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Hello Fellow Lions. . .
I hope everyone had great holidays, ending with a fabulous new year to start out what should be another outstanding year! I THANK YOU members of District 4-A1. We were at a **+1 in Membership for December** and we are at a **+3 in January**. What a great start for 2010!
Well, I have 5 more clubs to visit this month and then I will be finished visiting all the clubs in the District. Hopefully I will be visiting some for the second time.
For all of the club secretaries: this month’s activity report should include the number of “PR” posters obtained from Lion Debbi Hopman. Thank you Lion Debbi for the printing of the PR Posters to help promote Lionism. If anyone needs more PR Posters, or needs further information, please contact Lion Debbi (209) 835-8613 or email bdhopman@sbcglobal.net I will be discussing this program at the District Meeting on February 27. This program has helped to bring in new members and clubs need to get credit for using the posters. Speaking of the District Meeting, San Joaquin Region Chair Bob Arrigone has made big plans for the meeting. Please make your reservations as soon as possible for great “fun & food” along with the meetings on February 26-27 in Escalon (see page 4-5).

The months of January and February are to be dedicated to the high school students participating in the Student Speakers Contest. **Go get em!** I hope that each of the clubs in the District will have a contest for these youth to discuss the timely topic “Universal Health Care – How Does It Affect Us?”

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7/1-12/31 Congratulations District 4-A1: +3 in Membership; Great work!!



From Your 1st VDG:

Steve



Happy New Year to all of our wonderful Lions in District 4-A1. I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and will have even a better and Happier New Year! Things have been very quiet through the holiday season.

At the last MERLO meeting Lion Tom Bauder read the rules for the student speakers contest and we discussed how important it is to **Follow Those Rules to the "T"**.

Tom also suggested starting some kind of phone tree "call" for individuals with any type of illness. PDG Pat Dimond suggested this idea be expanded to individuals with some sort of disaster or life changing event. Tom Bauder agreed to be the main contact for the "phone tree". PDG Don Allen suggested that this idea should go onto the Lion's Website. Tom Bauder will write a letter to Sue Carner in order that the discussed information will be included in the upcoming newsletter.

I am sorry to report that due to running into some bumps in the road, we will not be pursuing the starting of a club in Sutter Creek at this time. The MERLO Team is scheduling two meetings with two clubs in the mountain region.

2VDG Dave McCullough met with the Lathrop Lions Club in December to see how they are getting along and reported they are working on ways to make their club operate more smoothly.

We were discussing the possibility of starting a new club in Los Banos, however after DG Francis visited with one of the members of the present club it was decided not to try to form a new club at this time.

PDG Don Allen was contacted by one of the clubs in the San Joaquin Region requesting the MERLO Team to give them a presentation, PDGs Don and Pat will follow up on that.

PDG Pat Casey-Gillum and Tom Bauder are to strategize starting a club in Ione. They are setting a goal of March 2010 for the club's start-up date.



Yours in Lionism,
1stVDG Steve Granlees •

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XX Change in info.

In Memoriam:

December – January (1/17)

Argonaut Breakfast
Arnold
Clements-Lockeford
Livingston
Jackson
Stockton Host

PDG Guy Reynolds
Dolores Hurt
PDG Bill Pfeifle
John Benefield
James Smallfield
Brian Stocker



**PDG Guy
Reynolds
1931-2009**



Guy Earlington Reynolds passed away peacefully in his home in Sutter Creek on December 4, 2009. He was born on February 18, 1931 in Chicago, Illinois the son of Albert E. and Izora (Dolly) Logan Reynolds. He graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He obtained his Law degree from St. Louis University. He married Jacqueline Joan Phillips September 4, 1954. He started as a private practice lawyer in 1963 in Placerville and eventually moved to Sutter Creek in 1965 with his family. He moved his practice to Jackson where he was working with his one true love, other than his wife and family, the law, until his last day.

Guy served in the Army during the Korean War in civilian intelligence based in Oklahoma. He was District Attorney for Amador County for 8 years in the 1970's and served as City Attorney for the cities of Lone and Plymouth for many years. Guy believed in service to his community and belonged to many service and fraternal organizations. He was on the Lions Club International Eye Foundation Board where he received the honor of Helen Keller Fellow. Additionally with Lions he served as his local club President, 4-A1 District Governor, was a Life Member of the Lions Youth Exchange, a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Fred W. Smith Fellow, and recipient of the Ernie Theobald Endowment for work at Camp Pacifica. As a Mason he held the offices of Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Secretary, and was Master of Henry Clay Lodge from 1971-1973. Guy was also a lifetime member of the Jackson Elks Lodge, Ben Ali Shriners, and American Legion.

Guy loved to cook and enjoyed cooking and barbecuing for his family and friends. He was very proud of his garden and had obtained the title of Master Gardener through the Amador County Master Gardeners Association. He was a member of the Early Risers Walking and Exercise Club of Sutter Creek. Even though he was a Midwesterner by birth, he was a Californian at heart and was very interested in anything to do with the history of the Old West, railroads, cowboys and gold mining. He was an active member of the Clampers group who dedicated many historic plaques throughout California and Nevada.

Guy was preceded in death by his parents and step mother Katherine Reynolds; son, Gregory E. Reynolds and stillborn infant daughter Laura E. Reynolds. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Jacqueline J. Reynolds; daughter Dinah E. Ordewald, her husband Christian and son David Ordewald of Staunton, VA; daughter-in-law Stephanie Reynolds of West Sacramento; son Grant E. Reynolds, *Continued page 6*

**Convention April 15-18, 2010
Lake Tahoe**

Take advantage of the EARLY BIRD Special: ONLY \$110.00 for all meals, registration and activities. Registration must be post marked by February 1 to receive the discount. We start with a wonderful Boat Ride and Dinner Dance on the Tahoe Queen, Thursday night for the first niters, then Friday Food Faire, Slot Tournament and Candidates' Hospitality ending with Surfer Party and Dancing. Saturday features Breakfast, Business Meeting, Speech Contest, Open Forum, and Governor's Banquet. Sunday we have the wonderful Awards Breakfast and then home! Each year the Committee works with the Governor to have a fun filled Convention and a chance to meet and get to know more Lions in our District and Celebrate the Year with the Governor. We look forward to having you all join us in this celebration and just having FUN!

For more information please call PDG Pat Dimond 521-5568. The Registration materials have been sent to all the clubs, and are on the Web Site and in last issue of the newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The **Convention Committee** includes a representative from each Region. It is a four year Commitment. Each year the members of the committee advance until the last year they are the Chair. This is my last year. **So we are looking for nominations from clubs in the Stanislaus Region to be elected to the committee at the Convention.** A letter was sent to each club regarding the nomination December 1, 2009. Nomination letters must be received by the Governor and me before the next District Meeting, nominations will be read at the meeting. If you are looking at becoming more involved in the district this is a great committee for you to consider. Please call me if you want more information.

PDG Pat Dimond ●

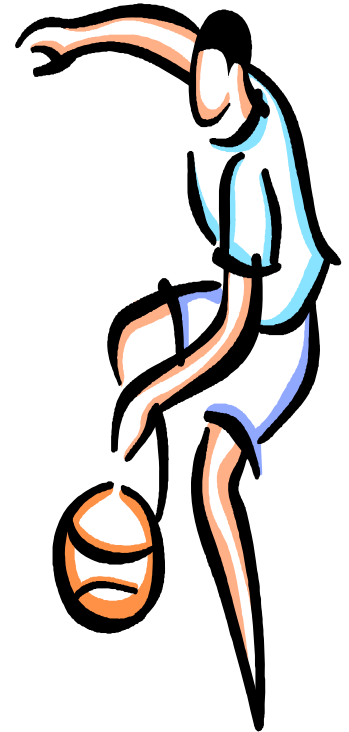


District 4A-1 Meeting
San Joaquin Region
"Basketball"

Dates: February 26 & 27, 2010
Place: Escalon Community Center
1055 Escalon Av. Escalon

Friday Night: Wear Basketball Jersey and chance to win a Prize.
6:00 pm. Cocktails, Games, Socializing
7:00 pm. Chicken Dinner, ravioli, salad and Bread Pudding!! Provided by Linden Lions
Fun activities.

Saturday:
7:00 am. Eye Openers, Breakfast
7:15 am. Pre-district Meetings, Games
9:00 am. District Meeting, Break-outs
Noon Lunch, Provided by Tracy Breakfast Lions
1:00 pm. Recognitions, Raffle



Cost:
Friday Night (only): Registration and Dinner \$30.00
Saturday (only): Registration, Breakfast, Lunch \$20.00
Friday Night and Saturday Special \$35.00

Every Club needs to bring two Drawing Gifts please!

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

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San Joaquin District Meeting February 26-27, 2010

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: \$71.40 and \$75.55 (Deadline 2/18)

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 Feb. 20, 2010

Check payable to RC Robert Arrigone,

Mail: RC Robert Arrigone

15700 East Baker Rd.

Linden, CA 95236



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his wife Suzanne and children Kyle, Scott, and Caila Reynolds of Sutter Creek; son Gavin E. Reynolds, his wife Maryann and children Steven, Philip, and Shannon

Reynolds of Culpeper, VA; and daughter Kathy E. Reynolds of Vienna, VA. He will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Guy's memory can be made to: Hospice of Amador and Calaveras Counties, P.O. Box 595, Jackson, CA 95642 or Lions Eye Foundation of California and Nevada, Inc., P.O. Box 7999, San Francisco, CA 94120.



Sadly, his wife followed him in the same month! Editor •

Attention:

District 4-A1

Allocations Committee Meeting

Friday, February 12 @ 7 PM

Perko's, 901 N. Carpenter, Modesto

Per DG Francis Bognuda



LCIF Responds to Haiti Earthquake

Dear Lions of District 4-A1:

A powerful 7.0 earthquake ravished the island nation of Haiti on the evening of Tuesday, January 12. Much of the capital city of Port-au-Prince has been destroyed. It's estimated that 3 million people, nearly one-third of the country's population, has been affected by the earthquake. The casualty numbers are not known at this time, but significant loss of life is feared. Rescue efforts remain ongoing at this time.

LCIF is responding to the Haiti earthquake. We are in contact with Lions leadership in the area to assess the situation and determine immediate relief needs. A US\$50,000 Major Catastrophe Grant has already been awarded to support immediate disaster relief efforts.

When catastrophes occur, LCIF and Lions answer the call for help. I have seen firsthand the impact large-scale devastation has on communities. Homes, schools, hospitals are destroyed and lives are often lost. Through our efforts, we are able to bring hope and healing, even if it's just a little bit, to people who are in such desperate need.

I ask that you help support LCIF disaster relief efforts in Haiti by making a contribution. A designated fund, "LCIF Haiti Earthquake Relief", has been established for donations for this disaster. It's through Lions' commitment to serving those in need that those suffering from the earthquake's devastation will receive some sense of normalcy.

Yours in Lionism,
Al Brandel, LCIF Chairperson

Contribute to the LCIF Haiti Earthquake Fund:

U.S. donors can:

- Mail a check to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523, USA, Attn.: Donor Services. Make a credit card donation with a MasterCard, Visa or American Express by calling LCIF at 630-571-5466, ext. 517 or 581. Call between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CST.
- Donate online at www.lcif.org/donate. Select Disaster and include

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Please substitute this registration form for the one in last newsletter or mailer.

61st District 4-A1 Convention Meal Reservation

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

Name: _____ Name on Badge: _____

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

Guest Name _____ Name on Badge: _____

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

Club Name: _____ Member Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

ITEM	Pre-register	At the Door	Qty	Amount Enclosed
First Nighter's Tahoe Queen Cruise	\$75	N/A		
Slot Tournament	\$25	N/A		
Lion/Leo Registration (Included in super package) (Must be paid if attending any convention event).	\$17	\$20		
Guest Registration (Included in super package) (Must be paid if attending any convention event).	\$15	\$18		
Convention Pin	\$4	\$4		

SUPER PACKAGE	EARLY BIRD Postmarked by Feb 1, 2010	REGULAR Postmarked by March 1, 2010	Quantity	Amount Enclosed
Includes: Registration, Food Fair, Friday Night Surfer Party, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner, Sunday Breakfast	\$110	125.00		

Individual Selections	EARLY BIRD Postmarked by Feb 1, 2010	REGULAR Postmarked by March 1, 2010	Late Postmarked after Mar 1, 2010	Quantity	Amount Enclosed
Saturday, April 17, 2010 Breakfast	22.00	24.00	25.00		
Saturday, April 17, 2010 Student Speaker Luncheon	26.00	28.00	30.00		
Saturday, April 17, 2010 Governor's Banquet	40.00	44.00	46.00		
Sunday, April 18, 2010 Awards Breakfast	22.00	24.00	25.00		

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

Any cancellation for refund must be received by the Convention Committee on or before **March 31, 2010**. No refunds will be made after that date.

Mail form & check to:
Lion Grant Fox
1955 Independence
Turlock, CA 95382

Total Amount Due _____

Make Check Payable to:
District 4-A1 Convention Committee
Payment by check preferred

Circle choice

VISA or MASTER CARD

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Month _____ Year _____

Signature _____



Historic Partnership Opens New Opportunities for Service

Lions Clubs International and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) have partnered in a historic and exciting Memorandum of Understanding (MOA). At the March 27, 2009 ceremony in Geneva, Switzerland, marking this joint venture, Past International President Albert F. Brandel explained how this natural collaboration evolved. "Lions Clubs International and its network of 44,000 clubs in 205 countries have long provided relief to victims of natural disasters." He believes that the agreement between the two global forces will "further strengthen our ability to respond in time of need and should be viewed as mutually beneficial."

According to IFRC Secretary General Bekele Geleta, "Well-trained volunteers can achieve positive and sustainable changes in their communities because they are there before, during and after disaster strikes. They can make a real difference in reducing the impact of disasters and play a vital role in empowering communities to be prepared for crisis." Lions will be able to participate in IFRC disaster preparedness training, which will in turn, work for the successful formation of Lions ALERT teams.

The Lions ALERT program, established in 2006, is intended to facilitate immediate response when urgency matters. It helps Lions develop a plan of action on three emergency levels—one, affecting a few people; two, affecting a community; and three, an emergency that affects hundreds or thousands of people in a region.

Lions are known for giving immediate attention when disaster strikes. A total of 25 percent of Lions clubs worldwide participated in disaster relief projects during 2007-08, quickly mobilizing to personally offer assistance, raise funds or otherwise be of help when an urgent situation arose. For nine months after the World Trade Center disaster in 2001, New York Lions worked round the clock to provide relief to first responders and families of those lost at Ground Zero. Lions also responded to the Southeast Asian tsunami, Hurricane Katrina and other worldwide natural disasters.

The Lions partnership with IFRC, whose historic timeline closely matches Lions Clubs International, will help ensure that crucial components of assistance

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are not lost when disasters strike anywhere in the world. There will be many opportunities for Lions to learn disaster training—serving on an IFRC Community Advisory Council; organizing IFRC blood drives; helping to identify vulnerable populations within communities that would require extra assistance in case of disaster; assisting in IFRC community-wide emergency drills and now helping to educate the public about pandemic influenza.

Lions who complete IFRC disaster relief training and are credentialed relief workers can help perform a variety of services within their own communities. Since many clubs operate their own clubhouses, these would ideally serve as IFRC emergency shelters for victims and rescue workers in times of critical need and be staffed by trained Lions. Placing a Lions ALERT sign at the shelter would identify it as a place of safety for both volunteers and victims.

Reprinted from June 2009 [Lion Magazine](#).



Lions ALERT Program

WE could be next! How prepared is your club and any of its members? How about the District as a whole? The Central Valley will be the evacuation route/area if a "1906" earthquake were to strike again. Granted the Bay Area hospitals are built considerably better than Haiti's, they still could be overwhelmed! Look how long it has taken to get what help they have in there. We are already a week down the road. Amazing with the earthquake, that no tsunami was created that we have heard about. Or we could have a major flood. At least we don't have twin towers to worry about! Editor •



FIGHTING DIABETES

A recent University of Chicago study estimates that **DIABETES RATES WILL DOUBLE OVER THE NEXT 25 YEARS.** Here is some examination of this research from Dan Harley's new book, Diabetes Rising.

“Is diabetes becoming more common because Americans are getting heavier?”

Our weight has been inching up, but diabetes is five times more common now than it was during World War II. We're certainly not five times heavier. And Type 1 diabetes, an autoimmune disorder that wasn't traditionally associated with weight, is increasing by 2 to 3% each year.

How do scientists explain the increase?

There are several working hypotheses. One is the slight increases in weight do raise kids' risk of getting Type 1. Another is that a lack of vitamin D, the so-called sunshine vitamin, raises the risk of diabetes. Yet another is that because kids aren't exposed to as many germs these days, their immune systems are overly sensitive. And some environmental toxins, perhaps stored in fat, have also been linked to diabetes.

What are “diabetes clusters”?

Epidemiologists have started to notice that certain geographic areas – one in the Boston suburbs, for example- have particularly high rates of Type 1 diabetes in children. They don't yet know why, partly because diabetes is not a “reportable illness.” If you get measles, the doctor has to report that to the CDC. The same should be the case for Type 1 diabetes.

How else should we be fighting diabetes? Choices for healthy living should be as easy and accessible as fast food. Eating right and getting enough exercise is important for everyone, whether they have diabetes or not.” Parade Magazine, January 17, 2010, page 10. ●



Swine Flu!
(From the Web)

FLAG DAY

By Lions Larry Foster
District 4-A1 Chairperson



Flag Day for Lions Clubs will be February 19th. I mailed order forms to all the club secretaries last week. If you should not receive this letter, please contact me: lionlarry@clearwire.net or phone (209) 392-2945. In the letter is an order form for a flag kit to be sent to the MD4 Flag Chairpersons Robert Ferber (408) 268-6739, robertferber@earthlink.net or Charles Hart (408) 371-1272, Fax (408) 323-1205. Each kit contains 144 flags (2 different sizes) plus an information sheet about the American Flag. The Lions Flag Day Program is presented the 3rd Friday in February. Other dates may be used if the 3rd Friday conflicts with other school activities.

For those clubs who have been doing this program, I hope that you can increase the number of students given the program by either increasing the number at the same school, or by doing more than one school. For those clubs who have not done this program, I hope you will consider this as a new project for this year. Surely you have a Vet in your club who would be very willing to chair this along with some help from the club. Please call your schools and order soon. **It would be really great to see 100% participation from all the clubs in the district!** ●





37th YEAR OF THE LIONS ALL STAR FOOTBALL GAME

37 years of Lions All Star Football - thanks to your support!

Our game date is **Saturday, June 19, 2010 at UOP (University of the Pacific) in Stockton, Ca at 7:00 PM pregame 6:00 PM.** The banner procession will be at 6:15 PM so please meet at the North Gate at UOP on game day June 19, 2010.

The Press/Players Banquet will be held on **Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Petersen Event Center 720 12th St., Modesto, Ca.** The price is \$25.00 per person. Please let us know if you plan to attend. The coaches will introduce the players to the public and press.

The coaches this year have both been strong supporters and friends of the Lions All Star Football Game for many years.

The North Team Coach is Don Norton of Stagg High School in Stockton and the South Team Coach is Roger Canepa of Central Catholic High School in Modesto.

For many years, certainly well over 11 years, Coach Norton has organized our North Team Player selections which we have in early February at Delta College. Thanks Coach Norton, we appreciate it.

Coach Canepa has coached in our game for the North Team when he was the head coach at Calaveras High School. However, this year he will be coaching the South Team as he has been the head coach at Central Catholic High School for the last 2 years. Coach Canepa has also been instrumental in helping our game with our corporate sponsors. Thanks Coach Canepa, we appreciate it.

It is my privilege and honor to work with these outstanding coaches this year.

Our prices for the game, advertising, the Stadium Club and the banquet will remain the same as last year. Game tickets will still be \$10.00 at the gate, \$50.00 for business card size ads etc, Stadium Club \$35.00 and banquet tickets \$25.00.

Your willingness to help us sell ads in our program helps to keep our prices low and unchanged. The Lions All Star Football Committee appreciates your help and your support.

See you at the game or banquet or both!

Elizabeth GO, Chairman Lions All Star Football Game •





MD-4 YOUTH EXCHANGE VISITING YOUTH PROGRAM - 2010

COUNTRY	SLOTS	FEES	DEPARTURE	RETURN
Australia	4	\$2,700	To be announced	
Austria	4	\$2,500	July 4 2010--Aug 8 2010	
Belgium	2	"	"	"
Brazil	2	"	"	"
Finland	2	"	"	"
Germany	2	"	"	"
Israel	2	CLOSED		
Italy	2 left	\$2,700	July 4 2010--Aug 8 2010	
Netherlands	2	\$2,500	"	"
Norway	2	"	"	"
Sweden	2	"	"	"
Switzerland	2	"	July 3 2010--Aug 7 2010	
Japan	30	\$2,500	July 4 2010--Aug 8 2010	

Filing deadline Feb 28th with \$300 deposit required.
MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

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and success of the Lions
Eyeglass Recycling
Program.



LCI can help to promote
your community collections by posting
drop-off locations on the association's Web site
at the Club Locator. Clubs can simply provide
us with their information via the [Lions Recycle
For Sight Club Participation Form](#) and we'll post
up to six collection sites. Or, send an e-mail to:
eyeglasses@lionsclubs.org.

For further information about the Lions
Eyeglass Recycling Program, or to start a
collection campaign in your club or district,
please contact the [Health and Children's
Services Department](#).

In service,
Marilee Kadar, Manager
Health and Children's Services Department
Lions Clubs International
e-mail: eyeglasses@lionsclubs.org
Web: www.lionsclubs.org •

Youth Exchange Program (YEP) 2010

Lions Clubs International has a wonderful program for youth to experience international travel and a unique opportunity to live with two or more families at their destination next summer. Lions will make all of the arrangements, including flight schedules to and from the country but also any internal travel required. Adult supervision will be provided at terminals until the student is introduced to his or her host family. These experiences may be to countries like Japan, Germany, Austria, Italy, Belgium, Finland, Israel, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Brazil. Slots are limited, so apply early.

Departure will be from San Francisco International to LAX on July 4th, 2010 and students will return Aug 8, 2010. The cost for Israel and Australia is \$2,700. and the others is \$2,500. Several students from Livingston, Merced, Cortez and other cities in central California have traveled in recent years. Local Lions may assist with your expenses. Lions YEP Foundation gave out \$16,000 in individual scholarships last year to students who applied. There are lots of ways to raise the necessary money if you decide that you want to go.

An Orientation meeting will be provided for the students and their parents. They will receive information, tips and will be able to ask questions. Students who have traveled before will be present to relate their experiences and offer suggestions.

If you are interested you may find more information on the web. <http://www.ye.md4lions.org> The deadline for applications is Feb 28, 2010. Also you will need to apply for a passport if you do not have one. Participants must be approved by their local Lions Club. Please contact me if you are interested and I will see that you receive more information.

Robert Olson
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Livingston CA 95334-9505
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bobo100@juno.com •





From the DG page 1

In the last four months I have been hearing about the good work that a couple of Lions have been doing: Mike Okamoto, Diabetes Chair and Terry Anderson, MedicAlert Chair. They have been going to many clubs throughout the District, giving their programs. There are more of these Lions working hard for our District to make it the best District in MD-4. Thank you Lions Mike and Terry! All Lions in District 4-A1 are truly "Committed to Excellence".

This year I feel a little empty spot inside because the Calendar Program for Camp Pacifica is no longer in existence. I would like to thank PDG Bob Ransom for all his hard work that he put into the program over the years. It will not be forgotten. *(Gee I won't have to do "ball draws" at the District Meetings anymore?? Editor)*

Start thinking about April 15-18 in Lake Tahoe. The "Early Bird" special is a big savings to all. The convention committee has been working very hard to make this year's convention fun and exciting for everyone. This is YOUR convention, so COME and ENJOY!

District 4-A1 will be hosting the Council of Governors meeting in Stockton June 3-6 at the Hilton. Make plans to help our District put on this event (see next page) to show the other districts that we are **Number 1**.

All Lions "keep up the good work on the 2010 court" and be ready to play basketball in Escalon on February 26-27. Also, continue to stay Committed to Excellence!

Francis Bognuda,
District Governor •



continue to designate their donations during the big push prior to the end of top club participation or as the year ends, we are asking our fellow Lions to give a tax deductible donation to Camp Pacifica. The funds will go towards the daily operation of the camp as well as camperships for most of our campers. Remember, California Lions Camp, Camp Pacifica is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. •

California Lions Camp



**Camp Pacifica with 10" of snow!
Horse barn on left, maintenance building
center, and swimming pool on right.**

California Lions Camp, Camp Pacifica celebrated 31 years of providing an exciting outdoor experience for deaf and hard of hearing children. The camp sessions were filled with enthusiastic counselors and energetic campers. We have many campers, who return year after year because they enjoy the camp so much. Also we have many new campers.

The camp program is supported by Lions clubs throughout the state. Along with camp expenses, the Board has the responsibility of raising funds for the daily operation of the camp. This is done through various fundraising events, such as Ball Draws, Camp Pacifica calendars, the annual Night at the Nuts ballgame, as well as the donations we receive from clubs who have held fundraisers for the camp. Many of you have supported these events and we appreciate your participation. Unfortunately due to decreased sales, the calendar program has been discontinued for 2010.

The Board continues to work towards maintaining and improving the camp facilities and promoting rentals. This year the shower house was remodeled, and new lights were installed on the hill and down by the pool and workshop. Also the outside of the dining hall has been redone.

The Board of Directors of California Lions Camp, Camp Pacifica would like to thank you for your support throughout the year. However, as clubs



MedicAlert

No Child Without/Safely Ever After

As you learned from the last issue, this is a free program to protect children from ages 4 to 14 living with chronic conditions, allergies, or special needs. The memberships are given at no cost to the parent/guardian, school or the school district. This program is fully funded by MedicAlert and, at present, the Lions of District 4-A1.

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

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

So now that I have refreshed your memories, here are some FAQs:

What is the cost to participate in this program?

Participation in the SEA program is **FREE** to elementary school children ages 4 until their 14th birthday.

What happens when the child goes to another school not covered by MedicAlert Foundation?

Once enrolled, the program will continue to cover them until their 14th birthday.

What do I do if my child's MedicAlert ID is lost or stolen?

A one-time replacement is available at no cost. Thereafter, we will charge a nominal cost of \$14.90 for each standard MedicAlert ID. *Continued page 15*



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Dear Lion:

Lions Clubs International is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement with Wal-Mart to collect used eyeglasses from the public at specified Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores throughout the United States. This new program will enhance the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program, enabling our association to collect increased quantities of usable glasses for humanitarian missions to developing nations.

- Commencing January-February 2010, co-branded collection boxes, bearing the LCI, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club logos, will be available in the 2,500 US Wal-Mart stores and approximately 500 Sam's Clubs, with vision centers. These new boxes will replace Lions collection boxes currently in place at the specified stores. For Wal-Mart stores and Sam's Clubs without in-store vision centers, existing Lions collections will continue at the discretion of the store managers.
- Wal-Mart will ship the collected eyeglasses to their distribution centers, where they will then be delivered to the nearest Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers for sorting, cleaning and processing.
- Usable glasses will be available for Lions and other optical missions to developing nations, where the glasses will be dispensed to children and adults free of charge.
- The Lions/Wal-Mart co-branded program is aimed at members of the public. Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores will not be able to accept or ship Lions club collections of eyeglasses from other locations in the community.

If you are involved in eyeglass collection, thank you for your continued support of this project. We encourage clubs to maintain their collection sites throughout the community and send the glasses to the nearest [Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center](#). These collections have had a direct impact on the strength and *Continued page 12*



LPCCI

By PDG Don Allen
President

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What medical condition warrants a membership and identification?

Any pre-existing medical condition that an emergency responder or a physician should know about that could impede or change the protocol of care to the child.

These conditions include:

- Anaphylaxis or severe allergies to drugs, food, or insects
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Asthma
- Autism
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy
- Hearing or vision disorder
- Hemophilia

What do I do if my child's MedicAlert ID is lost or stolen?

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Why can't my school become a SEA school today?

SEA is a charitable program and is dependent on philanthropic gifts from donors. As funding becomes available, we work with the school districts to grow the program in each area. Once the school district identifies a school (or schools), we then meet with the principals to bring the program to your community.

Why do you have to work through the school board/school districts?

School boards/districts have the best understanding of the needs of their schools. We rely on them to select those schools in greatest need first.

Will we receive a notice to renew when my child turns 14?

Yes, parents will receive a notice 30 days prior to the child's 14th birthday that advises them the child has become eligible for the **Kid Smart** program.

What is Kid Smart?

This program was developed to offer a special student rate to ensure children and teenagers across the United States, with or without medical conditions, allergies or special needs are protected by MedicAlert Foundation.

Open to children up to age 18, whose schools are not enrolled with the **Safely Ever After** program, providing them with a cost effective option.

Initial enrollment fee is \$29.95 plus shipping and handling. This provides member with a **Kid** >>>>>>>>

Ten Lions attended the November graduation at CCI in Santa Rosa. Those in the group were: Sandy and Terry Anderson, Dave Bailey, Sue Carner, Robin Gurrola, PCC George and Zelda Skezas from Willits CA, and Jim and Jean Weaver and Jeans Mother. We visited the Charles Schulz Museum, had lunch at the Warm Puppy café and then went to the graduation.

There were 400 to 500 people there to watch 12 people receive a CCI dog, and about 40 puppy raisers bringing their dogs back to Santa Rosa for advanced training. Andrew Pike, a soldier wounded in Iraq was one of those receiving an Assistance Dog. A group 40 strong of the Patriot Guard Riders (motorcyclists) escorted Andrew from the Schultz campus to the location for graduation. Andrew provided the class speech and received a standing ovation. Very moving.

The next graduation is Friday, February 12. I know this is a Friday and many folks work on Friday, but if you would like to attend please contact me. By moving graduations to Fridays, CCI will be able to have 6 graduations per year instead of the current 4. This will help to reduce the wait time for those applying for assistance dogs.

By the way, the LPCCI board decided he needed to practice being President some more, so he will do another term. Editor.

Smart MedicAlert ID.

Annual fee of \$15 per year/per child to maintain your child or teenager's membership in the Kid Smart program.

Now, as indicated at the beginning of the article, this is a District 4-A1 project. For further information or a club presentation, please contact Chair Terry Anderson at (209) 632-8883 or (209) 634-0203. ●

District 4-A1 Calendar

● February 2010

- 6 Stockton Host Crab Feed, Presentation Church, 6:30 PM, Pres. Marc (209) 369-4737
- 5 – 7 MD4 Convention Riverside, CA
- 12 Linden Stag Cioppino Feed, 6:30 PM \$50 Andy Lagomarsino (209) 887-3086
- 13 South Stockton Crab Feed, Eagle Hall, \$40.00, 6 PM, Richard Alvarez 951-8188
- 14 Valentines Day
- 15 Presidents Day
- 15 Linden Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner (Take Out), Pres. Michael Page (209) 662-0177
- 20 Modesto Lions Crab Feed, Community Center, Riverbank, \$40, contact Irene Murata (209) 522-0500
- 20 Waterford Lions Crab Feed, Waterford Community Center, Pres. Ken Krause (209) 874-5291
- 20 Tracy Breakfast Cioppino Dinner, Portuguese Hall, \$35, 5:30 PM, PDG Dennis (209) 835-8092(w)
- 26 - 27 District Meeting, Escalon
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Student Speakers Contest:

Last week I sent a letter to all clubs, region and zone chairs reminding them of the deadline dates for their contests and asking them to consider donations to the foundation which runs in the red every year. Please let them know that my letter is coming to them as a reminder and to consider donations to the foundation.

Lion Garrett Becker, Chairperson

Important Dates Contest to be completed:

Club by February 22, 2010

Zone by March 15, 2010

Region by April 12, 2010

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

May 24, 2010 Area Contest

June 5, 2010 MD-4 Final – Stockton ●

COG Meeting June 3-6, 2010

We still need drivers to take guest Lions to Linden for Thursday dinner and Friday Winery tour in Lodi.

Items needed for gift baskets:

- 6 cases of bottle water
- 72 candy bags or bars
- 72 small bags of chips
- 72 small bags of cookies
- 72 oranges
- 72 apples

We will have a meeting at the February District meeting in Escalon. PDG Dan Agari

District 4-A1 Pull Tabs for Ronald

McDonald House:

Tabs delivered to Ronald McDonald House as of 12/29 weighed **58 pounds**. 17 clubs have participated so far. Come on the rest of you clubs – WHAT IS SO COMPLICATED ABOUT COLLECTING PULL TABS?? Robert Garibay, Chairperson

NOTICE: If you plan to visit Yosemite Lions Club, please do so the 1st Thursday at the Ahwahnee.

● March 2010

- 13 Camp Pacifica Round Up, Grange Hall, Hilmar, \$100/couple includes dinner, 6 PM, PDG Russ
- 13 San Joaquin Lions Corned Beef, Cabbage & Sausage Dinner, Blind Center, \$12, Pres. Gloria Chapa (209) 271-7802
- 18 Escalon Corned Beef & Cabbage, 6:30 PM \$20, Escalon Community Center, Steve Scott (209) 838-7783
- 20 Modesto 500 Crab Feed, 6 PM, \$35, Howard Training Center, Claudia Miller, (209) 577-5580
- 21 Oakdale Pancake Breakfast, 7 AM – 1 PM, \$8, Bianchi Community Center, PDG Don Allen (209) 847-8825
- 24 Linden Reverse Raffle, \$100 (includes dinner for 1), 6 PM, every 10th prize \$100, \$5000 grand prize, contact Ron Cotta or Steve Moore

● April 2010

- 15 - 18 District 4-A1 Convention (See District Web Site or December issue of newsletter)
- 18 Megabucks for Camp Pacifica at Convention