

“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

HOW ARE WE DOING TODAY? I HOPE THAT YOU FEEL AS REFRESHED AS I FEEL!

On August 14 the new team (cabinet players) was installed for 2009-10 by PDG Jon Casteel from 4-L4. The cabinet will help in building new clubs and bringing in new members. We know each “player” will hit a home run to help keep this District the leader of MD-4 and show LCI that we are **number 1** in Lionism and are “COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE”. We would also like to thank Region Chair Jim and Lion Jean Weaver for their hard work and dedication in putting on this District meeting. The LEO’S were great and demonstrated their leadership and abilities in preparing the Friday night dinner. Also a thank you to ATWATER WINTON and MADERA BREAKFAST for preparing breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Each club did a “great” job and the food was enjoyed by everyone. Also we had two interesting programs. One program featured DR. ELSA ROCHE, from the Oralingua School for the Hearing Impaired, who spoke about the early detection of hearing loss in children. The other program featured PDG JON CASTEEL and his partner in service Sheila who spoke on the Tournament of Roses Parade. We hope that you enjoyed both programs and will support their causes.

At this time, we would like to say “THANK YOU” to all the clubs that we have visited so far in our club visitations. We really thank you for all your support – it is important that you realize that there are LIONS out there who have gone the extra mile for 1VDG Steve and myself. There are too many to mention at this time.

The Convention Chair got the word that we will be having a “Surfing Safari Party” at the Convention in Lake Tahoe. We hope that the

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We Serve

From Your DG continued

“Casual Look” will motivate more people into attending this convention. Don’t forget, “**IT IS YOUR CONVENTION**”. There will be more in the next District Newsletter.

Well, the Student Speakers Contest will be here before you know it, so here is the topic for this year, “**UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE, HOW WILL IT AFFECT US?**”

Your VDG’s are doing a fine job in helping the district. Please, when you see them, take a few seconds to thank them for their hard work and dedicated time.

Now for this year, we would like each club to “hit a home run” for its community. . . they really need it, and they will not forget YOU.

“**COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE**”. . .**THANK YOU**

Francis Bognuda, District Governor ●

From Your**1st VDG:****Steve**

Last MERLO meeting was held on August 31. PDG Don Allen reported that he will give a refresher orientation presentation once the Lodi Grape & Wine Festival is over. Three mountain clubs have requested MERLO presentations at their clubs. IPDG Pat Gillum will have another organizational meeting in lone at the Cravings Restaurant in October. Lion Tom Bauder will go to Sutter Creek to see who is interested in forming a new club there, thus helping IPDG Pat.

1stVDG Steve has contacted a former member of the old Sutter Creek Lions Club who is very much interested in rejoining in Sutter Creek and still has much of the club paraphernalia.

The next MERLO meeting will be October 5 at 6 PM at Perko’s Restaurant, 901 N. Carpenter Road, Modesto. Rest of meetings will be 1st Monday of the month. ●

Cabinet continued:**Mountain Region:**

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Information Night:

Anyone interested in learning more about the office of 2nd VDG through DG and what all that involves is invited to a special informational session Monday, October 26 at 7 PM at Perko’s, 1703 E Yosemite, Manteca.

Please RSVP CS Roy Patterson

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From Our

International

President:

Dear District Lions:

As we know, growth requires movement -- but not just random movement! Movement without a plan wastes time and energy, and because time is short and our responsibilities are great, we can afford to do neither.

As leaders we must focus our energies and coordinate our movements in specific areas, especially the critical task of increasing membership in existing clubs and improving the retention of members. While we have had a great start to our Lionistic year, with a record number of new clubs and an overall net growth of 3,750 members worldwide through August, I have just now challenged our DG Teams to focus on increasing growth in existing clubs between September and December of this year. Let me share some ideas with you because it is you - our club leaders - who know the challenges and how to succeed.

A good place to start is the Family Membership Program which has had great success. The program has done much to invigorate existing clubs and help form new ones, but sometimes clubs need help in implementing the plan. So below you will find some excellent guidelines and new materials.

Just imagine if our 45,000 clubs grew by only one or two members in the next four months? It would not only make history for our great association, but it would also create a brighter future for the millions who need our service. I know you can do it.

With gratitude and best wishes for success in all you do.

With cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs, International President
Lions Clubs International

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Move to Grow

"We need you"

We will need our children to become the members of the future but, in fact, we need your family members right now. ["We need you"](#) is the message that must be conveyed to current and prospective members. We need members to invite their partners and spouses to become Lions Club members and we need these new members to energize our clubs and open-up new avenues of service. The best place to look for qualified members may also be the closest -- right in our own homes.

Move to Grow Special Highlights

Lions Family Cub Program

A frequent question is: How do we keep the children interested and involved? The answer is the Lions Family Cub Program which comes complete with a [30-page activity guide](#). The guide offers complete, step-by-step procedures that will help make Lion Cubs an integral part of your club.

The [Lions Family Cub Program](#) will be an important part of making family membership a positive experience for parents as well as children. Please consider it as a part of our responsibility as Lion Leaders to serve our members and put their needs first. Remember that our Lion Cubs are the greatest potential source of Lions Club members in the future.

Qualified Lions

You may ask: How can we be sure that we are bringing qualified members into our clubs? Using the tried-and-true Lions Clubs International [recruiting methods](#) should ensure that prospective members will be persons of quality and achievement. Remember, not everyone can or should be a Lion! Lions Club membership has always been and always will be a privilege. As Lions we enjoy the privilege of serving our communities in truly effective ways and in fellowship with like-minded people. That is what truly qualifies someone to be a Lion -- the sincere desire to help and embrace the "We Serve" spirit.

Important Information

October Membership Growth and Membership Awards

October has long been Membership Growth Month in Lions Clubs International. While we now recognize that membership growth must be an ongoing, year-round priority, October is still a good time for your club to put extra emphasis on recruiting new members. As in past years, recruiting success will be recognized through the October Membership

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From LCI IP continued

Growth Award Program. [Learn more](#) about qualifying for a club banner patch award.

In addition to the October awards and the longstanding [Membership Key](#) program, [year-round growth](#) will be recognized with its own awards including the Membership Excellence banner patch for clubs and the Year-Round Growth Constitutional Award International Clock for three outstanding Lions in each constitutional area.

Lions Clubs International provides these and many other tools to support you in your membership growth efforts. I hope you will take advantage of many of them. •

Corrections to**District Roster:**

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- p. 31 PDG Pat Greene
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- p. 38 E. Gibbs Olson – old business phone
- p. 51 Debbi Hopman - no business or fax phones
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- p. 54 Robert Olson bobo100@juno.com
- p. 57 Bonnie Kappler bonnie@bonnie21.com
- p. 71 Modesto Lions meet at Appetez, 825 W. Roseburg (Roseburg Shopping Center), Modesto, same days and time
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(IF YOU FEEL THERE IS ANOTHER CORRECTION, PLEASE CHECK THE LAST ISSUE BEFORE NOTIFYING ROY OR ME. ED)

**From Your
2nd VDG:****David
McCullough**

Lions: Recently I attended the Council of Governors meeting in Fairfield CA. I went to the Student Speakers Contest committee meeting, where we discussed the various topics, contest rules, awards, and speech evaluation standards. We voted to make some changes to the Student Speakers Handbook, so please take note and share them with all involved. The MD-4 District Governors voted for the new topic "Universal Health Care – How Does It Affect Us?" It is my desire to promote the Student Speakers contest and support the Student Speakers Foundation. **Thank You** for all that you do for Lionism!
2nd VDG David McCullough

Change prize money at the club, zone and region levels:

- Club: Participant remains \$25.00
Winner receives \$75.00
- Zone: Winner receives \$100.00
- Region: Winner receives \$150.00

- Page 6 **Change to:** Clubs on status quo or not in good standing shall NOT sponsor or participate in the speakers contest.
 - Page 7 **Change to:** If a question arises as to the sponsorship of various schools by neighboring Lions clubs, the District Student Speaker Chairpersons with consent of the District Governors shall allocate the sponsorship.
- DELETE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH:**
Clubs may not cross District boundaries to obtain contestants unless they have the written consent of the Club whose area or school from which they are obtaining the students.

CONTEST RULES (p. 12)**MEETING AGENDA**

- **CHANGE TO:** Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Draw of Speaker Order
Introductory Remarks

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Madera Leo Club Chartering July 18, 2009

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Elizabeth Gibbs Olson

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WHAT DOES IT SPELL?

MEMBERSHIP!

I'm officially your Membership Chair Cheerleader on the MERLO team and would be happy to share other clubs' successes, help you analyze your Club's stumbling blocks in the membership arena, or help you create new ideas for membership growth in your Club. In fact, the entire MERLO team is here to help you succeed and help you help DG Francis with his membership goals – we can do it! So just give me a call (209-522-2599) or email me @ pgillum@sbcglobal.net to arrange for a program specialized just for your club. Hope to hear from you soon. IPDG Pat Casey Gillum •



By PDG Harry Carlson

On Saturday, September 12, the Turlock 12:10 Lions Club hosted 80 Lions and guests during an Open House at the MedicAlert facilities in Turlock. In addition to touring and becoming aware of MedicAlert's original function, District 4-A1 Lions and guests were introduced to a new program called "No Child Without/Safety Ever After. This program, originally started in Canada, offers free medical identification bracelets to children between the ages of 4 to 14. Dr. Martin Kabat, President of MedicAlert Foundation, outline how MedicAlert is hoping to build a close relationship with the Lions Clubs of the United States to become partners in this program. With the cooperation of the Turlock Schools, the program is already functioning in the schools of this area. It is hope that Lions Clubs throughout District 4-At will join in instituting this plan in their own communities. We have the opportunity to be in on the ground floor of an enterprise which it is hoped, with the assistance of Lions Clubs, will eventually spread throughout the

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Lions International District 4-A1 Outstanding Club Humanitarian Service Award

Mission Statement: To recognize/acknowledge an individual Lions Club for participation and assistance in humanitarian efforts for the disabled and disadvantaged on a personal, local or global level.

Involvement Criteria:

- 1. Schools or health centers, self-help centers (i.e. Eye Foundation, blind Centers, Community Centers, City of Hope, et al).
- 2. Decoders for the deaf.
- 3. Hearing aids, prosthesis, eye care.
- 4. Financial aid to the destitute.
- 5. Educational funding
- 6. Involvement and/or coordination with other organizations or clubs in projects, (i.e. "AIDS", water, sight, climate, et al).
- 7. Aid to disasters, domestic and foreign; children's clinics, orphanages, water/sanitation projects, et al.
- 8. High membership numbers and man-hours associated with project participation.
- 9. Eyeglass collection.
- 10. Member outreach to solicit and/or identify people/community in need of services.

Selection Process: Clubs must be prepared to submit a detailed application for this award to the Committee Chairman and District Governor in sufficient time to permit review and selection prior to the District Convention.

Suggestions submitted by:

PDG Chuck Leach and PDG Will Clair •

In Memoriam:

August 2009

Copperopolis Lake Tulloch	Bill Albee	Denair
Lake Don Pedro Gold Chain	PDG Lincoln Abraham	Margaret Leona Thole

Lincoln B. Abraham PDG

June 29, 1915 –
September 2, 2009

Lincoln Abraham was born in the village of Digala, Persia, to Sophia and Baba Abraham. He passed away at Emanuel Medical Center at 94 years of age.

He grew up in Turlock and

Denair and graduated from Denair High in 1935. When WWII broke out, he enlisted in the US Army, eventually reaching the rank of Master Sergeant, serving as an airplane mechanic. After the war service, he came home and married Elizabeth Isaac in 1946. They settled in Turlock and then Denair where he farmed and then established a labor contracting business. Member of American Legion, VFW, Guild Winery, Blue Diamond Almond Growers and CA Farm Bureau, as well as St John’s Assyrian church and Turlock Assyrian Club. Also member and elder at First Presbyterian Church. Lifelong member of Denair Lions Club and was elected District Governor of Lions District 4-A1 in 1973-74. He was one of the cofounders of the Lions Eyemobile and of the All Star Football Game. He was on the Eyemobile board during the transition from the trailer to the 82 Winnebago (*Per Lion Allen Hoek*). He served in every Lions position from club secretary to club president, and all Lions District Zone positions. Also 32nd degree Mason. He is survived by his son Robert Abraham, also a Lion. Any remembrances or donations may be made to the Shriners Crippled Children’s Hospital, Lions District 4-A1 Eyemobile, or the building fund at the First Presbyterian Church

If anyone would like to write something about him, I will publish it in the next issue, i.e. Eyemobile committee, Denair Lions, and other PDG’s. Ed. •



MD-4 HISTORY

Anyone have an idea when District 4-A1 was formed? Well I managed to get some history from LCI. First Clubs organized 1917 Oakland, CA and 1920 Reno, NV.
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DG VISITATIONS:

- 9/1 Delta
- 9/2 Arnold
- 9/3 Tracy Breakfast
- 9/8 Mariposa Golden Oak
- 9/9 Ceres
- 9/10 Chowchilla
- 9/16 Le Grand
- 9/17 Escalon
- 9/22 Chowchilla Lioness
- 9/23 North Fork
- 9/24 Tracy Tank Town
- 10/1 Ripon
- 10/7 Up Country
- 10/8 Oakdale
- 10/13 West Point
- 10/14 Patterson
- 10/15 Modesto 500
- 10/21 Jackson
- 10/21 Mokelumne Hill
- 10/22 Tri-Dam
- 10/27 Lathrop
- 11/4 San Joaquin
- 11/5 Crows Landing
- 11/7 Merced Breakfast
- 11/10 Linden
- 11/11 Copperopolis
- 11/12 Gustine
- 11/16 Denair
- 11/17 San Andreas
- 11/25 South Stockton

(Confirmed and current as of September 13 by CS Roy.)

Chronological History:

1917 First Board of Directors on Oct 8-10, 1917 parceled the country out into districts for the organization and administration of Lions Clubs, and appointed a District Governor over each one. The districts were numbered from the Pacific Coast eastward. At that time, California and Nevada, along with Washington and Oregon were considered the 1st District.

1921 In 1921, after the Convention in Oakland, CA, the whole country was redistricted and these states became known as District 4. As other districts were formed, either from territory theretofore undistricted, or from states segregated from

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FLOOD RELIEF TAIWAN

(LCI Website)

More than 83 inches of rain from Typhoon Morakot fell across Taiwan, causing massive flooding and making immediate relief efforts difficult. As of August 17, 500 are estimated dead and many remain stranded. Most of the casualties were in hardest-hit Kaohsiung County. It is estimated that the storm caused the most damage to the island in 50 years.

Lions are responding, bringing help to those who need it most. LCIF has awarded nine emergency grants of US \$10,000 each, totaling US \$90,000 to nine districts for Lions to provide immediate relief and purchase necessary provisions. Additionally, LCIF has awarded a US \$100,000 Major Catastrophe Grant for immediate relief or long-term reconstruction.

Lions around the world can help by donating to an account designated for this disaster "Typhoon Morakot, Multiple District 300, Taiwan." **The LCIF Executive Committee has approved Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition for designated donations over US \$1000 for this disaster through February.**

So if you are planning to give a MJF in the year, you could contribute to this fund at the same time. That would help to start replacing the \$190,000 already awarded.

US DONORS:

Mail a check to LCIF, attn: Donor Services. You can off load the MJF application from the website. You can also do a credit card payment or donate online www.lcif.org/donate Select Disaster and enter "Typhoon Morakot, MD 300, Taiwan" in the comments field. •

8/26/09

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

AUGUST 2009

Club/Member	Sponsor
Atwater Winton	
Jennifer Fiero	Sylvia Bullock
Bass Lake	
Harold Hayes	Diane Peterson
Lodi	
John Engelmann	James Sanders
Scott Meyer	Trenton Diehl
Manteca	
Jerry Weed	David Macedo
Mariposa	
Monique Beaudoin	William Nance
Merced Breakfast	
Ed Adkins	Albert Bardini
Tamela Adkins	Albert Bardini
Merced Golden	
Beverly Hansen	Transfer
Elise McMillen	Michelle Snyder
Modesto Lions	
Julie Cipolla	Mollie Cavanna
Stockton Fil Am	
Jesse DeLeon	Michael Arishin
Stockton Pacifica	
Gregory Fernandes	Robert Stewart

MD-4 History continued

congested districts, they were given the lowest numbers then remaining open. Shortly after this, also in 1921, Washington and Oregon were separated from this District and became known as District 19. Hawaii was added to District 1 soon to be known as District 4 at this time. Hawaii was separated from District 4 in 1936 and became known as District 50.

1922 Presently we have 3 clubs which were formed in this year, but 4-A1 did not exist yet: Sonora, Stockton Host, and Modesto. We recently lost Merced Host which was another one from this era. There are probably others from that time which no longer exist.

1937-38 District 4, divides into Multiple District 4 composed of 5 sub-Districts known as 4-A, 4-B, 4-C, 4-D, and 4-E.

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Lions District 4-A1

Technology Update: (September 2009) (Update of Hand-Out from 1st District Meeting)
by Lion Ron Raines, District Technology Chair.

Goal:

To spread the use of internet technology within our district Lions Clubs for the betterment of Lionism.

Definition:

The use of the internet includes e-mail and websites. Communicating Lion business and sharing ideas. Helping other Lions and clubs to improve their knowledge and ability to use internet technology for Lionism.

The BIG Idea: (Year 2)

Out of 62 clubs in our district, ALL now have working websites. Go to our district website and click the button: "Clubs". Lion Ron wants to help the clubs maintain those websites with a growing number of clubs becoming self-sufficient. He will either advise or maintain (edit) web pages for clubs. He will travel to your area to do instruction. Some sites are independent, using their own host. Some are using the district host plan (Bravenet.com) described in the next section. And, some are hosted by the district website using a sub-domain under the district domain name.

Example: Lodi.Lions4-a1.org This name is not easy to "tell" people or remember. However, it works fine. Easier is LodiLions.org (Lodi Lions dot org). This is one good reason to be a paid participant on the district hosting plan. Clubs can find their own host, as some have done.

The cost:

Unless one finds a "free" host for your website, it is necessary to pay for your hosting and domain name. Domain names cost about \$10 per year. A domain name is the address of your website such as: legrandlions.org A host is a company with a special computer which is called a server. Hosting typically cost \$50-100 per year. But, by using Lion Ron's host administrator skills, we can offer club website hosting at \$10 per year. We receive a discount by doing the contract for 5 years. So our name and hosting is \$100 for 5 years.

FLASH: (January 2009) Our district now has a "non-profit" license for web page writing/editing software, **Expression Web 2**. This lists for \$249-299. Your club price: \$45. You will need this, if you are ready to edit your club web pages. Otherwise you may wait until then. Lion Ron has plenty of copies. Contact Lion Ron: ronraines@comcast.net

FLASH: (September 2009) LionWAP has come out with a new website design modeled after the LCI website. It is a huge improvement over the past design. Lion Ron will be presenting the "pros and cons" of this method at the next district meeting. He will be glad to show you how to use it. Check it out at: <http://legrandca.lionwap.org>

Getting Started:

The district cabinet (treasurer) has agreed to collect the funds (\$100) from each participating club and pay for the hosting and domain names when billed. (online credit card)

- Upon payment, Lion Ron will contact the club representative to find out the domain name chosen and provide access to the website. He will train and/or do the webmaster duties for each club. Yes, you could do as little as send him the info in an e-mail and it will be posted!
- Clubs need to gather information about members, activities, dates, etc. Bulletin editors have this. It is very important to keep a separate list of members who have e-mail accounts. Unless members decline, it is great to list e-mail addresses with their names on your website. (Why not put e-mail addresses in your club bulletins? It identifies members with some computer skills.)

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Website Technology continued

- Lion Ron will offer "hands on" training workshops at all district meetings. (November 7, February 27, May 15)
- We will try to find volunteers in each club who know how to set up internet access and e-mail on club member computers.

Action:

Get your club funds (\$100) to Cabinet Treasurer Bob Ransom.

Make check payable to: District 4-A1

Make notation on check: "[club name] for website"

Send to: Bob Ransom - 2915 Bedford Drive - Merced, CA 95340-2725

Give Lion Ron a club contact name with phone and e-mail address.

▶ Lion Ron will contact you immediately and get you started.

<p>Lion Ron Raines ronraines@comcast.net 1-559-665-3020 (home) 1-559-474-0470 (cell)</p>
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PLEASE NOTE:

Our District 4-A1 Newsletter is using internet technology to save money:

You can receive e-mail notice when a new newsletter is ready to view online on our district website:

www.Lion4-A1.org Look for the sign-up box on our district homepage. After you submit your subscription, you will need to respond to an e-mail which confirms your subscription. This process prevents anyone else from subscribing for you.

from the Editor:

Surprise! I'm early! Since I will be gone to the USA Canada Forum, I had to get this out early – Club news will be caught up in the next issue. Thank you to all the clubs who have sent me their newsletters, activity reports, etc. Will also catch up new members and deceased. Those of you who are sending in info for the next issue, it's **DUE NOV. 15** for Dec. issue.

Thanks as always to Lion Elizabeth for pics and the football article. Also thanks to all the Governors for their timely articles. And of course, thank you to Lion Ron for all the IT info. He will bring us into the new age whether we like it or not! ☺

Also, for those of you who send me fliers for the newsletter, don't forget to send them to Lion Ron for the website calendar! All for now. ●

SOUTH WINS 19-3 LIONS ALL STAR FOOTBALL GAME!

BREAKS NORTH WINNING STREAK!

www.lionsallstarfootball.com

The South Team won handily on June 20, 2009 at Stagg Stadium at The University of the Pacific in Stockton, California ending the North Team’s winning streak of 6 years. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SOUTH TEAM AND THEIR SUPPORTERS! Thank you to the clubs and the individuals who have been our long time supporters as well as those people and clubs who came back to support the game during this year’s activities including the banquet, the players in camp, the player’s sponsorships, the ads, purchasing of the game tickets, the Stadium Club, the gates, selling the programs and t shirts, raffles, tailgating and finally game day. Thank you to the Lions All Star Football Committee who continues to work the endless hours during the year it takes to produce this game. All of you are the reason we have been successful for 36 years and with your continued support our 37th year will be successful as well. For the first time in his 20 plus years of service on the football committee our District Governor Lion Francis Bognuda actually sat down to enjoy watching the game without working it. Next year it is back to work? ! Thanks for your support DG Francis!

The South had their all “you can eat” team dinner generously donated and cooked by the Turlock Lions Club on Thursday night, June 18, 2009. A great dinner was appreciated and enjoyed by all attendees. Thank you Turlock Lions for the South Team dinner. The North had their all “you can eat” team dinner generously donated and cooked by the Linden Lions Club on Tuesday night, June 16, 2009. A great dinner was appreciated and enjoyed by all who attended including the drivers from Pacifica, Delta, Tracy Breakfast Lions and the All Star Football Committee. Thank you Linden Lions for the North Team dinner and the drivers. Feeding 60 football players with all “you can eat” was fantastic and the player’s talked about it all the way back to the dorms. FABULOUS JOB EVERYBODY!! We look forward to our 37th year of Lions All Star Football!
Lion EG Olson, Chairman ●

MD-4 History continued

1939-40 MD-4 divides from 5 sub-districts to form 6 sub-Districts to be known as 4-A, 4-B, 4-C, 4-D, 4-E, and 4-N.

1949-50 MD-4 divides from 6 sub-Districts to form 8 sub-Districts known as 4-A, 4-B, 4-C1, 4-C2, 4-C3, 4-D, 4-E and 4-N.

1950-51 MD-4 divides from 8 sub-Districts to form 11 sub-Districts to be known as 4-A, 4-B1, 4-B2, 4-C1, 4-C2, 4-D1, 4-D2, 4-E1, 4-E2, 4-G, and 4-N. 4-C3 disappears from listing at this time.

1955-56 Sub-district 4-B1 divides to form 2 new sub-Districts to be known at 4-B1 and 4-B3. Designation number changes 4-D1 to 4-D and 4-D2 to 4-H. MD-4 is now composed of 12 sub-Districts known as 4-A, 4-B1, 4-B2, 4-B3, 4-C1, 4-C2, 4-D, 4-E1, 4-E2, 4-G, 4-H, and 4-N.

1956-57 This is the big year when the sub-Districts went to “C”, “A”, and “L”.

A to C1	C1 to A1	H to L2
B3 to C2	C2 to A2	E1 to L3
B1 to C3	G to A3	E2 to L4
B2 to C4	D to L1	N remains N

1957-58 Sub-District 4-C1 divides to form 2 new sub-Districts 4-C1 and 4-C5.

1963-64 Sub-District 4-C4 divided to form 4-C4 and 4-C6.

1963-64 Sub-Districts 4-L1, 4-L2, 4-L3, and 4-L4 divide to form 6 new sub-Districts 4-L1, 4-L2, 4-L3, 4-L4, 4-L5, and 4-L6.

1980-81 Sub-District 4-C2 divided to form 4-C2 and 4-C7. (Some time in this decade(?) 4-C7 disappears but unable to determine exact year. ED)

2005-06 Sub-District 4-N (Nevada) redistricts to become an independent single District 46. ●

Medic Alert continued

United States. The plan is very, very ambitious, but it can and will happen.

Each Region within our District has a committee person who is looking forward to presenting the outline program to your local club. Lion Terry Anderson is the District Chairperson of this committee. You may contact Lion Terry at (209) 623-8883 or consult your District Roster for the Region Representative in your area. ●

Mountain Region District Meeting

November 6-7, 2009

Tuolumne County Senior Center

540 Greenley Rd, Sonora

(next to County Library)

Lodging: Sonora Aladdin Motor Inn

1420 Mono Way, E. Sonora

(209) 533-4971

Room rates King bed - \$81.00 + tax

2 queens - \$89.00 + tax

Includes continental breakfast

Packages:

Friday & Saturday

Registration + dinner \$25

Continental Breakfast + lunch \$10.00

\$35.00

Saturday Only

Registration, Breakfast, Lunch \$20.00

Cuisine – Mexican if you need bean-o

Sports Theme: Football –

College or NFL team jerseys

Clubs: remember to bring 2

Drawing prizes

RC Rey Garcia (209) 770-2902

or ragjr4lions@sbcglobal.net

OCTOBER 2009

Membership Growth Month

- 3 Delta Lions Annual **Ravioli & Chicken Dinner** 4 PM – 7 PM, St. John's Episcopal Church, 315 N El Dorado St, Stockton (Miner & El Dorado), \$15. Eat there or take home. Drawing (need not be present to win). More info: Carrie 887-2002, Eileen 887-3648, Judi 948-1732
- 3 **BBQ Chicken** Take Out, Modesto Lions, 1101 Standiford Plaza parking lot (next to tire store), \$10, all day, Info Kim (209) 545-4242
- 5 **MERLO Meeting** 6 PM, Perkos Restaurant, 901 N. Carpenter, Modesto, 1VDG Steve Granlees.
- 8 Lions World Sight Day
- 9 **Lobster Dinner** by Sonora Lions (benefit for sight and scholarship programs), 5:30-8:00 PM, Mother Lode Fairgrounds, \$35, whole Maine lobster, sweet corn on cob, salad, garlic bread, and Cover's apple crisp. Tickets: Bill 523-7601, Tim 586-2473, Bob 586-8066, Jim 533-3609
- 10-11 **White Cane Days**
- 10 **Car Rally**, MedicAlert fundraiser by Turlock 12:10, \$50/car, for rally of 80 miles, BBQ dinner/drawing, 9:30 AM – 5 PM, MedicAlert headquarters, Colorado Ave, Turlock; chair Larry (209) 681-2603 or Pres. Terry (209) 634-0203.
- 12 Columbus Day
- 16-18 **COG meeting**, Millbrae
- 24 **Steak and Oyster Dinner**, Clements-Lockeford, 6 PM no host bar, 7 PM dinner, Clements Fire Dept, 18623 E Hwy 88, Clements \$35, call Ed 727-5867, Mark 727-5676
- 26 **So You Want to be a VDG or DG** – find out about it at Informational Meeting; see Ad p. 2
- 31 Deadline to purchase **Peace Poster Contest** kits; Halloween

NOVEMBER 2009

- 1 Daylight Savings Ends
- 3 Election
- 6-7 **Mountain Region District Meeting**, Sonora, Info RC Rey Garcia (209) 770-2902
- 7 **Planning meeting for June COG meeting** to follow District Meeting, Info PDG Dan Agari
- 11 Veterans Day
- 14 World Diabetes Day
- 15 Postmark deadline for club to send one winning **Peace Poster** to DG
- 26 Thanksgiving