murphy's Angels – 5, North Fork – 2, Oakdale – 2, Patterson – 8, Ripon – 1, Sierra – 8, Sonora Mountain – 2, Stockton Delta – 2, Stockton Fil Am – 1, Stockton – 7, Tracy Breakfast – 3, Turlock 12:10 – 2, up Country 88 – 1, Waterford – 3, West Point – 6.

Total New Members = 126

Total Deceased Members = 19

Total Dropped Members = 132

If you do not see your club name above – then I hope that you are making every effort to share the fun, excitement and fulfillment of Lions with a new member soon.

Remember if you dropped a member; please make every effort to replace that member within 4 months.

I thank you for all of your efforts so far – we have five months to go! I know that we will make the goal and then some!
DG Pat

City of Hope:

If you have made a contribution to City of Hope, please inform Lion Carrie Guadagnolo at cjguad@gotnet.net. The invitations for Lions Day at city of Hope should go out in February. The recycling program for City of Hope is underway and flyers for this program will be at the next District Meeting.

LION (ANIMAL) FACTS:

Ten years ago, there were 100,000 lions in Africa but now there are just 17,000! There are even fewer Asiatic lions. Just 200 lions are left in the protected Gir Forest.

**EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!
ROSE BOWL PARADE WAS FANTASTIC!**

By DG Pat

Frank and I were privileged to attend the Rose Bowl Parade along with Cabinet Secretary Jeanine and her husband, Rick. We arrived on the 30th and I attended a dinner with International President Al Brandel, his wife Lion Maureen and other District Governors and Vice District Governors. He is a great representative for Lions and just an all around great Lion! On Wednesday, December 31st we attended the Pasadena Host Lions Breakfast after we took a float barn tour. The tour allowed us to “get up close” to the floats. We were in awe of the sight. The detail involved, the magnitude of the flowers, the excitement of the volunteers, and the imagination of their creators was almost overwhelming!

On the First of January, we left at 6 AM for a short ride to the parade where we had reserved seating in the grandstands right at the beginning of the parade. The showmanship, the smiles, and the pride were evident with every entry.

Our Lions’ float was magnificent! From the black and white portrait of Helen Keller and her teacher, Ann Sullivan - created by thousands of tiny seeds – to the flowers that created the white cane or the Braille book or the eyeglasses, it was a sight to behold! The Canine Companions and Guide Dogs walked along-side the float showing the world just what a great organization Lions Clubs International is!

My wish to you is that you also will be able to behold such a lovely event sometime in your life. Enjoy the pictures!

District 4-A1 continued:

WELCOME NEW

MEMBERS:

DECEMBER 2008 – JANUARY 2009

<u>Club/Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Arnold	
Dennis Duggins	Roger Hawkins
Bass Lake	
Sondra Kay Johnson	Leroy Pack
Bunny Mendoza	Edward Koehler
Henry Mendoza	Edward Koehler
Chowchilla	
Paul Gomes	William Hall
Copperopolis	
Marilyn Richardson	Juanita Perez
Jackson	
James Lee	Larry Blanken
Linden	
Scott Bognuda	Frank Cucco
Matthew Laverone	Larry Moorman
Grady Pendergras	Lee Warren
Christopher Trotter	Robert Arrigone Jr.
Madera Breakfast	
Steven Von Flue	Lee Blackstone
Manteca	
Mike Baziuk	John Preyer
Joan Beattie	Lisa Stallings
Mariposa	
Janet Shoff	Dorothy Nielson
Merced Breakfast	
Paul Tresco	Ken Harrison
Modesto	
Melba Mathias	Charles Dow
Murphys Angels	
David Davis	Phyllis Turounet
North Fork	
Jerry Thompson	Donald Vasconcellos
Sonora Mountain	
Kathy Grutzmache	Reynaldo Garcia Jr.
Stockton Delta	
Judith Lee	Marie Patterson
Stockton Host	
Denise Sealy	Steven Henshaw
Tracy Breakfast	
William Kaska	Richard Hanson
Up Country 88	
Russell Williams	Ernest Oller
West Point	
George McCollum	Lonnie Williams

SAN RAMON – HERE WE COME!

April 16, 17, 18, 19, 2009

District 4-A1

Convention

@ San Ramon Marriott Hotel

Bishop Ranch Business Park

2600 Bishop Drive

San Ramon

(925) 867-9200

“Roaring 20’s”

Directions: Hwy 680 North, exit Bollinger Canyon Road east, left on Sunset Drive, left on Bishop Drive. Next door to a nice shopping center!

FOOD FAIRE: Now is the time to decide what you will be serving at the Food Faire which will be on 4/17. Since the theme is the Roaring 20’s, your food should be from same era. Send your info to PDG Gene with the needs for your booth.

SPEAK-EASY: DG Pat will have her Speak-Easy open at 7:30 PM. Be sure to wear a costume as there will be prizes. Please leave your firearms at the door. **Convention packets should be out 2/7.**

Gene Birk, Chairperson
(209) 835-8207

“Mono Lake” by VP Jerry Cooper, Modesto 500 Lions, winner of District Environmental Photo Contest; will be in contest at MD4 Convention.

Let’s remember as we continue through this year to take pictures that can be entered in the contest next year. We should have more information by the next district meeting. **Judith Alvarado, Chairperson**

District Flag Day

This is Lion Steve Granlees, your District Flag Day Chairman, contacting you about the Flag Day Program. You have probably already received your order information from Cupertino Host Lions Club for the Flag Day Program. If not, you may order the necessary kits from Robert Ferber (408) 268-6739 or robertferber@earthlink.net

Mail to: Lions Flag Day Program
c/o Cupertino Host Lions Club
300 Railway Ave, Ste M
Campbell, CA 95008

Flag Day is normally done on the 3rd Friday in February, but may be done before or after this date. I have sent a copy of the form on the right to all the clubs in the district to be completed and returned to me by March 30th.

Any further questions, call me at (209) 727-3600 or cell (209) 649-4696.

**Lions Flag Day
2008-2009**

Club Chairperson _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Club _____ # served _____

Description of event _____

Photos of event

Please return report by March 30, 2009 to Lion Steve Granlees, Flag Day Chairperson, 19775 Cherry, Lockeford, CA 95237

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 their friendship and the many contributions they have made to our clubs.

December 2008 – January 2009

Atwater Winton
Garrotte
Gustine
Modesto

Mary Cardoza
Adelbert "Deb" Crow
Steve Streeter
Robert Louis

LIONS CLUBS WEBSITES:

An important issue became evident leading up to our workshops in November. Editing out quality websites needed quality software which is a huge economic issue. Website hosting and domain name are only \$100 per club for five years. But the software that makes it easy for club webmasters to edit their own pages was very much more expensive. Microsoft "Expression Web" is the modern replacement for "Front Page." It retails for between \$249 and \$299, plus tax. However some Lions who attended our break-out session at the last district meeting suggested we explore educational or nonprofit discounts. Group problem solving discussions can be really wonderful things. The educational price was great, \$90 plus tax. The non-profit price was best, \$39 plus tax, if we could qualify as a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization. Unfortunately Lions clubs are typically 501 c 4 under federal tax rules because we are nonprofit "memberships." Not good enough for the special price. However, we have a few 501 c 3 foundations which do qualify. The MD4 Youth Exchange Foundation was kind enough to sponsor us and we proceeded to apply and were accepted. Even though the software could be downloaded from the internet, we found it best to make the mail compact disks to clubs wishing to purchase the software for their webmasters. This cost plus tax comes to \$45 per copy. A bit better than around \$300 from Amazon.com with tax and shipping. Now we have hosting, domain names, templates (designed by Lion Ron) and quality software for any clubs in our district wishing to set up a site or upgrade what they already have. It is hoped that every club will take advantage of this program, this year. We started with about 12 clubs online and now have 32. Our district has 62 clubs. We could be the first district in all of Lions to have all clubs online! More and more, new prospective members are going to ask: "Does your club have a website where I can find out more about you?" Hopefully you will be able to answer: "Of course, www dot . . ."

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Lion Ron Raines is hosting a workshop at Le Grand Elementary on Saturday, March 14 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Please email him for a reservation: ronraines@Lions4-A1.org We will use the new software to edit club websites. We can put them online that very day. Ron Raines, IT Chairperson

Editorial Thoughts:

Wow, I have enough material for a small book. Well I won't do that to you. Besides I don't want to have to put the material together.

For those of you who are contributing material for the newsletter, the **earlier** you can get it to me the better. Unfortunately my deadline of January 15 passed with no articles submitted. So I had to do some arm twisting. On top of that, when I did get the material and start putting it together, I found out the hard way x 2 that you can only put so much material on a page. Every time I finished the Rose Parade page and tried to save it, 5 of the preceding pages started "moving" around onto other pages. Soooo I have learned to be very careful with pages that have more than one picture on them. Plus, in the middle of everything the Super Bowl came along. Soooo my goal of getting the newsletter done by the 1st of the month did not happen for which I am sorry.

Soooo let's try this again next time. Please, the **deadline** for submission of articles is the 15th of odd months which makes it **March 15**. OK????

Thank you to PDG Don Allen and ZC Ron Raines for helping me with my "movement" problem and for finally establishing a link which seems to work pretty well. I have not heard much from anyone about having 2 copies of the newsletter: with the bells and whistles and just text. So long for now.

Lion Sue

ALL STAR FOOTBALL:

By Elizabeth Gibbs Olson, Chairperson

**36th Annual Lions All Star Football
Game Date June 20, 2009**

University of the Pacific

Stockton, CA 7 PM

**Dedicated to Lion Frank Cucco
of Linden Lions**

Greetings and Happy New Year from you Lions All Star Football Committee. We hope you had a wonderful holiday season.

This year we are honored to dedicate this game to Lion Frank Cucco of Linden Lions who has supported and photographed our game for 36 years.

The coaches for the 36th game have been selected. **Congratulations to the South Coach Dennis Stubbs of Los Banos High School in Los Banos, CA and the North Coach Scott Swartz of McNair High School in Stockton, CA. Both coaches attended our meeting on January 21, 2009 and both indicated that they felt honored to coach in our game.**

The south team player selections took place on January 27th at Pitman High School. Thank you to the coach at Pitman for allowing us to use their facilities this year for our player selections and for allowing us to use their field last year for the south team to practice on while they were in camp.

We had approximately 65 coaches on that Saturday and 110 nominations for 30 Player positions for the south team. Good job Russ Garcia for organizing this event and getting the word out. Great participation in the south clubs!

The north team selections will be on February 7th at Delta College.

The All Star Players/Press banquet will be at The Petersen Event Center at 720 12th Street, Modesto, CA on March 28th at 7 PM with a price of \$25.00/person. The banquet speaker will be Mark Tennis of ESPN/Cal Hi Sports. Mark has worked many hours as a non-Lion to help with our football game for several years. *(Anyone try to invite him to be a Lion?? ED)* Cal Hi Sports has been reporting on valley football for many years and is well regarded for their information.

South camp will be at CSUS (Turlock) and north camp will be at UOP starting on June 15th.

Don't forget our game date of JUNE 20, 2009 at 7 PM at UOP in Stockton!

Website: www.lionsallstarfootball.com

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Elizabeth Gibbs Olson

Chairperson, Lions All Star Football

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE:

Applications are now available for students between the ages of 16

and 21 to participate in the Lions Youth Exchange Program. Students do not have to be from a Lion's family to participate in this program. The countries that these students may visit include Australia, Austria, Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Switzerland, Israel and Japan. Italy is closed. The students will be in Europe and Japan during the months of July and August.

The completed applications need to be turned into Lion Carrie Guadagnolo, District 4-A1 Lions Youth Exchange Chair, by February 27, 2009 with a \$300.00 deposit:

17465 E. Front St.

Linden, CA 95236

Email: ciguad@gotnet.net

Phone: (209) 887-2002

Lions Youth Exchange Host families are needed for Lions Youth Exchange students visiting Northern California in July and August 2009. The students are visiting from Austria, Australia, Italy, Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Switzerland, Israel and Japan. Host family applications are available from Lion Carrie at above phone or email. *(The applications are also available on the Lions Youth Exchange of MD4 web site. ED)*

Lions Youth Exchange Program was launched to provide today's youth, the leaders of tomorrow, an opportunity to learn about people and countries other than their own in an effort to promote world peace. Young people are given the opportunity of living with a family or families in a foreign country for a few weeks to experience first-hand a new culture, history and a different way of life. The ultimate goal is to have each participant, upon returning home, share his or her experiences in promoting international understanding. Participants must:

- be between the ages of 16 and 21;
- be sponsored by a Lions club;
- have a basic knowledge of the language of the host country;
- be suitable to represent their community, Lions club, and country;
- be willing to accept the customs of another culture.

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Lions Youth Exchange continued:

DONATIONS:

There are a number of ways that you can support the Foundation: cash gifts in any amount, stocks, real property, deferred giving through wills and annuities, naming the Foundation as an insurance or estate beneficiary, gifts in honor of memorable occasion, and gifts as memorials.

- Life Member: contribution of \$500 or more payable in a single payment or two equal payments within one year.
- Sustaining Member: contribution of \$100 per year for a ten-year period for a total pledge of \$1,000.
- Contributing Member: contribution of \$100 or more in a single payment.
- Les Saalman Fellowship: contribution of \$200.
- Joe Saito Fellowship: contribution of \$1,000 or more in one single payment or two equal payments in one year.
- Len Robb Fellowship: contribution of \$500 or more in one single payment or two equal payments in one year.

Lion Sue Carner presenting a new lensmeter on behalf of Modesto 500 Lions to Lion President Pat Battaglia, Lions Eye Foundation, for the LEF clinic at the January quarterly board meeting in Monterey. The old one had been purchased in 1984. (By Sally Cofer-Lindberg)

These are the “Rules”:

1. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
2. A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
3. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
4. My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance!
5. For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program. (Anonymous, from the internet.)

WHITE CANE DAYS:

I would like to thank the clubs that have included White Cane Day a fundraiser in their club activities. To date, 11 clubs reported that they had held fundraisers for the period June 1 thru November 15, 2008. Although October 15th is designated as National White Cane Safety Day, it remains largely unknown to the general public.

Monies raised can be used to support programs and services for people who are blind or visually impaired as well as sight conservation. You can donate or allocate funds raised to the Eyemobile, Blind Centers, sight First, Lions Eye foundation, Leaders Dog for the Blind and Lions in Sight. A lot of clubs collect eyeglasses for recycling and use by others.

Your club can also organize events that emphasize equal capabilities for the blind, visually impaired, or deaf blind, or educating the public about the white cane law. You can do your fundraisers by asking the public for donations using the white cane supplies, or designate proceeds from your concession stands, pancake breakfasts, or any other fundraiser events that your club does.

It is not too late to do your White Cane fundraisers to support our District official or endorsed projects. Kindly report your activity by May 31, 2009.

Thanks, Lion Tony Velarde, White Cane Chairperson

Top Club Report:

By Lion Debbi Hopman, Chairperson

Thank you to all of the club secretaries who are submitting Top Club information. For those of you using the International reporting format, you know the challenges we have experienced this year since LCI has changed their reports twice. However, all secretaries have managed to work around these unannounced changes and submit their reports. Reports submitted for:

Division A: Delhi Ballico, Delta, Garrotte, Greater Modesto, Manteca, Mariposa Golden Oak, San Andreas 49er, South Stockton, Tracy Tank Town, Up Country 88, West Point.

Division B: Atwater Winton, Clements Lockeford, Dos Palos, Lake Don Pedro Gold Chain, Lodi Mexican American, Madera Evening, Merced Breakfast, Modesto, Mokelumne Hill, Ripon, Sierra, Sonora, Stockton Fil-Am.

Division C: Arnold, Ceres, Escalon, Jackson, Linden, Lodi, Madera Breakfast, Modesto 500, Oakdale, Stockton Host, Tracy Breakfast, Turlock. The Top Club contest ends March 31st.

GOOD LUCK!

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San Andreas 49er Breakfast Lions report that they helped other service organizations benefit less fortunate kids. The children got to go to the store and pick out a whole complete new outfit from hat to shoes + a coat. The club also participated in the Peace Poster contest. They are out visiting also.

Also heard from **Garrotte, Up Country 88,** and **Murphys Angels.** *(If you are in this region and submitted something to me, unfortunately I did not get it. ED)*

● **San Joaquin Region:**

Delta Lions are now crocheting hats for preemies (premature infants) for the San Joaquin Hospital besides their other project of lap robes. They have also been seen out and about making visitations. *(Of course it helps to have your husband be VDG! ED)*

IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY YARN TO DONATE TO THEIR VERY WORTHY CAUSE, PLEASE CONTACT LION JUDI AT reh1542@sbcglobal.net

Lodi Mexican American Lions have a crab feed on March 14 but that is all I have been able to find out.

Linden Lions are busy as usual producing the great meals that they are known for and doing their great works in a community that really benefits from them. They are doing visitations also.

Tracy Tank Town Lions (chartered in March 31, 2003) has contributed \$30,833 in support of the community, the district and LCI. They will be selling tickets for their upcoming St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the district meeting.

Stockton Pacifica and **South Stockton** are both bragging about their new websites. Welcome aboard! Also heard from **Stockton Fil-Am, Lodi Mexican-American,** and **Lodi.** *(If you are in this region and submitted something to me, unfortunately I did not get it. ED)*

NEW LCI ACTIVITY REPORTS:

By PDG Don Allen

Hello Secretaries: This is Dr. Don and I would like to give you magic pills to end your frustration with the International Activity Report. I know that we have been encouraging you to use the International Activities Report as your one-stop-shop for activities reporting, and I think this will still work. Take a deep breath and keep reading.

If you will look at page 36 and 37 of the February 2009 issue of the Lion magazine, you will see a **very high**

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level report of Lions activities around the world. Remember, Lions Clubs are an International Organization. This high level reporting is the goal of the Lions Clubs International Activities Report.

Pill #1: Take one per month by mouth with chocolate. Have a list of all your club's activities and donations for the month. Assign each activity to one of the four general categories: community Service, Lions Youth opportunities, Health Activities, and "Other" Service Activities. Click the box of one of the list of activities within the category that best describes the activity, "i.e." your club provides glasses for children that cannot afford them – you could click one of maybe three activities that they list – just pick the one you think is the closest. Now add the hours, dollars, Lions involved, and people assisted in the boxes at the bottom of the category. Whole numbers only. Do this for each of your club's activities. Congratulations, you have satisfied the needs of LCI.

Pill #2: Place under your tongue and let it melt – I hope this is a sweet pill. Using that same list of clubs activities, complete the district activities report. Use the open box at the end of the "Other" Service Activities to just type the activities for the district. In this open area, you can type anything you want to submit to the district. For example:

- Average meeting attendance 110%
- Jan 14: 6 Lions cooked breakfast for elderly at the xyz home – 300 hours
- Donated \$100 to local Girl Scout Troop for camping equipment.

When everything is typed in the box, click the box to "submit/save" (LCI now has the report) then save the report or email the report to the district folks. Be sure to "save" your work every so often.

Or you can enter your activities in a Word or Excel document to submit to the district folks.

Congratulations! You are done for the month. Now those pills were not too hard to swallow, were they? And we have satisfied the needs of LCI and the district.

“Embrace Lionism Thru
The Eyes of a Child”
District 4-A1 Newsletter
1136 Cecil Way
Modesto, CA 95350

District 4-A1 Calendar 2009

February

- 1 **OMELET BREAKFAST**, Ceres Lions, Tuolumne River Lodge, 7 AM – Noon \$5
7 **CRAB FEED**, Ceres Lions, American Legion Hall, Ceres, 7 PM, Dinner/Dancing, \$40
13 – 15 **MD4 CONVENTION** – See AD p. 2
16 **PRESIDENT’S DAY**
17 **EYEMOBILE BOARD MEETING**, Dr. Hoek’s Office, 1048 W Main, Ripon, 7 PM. Call to confirm.
21 **4-A1 GOLF TOURNAMENT**, See AD p. 7
21 **CIOPPINO FEED**, Tracy Breakfast Lions, \$35, Portuguese Hall, Tracy 6:30 PM
21 – 24 **Flag Days**
23 **CLUB STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST DONE**
25 **ALL STAR FOOTBALL COMMITTEE**, David & Sylvia’s Restaurant, Manteca, 7 PM (4th Wed)
27 – 28 **DISTRICT MEETING** – See AD p. 6
28 **CRAB FEED**, Modesto Lions, 7 PM, Riverbank Community Center, \$40 Sue Pankow 524-9381
28 **CRAB FEED**, Lodi Lions, Loel Center, Lodi, 6 PM, \$40, Gorge Horn, 334-6055

March

- 7 **CRAB FEED**, Jackson Lions, Sutter Creek, 6 PM, \$35 Mark Giannini 223-2810

- 7 **RIB “TAKE OUT”**, Livingston Lions, Veterans Hall, Livingston, 11 AM – 5 PM, \$8
7 – 8 **HEARING DAYS**
14 **WEBSITE WORKSHOP**, See AD p. 13
14 – 15 **DANDELION DAYS**, Jackson.
15 **ZONE STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST DONE**
21 **CRAB FEED**, Modesto 500 Lions, Howard Training Center, 1424 Stonum, Modesto (off Hatch) 6 PM, \$35, Lion Wayne 602-2983/869-2983
21 **CRAB FEED**, South Stockton Lions, Eagles Hall, 7 PM, \$40
21 **SCHOLARSHIP DINNER**, Chowchilla Lions, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 6 PM, \$27.50, Lion Shellie Kuhr, 559-665-1904.
28 **ALL STAR FOOTBALL BANQUET**, See p. 14
29 **LIONS CITY OF HOPE DAY**, Duarte

April

- 12 **REGION STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST DONE**
16 – 19 **DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION**, San Ramon Marriott Hotel, See p. 11
18 **DISTRICT STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST**, San Ramon Marriott Hotel, 11:30 AM, See p. 11