



Minutes

Lions Clubs International District 4-A1
64th Annual Convention
Sacramento, California
April 18-21, 2013

Thursday, April 18, 2013

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM There was a golf tournament at the Diamond Oaks Golf Course in Roseville for our avid golfers. The chair for this annual event was PDG Gene Weatherby. Between 8:30 AM and 12:00 PM, while some were playing through on the golf course, others were treated to a tour of the Folsom Prison, to see first hand the Folsom Project for the Visually Impaired. The tour was organized by PDG Don Allen and those who attended found it very interesting. DG Jim Syvertsen hosted the First Nighter Hospitality in his suite between 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM, and at 5:15 PM, Lions met in the lobby of the Hilton Arden West, and carpooled to Buca di Beppo a very special Italian restaurant, where fun and Italian American memorabilia is as plentiful as the delicious and abundant food, which is served family-style.

Friday, April 19, 2013

Lions Fun and Games took place between 9:00 and 11:30 AM, and then the first event of the day was the Food Faire from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. It was held outside on the patio surrounding the pool. The theme for the annual event “In a World of Service International Food Fair”, and Lions were encouraged to display their food/beverage items and the country they represent through Lionism, and to be a proud Lion by wearing the international costume from that country. All agreed that this was one of the best Food Fairs we’ve held in recent years. \$311. in donations were collected which was divided up amongst the participating clubs, some choosing to donate their proceeds back to a selected district project. Modesto 500 won the prize for best Costume/Decoration and the Escalon Lions won for best food. Modesto 500 Lions won for best booth overall.

Between 3:00 and 4:30 PM there was a Caucus and Lions Open Forum conducted, with DG Jim acting as Moderator and Lion leaders participating in Q &A’s representing every level of the organization, from PID Rick Myers who represented the International level, to President Sandy Anderson from the Turlock 12:10 Lions who represented leadership at the club level.

Our district and vice district governor candidates, VDG Tom Bauder, candidate for 1st VDG Lion Kent Christensen, and candidate for 2nd VDG Lion Ron Raines hosted the district candidate hospitality rooms from 5:00 – 7:00 PM, followed by the Governor’s Ice Cream Social, hosted by PDG Francis and Lion Norma Bognuda. Guests were served ice cream and made their own sundaes or floats outside on the back patio as the sun was setting. This was the perfect end to a perfect day.

Saturday, April 20, 2013

6:45 – 7:45 AM: The day began with Eye Openers hosted by District Spirit Development chairs, Lions Scott Bognuda and Greg Garcia. Registration was open all day until 4:00 p.m., and Credentialing was open between 7:00 and 10:00 AM. Voting took place between 10:30 AM and 3:30 PM.

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 AM: Cabinet Secretary Jeanine Tucker presided over Breakfast and the Business Session to follow. ZC Shirley Medeiros led the pledge, Song Leader and CS Lion Jeanine led everyone in singing God Bless America, and District Chaplain, Lion Jill Loving gave the invocation. DG Jim introduced his guests at the head table. Visiting were PID Rick Myers and Lion Marsha from Fremont, Nebraska, IPID Bob Smith and Lion Vickie from Sacramento, California, DG Dean Church and his wife Evelyn from 4-A2. 1st VDG Tom Bauder introduced his spouse, Lion Toni and his guests 1st VDG Jim “Goody” Goodheart and his wife, Emily. 2nd VDG Kent Christensen introduced his wife Barbara and his guests 2nd VDG Anthony Martinez and his wife Sandy, from 4-A2. ZC Debbi Hopman presided over the drawing of the raffle gifts following the presentation of awards for the following: Food Fair and White Cane, and reports regarding District Golf and Flag Day. Lion Sandy Anderson gave White Cane Awards to the following clubs: Arnold, Merced Breakfast, Jackson, Livingston, Delta, Turlock 12:10, Up Country 88, Atwater-Winton, Stockton Fil-Am, and Sierra Lions. She announced that the 3rd week in May is “White Cane Week”.

9:15 – 11:00 AM: the Business Session was conducted in the Folsom Room with CS Jeanine presiding. PDG Russ Custer called Honorary and Chaplain Jill Loving presided over the Necrology Service. The theme of this year’s service was “Rest in peace you who have served”. She called the roll call of Deceased District 4-A1 Lions for 2012-2013 and was assisted in placing fresh flowers in vases to honor them by zone and region chairs for their respective regions.

District Reports: CS Jeanine read into the Minutes the nominations for Camp Pacifica Bd., Eyemobile Bd., Convention Management Committee, and convention venue bids for 2015. She then announced that she had received and previously read the district candidate nominations at a previous District Meeting held in February, and asked if there were Lions present to read second nominating speeches for the district and vice district governor candidates. PDG Don Allen read the seconding speech for 2nd VDG candidate Ron Raines. Jim Loving read the seconding speech for 1st VDG candidate Kent Christensen. PCS Roy Patterson read the seconding speech for DG candidate, 1st VDG Tom Bauder. CS Jeanine then read the By-Laws Amendment appearing on the convention ballot as previously announced by PDG Dennis Noble. Representatives from the two 2015 bidding hotels, the Marriott in San Ramon, and the Red Lion Hotel Woodlake in Sacramento presented information about their respective hotel venues. As a very special treat to those in attendance, CS Jeanine called on DG Jim, who introduced the dynamic special guest speaker, Lion Rob Hartley who spoke on the topic “Building a Magnet to Attract New Members”. The business session was recessed to the Student Speaker Contest and Luncheon.

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM: The Student Speaker Contest and Luncheon was held. Lion Jill Loving asked for a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives or were injured at the Boston Marathon, and the explosion at the fertilizer plant in Texas. PDG Dan Agari was called to the podium to present a very special check in the amount of \$49,804.32 for Camp Pacifica from income from the California Lions Camp Foundation. Following this special presentation, DG Jim introduced PDG Francis Bognuda, district Student Speaker Contest chair, who called upon PDG Pat Casey-Gillum to read the contest rules as prescribed. While the judges’ scores were being tallied by the tellers, lunch was served. There were two outstanding speakers. Breanna Cairns, sponsored by the North Fork Lions, was declared the winner. She received a facsimile of the check in the amount of \$4,500. which will assist her with college

expenses at California Polytechnical Institute. (Cal Poly). At the conclusion of the luncheon, everyone reconvened to the Folsom Room to continue with the business session.

2:30 – 3:30 PM Business Meeting reconvened: PDG Felix Romo gave a Finance Committee report. PDG Pat Casey-Gillum followed up with a 2013-2014 budget report. PDG Don Allen gave a report on LCIF and Melvin Jones Fellows, and Lion Brenda Howell gave her report regarding the Peace Poster Contest. On behalf of Dr. Allen Hoek, Lions Terry and Sandy Anderson presented awards to clubs who financially supported the Eyemobile this past year. On behalf of Dr. Allen Hoek, Lion Terry reminded attendees that the current Eyemobile is now 15 years old and the district program itself is 39 years old. The Bd. is also looking for a new facility for storing the Eyemobile. The clubs who were presented awards for their donations to the Eyemobile program are: One-Star – (\$100-\$199): Modesto Sunset - \$250., Merced Golden - \$100., Atwater-Winton - \$200., Delta - \$100., Sonora - \$250., and San Andreas 49'er Breakfast - \$100. Two-star awards (\$300-\$599) were presented to: Tracy Tank Town - \$300., and Denair - \$500. Three-star awards (\$600 - \$999) were presented to: Arnold - \$700.

Lion Jill Loving gave a report on Camp Pacifica and the session concluded with announcements regarding the upcoming evening's activities by DG Jim.

3:30 -4:15 PM: PID Rick Myers made his remarks for Cabinet members only, and he conducted a brief Q&A period.

4:30 – 6:00 PM: Prior to the Governor's Banquet, PDG's, Cabinet and Committee members,, by invitation only, attended the District Governor's Hospitality, received special thank you gifts from DG Jim, and got their official pictures taken for the Governor's photo album by district photographer, Lion Elizabeth Gibbs Olson.

7:00 PM Governor's Banquet: There was an Introduction of 2012-2013 Cabinet members and PDG's participating in the Grand March, announced by PDG Russ Custer. RC Hector Galvan presided over the evening. ZC Marilyn Richardson led the pledge and Chaplain Jill Loving said the invocation. DG Jim made opening remarks and introduced his family members. Lion Rey Garcia presented the Final Report of Credentials and Elections and submitted a written version to Cabinet Secretary Jeanine. Article IX, Section 5 of the District Constitution and By-Laws passed by a vote of 81 to 10. The Hotel Selection for 2014 was a much closer race. The Marriott San Ramon prevailed over the Red Lion, Sacramento by a vote of 47-43. All 7 Lions running for Camp Pacifica Board made it. PDG Dennis Noble was selected for the San Joaquin Region Rep on the Eyemobile Bd. of Directors by a vote of 30 – 0. The two candidates which will take their places on the Eyemobile Bd. of Directors are: Lion Don Gall with 65 votes and Lion Ernesto Gonzalez, with 53 votes. PDG Francis Bognuda was selected as the new San Joaquin Region Convention Management Committee member for the Yosemite Region. All VDG and DG candidates won election by the same vote, 90-1.

Hector called on 2nd VDG elect Ron Raines, 1st VDG Elect Kent Christensen and DG Elect Tom Bauder, in that order to make their acceptance speeches. DG Jim was called up to make the Introduction of Convention Keynote Speaker PID Rick Myers. Following PID Rick's wonderful Keynote, several awards were presented by DG Jim. The Dr. Howard Abrams Humanitarian Award went to Lions Terry and Sandy Anderson for their work on the MedicAlert Children's Program. The PDG George Fields All-Star Football Award went to Lion Elizabeth Gibbs Olson for her continuing dedication and commitment to the District 4-A1 All-Star Football program. Presidential Certificates of Apprecation, the 4th highest award in Lions, went to: PDG Pat Dimond for being a valued advisor on Finances and on conventions; to PDG Don Allen for being a close advisor throughout the year and for his work on LCIF and LPCCI; and to ZC Ron

Raines for all of his work on our website and all things technology related. The International President's Leadership Medal, the 3rd highest award in Lions went to 2nd VDG Kent Christensen for his outstanding leadership throughout this past year. The International President's Medal, the 2nd highest award in Lions was presented by PID's Rick Myers and Bob Smith to Cabinet Secretary Jeanine, for the knowledge, experience, dedication to excellence, quality communication and service to the governor while always working to improve and promote Lionism. The MD-4 Award Medal was presented to: PDG Francis Bognuda for his work to promote MedicAlert, Parkers Prom, the Ronald McDonald House Pull Tab Project and Ronald McDonald House; PDG Steve Granlees for his years of dedication and donations to Camp Pacifica; to Lion Brower Dimond for his years of service to the district and MD-4 on district and international conventions; to Lion Willie Hughes for her dedication to Lions and years of service in promoting City of Hope. A Governor's Appreciation Award was presented to Lion Sue Carner for her dedication and outstanding work on the District Bulletin and Vice District Governor Tom Bauder was presented with a Life Membership in the Lions Eye Foundation of California and Nevada. PDG Dennis Noble was called to the podium by Cabinet Secretary Jeanine to present DG Jim with a very special DG Appreciation Award, a Helen Keller Award representing the district's generous donation to the Lions Eye Foundation of California and Nevada and PID Rick Myers was in turn presented with a Melvin Jones Fellow, representing our district's generous donation to LCIF. The District Lion of the Year Award was named: PDG Pat Casey-Gillum would be the recipient, and much fun was made of the fact that her actual award seemed to be missing in action and would need to be presented at a later time. Lion Jill Loving was called on to give the benediction and bring this very exciting and eventful evening to a close. After hours parties were had to celebrate accomplishments and to wind down after the very full and exciting evening.

Sunday, April 21, 2013

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM The annual District Award Breakfast was called to order by RC Hector Galvan. ZC Wendy Dart led the pledge followed by Cabinet Secretary Jeanine leading the song and district Chaplain Jill Loving giving the invocation. Following a delicious meal, Convention Management Committee chair Lion Norma Bognuda gave the final convention report. DG Jim was introduced once again and he introduced the head table, and our special guest speaker, Dave Wesley, A hero for hope for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Following his touching and inspiring talk, District 4-A1 Club Awards and Special Reports were presented and made.

Lion Claudia Miller presented several Long Tail awards, including one to DG Jim's lovely wife and partner in all things in his life, Lion Pat Syvertsen. Lion Elizabeth Gibbs Olson presented her report, and gave out the All-Star Football certificates and patches to all those clubs who had participated in supporting All-Star Football.

Lion Ken Harrison was represented by VDG elect Kent Christensen who presented the Bulletin Contest Awards. Clubs are divided into divisions by size. In the hardcopy category, the Division A winner was San Andreas 49'er Breakfast Lions; the Division B winner was Livingston Lions; and the Division C winner was Tracy Breakfast. In the electronic category, there were no Division A clubs; the Division B winner was Chowchilla and the Division C winner was Arnold Lions.

Lion Jill Loving presented clubs with participation awards for various levels of support of Camp Pacifica throughout the year. Lion Bob Garibay was represented and gave out club awards for pull tabs collected and turned in. The total number of pounds of pull tabs collected during DG Jim's year was over 1,928lbs. 43 clubs participated in this project this past year. The region winners were: Mountain

Region: 249 lbs. turned in from the region, and Mokelumne Hill, 77 lbs. The Stanislaus Region turned in 413 lbs and Ceres was the winning club with 128 lbs. turned in. In the Yosemite Region, 368 lbs. were turned in with 160 lbs. turned in by Atwater-Winton. In the San Joaquin Region, 867 lbs. were turned in with 366 lbs. Turned in by the Escalon Lions!! PDG Don Allen gave his report on LCIF. Lion Lis Bockhop presented clubs with participation awards for district project Parker's Prom and gave her report on how the program is going.

Lions Terry and Sandy Anderson presented their report on MedicAlert and handed out awards to all participating clubs. Harry Carlson Fellowship Awards were presented to: Lion Daisy Agari, South Stockton Lions, Lion Ed Nuccio, Modesto 500 Lions, Lion Traci Jackson, Modesto Sunset Lions, ZC Wendy Dart, Sonora Lions, Lion Patricia Galvan, Lodi Lions, Lion Madelyn Hammersley, Los Banos Lions, Lion Howard Knapp, Turlock Lions, Lion Sharon Cathcart, Turlock 12:10 Lions, and Francisco Sanchez, Merced Leos Club. Club participation awards were presented to: Arnold Lions, Delta Lions, Chowchilla Lions, Tracy Tank Town Lions, Crows Landing Lions and Madera Breakfast Lions.

Lion Carrie Guadagnolo presented the district Scrapbook Contest awards. Clubs were divided by size during DG Jim's year to promote greater participation by smaller clubs. In the Division A category, the winner was Delta Lions. In the Division B category, the winner was Sonora Lions. In the Division C category, the winner was Arnold Lions.

Lion Claudia Miller took the microphone once again to present the Top Club Awards. For Division A, the 3rd runner up was Merced Golden; 2nd runner up was Delta Lions; 1st runner up was San Andreas 49'er Breakfast Lions, and the winner was Turlock 12:10, for the 4th year in a row! For Division B, the 3rd runner up was Chowchilla Lioness; the 2nd runner up was Lodi Mexican American; 1st runner up was Chowchilla Greenhills, and the winner was Sonora Lions, for the 2nd year in a row! In Division C, 3rd runner up was Tracy Breakfast; 2nd runner up was Modesto 500; 1st runner up was Jackson Lions and the winner was Oakdale Lions! Region winners were: Mountain Region – Sonora Lions; San Joaquin Region – Tracy Breakfast Lions; Stanislaus Region – Oakdale Lions; and the Yosemite Region winner was Merced Breakfast Lions!

DG Jim and Lion Pat presented PID Rick and Lion Marsha with special personal gifts of appreciation. Visiting DG Dean Church, VDG Jim Goodheart and 2nd VDG Anthony Martinez will be sent Certificates of Appreciation for their visit and a small donation will be made to their charity of choice. Each were given time for their closing remarks.

The benediction was given by Lion Jill Loving. With assistance by PID Rick Myers, the closing "song" was led by Cabinet Secretary Jeanine. DG Jim adjourned the 2012-2013 District 4-A1 Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Tucker

Cabinet Secretary, 4-A1