



OFFICIAL MINUTES  
4th District Meeting  
DISTRICT 4-A1  
May10-11, 2013  
San Andreas, California

**Friday, May 10, 2013**

**Finance Meeting:** was held at 5:30 PM outdoors in a shaded area of the VFW Hall grounds, also the site for the delicious BBQ dinner to follow. District Governor Jim introduced visiting dignitaries Tony Manuel from District 4-A3 and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Warren "Buck" Larson. Chair, PDG Felix Romo, conducted the meeting and called upon Cabinet Treasurer PDG Pat Casey-Gillum, who took roll, and presented the Minutes from the last Finance Committee Meeting of 2/23/13 for approval. Everyone was very pleasantly surprised to have PDG Marvin Miller in attendance at this district meeting as he and his lovely wife, Kathy, who joined us for the evening, currently reside in Washington State. The Financial Reports were also presented and discussed and approved. It was announced that the next meeting would be in August at the District Meeting to be held at Camp Pacifica in the Yosemite Region.

**Social Hour:** began at 5:00 PM, and included cocktails and visiting with our wonderful past district governors, as well as our visiting dignitaries until 7:00 PM.

**Dinner:** The BBQ which was hosted by the Tri-Dams Lions began at approximately 7:00 PM, following a call to order by Region Chair Gary West, the Pledge by mascot, Lion Rory, and Song by Cabinet Secretary/Song Leader Jeanine, and the Invocation by District Chaplain, Lion Jill Loving. There were 71 in attendance for the evening session.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

District Governor Jim welcomed everyone to the VFW Hall grounds in the beautiful Sierra foothills, introduced the head table and guests, including visiting 2<sup>nd</sup> Warren "Buck" Larson, from 4-C2, visiting 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Steve Picchi from 4-C4, DG Tony Manuel from 4-A3, and his significant other, Jane Soria, DG Elect Tom Bauder, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Elect Kent Christensen, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Elect Ron Raines, Lion, Cabinet Secretary Jeanine and of course, his wonderful and supportive partner in life and in Lions, First Lady, Lion Pat Syvertsen. RC Gary introduced his lovely wife, Linda West, as well.

**Dinner:** Attendees were treated to a delicious BBQ Chicken and Tri-Tip Dinner with all the trimmings.

**Program:** Following dinner, everyone was treated to a GMT presentation led by PDG Pat Casey-Gillum. As the sun set on this beautiful and warm, almost summer evening, attendees looked forward to the meeting to be held the following day at the nearby Calaveras High School.

**Closing Remarks and Evening Adjournment:** District Governor Jim Syvertsen. Many walked the short distance back to the Black Bart Inn for a good night's sleep.

### **Saturday, May 11, 2013**

**The Convention Committee** met at 6:30 AM at the Calaveras High School Gym, where all of Saturday's sessions took place.

**Registration:** was conducted by ZC Todd Riebe. Clubs in the Mountain Region brought 3 raffle gifts each to support the raffle.

**Breakfast:** A continental breakfast was provided, prepared and served by the Jackson Lions. Clubs of the Mountain Region and district project chairs set up displays on tables around the room to showcase their projects and activities.

### **Business Session:**

**Welcome and Introductions:** At 8:00 AM, Region Chair Gary West rang the bell and opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to a beautiful morning in San Andreas. He called on mascot, Lion Rory, to recite the Pledge and lead the patriotic song. Lion Jill Loving led the invocation. Region Chair Gary introduced his lovely wife, Linda West. After introducing District Governor Jim, he called on Lion PDG Russ Custer for Honorary. PDG Russ called Honorary; there were 14 past district governors in attendance and 70 Lions in attendance for the Saturday session altogether.

District Governor Jim Syvertsen welcomed everyone and made opening remarks which were followed by introductions of the head table and spouses, including Cabinet Secretary Jeanine and his lovely wife, Lion First Lady Pat Syvertsen. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tom Bauder introduced his guests, his wife, Lion Toni Dickerson, and visiting 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Steve Picchi. DG Jim introduced 1st VDG Elect Kent Christensen who introduced his guest, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Elect Warren "Buck" Larson from 4-C2, and and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Elect Ron Raines, who introduced his guest, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Elect Steve Picchi from 4-C4.

He reminded everyone of the message and his year's theme, to "Share Your Passion for Lions", adding that although we have many causes we are passionate about, what works in individual communities is what is important. The basic foundation is caring about our communities and making them better. Our clubs should continue to build awareness and gain support for the causes that are important to them/you as they have done throughout this year.

**Attendance:** There were 71 Lions and guests registered for Friday and Saturday. Pull tabs were brought to the District Meeting and collected to be delivered by our district Ronald McDonald House Chair, Lion Bob Garibay.

### **Breakout Sessions:**

**9:00 AM Training Sessions:** were held: GMT Training, Guiding Lion Training I, Technology Training I, President's Training, Lion Orientation and Club Secretary Training I.

**10:00 AM Training Sessions** were held: District Governor – OMG!!!, Guiding Lion Training II, Technology Training II, Forming a Leo Club, Club Secretary Training II, and Lions 101.

**11:00 AM Training Sessions** were held: Create a Great Scrapbook, Treasurer's Training, LCIF/LPCCI/Relay for Life, GLT Training, and Social Media Training.

**Luncheon:** At 12:00 PM a "working lunch" was hosted by the Sonora Lions. Breakout Session Feedback Surveys were distributed, completed by attendees, and collected.

**Reports and Awards:** PDG Felix Romo reported out from the Finance Committee Meeting and on the Romo's Raiders Football Game Fundraiser. He announced that this year's game will be the Raiders vs. the San Diego Chargers on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, and that he has sold 39 tickets to date. PDG Francis Bognuda gave reports on MedicAlert, the Ronald McDonald House Pull Tabs Project, and Student Speaker. Lion Jill Loving reported on Camp Pacifica. Lion Willie Hughes was called upon to give her report on City of Hope and was surprised by DG Jim with a very special MD-4 Award for her continuing leadership in our district for this project. PDG Francis Bognuda reported on the Student Speaker Contest. Special LCI Project Awards for Clubs and/or Committee Chairs were awarded to: Lion Jerry Cooper for promoting the Environment, Lion Brower Dimond for his years of leadership re: International Relations, Lion Mike Okamoto for his work with Diabetes Awareness, PDG Russ Custer for his work as district chair for Lions in Sight, Lion Renee Koon for Hearing and Speech, and to the Modesto 500 and Tracy Breakfast Lions Clubs for promoting Vision programs and the Lions Eye Foundation, respectively. There were comments made by the visiting dignitaries.

**Raffle:** was conducted by Mountain Region Chair Gary West.

**Closing Remarks:** DG Jim thanked everyone for attending and for turning in the feedback surveys. He encouraged everyone to go forward and work toward our goals of positive communication, building awareness and increasing our membership.

**Adjournment:** 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Cabinet Secretary