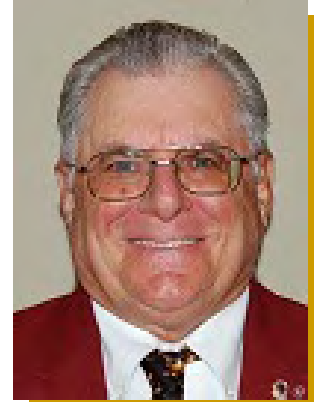




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Mission Statement of Lions Clubs International: "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation."

From Your District Governor: Francis Bognuda



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Hello 4-A1:

I know how you are doing. You have people in other districts talking about 4-A1. "YES" it is great to hear them say that District 4-A1 is accomplishing their goals in "MEMBERSHIP" and many other projects within the district.

I want every member of our district who has brought in a new member this year to CONGRATULATE themselves on a job well done. As I write this letter, we are at a +10 for the month of March, Thank You for all of your hard work.

A new club is being formed in DELHI to help our district go over 2400 members. Thanks to the hard work of our VDG'S and the MERLO team.

Our last District Meeting was a great success due to all the hard work of Region Chair Bob Arrigone and his team. A large "THANK YOU" goes to LINDEN, LODI- MEXCAN-AMERICAN and TRACY BKF.LIONS for all the delicious meals they prepared. Also thanks to the ESCALON LIONS for setting up and cleaning up the hall, and DELTA LIONS for the decorating the hall. Also a thank you to the best part of the meeting, YOU, the members who attended.

Well we have collected about 120 lbs of "pull tabs" for the "RONALD Mc DONALD" House. A big thank you to Hannah Johnson for coming to our meeting to explain their function with sick children, as well as a thank you for our district support to their cause. It is a way for your club to give back to your communities.

I am so happy to hear that so many clubs (16) are adopting a pre-school or a whole unified school district for the new MedicAlert Program. Thank you from your community and district for you support.

YOUR District Convention will be April 15-18 at **Lake Tahoe** at the Horizon Hotel. There *Continued page 2*



WE SERVE



Santo Domingo Zoo

From the DG

are going to be some big surprises to enjoy at the convention and we hope to see everyone in Lake Tahoe in April!

As there will not be another newsletter prior to the next District meeting, I want to remind every-one for the sake of the incoming club and district officers, that the next meeting will be officer training, Friday and Saturday, May 14-15 at Howard Training Center off of E. Hatch in Modesto. Even if you have already been an officer, new officers would appreciate your knowledge and background. Region Chair Jim Syvertsen promises something fun for Friday evening. See ad elsewhere.

Also, I would like to encourage everyone to attend the "MD4 Council of Governor's" meeting JUNE 3-6th in Stockton at the Hilton Hotel. On Saturday, June 5th the MD4 speakers contest will be held to select an overall winner. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy 4-A1 hospitality. I know that many of our members and clubs have already volunteered to help bring things and take the time to make it a wonderful success. Thank you for all your efforts.

Until next time, have fun because you have earned it, and again, see you at **YOUR** convention in Lake Tahoe! •

DG Francis Bognuda
District 4-A1

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In Memoriam:

January (1/17) – March 2010

Ceres
Crows Landing
Dos Palos
Linden

Merced Breakfast
Modesto Breakfast
Stockton

Roger Strange
Phillip Mulkey
Duane Stewart
Al Gotelli
Joseph Nomellini
Mickey Vitato
Gary Strait
Arlee Scott



Message to Lion Leaders from International President Eberhard Wirfs

I'm writing to share good news. Our net membership growth continued through February, reaching +22,879 compared to +14,042 for the same period last year. New club formation is also surging ahead reaching 1,002 new clubs compared to 841 last year, the **best results in 12 years**. The momentum continues in March since we've now crossed plus 25,000 in the first two weeks.



While our results are impressive, my **Move to Grow** theme is really about moving in directions and responding to the evolving needs of both our communities and our members. Because if we respond to our changing world -- and pursue the opportunities it presents -- membership will take care of itself.

So let me highlight some important new ways in which we are moving.

Family and Women Membership

First, our noteworthy membership results are being fueled by more clubs inviting more qualified women and family members. Women now account for 22% of our membership, surging to over 290,000. And it's happening in every part of the world. For example, I was in Japan last week - where historically women's membership lagged other areas - and was pleased to learn that four multiple districts there are up in membership substantially, and 90% of that is due to women and family members joining our ranks.

And with regard to family membership, we know that in many parts of the world more and more people want to volunteer and serve alongside their family members. It might not be a viable option for every club, but certainly every district should have room for family-based clubs — clubs that might need to meet at different times and pursue different types of service projects that can involve the whole family. It appears that many clubs are responding to this opportunity, since we now have more than 164,701 members, or 12.5% overall, as part of a family unit. [Read more](#) about how family membership works, and its benefits.

Leo Clubs

We've also worked to Move to Grow our Leo clubs, rebranding all the Leo club materials and creating the Leo Zone section on our web site. The new materials are certainly more appealing, but more importantly, we are now speaking to young people in their language and in ways they prefer to communicate - especially through the internet. For example, our new Leo Facebook page boasts 1800 members. It's a special place where Leos can come together online, share ideas and connect with Leos in other countries. Leos now also have their own online membership database - the LeoMMR - so we can all communicate better with each other. E-mail Leommr@lionsclubs.org if your district or club has Leo clubs that are not online or for more information on Leo efforts.

Technology

Even older people like me, or shall I say 'mature' people, can take advantage of new technologies to communicate. In January, I participated in several online webinars - seminars done over the internet - with more than 300 DG Team members in North America, Japan, and South Asia and Africa.

In the course of three hours, over three sessions, I was able to travel across many time zones, from California to Tokyo and back, to interact with our DG Teams without even leaving my office.

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From IP Wirfs continued

I'm now hearing about Lions clubs and districts all over the world that are using webinars, and even online video conferencing, to get more work done and to connect with more Lions. And even LCIF, our foundation, has made more use of technology by raising \$140,000 online for Haiti in a few days and in posting daily updates on our relief work in Haiti.

So, as you hopefully see, my **Move to Grow** theme is not only about growing physically but about growing in new ways as an organization, to set new sites and goals to achieve, and to move in new directions to ensure we remain the world's largest, most active and attractive service club.

I am convinced that we are moving in the right direction. The results so far speak for themselves. But again, let's continue to move even faster so we can make this the greatest year in our history, one that puts LCI on the path to an even brighter future as we stretch ourselves in new ways and MOVE TO GROW.

With cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs
International President
MOVE TO GROW



Move to Grow Updates

- Find out more about the [Leadership Ginkgo Award](#)
- View my [video on "dual strategy"](#) •

Student Speaker Contests:

Mountain Region: Thursday, 4/8/10 @ 7 PM,
Tuolumne County Senior Center, 540 Greenly Rd.

San Joaquin Region: Tuesday, 4/6/10 @ 7 PM,
Linden Club House

Stanislaus Region: Monday, 3/29/10 @ 7 PM,
Stanislaus County Board of Ed, 1100 H, Modesto

Yosemite Region: Saturday, 3/20/10 @ 1 PM,
Boys & Girls Club, Merced

District 4-A1: Saturday, 4/17/10 @ Noon,
Horizon Hotel, South Shore, Lake Tahoe

Area: Saturday, 5/8/10 @ 2 PM, location pending,
Chico

MD-4 Final: Saturday, 6/5/10 @ 2 PM at Hilton
Hotel, Stockton •



On March 8, 2010, California and the world lost one of our better known statesmen for Lionism,

PID DWIGHT E. STANFORD:

April 16, 1914 to March 8, 2010 he lived his entire life in San Diego, but

for brief forays to Stanford University and the University of Southern California to obtain postgraduate education, and numerous trips abroad to speak on behalf of Lions Clubs International and various academic institutions later in his rich and varied life and career. He became a supporter, leader, patron, and benefactor for the city and region in many ways over the decades. Many referred to him as "Mr. San Diego" from the 1970s through the 1990s. He loved his city. He was born in San Diego, the third son of Ira Edmund and Ida Ghent Stanford, who had immigrated in 1906 to California from Nebraska, where Ira had been a teacher, principal, and superintendent of schools in Lincoln. Dwight graduated from San Diego High School (The "Old Grey Castle"), San Diego State College (now SDSU) in 1935, Balboa Law College the same year, and received a Master's degree from Stanford University in 1937. He later became president of Balboa Law College, and led it to a large new campus on Point Loma, where it became California Western University, now United States International University. He received an honorary doctorate from CWU in 1975. In 1937, he married Maxine Harris (A.B. USC 1935, M.A. USC 1936). They had two children, Ray (B.S. Stanford Univ. 1962, M.D. UCLA 1966) and Gail (A.B. Stanford Univ. 1964, M.A. Stanford Univ. 1965). After more than 35 years of marriage, Maxine died in 1972. He married Fern Sample in 1973, a marriage that lasted for more than 30 years, until her death at age 98 in 2003. Besides his law practice, he served as a director of Lucky Stores, a District Governor and later an International Director of Lions Clubs (which awarded him its highest honor, Ambassador of Good Will), chairman of COMBO (a fundraising organization for the arts in San Diego County), and was a founder and president of the San Diego Foundation, an umbrella including the United Way and several other charitable organizations. Dwight died peacefully in his sleep on March 8, 2010, from complications of heart failure and diabetes. He is survived by his children, Ray and Gail, grand-children, and great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial gifts be made to Lions International, the Boy Scouts of America, San Diego State University or to the charity of your choice. [San Diego Union Tribune 3/12/10](#)•



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



The MERLO Committee met on March 1 at Perkos in Modesto on Carpenter, as usual, and it was decided that Lion Tom Bauder & Lion Mark True will give an orientation program to one of the clubs in the Mountain Region in March. 2nd VDG Dave Mc Cullough & PDG Don Allen will schedule an orientation presentation with a club in the San Joaquin Region.

Lion Connie Odea is working on a study for Leo Clubs. She is currently collecting information to help facilitate this. 1st VDG Steve Granlees pointed out that Lions International have packages available for starting new Leo clubs also for retaining Leo clubs. Lion Steve is thinking about having a Leo Workshop in July or Aug.

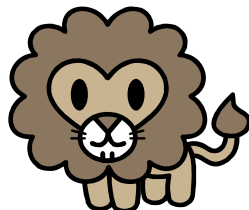
1st VDG Steve Granlees has been in touch with Lions Clubs International and Lion Mary Michaelis, New Club Development Consultant, regarding the possibility of starting a new club in Delhi area.

As it turned out there was a training session in Delhi at the Senior Citizens Center on Sunday March 7th with 12 good faithful Lions attending. Then on March 8th and 9th, we canvassed the area and came up with 30 prospective contacts, who we have already sent letters to, inviting them to the first organizational meeting on Thursday, March 18th at 6:30 PM at the Perfect Blend Coffee Shop where original Delhi-Ballico club used to meet. The next 2 meetings after that will be on Thursdays, March 25th & April 1st at 6:30 PM. We also have 20 of those 30 prospective new members whom are very interested in seeing a new club formed in Delhi. About 10 of these prospective members have already given us checks for charter fees.

Reminder: Healthy Club Workshop is Saturday, May 1st from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and cost is \$20.00 per person. This will take place at the Linden Lions Club House in Linden.

The next MERLO Meeting will be March 29th at Perkos on Carpenter Rd. in Modesto at 6:00 PM. This will be the meeting for April.

Yours in Lionism,
1st VDG Steve Granlees •



Eyemobile News:

As you read this, the Eyemobile has gone from its quiet time of the year to being heavily used. Over the next 3 months the Eyemobile will be at/in Don Pedro, Stockton Blind Center, Hughson, Turlock, Oakdale and Coulterville. This is only a partial list. During the previous 3 months of "quiet time", we were able to do a number of repairs and improvements to the Eyemobile. We rerouted the generator exhaust system so it now exits on the driver's side – **away from the entry doors!** We also installed a new backup camera system. There were also repairs done to one of the audiometers and the hearing booth ventilation system. Give many thanks to Lion Mel Carothers for handling all of this and more.

For those clubs who are planning on using the Eyemobile, please remember that it can be difficult to find an eye doctor to volunteer at your event. Finding a doctor needs to be part of planning your event. Many clubs are still planning events (or agreeing to be at health fairs, etc.) and then worry later about finding a doctor. Immediately upon reserving the Eyemobile, you need to have a member who will make call after call until you get a doctor lined up. Please remember that those Optometrists who are willing to volunteer on the Eyemobile are the types of people who are already have a lot of other people or things vying for their time.

Please remember the Eyemobile in your giving. Donations are down a bit this year. Those who sent me a donation before late March will receive a donor plaque at the Convention. Others will receive their plaque at a District meeting.

Don't forget, the Eyemobile has a truly first-class hearing booth. Try to find a licensed person who can do hearing tests at your event. Finding such a person can also be difficult, but worth the effort.

Lion Sandy Anderson has also secured the donation of 4 new glucometers! It looks like we may also be able to supply the test strips for you – **FOR FREE!** I'll have more on this later, but we should be able to

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LIONS ALL STAR FOOTBALL BANQUET A GREAT SUCCESS!!

On Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the Petersen Event Center in Modesto, the 37th Lions All Star Football Team was introduced to over 250 people including families, friends, press and the general public.

Our guest speaker was Nailah Hubbard who was hand-picked by Tony Slaton, our original guest speaker who was unable to attend due to illness. Tony played in our Lions All Star Football game, then played for USC and played in the NFL for the L. A. Rams and Dallas Cowboys. Tony is now the Executive Director of the Merced County Boys and Girls Club. Nailah is a consultant for the Merced Boys and Girls Club and Pastor for Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Zion Church. She was on the 1980 Olympic Volleyball Team but unfortunately was unable to participate due to the boycott. She gave a wonderful and inspiring speech based on the principal of "never give up". Her speech was enjoyed by all.

The **North Team** was introduced by their head coach, Don Norton, of Stagg High School in Stockton and the **South Team** was introduced by their head coach, Roger Canepa, of Central Catholic High School in Modesto.

We had a special guest in attendance of Michael Gascon who worked with PDG George Fields and Lion Wayne Schneider 37 years ago to start this game. Chairman Elizabeth recognized him and thanked him.

Chairman Elizabeth also introduced the committee and the rest of the volunteers, who generously gave of their time to help that night, and everybody showed their appreciation.

We would like to thank everybody who helped and PDG George Fields who donated the flowers, and Lion Debbi Hopman and Brenda of Tracy Tank Town who did the arrangements. Lion Bill Hopman of Tracy Breakfast was our MC and of course did a great job! Lion Jane Williford of Tracy Tank Town took care of the food and the front door along with the Governor's wife Lion Norma Bognuda, Lions Carl Thompson and Lion Lou, Lion Joy Bakerink from Tracy Tank Town, the football committee and the many other people who made the banquet a success. Also, thanks go to Wayne Thallander, who photographed the players, and Lions Wayne Schneider; Wes Huffman, Tracy Breakfast, for delivering all of our drinks, Governor Francis and Lyndell Hawkins and Louie Villalovos.

We have kept all of our prices the same as last year. A player sponsorship is \$125.00 per player, a packet of 50 game tickets is \$150.00, individual game tickets are \$10.00 each, a business card size ad is \$50.00 and up depending on the size of the ad, the Stadium Club tickets are \$35.00 per person, and the chili cook-off in the parking lot is free. **ON 06/19/10, PRE GAME IS 6:00 PM. GAME TIME 7:00 PM WITH BANNER PARADE LINE UP AT 6:15 PM AT THE NORTH GATE.**

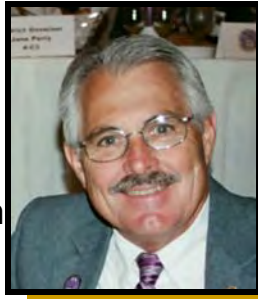
See you at the convention. I will have player information, game tickets and stadium club tickets as well as ad information too! **As always, thank you for your support for 37 wonderful years of LIONS ALL STAR FOOTBALL GAMES!!**

Lion Elizabeth GO, Chairman ●





**From Your 2nd
Vice District
Governor:**



Dave McCullough

Fellow Lions:

I recently attended the Lions Leadership Institute at Harris Ranch and would like to encourage everyone to go as you would all benefit, especially if you are an incoming President or holding an officer position. Some of the topics included: public speaking, working in teams, project management, managing change in membership programs, mentoring, communication, and conducting effective meetings. They did a great job of covering a lot of material in a short period of 2 1/2 days.

Also I attended the Council of Governors meeting in February along with the MD-4 Convention. We went to the Guide Dogs of the Desert. That place is awesome. They have helped a lot of people. I highly recommend going to one of these places so you can appreciate what the Lions do for the visually impaired.

There were several guest speakers. I attended the Membership Development with Charles Cassey and am looking forward to working with the MERLO team to grow Lionism throughout the district. I also attended the seminar of Putting Fun Back into Lionism by Ted Fusco PID. We were quite entertained by his sense of humor. He went on a field trip to a banana plantation and learned the proper way to peel a banana. It's not how you would think. The opening ceremony was very colorful and emotional. I don't think there was a dry eye in the house.

Besides looking forward to our convention in April, I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the next council of Governors meeting in June. This will be the final student speaker contest.

2nd VDG Dave McCullough •



A rarity . . . an all black penguin!

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make it a lot easier for those who desire to have Diabetes screenings. This could be very exciting.

Two at-large positions on the board are up for election this year. The only 2 nominations I received are for incumbents Jerry Mead and Norm Pederson. Thank them for agreeing to stay on the board and show them your support.

Lion Allen D. Hoek, OD •

**PDG William E. Pfeifle
(1932 - 2010)**

Past District Governor William E. Pfeifle, 77, of Lockeford passed away on Jan. 15th after a short illness. He was born April 28, 1932 in Michigan.

He was a respected, long time member of the Clements Lockeford Lions. He served as the District Governor of District 4-A1 1993-94, was recognized with the club "Lion of the Year" award, and received two "Melvin Jones Fellowship" awards.

Mr. Pfeifle served in the U.S. Navy. He was a VFW All-American Post Commander and All-State Commander. Also he was a member of the American Legion and the National Rifle Association.

Bill was very active in the Lockeford area. The Lockeford community recognized Bill for his selfless deeds, by presenting him with their very first "Citizen of the Year" award.

He was the owner of Bills Chevron Station in Lockeford, and then started the Coast to Coast Hardware in Lockeford.

He is survived by his daughter, Sheryl Jackson; sons, Brian Pfeifle, Douglas Pfeifle; brother, Alton Pfeilfe of Fallbrook; sisters, Betty Smith of Battlefield Mich., Barbara Black of Renton Washington, Eleanor Kovack of Sledell; 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Faye, and brother, Bradley.

Clements Lockeford Lions and the Lockeford Community, as well as District 4A1, will miss Bill.

Donations: LEF, VFW, or NRA.

By Lion Mark True & newspaper obituary. •



District 4A-1 Meeting

Stanislaus Region

Dates: Friday & Saturday, May 14th & 15th, 2010

Location: Howard Training Center 1424 Stonum
Road, Modesto CA (at Hatch Rd)



Friday Night: Wear a soccer jersey for a prize ticket

6:00PM – Cocktails and Social Hour

7:00PM – Dinner Provided by Modesto 500 Lions

7:30Pm – Program – Share the Passion

Saturday – New Officer Training Day!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

7:00AM – Eye Openers & Breakfast

7:15AM – Pre-District Meetings for Cabinet & Committee

9:00Am – District Meeting and Training Sessions

Noon – Lunch is served

1:00PM – Special Recognitions and Raffle Prizes

Cost: Two day Special is only \$35.00

Value for two day event – Priceless!

Friday Night (Only) Registration & Dinner \$30.00

Saturday (Only) Registration, Breakfast, Lunch \$20.00

Please bring two raffle gifts from each club

Questions: Contact RC Jim Syvertsen 209-985-2475
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Stanislaus District Meeting May 14-15, 2010

Overnight accommodations \$56.00 and up at:

Microtel Inn & Suites (209) 538-6466 – www.microtelmodesto.com

1760 Herndon Rd, Ceres CA 95307 (Between Evans Rd & Grandview Ave)

Ask for Lions Club District 4A-1 special rates – Deadline May 5, 2010

Air conditioning, Cable TV, Free high-speed Internet, Free parking, Free wireless Internet, Meeting Facilities, Pets allowed, Pool, Swimming Pool, Wheelchair Accessible, In-Room Refrigerator and Microwave*In-Room Hair Dryer*In-Room Coffee Makers*In-Room Iron / Iron Boards*AM/FM Clock Radios*25 Inch Remote Color Cable TV with HBO*Valet Dry Cleaning & Laundry Service*Free Local Calls*Fax Service*Phones with Data Port*Electronic Door Locks*Free USA Today* Free Breakfast* Free Internet* Free Long Distance Calls.

Registration:

Friday Night (only) \$30.00 per person

Names: _____

Saturday (only) \$20.00 per person

Names: _____

Friday Night and Saturday Special \$35.00 per person

Names: _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

R.S.V.P. by May 7, 2010

Check payable to RC Jim Syvertsen

Mail to: RC Jim Syvertsen

4020 Rancho Mesa Court

Modesto, CA 95356



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

January (1/17) – March 2010

Club/Member	Sponsor
Argonaut Breakfast	
Michele Dreksler	Unknown
Aarron Haugland	Unknown
Ceres	
Jarrad Sitton	David Chapman
Brad Kilger	Ken Lane
Leo Bratenas	Charles Dunning
James Codinha	Joshua Swartz
Chowchilla Lioness	
Sandra Whatley	Unknown
Clements Lockeford	
Dan Kelley	Anthony Medeiros
Glen Whitcanock	Mark Sperling
Richard Workman	Mark Sperling
Copperopolis Lake Tulloch	
Charles Kline	Diane Massei
Lois Kline	Diane Massei
Michelle Phillips	Joseph Phillips
Crows Landing	
Todd Crisanti	Jaime Miranda
Eddie Garcia	Ray Villarreal
Pedro Valenzuela	Ray Villarreal
Dos Palos	
Dayle Baker	Jarred Pigg
Rick Worrell	Thomas Pigg
Gustine	
Rayan Crow	Richie Gomes
Chance Eleshio	Dawson Anthenien
Hilmar Irwin Stevinson	
Kirk Dyrland	Johnnie Souza
Jackson	
Michael Flynn	Tilden Richards
Linden	
Thomas Corralez	Randy Whitaker
Daniel Leong	James Harrison
Lodi	
Eddie Baker	Corey Daniel
Jim Van Tassel	Richard Shook
Lodi Mexican American	WOW!
Kimberlie Alcoriza	Hector Galvan
Roland Alcoriza	Hector Galvan
Salvador Fuentes	Juan Fuentes
Maria Gomez	Dave Sanchez
Alvaro Martinez	Antonio Morales Sr.
Ramon Rivas	Hector Galvan
Joseph Sauseda	Felix Sauseda
Loretta Smith	Hector Galvan

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Club/Member	Sponsor
Madera Evening	
Kenneth Katz	Darryl Evans
Manteca	
Mary Blair	Lisa Stallings
Thomas Blair	Lisa Stallings
Merced Breakfast	
Robert Garcia	Barry Pfeiffer
Merced Golden	
Noah Lor	Eugene Bentley
Modesto	
William Hampel	David Glaeser
James Clark	Joseph Lema
Modesto 500	
Jessena Hernandez	Loretta Begen
William Spearing	PDG Pat Casey-Gillum
Oakdale	
Don Lee	Kenneth Narita
Edward Mihelich	Clem Rivera Jr.
Patterson	
Kelly Kolding	Fred Lara
Mark Perez	Daniel Perez
Ray Sensenig	Dennis McCord
Sierra	
Xania Moreno	Unknown
Steve Pendergast	Donald Kieffer
Beverly Reeve	Janet Kieffer
Sonora	
Sharlene Reed	William Dunlavy
Stockton San Joaquin	WOW!
Pamela Casier	Lynette Chapa
Aurelio Rodriguez	Maria Winget
Lisa Rodriguez	Maria Winget
Jessie Valverde	Ron Valverde
Myrta Villabas	Gloria Chapa
Jennifer Boylan	Ron Valverde
Maria Wasielewsk	Jess Espinoza
Esther Oki	Norma Espinoza
Tracy Breakfast	
Jack Borrego	Donald Bisbee
Turlock	
Mike Riggs	Darren Babby
Up Country 88	
Shirleen Phillips	Janet Zipse
Yosemite	
Patricia Burgess	Kym Wright
Audrey Lanting	Patrick Reilly •





New Year, New Look for LCIF

It's an exciting time for LCIF, as the debut of the [new look for LCIF](#) is unveiled. For more than a year, LCIF has been working with a marketing consulting firm to develop a refined image for the Foundation. The implementation phase is in full swing, which includes the development of new brochures, posters and other materials to reflect an updated image. [View a video](#) about the updated image and logos online.

SightFirst Grants Approved

At the January SightFirst Advisory Committee meeting, 15 grants were approved for a total of US\$4.1 million. This includes two grants for new countries to the SightFirst Program: Central African Republic and Burundi. This brings the number of countries conducting SightFirst supported projects to 102. View the [full list of recently awarded grants](#).

Celebrate LCIF at Sydney Convention

Lions will have many opportunities to support LCIF at the upcoming [International Convention](#). The Foundation will be giving seminars, hosting events and staffing a booth. Convention is the perfect time to find out more on initiatives of LCIF, learn about new ways to support your Foundation and meet LCIF staff. In addition, tickets to the Melvin Jones Fellowship luncheon are now available and can be purchased [on-line](#). To celebrate the conclusion of Lions Quest's 25-year anniversary, Q Bear, the program's mascot, will be at the LCIF booth for Lions to take a picture with by donating to the program. In addition, a life-size Q Bear will be auctioned off to the most enthusiastic Lions Quest supporter, with the highest bid. All proceeds will benefit the Lions Quest program. •

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Cancer Awareness:

By Dr. Eric Chappa

Out of the one hundred plus types of cancer, four forms of cancer alone account for more than 50% of all cancer deaths. These are lung, breast, prostate, and colorectal. Sadly most of these cancer deaths could have been prevented by simple lifestyle changes or early detection.

Tobacco and alcohol use, unprotected sun exposure, poor and over nutrition, physical inactivity as well as some viruses have been shown to cause cancers. Our general health and how well we control our chronic illnesses affect our susceptibility to cancer and response to treatment. Hypertension, diabetes, obesity, heart problems are particularly importance.

One in two men and one in three women in the United States will develop cancer during their lifetime. With new and better screening procedures constantly being developed; we do not have to accept these deaths. Lung, breast, prostate, colorectal along with cervical and skin cancer lend themselves to screening and prevention programs.

After heart disease lung cancer is the most common cause of death in America. 90% of the lung cancer can be shown to be related to prior tobacco exposure. Not only lung cancer but colon, bladder, and many neck and throat cancers as well are associated with tobacco. As America smokes less these cancers are becoming less frequent.

Cancer risk increases with age. People age 55 or older are considered at greatest risk. But as too many parents know, cancer can strike at any age. As Lions we need to be aware of how we can protect ourselves and the communities we live in. **Get informed.** The American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association and your physician are good places to start. •



CANDIDATE FOR 2ND
 VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:
 RC JAMES SYVERTSEN
 MODESTO 500 LIONS

Lions: Modesto 500 Lions - Treasurer, 3rd, 2nd, 1st Vice President, President, Zone Chair, Region Chair. Chaired and served on numerous committees. LEF Life Member and Helen Keller. Melvin Jones Fellow.

Community: Founder/President of Vision Impaired Persons Support (VIPS) 2002; a 501©3 Non-profit serving the blind & vision impaired.

Board Trustee of the Children’s Crisis Center

Business: California Mortgage Associates – Executive Vice President

Personal: Married to Lion Pat on September 26, 1967

Children – Jeffrey is legally blind & UC Berkeley graduate, and Laura married with three sons Nick 21, Billy 19 (USMC), Jeffrey 18.

My Vision: To be part of the leadership team that grows Lions Pride in our communities and builds membership in 4A1 back to 3000 members.



CANDIDATE FOR 2ND
 VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:
 ZC JERRY WALDEN
 SAN ANDREAS 49ER
 BREAKFAST LIONS

Lions: Past member Tracy Breakfast Lions; Charter Member of Tracy Tank Town Lions; and presently San Andreas 49er Breakfast Lions – President, Zone Chair, Region Chair. Likes to “borrow” bells and gavels, so look out clubs where he is visiting! Also avid Pin Trader, presently 2nd Vice President of Pin Trader Association. Melvin Jones Fellow. Presently working to establish new club in Delhi.

Community: Helping hand in Katrina relief 2005 and in rebuilding effort 2007.

Business: Retired from retail meat industry in 1995.

Personal: Married and divorced twice.

Children – 4 sons and 1 daughter, lost one son at age 17 (car accident in his senior year, he had lettered in 3 different sports)

My Vision: It comes from the heart!

Board of Directors Camp Pacifica: (5 open positions)

- PDG Bob Ransom, Merced Breakfast
- PDG Jim Loving, Livingston
- Lion Darel Rethwisch, Atwater-Winton
- Lion Lewis “Tom” Bauder, West Point
- Lion Connie O’Dea, Stockton Host

1st Vice District Governor:
 2nd VDG Dave McCullough, Ceres
 District Governor:
 1st VDG Steve Granlees, Clements-Lockeford

Board of Directors for Eyemobile: (2 at large positions)

- Lion Jerry Mead, Lake Don Pedro-Gold Chain
- Lion Norm Pederson, Tracy Breakfast

Convention Management Committee:
 (Stanislaus Region Only)

- ZC Dave Bailey, Ceres YES _____ NO _____

Hotel for 2012 Convention (vote for 1):

- Concord Hilton
- Red Lion Sacramento

Proposed District Award:

- **PDG Dr. Howard M. Abrams Humanitarian Award**
 After the first two years, the District continues the award at a cost of \$100 per year.

YES _____ NO _____

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The District Constitution allows for multi-year hotel contacts. The Convention Committee would like an advisory vote. Would you attend the same location for 2 or 3 consecutive years, if negotiating a multiyear contract would allow better rates?

YES _____ NO _____



District 4A1 Convention Ballot continued

Proposed District Projects:

• **Oralingua School for the Hearing Impaired:** An early intervention program that works with hearing impaired children before the age of 5. A nonpublic hearing impaired school.

YES _____ NO _____

• **Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald House:** A program that allows families with children who are being treated for cancer to stay in accommodations for up to a week without financial charges.

YES _____ NO _____

CLUB SECRETARIES: Don't forget to send back your Delegate Affidavit applications for voting at the convention to Credentials' Chair Di Peterson as soon as possible. •

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST: For those of you who were not at the last district meeting in Escalon, we held another photo contest. The following photos were submitted to MD4 to be sent onto LCI for judging at the Convention in Australia:

1. Animal life: Lion Sue Carner, Modesto 500
2. Plant life: Pres. Jerry Cooper, Modesto 500
3. Urban/natural landscape: Pres. Jerry Cooper
4. Weather phenomenon: Pres. Jerry Cooper
5. Lions Move to Grow Green: Winner from 4L4

Although Pres. Jerry and I have enjoyed submitting pictures to this contest, it is about time that other district photographers submit pictures. As soon as I find out next year's deadline, I will post it. Let's make it a real contest at the district level! Ed. •

Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald House:

Lion Bob Garibay introduced Hannah Johnson from the Ronald McDonald House at the last district meeting. Clubs were thanked for collecting the pull tabs, which every 10 pounds allows some family of a child cancer patient to stay free 1 night while the patient is being treated at the hospital.



KEEP COLLECTING! •

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2010 HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

By Lion Bob Olson

Incoming YEP Students from Europe to be hosted in the North: July 10th to July 24th, 2010. Talk to club members and friends about hosting. If interested contact, Lion Bob Olson bobo100@juno.com You may also download appropriate forms by searching LIONS MD4 Youth Programs. Youth Exchange **AU2 Austria. Michaela Gritzner** .Female age 18 with interests in sports, books, Juga?, friends, shopping, sightseeing, and swimming. English is good. Catholic with interest in Computer Science. Her father is a Lion and a Colonial in the army.

AU4 Austria Christiane Weber. Female age 16. English is good. Likes sports, travel, reading. Home town is Wieselburg. Catholic and wants to study French and Medicine.

BE2 Belgium Coline Doupagne Female age 17 Likes tennis, dance, cinema, shopping. English is fair. Catholic. Speaks French & German. Studies in humanities, general.

BZI Brazil Camila Oliver Schuber. Female age 16. Likes music, movies, internet games. Speaks Portuguese, Spanish and English.

F11 Finland Henna Maria Laurlia. Female age 18. Likes sports. Lives on a farm. Family of six. both parents are farmers. Lutheran

F13 Finland. Anna Rassi. Female age 16. Likes dance , Fashion, crafts and interior decorating. speaks English, Finnish and Swedish. Ev Lutheran.

GE2 Germany Anna Fromm. Female age 19. Likes ballet, music, cinema, reading and science. Studying Biology. Speaks French, German and English. Protestant. Allergic to animal hair.

GE4 Germany Vanessa Vogt. Female age 18. Likes photography, travel, soccer, piano, and swimming. Christian

IS1 Israel Omer Redi Male 18 years old. Plays piano, likes music, studies. Interest is computer science and physics. English is good. No Pork. Jewish. Allergies.

IS2 Israel Dor Gilad. Male age 17. High school student Likes sports, computer, movies and gym. English is fair.

NE1 Netherlands. Silvana Albert Female age 19. Speaks French, Dutch and English. from Hoensbroek Catholic.

NE2 Netherlands Mariel Veldhuis. Female age 19. Likes water polo, skiing, surfing, sports. Speaks Dutch, French, German and English. 4 sisters and 1 brother. Her field of study is Business Economics.

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It's Spring. . .

By Lion Jean Weaver



and time for the District 4-A1 Leos Annual Leadership Retreat at Camp Pacifica. The weekend of April 9-11 the District Leos will be coming together to share ideas, receive leadership training, do work projects around the camp, but most of all, have fun!

Friday evening, following introductions, orientation and cabin assignments is a time for the Leos to get to know one another. Saturday morning starts bright and early with breakfast (hopefully provided by a volunteer Lions Club), then leadership training with both indoor and outdoor activities. After lunch, provided by the Merced Breakfast Lions, they will work on projects around camp. When they finish up, they have free time to fish in the lake, swim, or whatever. The evening starts with dinner provided by the Merced Golden Lions, followed by skits and s'mores at the bonfire (weather permitting), followed by a dance. Sunday morning breakfast will be followed by a wrap up of the weekend, cabin cleanup, and the return home by mid-afternoon.

The District Leos have been busy this year with all of their projects. Golden Valley has earned quite a reputation in Merced for being the group to count on when you need servers for your dinners. They have served many dinners at the Legion Hall, the COVE fundraiser, Black Heritage Celebration dinner, and look forward to helping St Luke's church with their auction in May. In addition, they will be helping with Parker's Prom, making corsages and helping with games for the kids. And Merced Parks & Recreation has come to rely on them to help with all of their community celebrations.

And, we are especially proud of the Madera Leos. Their "Shoe" project garnered them an Academy Award at the MD-4 Convention in February. **Way to Go Madera Leos!**

We are pleased to welcome a new Leo Club to the District. Still in their formative stages, the club is sponsored by the Stockton Pacifica Lions. We look forward to seeing them grow and develop and I hope to be reporting their activities too.

If your club is interested in sponsoring a Leo Club, please get in touch with me (209-725-8668 / action2@elite.net) and I will be happy to work with you. We need to see the Leo program expanded in the District. Leos are not only a priceless asset to your Lion's Club, but the program provides a training ground for future Lions.

Modesto Leos helped Modesto 500 Lions with their annual Christmas Dinner/Party for Howard Training Center, and their annual crab feed. Presently they

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Youth Exchange Families Needed continued

AU1 Austria Mathias Fink Age 19
SWIZ 1 Switzerland Elenya Page Female age 18. Likes cooking, reading, dance, piano and visiting with friends. Wants to study languages and the science of language to become an interpreter. Speaks French and English.

Israel . Liran Lavi Male age 17. English is good. Religion is Atheist. Studying medicine, chemistry. ●

COG MEETING IN STOCKTON JUNE 4-6:

PDG Dan Agari wishes to thank all the Lions for their help and donations for the June meeting. He can always use more fruit and chips if you should have some to give him. He still needs drivers with cars for transportation to the dinner and also the winery. He hopes you come for the MD4 Student Speaker Final – it is not often that we are this close to it. These are winners of the area contests. ●

Visitations for Long Tail/Short Tail:

Don't forget that paperwork is due for your long tail and short tails prior to the convention to: Chairperson Lion Jeanine Tucker, 5530 Prospectors Pkwy, Riverbank, CA 95367. If you have any questions, please contact her at: 209-863-9789 or email csjeanine@gmail.com ●

Scrapbook Contest: Lion Andy Lagomarsino reminds clubs to bring their Scrapbook to the District Convention at Lake Tahoe, April 16, 2010 to be judged. Awards and Recognitions will be handed out on Sunday morning of the Convention. Any questions, please contact him at C: 209-629-1204 or email calagomarsino@sbcglobal.net ●

Parker's Prom: Lion Lis Bockhop told the last district meeting that our newest District Project has been moved from February to May 1st because of H1 N1 (swine flu) lock-down of the hospital. Any monetary donations will be appreciated or clubs may choose to sponsor any activity at the prom. Any club donating a sponsorship of \$250 or more will receive a Banner recognition plaque at the District Convention; all monies must be received by March 31st or plaques will come later. Questions: tlbockhop@gmail.com ●

are "flocking" local businesses and homes with pink flamingos. You can purchase the "flocking" or the insurance to prevent the "flocking". Contact Leo Advisor Kelli Bergstrom 209-527-0902 if you are interested in participating or for further information. ●

CONGRATULATIONS MD-4 ACADEMY
AWARD WINNERS 2/27/10:



MD4 LION OF THE YEAR: LION RON RAINES, Le Grand; DG Francis Bognuda & IPDG Pat Gillum.



Lion Kent Christensen, Merced Breakfast, receiving **PIP Don Banker Award** from IPDG Pat and DG Francis.



FINALLY: IPDG Pat Gillum gets her PDG jacket and DG Francis presents her the International Leadership medal from IPLCI President Al Brandel.



ZC **Wayanne Markley**, Sierra, receiving **Small Club Project Award** for **Bass Lake** from IPDG Pat and DG Francis.

Not Pictured: Madera Leo Club received an Academy Award for their Shoe Project for poor/homeless school children.



Club President Excellence Awards for 2009-2010 presented to **PP Dave Thompson**, Modesto 500 and **PP Robert Swift**, Escalon by DG Francis. (Rest presented November, 2009.)



Part of the motley crew enjoying Friday night's festivities at February District Meeting: **Lion Ron Raines** and **PDG Don Allen**. (Many thanks to Lion Ron and whoever else used his camera.)



NEWS FROM MEDICALERT:

MedicAlert Foundation Offers Membership for Lions Club District 4-A1 Members:

MedicAlert Foundation is currently offering a limited-time special for local Lions Club members and their immediate families. Lions Club Members in District 4-A1 and their immediate family receive a special discount consisting of a **FREE** standard MedicAlert ID & Shipping/Handling (a \$14.90 value). To take advantage of this before time runs out, use the brochure with Promotional Code **5792**. For your convenience, you can use the same codes when ordering by phone 800-432-5378 or on the MedicAlert website at www.medicalert.org

Community & Giving News:

Lions District 4-A1 MedicAlert Committee has made it a mission to support the success of the *Safely Ever After*™ Program through their humanitarian efforts. The committee creates awareness within the district and fundraises to provide local children, who have at-risk medical conditions, with memberships at no cost to the parents, guardians, and schools. The committee is calling all clubs and personally inviting each club to participate in this great cause.

The committee, along with the MedicAlert Foundation, commends the following Lions clubs for recently joining our efforts and making a gift to help the at-risk children in their community:

Turlock 12:10, Ceres, Modesto 500, Sonora, and Stockton San Joaquin

MedicAlert Foundation is grateful for the philanthropic efforts provided. Lions have come together to organize car rallies, educate local community members, and create a special committee to dedicated to support a program that we know will directly benefit children within District 4-A1.

For more information on how your club can get involved today, please call Terry Anderson, MedicAlert Committee Chair, at (209) 632-8883.

(See picture next page)

Lion Aurora Al-Kass



Another snow scene from Camp Pacifica!

CAMP PACIFICA NEWS:

Due to the unpredictable weather this time of year, we do not yet have a work day planned as of this date. **BUT SPRING IS COMING --- STAY TUNED!**

New lighting has been installed in the camp and at the swimming pool---**THANKS** to **VDG Steve Granlees** for installing, and **Bass Lake Lions** for donating the funds.

Murphys Angels Lions have donated \$3000.00 and **Hilmar-Irwin-Stevenson Lions** have donated \$1000.00 to put new dual pane windows; insulation; and siding on the front of the dining hall. This will give it a very nice new look! **THANK YOU!!!!**

Several months ago we had a burglary at our shop. Thieves stole most of our hand tools. We have replaced most and have more to purchase. The shop is undergoing security to its windows, doors, and breezeway. Whoever the thieves are, they are very familiar with the camp. --- shame on you!!!!

Soon we will have a kitchen remodel, donated by the contractor for Merced MacDonald's. We cannot wait to see this long awaited new kitchen. --- **A big thank you to Lion Dee Heller** for putting this together.

PDG Norman Clark is putting the last finishing touches on the front gate, and will install the top lettered portion very soon. **Thank you Norman!** If you have not been to Camp Pacifica recently, there have been many projects from landscaping to complete remodeling to a new building --- come and see what you as Lions of District 4-A1 own!!!!!!

The **Camp Pacifica --- Spring Round Up** --- Fund-raiser was very very successful! Also a very big – Thank You--for all who bought tickets and attended. A super thank you for *Continued page 18*



Camp Pacifica News continued

all the people who sold tickets and helped with the fundraiser. A special thank you goes to **Ann and Bob Tognetti, Carmen and Russ Custer** who chaired this fundraiser. Also the **Hilmar Irwin Stevinson Lions Club** for donating all the equipment and its crew (**Lions John Johnson - Bill Inderbitzen - Lloyd Nyman - Mike Hewitt - Calvin Sweeten**); the head BBQ cook, **Randy Lundell**, who puts this event on every year. •

PDG Russ Custer

Pride News:



Stanislaus Region:

Modesto Lions had a successful Crab feed in February. Their Student Speaker, Maggie Rolichcheck, has won the Region Student Speaker contest and will be at the Convention contest.

Turlock 12:10 Lions have hosted a zone meeting x 2 and are planning a Health & Safety Fair for May 1. Other major projects include feeding, clothing and housing the homeless of Turlock; and of course major is the program with MedicAlert **Safely Ever After**.

Modesto Breakfast Lions continue their flag program for the community. They rang bells for Salvation Army around Christmas. Of course, the major news is that the **Tognettis are retiring!** They are looking forward to spending more time at their house on the coast and traveling.

Greater Modesto Lions are still doing Kases for Kids, and eight of their members are planning transfers to other area clubs by June.

Ceres Lions were one of the first two clubs to sign up for the MedicAlert Program. Major donation was made to the City of Ceres Whitmore Park building - \$20,000.00! Way to go! The club (Dave Bailey) gave 13 school presentations of 925 flags in Ceres.

Oakdale Lions also continue to put up flags in the community and recently had a successful Pancake Breakfast. They also are the only club in the area who loan out medical/hospital equipment.

Modesto 500 Lions just had their crab feed (second largest fundraiser of the year). They recently participated in cleaning up city parks project. Getting ready to help their candidate for 2nd VDG Jim Syvertsen with his campaign. They also supported their President getting his short tail in San Joaquin Region. Gave 2 flag presentations to 2 schools.



MedicAlert Safely Ever After: Victor Mitre, Director of Contributions; Pres. Jerry Cooper, Modesto 500; Pres. Terry Anderson, Turlock 12:10; Pres. & CEO Andrew Wigglesworth of MedicAlert International; and ZC Dave Bailey, Ceres after presentation of some of the initial donations.

Yosemite Region:

Madera Breakfast Lions have prepared the bobby Sox Booth for the season. Flag day presentations given to 2700 first graders! Had wine and cheese fundraiser.

Atwater Winton Lions did well with their Poinsettia sales at the holidays. 2 members attended the Guiding Lion instruction at Delhi.

Chowchilla Lioness Lions are doing a fundraiser with SHARE cards. April 10 they will be assisting with a K-9 dinner/fundraiser – serving, auction, bar.

Livingston Lions had their annual take out rib dinner. (*Wish they were closer! Ed.*)

Merced Breakfast Lions donated \$3000.00 in camperships. Cooked and served monthly meal for homeless shelter. Also did luncheon for Merced Historical Society and breakfast for Merced Senior citizens.

Madera Evening Lions cleaned Little League booth and Leos worked the booth. Lions donated \$600.00 to Leos project fund. Also donated to Madera Parks and Recreation, and \$4000.00 to scholarships. **Leos** donated a total of 192 coats to 10 grade schools as well as 166 pairs of shoes to their project "Shoes that Fit". Madera Prison donated \$4100.00 for coat and shoe programs. By Jan. Leos also made \$2000.00 and served 700 hours! Projects include: Shoes that Fit, Coats, passing out back packs, boxes to troops, helping Lions at their events. (*Wow, no wonder they won the MD4 Academy Award! Ed.*)

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Le Grand Lions have the "top speaker" for Yosemite Region – Jacob Marchini, of Le Grand High School where he is a senior. He will be going onto the District Convention for the next contest.

Mountain Region:

Sonora Lions had a successful Cioppino feed (*great to see Cal Critchfield! Ed*) Members did 419 hours of service in January! Long distance visiting/service: 2 members visited Bahamas Lions Club, and 1 member volunteered 17 days at orphanage in Philippines!

West Point Lions did White Cane Day. 9 members do 225 hours of service/month!

Arnold Lions purchased a Melvin Jones and donated to Camp Pacifica. Lots of volunteer hours with their members also.

Upcountry 88 Lions keep plugging away with monthly bingo/dinner. Money and service to the food bank.

Garrotte Lions did bingo and dinner; as well as St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

Don Pedro Gold Chain Lions distributed 195 flags to 5 schools for their Flag Day project. Also had Wing Ding Square Dance Festival. Service includes: highway clean up, work at food bank, community assistance, and Scope Neighborhood Patrol.

San Andreas 49er Breakfast Lions had 5 members attend the MD4 Convention in Riverside. Also out in district doing visitations. They did a flag day at one school and presented a large flag for outside.

Jackson Lions sponsored a Lions Girls High School Softball Tournament, and a Jackson Lions Wrestling Tournament. Also donated to Amador 4H and refurbished the Argonaut High School tennis courts. They sold out their Dandelion Days and figured there were about 10,000 people there! Made a pledge to Sutter Amador Hospital for \$10,000.00 with a down-payment of \$2500.00 this year. They are now up to 29 scholarships a year with a range from high school to post graduate students. (*Thanks for info Tilden! Ed.*)

Clements-Lockeford Lions had their annual Crab - Chowder feed in January which was very successful!

San Joaquin Region:

Stockton San Joaquin Lions are having their Health and Vision Fair at the Blind Center on April 10. They did a drink stand at the Pro Bass Fishing Tournament. At "Packed with Pride" in March, they met up with Modesto 500, Fil Am, and Delta to work on packages for the servicemen. Some of the members rode tandem bikes with blind riders for the Blind Center's bike ride. Some were **sore!**

Tracy Tank Town Lions had a great Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner per customers.

Stockton Pacifica Lions had a club retreat with PDGs Don Allen and Pat Gillum learning how to rejuvenate their club and bring in some new members. Also completed the LCI club evaluation. The brainstorming session among members brought up a lot of new ideas. The club attended a Stockton Thunder game as a group activity. They report about their Leo Club – new?? Name of it?? Have they chartered?? Already doing activities of car wash and Bowl-a-thon.

Linden Lions are busy as usual. Recently they held their 29th annual health fair. Their reverse raffle which was scheduled earlier in the year was moved to May 5th. Congratulations to Lions Ted Fidler and Randy Viglienze on receipt of Harry Aslan Fellows. A member is currently organizing a group trip to Alaska for 15-20 couples. Also busy visiting clubs. They are planning to give 2 Melvin Jones Fellows this year. They report that 2 members went to the MD4 convention in Riverside. Congratulations to **Sec. Sam – 88 years young!**



Another AWWWW moment!

Tracy Breakfast Lions have had a crab feed (454 dinners!) and a Cioppino feed since last report. School flag presentations were given to 25 schools with 1980 flags given. Congratulations to CS Roy Patterson on receipt of Melvin Jones Award. They just held the Ball Draw for Youth Exchange. Also out visiting clubs. Also ran a Girls Basketball Tournament.

South Stockton Lions have held their 2nd crab feed of the year. Their Flag Day was given to 3 schools.

Lodi Lions have contributed \$5000.00 to Lodi Memorial building expansion.

Lathrop Lions, our newest club, worked on the Relay for Life.

Delta Lions are still knitting and crocheting lap robes. 2 members went to the MD4 Convention. They are also doing visitations.

Also heard from **Fil Am Lions.** ●

District 4-A1 Calendar

April 2010

10 Tracy Breakfast 50th Anniversary, Tracy Community Center, Speaker - Mayor Brent Ives, 6:30 PM, \$35.00, PDG Dennis 209-836-4883.

15-19 District Convention, Horizon Hotel, South Shore Tahoe. Applications on district website – library.

17 District Student Speaker Contest, Horizon Hotel, Noon.

18 Livingston Wine & Cheese fundraiser, VFW Hall, 2-5:00 PM, Pres. Dave C. 209-676-1657.

May 2010

1 Atwater-Winton Charity Roundup, Deep Pit BBQ Beef & Pork, Atwater Community Center 760 E Bellevue, Atwater, 6 PM, Take Outs 5 PM, \$25.00, tickets 209-358-1668.

5 Linden Reverse Raffle at Linden Club House, \$100.00/person (1 dinner), PP Steve Moore 209-887-3953.

8 Area Student Speaker Contest, place to be determined, Chico 2 PM.

14-15 District Meeting Stanislaus Region – Leadership Training, see ad p. 8-9.

15 Bass Lake Antique & Classic Boat Show, 9 AM – 4 PM, \$3 Gate Fee, Pres. Diane 559-760-3329.

22 Modesto 500 60th Anniversary, Toscana's Restaurant, Turlock, 6 PM, PID Bill Iannaccone, OD, \$40.00, PDG Pat 209-765-7897.

23 Modesto Breakfast Champagne Brunch, Sylvan Club House, 9 AM – 1 PM, \$8.00, PDG Bob 209-523-9403.

June 2010

4-6 Council of Governors Meeting, Hilton Hotel, Stockton, PDG Dan 209-473-0722.

5 MD4 Student Speaker Contest, Hilton Hotel, 2 PM

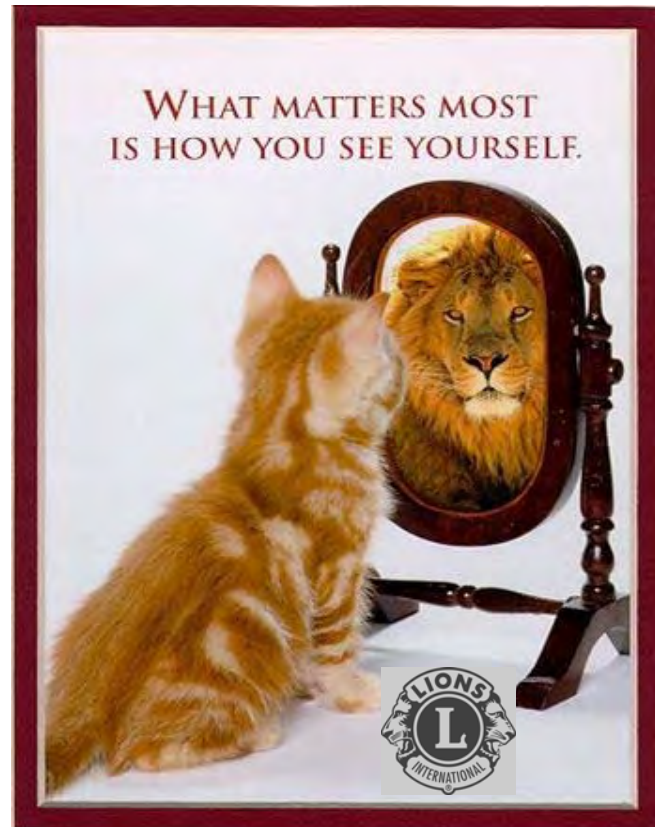
19 All Star Football Game, UOP Stadium, see article page 6, Chairperson Elizabeth, 209-662-2747.

28-7/2 LCI International Convention, Sydney, Australia, see LCI website or magazine.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

8/21 Stockton 90th Anniversary, Elkhorn Country Club, Stockton, PIP Kay Fukushima, \$35.00/person, Charlie 209-993-7979.

9/11 Lions Eye Foundation 50th Anniversary, Hyatt Regency, San Francisco, \$40.00, IP Sid Scruggs III, Black Tie.●



District Notices:

Lake Don Pedro Gold Chain Lions report that they are temporarily back to VFW Coulterville, 5019 Main St. If you are planning to visit, check with them first.

Bass Lake Lions have had to change their meetings to 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 9:00 AM @ Ducey's in The Pines at Bass Lake.

District Convention: The Lake Tahoe Cruise is back on for Thursday night. If you are interested, please contact PDG Pat Dimond, 209-521-5568.●



HIS NAME IS ZONKEY!