

# “EMBRACE LIONISM THRU THE EYES OF A CHILD!”

Official Newsletter of District 4-A1      Volume 1, Issue 1  
**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL**      July 2008

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.”

## *The Wonderful World of Oz:*

### **STANISLAUS REGION DISTRICT MEETING**

August 15 Installation of Cabinet Officers  
American Legion Hall, 2609 Lawrence St, Ceres  
6 PM Social Hour; 6:45 PM Dinner; 8 PM Installation;  
Cost \$18/person - Dinner by Ceres Lions

ACCOMODATIONS: Microtel Inn and Suites, 1760  
Herndon Rd, Ceres Phone (209)538-6466  
Double-queen/night \$69.71; Suite/night \$75.00

### *Follow the Yellow Brick Road*

7-7:30 AM Eye openers @ DG Pat’s Suite Microtel  
Sinclear Elementary School, 1211 Hackett Rd, Ceres  
7:30 – 8 AM Cabinet Meeting

8 AM Registration/Breakfast by Modesto 500

8 – 8:30 AM Finance Committee Meeting

8:30 AM General Meeting (agenda to follow)

12 Noon lunch by Scott’s Sub Company  
1:30 PM closing remarks.

Cost: Registration \$10 & Lunch \$7.

**TWO RAFFLE PRIZES/CLUB PLEASE!**

**QUESTIONS/RESERVATIONS:**

RC Dave McCullough (209) 538-2233

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### **International President Al Brandel:**

***His theme is “Miracles through Service” and he celebrates the individual Lion as an “Everyday Hero” through service in his/her community. Let’s make a commitment to community projects rather than just writing checks. •***

## **ROAR FROM YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

***PAT CASEY-GILLUM:***  
**GREETINGS LIONS OF DISTRICT 4-A1, THE BEST DISTRICT IN MD-4**



As your District Governor, I want to begin my year by thanking you for all that you have done in the name of Lions. We are the largest service organization in the world and the New York Times research determined that we are the number one non-profit organization with which to partner! **AWESOME!**

### **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - BANGKOK, THAILAND**

I attended the District Governor training with 750 District Governors and the Lions International Convention along with 12,000 Lions from around the world. We were introduced to our new International President, Al Brandel. His theme is “Miracles through Service” and celebrates the individual Lion as an “Everyday Hero” through service in his/her community. He encouraged us to recommit to community projects rather than writing checks so other organizations can take credit.

Our training was in Pattaya, a wonderful beach resort and the convention was in Bangkok. We had 8 hours of training a day and were free in the evenings to socialize and experience the tastes, the sights, and the people of this beautiful country. The Convention was magnificent – from the flag ceremony, to the guest speakers, to the food, to the exhibits, to the Thai people and the entertainment. We never wanted for anything and the Thai people are truly from the “land of the smiles”. I hope each and every one of you is able to attend an international convention sometime in your life as a Lion.

### **TRIPLE STAR AWARD**

I plan to showcase the Lions of our district and the good they do for our communities in awarding “The Triple Star” award. In “Embracing Lionism thru the Eyes of a Child” *Continued page 2*

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I remember how much I wanted that “gold star” on my work as a student. So, my fellow Lions, please let me know who you think deserves this award for their community dedication, and I will see to it they get the award.

**LIONS OF DISTRICT 4-A1 MEETING**

I hope you plan on attending our Lions of District 4-A1 Meetings. I promise a fun-filled, exciting, and new format for our meetings. Come socialize, learn, and share your successes. The theme for the first meeting is “The Wizard of Oz”.

Thanks again for all you do for Lionism and remember to *Embrace Lionism thru the Eyes of a Child.*●



**Care and Feeding of Members  
by PDG Don Allen**

I just recently refurbished my backyard with a new little fountain, new walks and mow strips, and all new plants. Patty and I arrived home from the much richer nursery with our new plants, lots of planting mix and a special fertilizer. We, well Patty did the supervising, started digging big holes and setting the plants so they had the best chance to grow up and be healthy and happy. The irrigation system was all laid out, all I had to do is put the emitters in the ground around the plants. While I was digging, my mind wandered and I got to thinking about Lions club members and how very much they are like these plants.

My plants are an asset, I am proud of them and I was giving them every advantage so they would be happy plants and prosper. In years to come, they will provide much beauty to my backyard and bring those who see them much joy. Club members are an asset to the club and the community. If they are fed and watered properly, they will be life-long members and the community will benefit greatly. *Continue page 3*



**NEWS FROM THE  
VICE DISTRICT  
GOVERNOR:  
FRANCIS BOGNUDA**

**Fellow Lions:**

Norma and I would like to thank all of you who attended this year’s District convention in Lake Tahoe. You helped make it a success. Since then we have been doing a lot of traveling in the district. In early June, we went to the Council of Governors meeting in Visalia. Our District is in good shape this year with the LEADERSHIP of Governor Pat Casey-Gillum.

As your new VDG, I am in charge of MERLO. “Membership, Growth and Retention” are vital in order for us to keep our District Membership records increasing this year. I have seen many proud new members, some in which I have inducted into numerous clubs. Some have taken an Office in the club and others have taken up chairmanship of a project. These proud LIONS are having fun in their clubs. Let’s not stop there! They now need to go to the next step, which is to bring in a NEW MEMBER. The sponsor should make sure that their member stays active. Let us remember our supporting goals and objectives in upholding our motto, “WE SERVE”. Come to the MERLO meeting at Perkos: 901 Carpenter Rd, Modesto. Call me for time and date, and to attain knowledge and support from your District MERLO Committee.

Have fun this year belonging to the largest Service Organization and Continue the growth of YOUR CLUB and the District. Until the next issue, “WE SERVE”.●



**LIONS DAY AT THE RACES:** *Sunday, Sep 14 @ San Joaquin County Fairgrounds. Gates open 11 AM and 1<sup>st</sup> race is 12:45 PM. We have free tickets and parking is free. Come represent Lions, the best kept secret in our communities. Please wear Lions' garb: your vests, jackets, shirts or whatever. We are trying to get our faces and organization out in the community. Plus we can have some fun while we are at it.*  
*Please RSVP to RC Roy Patterson (209) 835-1602 by Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> or email [rpatterson1236@att.net](mailto:rpatterson1236@att.net)●*

**Care and Feeding** *Continued from page 2*

So how do you do that? Take a hard look at your club or use the “How are your ratings?” questionnaire available at LCI or call me and I will get you a copy. Are your meetings interesting, do they start and end on time? Is politics within you club held to a minimum? Do people freely mingle and sit with each other? Does your club have service projects that involve many people? Are different members in charge of projects? If the answers to most of these are positive, then your club should be doing well.

Visit other clubs and you will observe that a busy club is a happy club. Members are being fed the joy of doing service for the community and with that comes the satisfaction of giving and a job well done. Members feel their time is being used wisely because meetings are organized and interesting. All members should feel their comments and suggestions about the club are welcome and listened to.

If your club has a concern about retaining members, please contact me or VDG Francis and we will be glad to work with your club. Last year we added 211 members which is wonderful, however, we lost 238, not counting losing Merced Host as a club. Let’s all work hard to keep all those assets we have, keep them happy and fed. By the way, there will be a class on retention at the November District Meeting. ●

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***SPEAKING OF NEW MEMBERS: WELCOME!***  
 April – June 2008

<b>Argonaut Breakfast</b>	<b>Sponsors</b>
Trevor Mottishaw	Thom Wilkinson
Dale Woodard	Tom Wing

<b>Arnold</b>	
Martin Hale	Barbara Hale
Gerda Schmitt	Barbara Guevara
Joseph Schmitt	Barbara Guevara
William Votaw	Martha Votaw

<b>Ceres</b>	
Chris Kinney	Harry Herbert
Joe Borba	Greg Scudder
John Zensen	Shawn Ulrich

<b>Clements Lockeford</b>	
John Barbuscia	Anthony Medeiros
Dana Buck	Manuel Arevalo Jr
Jordi Domenech	Manuel Arevalo Jr
Marago Gomez	Fernando Gomez
Donnie Guptill	Steve Granlees
Casey Haynes	Kevin Young
Garv Reiff	Anthony Medeiros

<b>Chowchilla</b>	<b>Sponsors</b>
Larry Gideon Jr.	Ralph Smith

<b>Copperopolis Lake Tulloch</b>	
Bonnie Kappler	Alan De Mott
Bobbie Richey	Bill Albee
George Richey	Bill Albee

<b>Escalon</b>	
Glen Andrew	John Salvin
Alan McNamee	John Salvin

<b>Jackson</b>	
Paul Kambur	Robert Zwieg
James Legoullon	David Pincus
Walter Carter	Arthur Harris
Robert Frick	Robert Zwieg

<b>Lake Don Pedro Gold Chain</b>	
Michael Cummings	Donald Dare
Shelley Cummings	Charlene Dare

<b>Lodi</b>	
Trenton Diehl	Corey Daniel

<b>Madera Breakfast</b>	
Ronnie Lopez	Tom Shepard
David Tinkle	William Jones

<b>Mariposa</b>	
Dorothy Nielson	Tom Kinard

<b>Merced Golden</b>	
Enrique Guzman	James Weaver

<b>Modesto 500</b>	
Justin Diener	Pat Gillum

<b>Mokelumne Hill</b>	
Rosemary Wilson	Domenico Nuccio

<b>Murphys Angels</b>	
Ronald Clark	James Fraguero
James McCutchan	Lloyd Rivers
Randy Preston	Gary Milliken
Kevin Jones	Jeff St Louis

<b>North Fork</b>	
Harold Hardy	Merrill Cheney

<b>Oakdale</b>	
Steven Perry	Steven Knickerbocker
Aaron Stout	John Titus

<b>Sonora</b>		<i>Continued</i>
Marlene Hendrick	Pat Greene	<i>page 4</i>

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## TOP CLUB

By Lion Debbi Hopman

As Top Club Chairperson for the second year, I would like to clarify how points are awarded. Top Club Contest rules are located in your 2008-2009 District Directory. Each District Governor makes minor changes to the Top Club contest, so it is important that secretaries carefully review the contest rules. Every attempt is made to consistently award points to clubs based upon the rules. How is this done? By the end of each month, club secretaries send their activity reports to the Top Club Chairperson to interpret these reports and **consistently** award points. As a courtesy, I always respond to the club secretary via email so that they know that I have received and read their reports each month. In addition, if I need any clarification regarding their report, I contact the secretary directly.

For example, a club may state that they hosted a program at a regular meeting. If the program is a District 4-A1, Multiple District-4 and/or International Endorsed Activity Program, points are awarded. Clubs may report sponsoring a project. Again, the project must be a District 4-A1, MD 4 and/or LCI Endorsed Activity project to receive points.

As Top Club Chairperson last year and again, this year, I have had the opportunity to review many different ways that secretaries report their club activities. Please be assured that I interpret all secretaries' reports and consistently award points according to our published rules. During secretary training, PDG Don Allen and I have emphasized and encouraged ALL clubs to report activities **without** points. I have distributed samples of reports that I have received. It should not be assumed that everything that is reported earns points. It is the Top club Chairperson's responsibility to award points according to the contest rules.

To date, I have received April, May and June reports from the following clubs:

**Division A** – Delta, Garrotte, Greater Modesto, Mariposa Golden Oak, San Andreas 49ers, Stockton San Joaquin, Tracy Tank Town, and West Point.

**Division B** – Atwater Winton, Clements Lockeford, Dos Palos, Lake Don Pedro Gold Chain, Madera Evening, Merced Breakfast, Modesto, Mokelumne Hill, Ripon and Sonora.

**Division C** – Arnold, Escalon, Jackson, Madera Breakfast, Modesto 500, Oakdale, Tracy Breakfast, and Turlock.

If you do not see your club name listed above, it means that I am either missing reports or have not received any reports. Please contact me, Lion Debbi Hopman, at email [bdhopman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdhopman@sbcglobal.net) or call me at (209)835-8613. (1436 Audrey Dr, Tracy, 95376)

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is in response to a club's concerns that after reviewing other club M & A's that certain clubs are not playing by the "rules". I hope this clarifies any misconceptions there are about the whole top club competition. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Lion Debbi at above.●

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## New Members continued from page 3

### Stockton Host

Greg Feather  
Richard Pimental  
Johathan Quinn  
Roger Slingerman

### Sponsors

Steven Henshaw  
Steven Richmond  
Steven Henshaw  
Steven Henshaw

### Tracy Breakfast

Jack Wood

Eugene Birk

### Turlock

Edward McNeff  
Bill Threet

Donald Nordell  
Donald Nordell

### Turlock 12:10

Larry Martin  
Bernadette Silva

Terry Anderson  
Terry Anderson

### Waterford

Clifford Woody  
Shelley Woody

Keith Self  
Keith Self●

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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITATIONS:

7/22 Merced Golden  
7/23 Modesto  
8/5 Modesto Breakfast\*  
8/7 Yosemite\*  
8/12 Stockton Host  
8/13 Lodi  
8/13 Stockton Pacifica  
8/14 Merced Breakfast  
8/18 Dos Palos\*  
8/26 San Andreas 49er  
8/27 Sonora  
8/28 Sonora Mountain  
9/4 Madera Breakfast  
9/9 Bass Lake\*  
9/9 Chowchilla Lioness\*  
9/10 Copperopolis Lake  
Tulloch\*  
9/11 Modesto 500  
9/16 Argonaut Breakfast\*  
9/24 South Stockton\*  
9/25 Tri Dams  
9/25 Turlock 12:10



**\*TO BE CONFIRMED**

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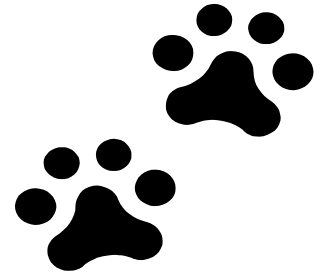
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### Visitations *continued from page 4*

9/30 Jackson\*  
10/1 Hilmar Irwin Stevenson\*  
10/2 Ripon\*  
10/7 West Point  
10/8 Ceres  
10/9 Murphys Angels  
10/13 Lake Don Pedro Gold Chain  
10/14 Atwater Winton  
10/15 Mokelumne Hill  
10/16 Chowchilla\*  
10/21 Clements Lockeford  
10/22 Patterson\*  
10/23 Manteca\*  
10/30 Tracy Breakfast  
11/3 Denair  
11/4 Waterford  
11/5 Stockton San Joaquin.  
11/6 Turlock\*  
11/11 Linden  
11/12 Madera Evening  
11/13 Oakdale  
11/17 Stockton Fil Am\*  
11/18 Greater Modesto  
11/19 Livingston\*  
11/20 Delhi Ballico\* ●



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*To be continued  
next issue.*

### IN MEMORIAM:

*Let us take a moment to remember the Lions in our district who have gone onto the great jungle. We truly miss their friendship and the many contributions they have made to our clubs. (April – June 2008)*

**Arnold**  
Sidney Smith

**Linden**  
William Dollard



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## PEACE POSTER CONTEST:

Lions clubs are encouraged to reach out to schools or organized youth groups to sponsor the 2008-2009 Lions International Peace Poster Contest, "Peace Begins with Me." A kit (available from Club Supplies through October 1) is needed for each contest sponsored by a club. Learn more about the contest, and view the 2007-08 grand prize and merit award posters online. For district contact: Lion Kay McAtee at (209) 358-0044.●

## MIRACLES THROUGH SERVICE – 2008-2009 INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM:

You can watch the International Program video, "Everyday Heroes," online. The video brings to life this year's International President Al Brandel's program "Miracles Through Service," illustrating the everyday acts of Lions that make them everyday heroes. This inspiring video is an excellent resource to share with your club members. The DVD is available to purchase from Club Supplies. For additional information, read the written program which is also on the LCI website and is printed in the August issue of The Lion.●

## New Resources for Membership Growth and Retention:

Two new resources are available to assist clubs in membership growth and retention:

1. The **Former Member Satisfaction Survey** (FMSS) encourages clubs to complete a questionnaire with every exiting club member in hopes of preventing future membership loss.
2. **30 Marketing Ideas** provides tips to help spread good news about your club, including developing a different invitation and club promotion strategy for every month.●

## TWO NEW CLUB PROGRAMS:

Two new hands-on club programs have been introduced to fulfill the association's commitment to the environment and encourage beautification of the community:

1. **Lions Green Team** – Organize a high-visibility environmental project, such as a community clean-up, tree planting or recycling effort.
2. **Lions Crew at Work** – Invite Lions and non-Lions to help clean, paint or repair a local facility such as a community center, shelter, camp, playground or nature trail.

Wear your favorite Lions gear and invite the community to join your club's efforts. Post a Lions sign or banner to inform the community while you work and contact your local media.●

**ALL CLUBS:** Please note that the above articles are in the August Lions Newswire found on the LCI website. If you have not seen this form of newsletter, I strongly recommend you check it out. And, if you have never been to the LCI website, you really need to find out what information it provides.  
*Editor*●

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that a lone amateur built the Ark. A large group of professionals built the Titanic.



## "Happinens" at Camp by PDG Don Allen

It never ceases to amaze me, how wonderfully responsive Lions can be when called upon. I want to thank Lion Kent Christensen for responding to my last minute call to organize Lions to take campers from the Merced airport to camp when the fire in Mariposa closed that airport Saturday night before the Sunday flights. And I want to thank Lion Kay McAtee for arranging for the bus to take the campers back to the Merced airport. Thanks, also to Lion Colett Goga for finding a replacement horse-riding instructor at the last moment. And, thanks to PDG Norman Clark and Helen we had 6 horses this year. And then there is Lion Sue Carner who found a nurse for camp, after receiving a last minute call from Lion Brower, and brought her up to camp. I also want to thank all the clubs that cooked for the campers, and many thanks to Lion Willie Hughes for arranging the schedule. We ate like kings and queens. Although camp was only one week we did have 80 plus campers, 14 CILTS, and a staff of 20 or so and it was a good week. A portable ropes course was new this year. Oops, I'm out of room!●

## IT'S OFFICIAL! IPDG JIM LOVING REMOVES THE TAPE ON PAT'S DG BADGE IN BANGKOK.

Provided by PDG Bob Ransom



## Region News:

### ●Stanislaus

**Modesto Lions** are busy working on their community project – a new playground for the Virginia Corridor. This is an area that was RxR tracks which have been removed and now is being built with city and various organizations' help as a bike and walking path. The club has built 2 of the 4 phases in cooperation with community volunteers and other Lions. *(When I have a little more room, I will publish one of the pictures. Editor)*

**Greater Modesto Lions'** PDG Pat Dimond has been appointed to the International Global Membership Team! Congratulations! This will involve lots of traveling with Brower of course. *(I'm trying to persuade her that she needs a luggage carrier! Editor)*

**Ceres Lions** are busy cleaning up their community and providing new garbage cans. They also just finished the parking concession at the Stanislaus County Fair.

**Modesto 500 Lions** just finished their stint at the Fair also, manning the food booth in the Arena with the help of **Turlock 12:10 Lions**. Congratulations to Lions Jerry Cooper and Paul Forakis on their Melvin Jones Awards.

**Turlock Lions** were also visible at the Fair with 2 nights of Destruction Derby. *(Would be nice to get a bulletin or a copy of your activities report. Ed)*

### ●Mountain

**West Point Lions** are busy doing service hours and contributing money to their community.

**Up Country 88 Lions** are busy providing for the elderly in their community.

**Garrotte Lions** sponsored a client for a hearing aid and donated to a local 4-H group.

**Sonora Lions** continue to do weekly meals on wheels and contributed money to a Girl Scout Troop.

**Arnold Lions** continue to make toys for needy families. They also had their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July breakfast and did a community park clean up. Donations include a scholarship, the park and Camp Pacifica.

### ●San Joaquin

**Tracy Tank Town Lions** are planning to open a brand new concession stand at West High School.

**Lodi Mexican American Lions** contributed funds to 2 families for funeral expenses and food where members drowned in an auto accident.

**South Stockton Lions** are busily supporting their vice district governor as necessary and working on their annual golf tournament. Watch for their web page in August.

**Delta Lions** hosted a student from Finland for one week. They continue to provide hospital volunteers and doing crocheting and knitting for a community project.

**Lodi Lions** report that they "induced" 2 new Lions to the club (now 70). *(I thought you only did that when someone was in labor! Sorry I could not resist. Editor)* Congratulations to Lion Ron Slate on his Melvin Jones Award.

### ●Yosemite

**Madera Breakfast Lions** contributed to new eyeglasses and a scholarship. Members also worked as bartenders and then

preparing/serving breakfast at the Firemen's Muster.

**Sierra (Oakhurst) Lions** brought in 6 new members! They also had a Rib Fest fundraiser and their monthly Bingo. They are planning a Halloween Event at Camp Pacifica.

**Madera Evening Lions** reported a substantial contribution to the South Madera High Band Boosters.

**Merced Breakfast Lions** sold fireworks as a fundraiser. They also awarded 10 \$500 scholarships! They continue to do highway cleanup. Also busy cooking for the local homeless shelter x 1 meal and 1 meal for Camp Pacifica.

**Delhi Ballico Lions** held their annual Pig in the Park with proceeds going to Camp Pacifica. *(For those of you who did not attend, you missed a great feast even though it felt like 150 degrees! Editor)* ●



*Editorial "Thoughts":*

**I'M BACK!** Are you ready ready for me? You will get get to watch this news-letter mature as I learn the publishing system for Windows 2007. One of the

first things I learned is how to make this compatible with whatever year of program you have. I am also taking classes at MJC to learn to use the systems. There will not be any newspaper type newsletters to all members. This 1st edition will be emailed to the cabinet, MD4 DGs, and our PDGs (who have email). Hard copies will go to PDGs without email, and every club president and secretary. There will also be hard copies at the district meeting. **ALL CLUBS PLEASE SHARE THESE HARD COPIES WITH YOUR MEMBERS. IF YOU ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET AN EMAILED COPY YOU ARE WELCOME TO SHARE THAT WITH YOUR CLUB ALSO.** As we get our systems set up, we will start emailing to those members who have email addresses, so secretaries please make sure your members' email addresses are up to date.

Also, if you would like to see your club news published or fundraisers on the calendar, please start sending me this information:

1136 Cecil Way, Modesto, CA 95350 or

[s.carner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.carner@sbcglobal.net) Thank you in advance.

This can be your club newsletter &/or your activities report.

Sorry to report that PDG Howard Abrams finally had to have his right leg amputated below the knee. He is in rehab at CA Pacific Medical Center, 3698 California St, San Francisco 94118-1702. I'm sure he would appreciate hearing from the Lions of 4-A1! YES he is feeling MUCH better.

All for now. Please let me know if you have any difficulties with the new format. Lion Sue Carner

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## LIONS ALL STAR FOOTBALL:

### “North rises again”

“The rosters may change every year, but the members of the North team in . . . the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Club High School Football Classic knew all about the game’s history. . .

The North controlled the flow early, then had to hold on for a 27-21 victory in front of 2,500 Saturday night (June 21) at the University of Pacific’s Spanos Stadium.

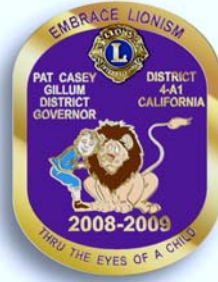
Edison of Stockton receiver Trumaine Johnson was the Most Valuable Player after catching eight passes for 121 yards and two touchdowns. He also picked off a pass.

...Tracy quarterback Justin Evans. . .(138 yards passing, 36 yards rushing) was named the offensive MVP.

. . .For the sixth year in a row, the North took home the victory. And both sides took home loads of memories.

“The kids left it all out there. I’m very happy with how they played,” Sever said. (Beyer’s Doug Severe, who coached the South) “This week has just been a pleasure.”

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## District 4-A1 Calendar 2008

### August

- 1 – 3 **Council of Governors Meeting**, Costa Mesa
- 9 **Lions Night at the Modesto Nuts**, BBQ at 5 PM and game vs. Bakersfield at 7 PM, also fireworks, if your club did not get tickets, contact PDG Bob Tognetti (209) 523-9403 Price \$10.00; fundraiser for Camp Pacifica
- 15 – 16 **District Meeting** with Installation of Officers on the 15<sup>th</sup> and meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> – see ad
- 21 **Merced Breakfast Night Meeting** 6 PM Social, 7 PM Dinner; Come cast your vote for 1 of 3 parties! Lake Yosemite, Merced. Info/reservations Lion Allen Sietsema (209) 613-1676
- 30 **4<sup>th</sup> Annual VIPs (Visually Impaired Persons) Gala** – Hawaii Luau, Howard Training Center, \$60 plus chance to win Hawaii vacation for 2; Contact ZC Jim Syvertsen (209) 985-2475

### September

- 18 – 20 **USA/CANADA FORUM** (Leadership) Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada; for more information, contact DG Pat or pull up web site. Still time to apply.

### October

- Leo Membership Growth Month**
- 1 Deadline to order **Peace Poster Contest** kits
- 4 – 5 **White Cane Days**
- 9 **Lions World Sight Day**
- 24 – 26 **Council of Governors Meeting**, San Diego

### November

- LCIF Contributing Member Month**
- Diabetes Awareness Month**
- 7 – 8 **District Meeting – Yosemite Region**
- 9 – 21 **LCIF 2008 Cruise**
- 15 **Deadline for Peace Poster Contest** winner to local District Governor
- 30 **Deadline for Family Membership Certification** Forms