



OFFICIAL MINUTES  
1<sup>st</sup> District Meeting  
DISTRICT 4-A1  
August 10-11, 2012  
Modesto, California

**Friday, August 10, 2012**

**Pre-Cabinet Meeting:** was held at 5:30 PM. District Governor Jim talked about the goals for the breakout sessions scheduled for Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, and for clubs and committees to participate in the exhibits. He indicated that he has made 18 official District Governor Visitations to date and discussed the message that he is delivering to the clubs during his visits. He asked the Zone Chairs to promote the Governor's "You Mean the World to Lions" Award that he is presenting to one or two nominated lions at each District Governor Visitation. He talked about the importance of positive communication, and asked for assistance in confirming remaining District Governor Visitation dates. He indicated that the date for the next GMT/GLT meeting is Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. This session was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Stanislaus Region Chair Ray Hammersley introduced District Governor Jim. Zone Chair Brian Bergstrom did the Pledge. Cabinet Secretary/Song Leader Jeanine Tucker led the song. Lion Jill Loving did the invocation. District Governor Jim introduced the head table and guests, and introduced his family members attending, and made opening remarks. He explained that the foundation for his theme "Share Your Passion for Lions" lies in our desire to serve and give back to our communities.

**Dinner:** A delicious gourmet sit down dinner was hosted by the Modesto Sunset Lions. A raffle, with gifts sponsored by clubs in the Stanislaus Region was held. The Modesto Sunset Lions Club was recognized and appreciated for putting on a great meal.

Zone Chair Brian Bergstrom conducted a 52-card fundraiser for DG Jim Syvertsen. A \$100 was presented to the winner and net proceeds of \$420 were presented to DG Jim to help with his expenses for his term.

**Installation of Officers:** Cabinet Secretary Jeanine Tucker introduced the Installing Officer, PID Bob Smith who introduced his wife, Lion Vickie. The Cabinet for 2012-2013 was officially installed. PID Bob and Lion Vickie lit a Circle of Friends candle, bringing up zone Chairs, region chairs, treasurer and secretary asking each to look Governor Jim in the eyes and commit to serve to the best of their ability. He also installed all committee chairs. Lion Vickie presented Governor Jim with a friendship gift.

**Closing Remarks and Evening Adjournment:** District Governor Jim Syvertsen.

## **Saturday, August 11, 2012**

**The Finance Committee and Convention Committee** met at 7:30 AM.

Financial report was issued by Treasurer Pat Gillum showing we were under budget overall for 2011-2012. The 2012 Convention was profitable leaving an ending balance in the fund of \$6,817.69

**Breakfast:** A great continental breakfast was served by the Modesto Lions Club from 6:30 to 9 AM.

### **Business Session:**

**Attendance:** There were 161 registered Lions and guests for Friday and Saturday. To promote International President Madden's theme of promoting Literacy, over 200 books were collected for distribution to schools and libraries.

**Call to Order:** 9:00 AM +by Stanislaus RC Ray Hammersley who welcomed everyone and again thanked the Modesto Sunset Lions for a wonderful dinner on Friday evening, at the Installation of Officers and Committee Chairs.

- Pledge of Allegiance: Zone Chair Brian Bergstrom
- Song: Cabinet Secretary Jeanine Tucker
- Invocation: Chaplain Jill Loving
- Honorary: PDG Russ Custer - 12 PDG's in attendance

**Introductions and Opening Remarks:** DG Jim Syvertsen introduced the head table, including Cabinet Secretary Jeanine Tucker, his visiting DG, Bob Ferber from 4-C6, along with his wife, Lois Ferber, and installing officer and his spouse, PID Bob Smith and his wife, Lion Vickie. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tom Bauder, introduced his visiting VDG, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Mary Jane Bodnar, and her spouse, PDG John Bodnar from 4-L5. 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Kent Christensen introduced his guests, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Erv Gon from 4-C5, and his wife, Lion Cat Gon. District Governor Jim and Vice District Governors Tom and Kent introduced their spouses, Lion Pat Syvertsen, Lion Toni Dickerson and Barbara Christensen. DG Jim recognized and appreciated the Modesto Lions Club for sponsoring breakfast. District Governor Jim then shared his vision for our district with attendees and indicated his goal of an increase in membership growth to 2,600 members by the end of his term. At 9:30 AM, DG Jim excused attendees to the breakout sessions preceded by a short 15 minute break.

### **Breakout Sessions:**

**9:45 AM Training Sessions:** were held: Top Club, Camp Pacifica, Medic Alert, Parker's Prom, GMT, All-Star Football, Eye Mobile, Lions in Sight, Lions Project for Canine Companions, LCIF, Lions Eye Foundation, and Club/District/MD-4 and LCI Websites were well attended.

**10:45 AM Training Sessions** were held: GLT, Club Secretary I, Lions Quest, Peace Poster, President/Vice President, Orientation, and Lions E-mail/Social Media were well attended.

**11:45 AM Training Sessions** were held: CEP, Club Secretary II, Leos, Youth Exchange, Flag Day, City of Hope, Relay for Life, Wounded Warrior, Kases for Kids, Scrapbook and White Cane were also well attended.

**Working Luncheon:** 12:30 PM was hosted by the Modesto 500 Lions Club. Breakout Session Feedback Surveys were distributed, completed by attendees, and collected.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 PM Reports and Comments were made:

- DG Jim thanked DG Bob Ferber and Lion Lois for visiting our District on short notice. He gave him a certificate of appreciation and will make a donation in his name to Student Speaker Foundation. Governor Bob Ferber thanked everyone for their hospitality and enjoyed viewing many of the breakout sessions. They had to leave early due to another commitment.
- Finance Report – PDG Felix Romo, who also promoted upcoming District Fundraiser: Raiders Football Game; it was also reported that the district is considering bidding on the MD-4 Convention to be held in 2016.
- Constitution and By-Laws—PDG Dennis Noble indicated that a committee will be formed to conduct a clean-up of language in the Constitution and By-Laws and to bring our District in line with changes made at LCI and MD4. The Committee will also research and prepare a constitutional amendment to amend, modify and clarify the issue of “District Projects” now contained in Constitution Article IX. The Committee has started its review and will have a draft amendment for the finance committee’s review and submission to the district governor and his cabinet prior to the next district meeting in November.
- All-Star Football – Lion Elizabeth Gibbs Olson reported that this year’s game did very well and with the venue change to Modesto Junior College, we are saving money on the cost of the venue. She reported that this year’s game will be June 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>, and that the Banquet will be at the Italian Athletic Club on either April 13<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Night at the Nuts – Lion Jill Loving promoted the BBQ, game and fireworks on Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup> with all net proceeds going to Camp Pacifica.
- MedicAlert Children’s Program – Terry Anderson reported that there are 20 active Lions Clubs and one LEO Club participating in the Childrens Program, indicated their goal of increasing this number to 40 active clubs. He also promoted the upcoming MedicAlert Health Fair which will be held on September 29, 2012 at 2323 Colorado in Turlock. This will be a fundraiser with all proceeds going to the Lions MedicAlert Children’s Program.
- LIS/LCIF/LPCCI—LIS: PDG Don Allen reported that we collected 5,000 pairs of glasses at the district meeting which he will transport to Vallejo. He takes 12,000 pairs per trip. LCIF: He reported on the One Shot, One Life: Measles Initiative, reiterating the goal to save 157 million children by providing a measles shot. At the end of June, 2012, LCIF was ½ way to our goal of raising \$10 Million dollars. Melvin Jones Fellowships make up 75% of the donations to LCIF. PDG Don encourages clubs to consider honoring deserving Members with a Melvin Jones Fellow. He and the LCIF Region Chairs would be happy to present a program at all 4-A1 clubs. LPCCI: Janel is 7 mos. old now. Her goal is to join the 262 dogs placed with a person with a disability last year by CCI. The next graduation is Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Considering running for District Governor? DG Jim Syvertsen and PDG Don Allen reminded everyone that there will be an interest meeting on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, at a location TBA, for anyone interested in becoming a District Governor in the near future, and/or as part of their 5-year or 10-year plan.

**Presentations:** IPDG Dave McCullough presented checks to DG Jim Syvertsen for \$300 to VIPS (Visually Impaired Persons Support Center and to Camp Pacifica from a grant received in an amount over \$28,000. and to MedicAlert for \$500. DG Jim presented a Certificate of Appreciation for attendance at our District Meeting/Installation of Officers to visiting PID Bob Smith and awarded a LPCCI Abdul award. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tom presented 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Mary Jane Bodnar L5 a Certificate of Appreciation for attending our District meeting and made a

donation to Loma Linda Eye Foundation. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kent presented Certificate of Appreciation to 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Erv Gon C5 and a donation to LPCCI.

**Raffle:** was conducted by Yosemite Region Chair Dwight Stephens and Stanislaus Region Chair Ray Hammersley.

**Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald House** – Pull tabs collected at this district meeting will be transported by members of Chair Bob Garibay's Club for delivery to Chairman Bob Garibay.

**Closing Remarks:** DG Jim thanked the Modesto Lions for breakfast and the Modesto 500 Lions for their work in putting on the luncheon. He reminded everyone of his theme and encouraged everyone to go forward and work toward our goals of positive communication, building awareness and increasing our membership.

**Adjournment: 2:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeanine D. Tucker*  
Cabinet Secretary