

“EMBRACE LIONISM THRU THE EYES OF A CHILD!”

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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.”

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FROM YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Pat Casey-Gillum:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As I visited the ocean recently and walked on the beach, I became acutely aware of the constant flow of nature. The waves came to the shore, the seagulls flew overhead, and the fog created a feeling of serenity. Everything was in sync. It was truly magical.

Our Lions Clubs have their magical moments as well. As we enter into the holiday season, we create beautiful memories and bright stars of light and hope in the everyday lives of those we help. Whether it is a holiday dinner for the needy, a Christmas party for the children, or a party for the seniors, we are there **TO SERVE**.

Lions provide the balance of nature in our daily lives. This is the gift of Lions. We find a need, envision a solution and brighten the lives of those we serve. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to make this place we call earth better every day for those less fortunate than ourselves. I send you the warmest wishes for a merry holiday season and Happy New Year. •

WELCOME: NEW MEMBERS!

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2008

<u>Club/Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Arnold	
Debi Lamb	Sharon Sylvester
Jacqueline Gutierrez	Sandra Ware
Roderick Smith	Tom Toevs
Vaughn Smith	Tom Toevs
Atwater Winton	
Martha Jantzen	Kay McAtee
Ceres	
Bret Durossette	Ken Lane
Mark Joiner	Ken Lane
Chowchilla	
Dena Dougherty	Lula Smith
Clements Lockeford	
Paul Gomes	William Hall
Copperopolis Lake Tulloch	
Jeanette Daniel	Alan De Mott
Crows Landing	
Ray Villarreal	Jaime Miranda
Jackson	
Barry Clark	Ralph Clark
Stephen Phillips	Lee De Lange
Scott Rogalski	John Ambrose
Michael Laney	Thomas Blackman
Lake Don Pedro Gold Chain	
Lola Zachary	Gail Jenkins
Le Grand	
Jim Tesone	Robert Glasgow
Lodi Mexican American	
Gary Benincasa	Dave Sanchez
Stephen Edwards	Antonio Morales Sr.
Joe Galvan	Hector Galvan
Patricia Galvan	Hector Galvan
Michael Sauseda	Nick Sauseda Sr.
Grace Ortega	Robert Ortega
Merced Breakfast	
Maria Azevedo	Barry Peiffer
Ryan Jones	Ray Wenham
Modesto	
William Lapcevic	Robert Stevens
Melanie Smith	Steven Carter
Oakdale	
Gary Autrey	Erwin Schali
Steven Pester	Larry Huggins
Patterson	
Gary Calcote	Everette Adelman
Paul Friedrich	Bryan Bingham

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NEWS FROM THE VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Francis Bognuda:

Hi All! Hope you had a great Thanksgiving. These notes are coming to you from your VDG who seems

to be able to forget to introduce his wife at meetings throughout the District. I would like to thank all of you for the great hospitality that we have received on our visits.

The MERLO team will be visiting Lodi Noon Lions on January 14, 2009 and Fil Am Lions on January 19, 2009. The team has been working hard to help out clubs with new types of programs to promote recruiting new members and retaining the present ones.

On January 24, 2009 there will be a Leadership meeting in our district. Time and place will be sent out soon. I hope that many of you will attend.

Those of you who were at the last District Meeting at Camp Pacifica and Oakhurst know what a fantastic job RC Diane Peterson and the Yosemite Region Clubs did. If you were not there you missed our DG as a witch and me as the great pumpkin. You also missed Ms. Pat as a "Belly Dancer"! My guest VDG Judy was very impressed with the meeting and got a lot of good ideas for her own District next year.

On Jan 17-19, 2009 there will be a Leadership Institute at Harris Ranch (*see article from PDG Pat Dimond. Ed*) There is still room available. For more information contact PDG Pat Dimond.

ZC Ron Raines put on a very informative workshop November 22 at Le Grand on how to do a club website. Le Grand Lions put on a great free lunch for us. If you were unable to attend, he plans to hold another one in March 2009.

The MD4 Convention is going to be held in Fresno February 12-15, 2009. Lots of fun and activities are planned. Hope to see you there.

And yes, February is also our next district meeting with the theme of Birthday Party planned. There will be some big surprises.

Now on a more serious note, I still have some positions on committees available for next year. Here is your chance to help make a difference and show your "Commitment to Serve".

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due by 20th of odd
months. Thank you.

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I would like you to remember that all your hard work equals "Happiness to all the people you touch". Until next time, have fun and enjoy the projects that your club does for your community. Also, have a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a safe **NEW YEAR!** ● Lion Francis

FROM YOUR TOP CLUB CHAIR:

By the time you read this article, club secretaries will have submitted eight months of activity reports for the Top Club Contest. It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the contest! Secretaries who are not using the International website to submit reports are reminded that you should also enter report information to LCI. This is **NOT** a requirement of the contest, however, the data is compiled, and we do want International to know about District 4-A1 Lions clubs, their contributions and activities. Remember that the "Activities Highlight" section is where you can detail your activities, monetary contributions, fundraisers, visitations, etc. If you have not had the opportunity to enter your club activities to date and would like some help, give me a call at (209) 835-8613. ●

In Lionism,
Debbi Hopman
Top Club Chair

New Members *continued from page 2*

<u>Club/Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Ripon Aaron Stewart	Wilfred Williams
Sierra Grady Bryant Rick Markley	Colette Goga Wayanne Markley
Sonora Jamie Peterson	Lisa Melville
Sonora Mountain Diego Martinez	Not Available
Stockton Host Brian Stocker Mona Ramirez	Blair Hake Chris Hake
Tracy Breakfast Robert Elliott Robert Festich	Ken Yasui Louie Galli
Waterford Ricki Conder Cody Frenette George Worsley	David Rose Michael Vanwinkle Jerry Henderson
West Point Sandra Krewski	Victoria Snead-Hinkel●

Happy Birthday Party

San Joaquin Region District Meeting

SSSSSS

- **Date: February 27 – 28, 2009**
- **Place: Escalon Community Center
1955 Escalon Ave, Escalon**
- **Theme: ?? It's a Birthday of course!**
- **Friday Night: BBQ Steak Dinner with
all the trimmings, games, fun**
- **Saturday: Eye Openers, games, fun,
breakfast, lunch, Birthday District Mtg.**

- **Invitation: To be in mail by end of
December with agenda and cost**

- **Overnight stay: La Quinta Inn
1524 Colony Rd (99 at Jack Tone Rd)
Ripon, phone 209-599-8999
Rooms: \$75 and \$86
Deadline 2/13; "Lions Club District 4A1"**
- **Questions? RC Roy Patterson
209-835-1602 or rmpatterson1236@att.net**

From District 4-A1

Medic Alert

By PDG Harry Carlson

The Turlock 12:10 Lions Club is issuing an open invitation to enjoy breakfast with us at any of our scheduled meetings, followed by a VIP tour of the Medic Alert Facility in Turlock.

Medic Alert is launching the **NO CHILD WITHOUT** Program this year. Under this program, school children, in need, would be provided with a prepaid ten year membership to Medic Alert at no cost to the child. This program is already working well in Canada under the auspices of the Lions clubs of Canada. The intent is to involve the Lions clubs of the United States, beginning with **our district**, to assist in this program for our local children. Much more information will be disseminated at the next District Meeting.

The 12:10 Lions Club meets at 6:45 AM on 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at Perko's Restaurant, at the corner of Monte Vista and Geer Roads, immediately opposite Cal State Stanislaus. Please contact President Terry Anderson to make a reservation at phones (B) (209) 632-8883 or (H) (209) 634-0203. •

36th Lions All Star Football Game:

By Lion Elizabeth Gibbs Olson, Chairperson

- The game date is June 20, 2009 at UOP (University of the Pacific) in Stockton, Calif. at 7 PM.
- Players Press Banquet will be March 28, 2009 at the Martin G. Petersen Event Center, 720 12th St, Modesto, Calif. at 7 PM with the price of \$25.00 per person.

This game is being dedicated to **Lion Frank Cucco** of Linden Lions for his continued support and ongoing photographic endeavors for this district and our football game.

Please contact me regarding any questions for help with the football game at (209) 662-2747 or visit our website at www.lionsallstarfootball.com

Thank you for your continued help and support.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Lion Elizabeth Gibbs Olson, Chairperson
Lions All Star Football •

District Governor Visitations:

12/3 Livingston
12/4 Turlock
12/10 North Fork
12/16 Mariposa
12/18 Lodi Mexican American
1/7/09 Sierra
1/8 Tracy Tank Town
1/13 Mariposa Golden Oak
1/15 Crows Landing
1/20 Stockton Delta
1/22 Gustine
2/3 Los Banos
2/4 Garrotte
2/12 Chowchilla
2/17 San Andreas
2/18 Le Grand
??? Copperopolis Lake Tulloch
??? Manteca •

WANTED: 2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Did you know that we will be voting at our Convention to conform our bylaws to LCI by creating the position of 2nd Vice District Governor? The criteria are the same as the present Vice District governor. The 2nd VDG will go on to become the VDG and then DG. This change will allow for more time for training as an effective Lion Leader. It is a change to be sure, but let's embrace it as we move to expand the face of Lionism in our District. • DG Pat

“All that Jazz”
90th Annual MD-4 Convention 2009
February 13 - 15, 2009

Headquarters Hotel: Fresno Radisson Hotel (559) 268-1000
2233 Ventura St, Fresno across from Convention Center (\$109)
OR Holiday Inn, 1055 Van Ness Ave (\$95)
2 blocks from HQ Hotel (559) 233-6650

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Friday, February 13:**
 - **Golf Tournament** • **Welcome Luncheon** • **ID Bob Smith Reception**
 - **Seminars** • **Open Forum**
 - **Diamonds & Denim Dance & Costume Contest with “Cadillac Cowboys”**
Costume contest for cash prizes!
- **Saturday, February 14:**
 - **Opening Flag Ceremony; Business Session; District Caucus**
 - **International President’s Luncheon** • **Jazz Bands**
 - **Governor’s Banquet, Academy Awards, Elvis Show (Valentine Evening)**
A Valentine’s night for your sweetie to remember! Better bring her/him!
- **Sunday, February 15:**
 - **Voting** • **Memorial Service** • **Breakfast & Inspirational Speaker**

Host Committee Co-chairs

PDG “Van” & Happy Van Caster (559) 875-2816 or email: wvancaster@att.net

Registration forms are on the internet: www.md4lions.org (or your club secretary)
All mailed registrations must be received by February 6. No refunds after 1/15/2009.

- **Golf Tournament – Riverside Golf Course for \$50.00 (see your club secretary) •**

Membership Is not a Dirty Word!

By DG Pat

In order to grow our membership, each lion knows that we must have membership activity in the positive direction. Through September, we have:

- Brought in 58 new members – Congratulations!
- Transferred in 2 new members – Glad you joined District 4-A1!
- DROPPED 71 MEMBERS – OUCH!

The above equals a **MINUS 11** for the month. Remember my goal for the year is **PLUS 62!** What can we do?

Here are some ideas for your club to consider:

1. Create a Membership Team whose only focus is on gaining new members. Have them on the agenda regularly to energize your club.
2. Hand out a Recruitment wheel (or equivalent) with the following sections:
 - a. Relative
 - b. Professional Person
 - c. Fellow Employee
 - d. Church Member
 - e. Neighbor
 - f. Friend
 - g. Someone you trade with or do business with.
 - h. Elected Official
3. Give a chocolate bar if the members have one name (with an address and/or phone number) for the section described above.
4. Have the membership team member (or yourself) invite them to a meeting using your name as a referral.
5. Have a special event for prospective members and have a motivational speaker about Lions projects.

REMEMBER: IT IS YOUR DISTRICT AND WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE WITH ADDED HANDS!

District 4-A1 Continued

Triple Star

The following outstanding Lions are awarded a **Triple Star** award during the District Meeting or on my visitations to the clubs during September 7 through November 3:

Stockton San Joaquin: Lion Eric Chapin & Lion Ron Valverde

Greater Modesto: PDG Pat Dimond

Escalon: Lion Robert Swift

Denair: Lion Dwayne Larson

Waterford: Lion Dave Rose

Oakdale: Lion Grace Rivera, Karen Mihok – spouse of Lion Tom and Sonya Schali, Spouse of Lion Erwin

Madera Evening: Lion Anna Lozano

Mokelumne Hill: Lion Daniel Hendrycks &

Lion Paula Leitzel

Linden: Lions Frank Cucco, Sam

Fonzi & Garrett Becker

Delhi-Ballico: Lion Don Ferrari

Look for their **Triple Star Lapel Pin** and acknowledge their contribution to Lionism when you see them.

Patricia Casey-Gillum

District Governor 4-A1 •

LION (ANIMAL) FACTS:

1. *Did you know that a lion can leap the length of a bus (30 feet)?*
2. *... that a lion's roar can be heard 5 miles away?*
3. *... that lions spend half their lives sleeping?*
4. *... that a lion may live for fifteen years in the wild, but as many as twenty-five years in a zoo?*
5. *... that a lion can charge forward at speeds of 30 miles an hour for a short distance?* **Animal Lives – Lions** by Sally Morgan, Teacher Created Resources, Inc, c. 2005. •

Leadership Institute

January 17-19, 2009

Harris Ranch

Coalinga, CA

By PDG Pat Dimond

Lions Clubs International together with Multiple District 4 brings you an opportunity to learn leadership skills for personal growth as well as a Lion Leader. The Institute includes two and a half days of training Saturday morning through Monday noon and includes meals and lodging for only \$250.00. Most clubs have this in their budgets to be able to send at least one person to the Institute each year.

All Lions in good standing who wish to develop and/or improve their leadership skills, are eligible to apply. Club and District Officers are especially encouraged to attend. The Institute provides the tools and confidence to become more effective Leaders. Participants will attend classes taught by experienced instructors in:

- Speaking Skills
- Team Building
- Motivation
- Managing Change
- Conflict Resolution
- Leadership Styles
- Lions on the Internet
- Setting Club Goals
- Lions Fundamentals

THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR POTENTIAL LION LEADERS TO LEARN, DISCOVER AND STRENGTHEN SKILLS FOR USE WITH THEIR CLUBS AND DISTRICT AS WELL AS IN THEIR PERSONAL LIVES.

Applications are available from DG Pat Casey Gillum or PDG Pat Dimond. Hope to see you there! *(Once accepted for the Institute, they will make reservations for you at Harris Ranch. Ed)*

PDG Pat Dimond, Institute Instructor ●

District Roster Changes:

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p. 68 Pres. Jim Thomas (B) incorrect

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p. 70 Turlock 12:10 Lions meet @ 6:45 AM on 2nd &
4th Thursdays

p. 72 Modesto Lions Hazel's Elegant Dining, 431
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p. 75 David Mendonca beandave@sbcglobal.net

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IN MEMORIAM:

Let us take a moment to remember the Lions in our District who have gone onto the great jungle. We will truly miss their friendship and the many contributions they have made to our clubs.

September – November 2008

Clements Lockeford

Denair

Murphys Angels

Stockton Host

Stockton Fil Am

West Point

Gary Ahart**

Clifford McBeath

John Campbell

Roy Kelly

Louie Tingin

Peggy Whiteley

** Per PDG Don Allen, Lion Gary was Cabinet Secretary under the late DG Dick Ward and a Founder of Camp Pacifica. ●

News from Lions Clubs International

New Lions Green Team projects are hands-on, high-visibility initiatives such as community clean-ups, tree plantings, recycling, or education efforts. Green project suggestions appear: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_cult_environ.shtml

Lions Environmental Photo Contest illustrates the beauty of nature. Submit a photo to your club-level contest. One photo per club advances to the district, multiple district, and international competitions.

District: Judi Alvarado phone 209-769-6185 or purple_oma@yahoo.com
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/environment_photo_contest.shtml

New LIONS CREW AT WORK projects include repairing and improving non-profit community centers, shelters for homeless persons or battered women, food pantries, schools for disabled children, summer camps for “at risk” youth, parks, or playgrounds.
http://www.lionsclubs.org/cms/staging/EN/content/programs_community_crew.html

The **31 Annual Lions Day with the United Nations (UN) event** will be held Friday, March 13, 2009 at UN Headquarters in New York. This is your last opportunity to tour the historic building prior to its renovation.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_int_ldun2.shtml

LIONS ALERT encourages clubs to develop a plan of action in the event of a natural, man-made, or healthcare emergency. Contact your local authorities. Ask how your club can help.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/alert_program.shtml

Lions Emergency/Non-Emergency Assistance is a Web-based location for the exchange of materials and volunteer services for Lions emergency and non-emergency projects.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions_assistance.shtml

Ninth Annual Lions Performance Festival will occur during the 92nd Annual Lions International Convention, July 6-10, 2009 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. Talented Lions and Leos can volunteer to share their culture.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/annual_performance_festival_05.shtml

International Club Twinning is a voluntary and mutual agreement of friendship between Lions or Leo clubs in different countries.

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_int_twinning.shtml

For additional program information, email: programs@lionsclubs.org •

Lions Environmental Photo Contest

The purpose of the photo contest is to showcase the beauty of nature. In 1972, Lions Clubs International made a commitment to protecting the environment.

Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black and white or color photo (**without people**) of the environment of their Lions club in the following 2008-09 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

- Animal life
- Landscape (Urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon

The special annual theme category is:

- **Lions Environmental Miracle Workers** – photos of Lions in action implementing a Lions environment project.

The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

- **LIONS CLUBS** select and submit one winning photo to the district. These photos need to be 8” x 10” and are due to DG Pat by **January 5, 2009**.

- **LIONS DISTRICTS** select and submit one winning photo to the multiple district. **January 15, 2009** is the suggested deadline for districts to submit one 8” x 10” printed photo to the multiple district.

- **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL** will display multiple district level entries at the annual Lions international convention. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos. An award will be presented to the winning photographers. The six winning photos will appear on the Lions Web site and be put into a calendar.

ANY QUESTIONS: Lion Judi Alvarado, chair
(209) 769-6185 or purple_oma@yahoo.com ●

Melvin Jones *continued*:

artifacts pertaining to Melvin Jones Lions’ activities.

A specific portion of space in the building is dedicated to Lion health programs. Future plans are pending – further work depends on support from ALL LIONS. (See web site below)

Each year a rededication is held on the Saturday closest to January 13 at the memorial to honor Melvin Jones. All Lions and guests are welcome to attend.

<http://lions-mjm.org/solicit.html> ● (from LCI website)

Happy Birthday

Melvin Jones, Founder of Lions Clubs International, was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, AZ, the son of a US Army Captain who commanded a troop of scouts. As a young man, Melvin Jones made his home in Chicago, IL, became associated with an insurance firm and in 1913 formed his own agency.

He soon joined the Business Circle, a businessmen’s luncheon group which was like so many of that time that were dedicated solely to promoting the financial interests of their membership. Melvin Jones had other plans for these men. “What if these men,” he asked, “who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?” Thus, at his invitation, delegates from men’s clubs met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born!

Eventually he abandoned the insurance business to devote himself full time to Lions at International Headquarters in Chicago. It was under his dynamic leadership that Lions Clubs earned the prestige necessary to attract civic-minded members.

Melvin Jones, the man whose personal code “You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else” became a guiding principle for public-spirited people the world over, died June 1, 1961 at 82 years of age. (*He would be 129 years old this coming year – LCI has come a long way! Wonder what it would be like if he had started with women at the same time? Ed.*) ☺

For those of you who are not aware, there is a Lions International Melvin Jones Memorial located in Fort Thomas, AZ which was originally sustained by the Lions of Arizona. It was dedicated in 1965 and since then everyone involved realized that the development of the memorial is a responsibility of all of the Lions of the world.

The memorial museum houses memorabilia and
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Lions Code of Ethics

Modesto 500 Lions Gang

- **Invites District 4-A1 Lions To Party!**
- **Murder Mystery Dinner**
- **Saturday, January 10, 2009 @ 6 PM**
- **Howard Training Center
1424 Stonum Rd,
Modesto (off of Hatch Road)**
- **Enjoy a Soprano Flavored Night Prizes for Best Gangster or Moll Costume**
- **Good Food, Games and Music
\$15 per person**
- **All “bread” raised by this event goes to support our “Moll” ☺,
DG Pat Casey-Gillum**
- **RSVP: Claudia @ 209-595-1844
or claudia1205@sbcglobal.net**

DISTRICT SHIRTS FOR SALE

By DG Pat

I have the following:

- **Ladies: Large Short Sleeve (2); Large Long Sleeve (1); XL Short Sleeve (2)**
- **Men: Medium Long Sleeve (1)**

First come, first served! \$25.00

- **To Show** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- **To Seek** success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- **To Remember** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- **Whenever** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- **To Hold** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- **Always** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, as to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
- **To Aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- **To Be Careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy. •

Editorial Thoughts:

It has come to our attention that some of our fellow Lions seem to be forgetting the last sentence of the Lions Code of Ethics.

So. . . I thought it would be appropriate to include the Code so that no one could say they had never seen it. Please encourage your members to read it and discuss it during a meeting(s).

Good news. . . PDG Howard Abrams is home but still not getting around really well. Sorry news. . . PDG Bob Tognetti has lost both of his parents in a little over 80 days. They were in their 90's but still you hate to lose them. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

I want to thank everyone who has been complimenting me on the district newsletter. You would be surprised how creative I get at 1 or 2 AM! As I get used to the program I am having more fun. I would like to thank PDG Don Allen for all his help in getting it emailed, and all the folks who contributed articles and/or information for them. *Lion Sue*

OUT AND ABOUT

• San Joaquin Region:

South Stockton Lions have been busy donating money: transportation for a client to Lions Eye Foundation; American Diabetes Association; Lions Eye Foundation; scholarships to UC Berkeley and UC Davis; Eyemobile; and Lions Project for Canine Companions. They screened 97 clients through the Eyemobile at the YMCA Health Fair. Secretary Richard Alvarez did the Diabetes walk and his team collected \$1,325.00. In November the club cooked and served Thanksgiving lunch for the Stockton Blind Center.

Stockton Fil-Am Lions had their Fall Harvest Golf Tournament in October and their Manong/Manang Thanksgiving Lunch for seniors in November.

Delta Lions are busy making visitations in their region; collecting tickets at UOP; crocheting for community project; and volunteering at St Joseph Hospital. They had their usual successful homemade ravioli and chicken dinner in October. *(And I had to miss it! Ed)*

Stockton Pacifica Lions are also busy taking tickets at various sporting events; making donations to St. Mary's Dining Hall, Emergency Food Bank, White Cane Day; doing volunteer hours at various agencies; and collecting eyeglasses.

Lodi Mexican American Lions inducted 6 new members in October – congratulations! Also they are busy putting on various meals for various functions (weddings, funerals, and sporting events). In November they had a chicken dinner fundraiser with proceeds to be used for the Loel Center.

Lodi Lions donated 2 camperships to Camp Pacifica, did a Braille repair through the Volunteers of Vacaville, to Hospice and Loel Center, and 6 eye examinations with 1 pair of glasses provided. Lodi Unified School District was kind enough to bring the equipment which the club's contribution helped purchase. Also in November they were honored with the presence of IP Kay Fukushima at their meeting.

Linden Lions had their yearly Mystery Trip where the first stop was Camp Pacifica! *(Am a little confused – 2 bulletins reflect the same date for the meeting but are 2 different meetings? Do I hear a fine?? Ed.)* DG Pat visited them and presented her 3 star awards to PP Frank Cucco and Sec. Sam Fonzi. Congratulations.

Tracy Breakfast Lions are busy visiting in the Mountain Region. They also graciously purchased 50 of the new Lions Eye Foundation pins. *(Many thanks. Ed)* They are scheduled for a crab feed fundraiser in December.

Tracy Tank Town Lions have completed their 1st year at West High School's concessions stand. West HS will receive 50% of the net proceeds this year. The club's proceeds were eaten up with capital outlay but should increase next year. Tracy Breakfast Lions provided the recommendations for building design to reflect their years of experience at the Tracy High concession stand. During the Tracy/West Cross Town Classic each club worked concessions on their team's respective sides. GO both Tracy clubs!!

Heard from 9 of 14 clubs.

• Mountain Region:

Murphys Angels Lions had an Appreciation Dinner to thank Lions and Humane Society who volunteered to help with the Ironstone concerts. They had a nice dinner and a costume contest. *(Sorry unable to copy pictures from bulletin. Ed)* Also, they presented a check for \$2000 to members of the Friends of Murphys to be used for the Friends' annual Christmas dinner. Last year's dinner fed over 750 people. They had had minimal donations this year.

Argonaut Breakfast Lions had to open their Christmas tree lot on Monday following Thanksgiving instead of Friday due to a late delivery time according to the local news.

Garrotte Lions –

The club is sponsoring Santa coming to Grove-land and hot chocolate! Yummmmm! Worked Wild and Scenic Rivers Festival. Also had Italian Dinner fundraiser.

San Andreas 49er Breakfast Lions' President Jerry Walden was awarded President's excellence award for last year. Lions Willie & Shirley received Growth Awards for bringing in 3 new members last year.

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Sonora Lions continue to work on Meals on Wheels. They also worked on the Tuolumne County Health Fair. Their major fundraiser was a lobster feed in October. Donations to Columbia College Scholarships, Lions Eye Foundation, and White Cane. December finds them doing Christmas baskets. PDG Pat Greene reports a new grandchild.

West Point Lions had a Monte Carlo Night with the San Andreas Lions Club. 2 members worked White Cane Day and 2 members worked 50/50 raffle at Lumberjack Day.

Upcountry 88 Lions donated to White Cane Day and local Food Bank.

Arnold Lions have a new PR video. It is located on their club website: www.ArnoldLions.org Contact Sherry & Harry Tittle for information. The Ebbetts Pass Elves are busy making toys for needy families. Donations to LEF, LPCCI, Ebbetts Pass Elves, Hospice, Santa's Express, Habitat for Humanity, Bret Harte High Scholarship. Fundraisers: White Cane Day, Firewood Project. Service Docents at Calaveras Big Tree State Park, Blood Drive for Delta Blood Bank. Congratulations to Lions Larry Larson and Don Fry for their Triple Star Awards.

Jackson Lions activities include White Cane Day, Halloween Preparation filling candy bags, Halloween Parade and Halloween Children's Party. Donations to LPCCI, LEF, High School Scholarships, Cub Scouts, and Student Speaker Foundation.

Activities from 9 of 16 clubs.

● **Yosemite Region:**

Merced Breakfast Lions held Rigatoni Dinner fundraiser and donated to Golden Valley H. S. and Buhach H. S. athletic programs, as well as eyeglasses to 2 needy youth, Salvation Army, LEF, and LPCCI. In November they held their 49th charter night with LCID Bob Smith as the featured speaker. Continue to support and supervise Leo Club. Also cooked and served a dinner at local homeless shelter.

Delhi-Ballico Lions held fundraisers – Turkey Shoot, placemat ad project, White Cane Day. Congratulations to Lion Don Ferrari on his 3 star award. December will be their Breakfast and Book Sale.

Atwater-Winton Lions attended the Zone Meeting at Livingston for the sweet potato contest. In August they screened a number of students at both Atwater and Winton. In December, sold and delivered poinsettias. Also worked Atwater Christmas Parade.

Madera Breakfast Lions supported fundraiser by selling canned sodas and cooking and serving steak dinners for Old Timers Day BBQ in the Park. Also they assisted the City of Madera with the Punt, Pass & Kick Contest. 34 members cooked 240 meals, did an auction and hosted a casino in their annual Moonlight Madness. They also

prepared and served meals for Young Ladies Institute Holiday Party, and the participants and organizers of the Wheelchair Pheasant Hunt.

Madera Evening Lions donated to Madera HS Golf Tournament and Cross Country Team. They also cooked breakfast and lunch for the Moe Pac Car Show and all members worked for the "Luau Gone Western" event. They also attended the Chowchilla Lioness Lions fundraiser.

Sierra Lions awarded Lion Ken Kirby and Don Kieffer Melvin Jones Awards – Congratulations! Lion of the Year went to Lion Colette Goga. They were able to utilize part of Camp Pacifica as a Halloween Haunt. They continue to run Bingo Games at the Oakhurst Senior Center.

Chowchilla Lioness Lions held a Halloween Spooktacular and White Cane Days, as well as Harvest Fest. Congratulations to Lion of the Year Barbie Shipman. They report that they are working on a new club pin.

Activities from 7 of 17 clubs.

● **Stanislaus Region:**

Hilmar-Irwin-Stevinson Lions have completed their placemat fundraiser. Unfortunately their roadside clean up was a bust due to lack of participation. They are busy planning their Christmas dinner and a crab feed in January.

Modesto Breakfast Lions held their Italian Dinner and did two other fundraisers: putting up American flags and placemat ads. This month they are collecting canned goods &/or money for the Salvation Army. They are also doing bell ringing for the Salvation Army.

Ceres Lions paid for 3 child eye exams and maintained community trash cans. They also purchased 25 LEF pins. *(Thank you! Ed)*

Turlock 12:10 Lions have been working with the Turlock Gospel Mission and families with children. They could use some good sheets (queen/king) which are used as liners for sleeping bags. Also needed are pillows, pillow cases, cloth gloves and socks. They are also looking for bell ringers for Salvation Army. See article about Medic Alert.

Greater Modesto Lions continue to provide Kases for Kids. They also had their annual Horse Race Trip fundraiser and sponsored 2 clients for Hearing Aids. They also worked a polling place and made a donation to Camp Pacifica.

Modesto 500 Lions just completed their annual Christmas dinner with Santa and all the trimmings (continuous project since 1981) for the Howard Training Center, developmentally disabled adults. Carved 25 turkeys! It is fun to do this for such

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**Pasadena Host Lions Club's Fifteenth Annual
ROSE PARADE CELEBRATION
BUFFET BREAKFAST**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2008

7:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

VIP (Up Close) Float Tours 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Come meet International President Albert F. Brandel,
and other Lions Club dignitaries

Proceeds benefit Lions International Rose Parade Float, Inc.

There will be door prizes and floor tours of the float palace! You will get to see the
Lions float before the rest of the world does! Bus service provided!

HISTORIC CASTLE GREEN HOTEL, 50 EAST GREEN STREET, OLD PASADENA

Parking is available at the parking structure on the north side of Green Street,
between Fair Oaks and Raymond

TICKETS: \$30.00 Adult • \$15.00 Kids 5-13 years old • Kids Under 5 years FREE!

Additional flyers available at website: pasadenahostlions.org

**** Breakfast!**

**** Raffles !**

**** Door Prizes !**

**** VIP Float Tours!**

Albert F. Brandel
President, Lions Clubs International

Rose Parade Float

Reservation Form

**ROSE PARADE CELEBRATION BUFFET BREAKFAST, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2008
CASTLE GREEN HOTEL, 50 EAST GREEN STREET, OLD PASADENA**

Name: _____ Lions Club: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

Number of Adults: _____ @ \$30 ea., Number of Kids 5 - 13 years old: _____ @ \$15 each

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____ (TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR)

Make Checks Payable to: **PASADENA HOST LIONS CLUB**

Send your check by **Dec. 21st** to: **Lion Kirit Davé**, P.O. Box 2457, Pasadena, CA 91102-2457

If you have any questions, call **Kirit** at: **Office (626) 301-7996**, or email: kiritsauto@gmail.com

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appreciative people! 3 members + family + PDG Don Allen went to the November LPCCI graduation at Santa Rosa and also visited the Charles M. Schultz museum. What fun! Also in place of one of their meetings, they attended the Salvation Army Kick Off.

Modesto Lions have completed stage 3 of their Virginia Parkway Park: the water tower!

Modesto City crew with the "help" of Modesto Lions + Pres. Dave Thompson of Modesto 500 install the water tower. Past the tower is the bench which awaits its shelter roof; climbing "rock"; and slides with climbing platform. The final stage will be to install the bricks which have been engraved as a fundraiser. Photo courtesy of Bart Ah You/Modesto Bee

Their next major function is their crab feed. Also ringing bell for Salvation Army.

Activities for 7 of 15 clubs.●

News from PDG Marvin and Lion Kathie Miller:

Marvin's and Kathie's club, Pt. Townsend Lighthouse Lions, is partnering with the other clubs in its zone to help a boy who has spina bifida and also has a hearing problem for which regular hearing aids do not work. He will have special head phones and the teacher will use a microphone. Even with the Audiologist donating her part and The Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight and Hearing helping with a Patient Grant, and the parents agreeable to paying their share, it still leaves a pretty big chunk for Lions to pay. Their club will do all the coordinating of the payments and hopefully, this young man will be able to hear when he returns to school after the holidays! **Great work Marvin and Kathie!**

Student Speakers:

Hopefully by now you have your speaker packet and have chosen a youth group. If you still want to do a contest and don't have the packet, please contact Tiana Cara at MD-4 Office at (805) 963-6681 or 1-800-546-6634. Deadlines for the contest are listed in the calendar.

Texas Hold'em Tournament:

Oakdale Lions 2nd annual tournament

- Saturday, January 31, 2009 at Oakdale Community Center at "F" and 2nd
- Purchase of \$100.00 ticket entitles purchaser entry to tournament, food and 3 drink tickets. Must be 21.
- Sign in at 10 AM and play begins 11 AM
- Prizes:
 - 1st place – large flat screen TV
 - 2nd place – smaller flat screen TV
 - 3rd place - \$200 vanilla gift card
 - 4th – 10th (7 winners) will receive free ticket to tournament next year.
- Players eliminated early will have opportunity to buy in to "Second Chance" table(s) at \$20/player (10 minimum) and winner will get \$100 vanilla gift card.
- Also, there will be door prizes and raffle prizes.
- Contact members for tickets.

Eyemobile *continued from back page*

I would also like to extend a special thanks to Lion Dr. Tom Mihok (Oakdale), who has been **VERY** helpful in working on the unit and finding others to help (especially his wife Karen) – including some short notice situations.

As always:

- call Lion Mel Carothers to reserve the Eyemobile, (209) 632-0011.
- arrange for the Eye Doctor(s) as far in advance as possible. I am talking 3 months in advance OR MORE.
- the driver returning the unit to Mel or bringing it to the next “user” is required to fill the tank with diesel. Please, no excuses. We recommend using the convenient 76 station about ½ mile before you get to Mel’s house. About 1/3 of the clubs who use it, are not refilling it. This is not fair to Mel or the next club.
- please take care of it. DO NOT tape things to the unit – anywhere. Do not put tape on the carpet. Please vacuum and clean when you are done and do not leave “donations” of equipment or other items (besides glasses or hearing aids) on the Eyemobile.

Thank you again for your support. This unit is now almost 11 years old and it is in infinitely better shape than our previous unit was at this point. With your help, we will do our best to keep it that way.

Also as we near the end of the year and/or start thinking about donations prior to convention, please refer to the District Roster p. 110 for the various categories of donations. Also think about honoring someone special in your club (like the driver, optometrist, or chairperson) with a special award.

Allen D. Hoek, OD •

Lions In Sight

Last year I wrote

you seeking your support toward the purchase of new doctor’s instruments to re-

place those of ten years ago that have become well used and outdated. Our goal of \$35,000 did not succeed, but we came close enough with \$27,000 received which when added to a surprise gift, enabled us to purchase sufficient delicate instruments to keep our doctors in the field operational.

I sincerely thank the Lions, Lions clubs and doctors that contributed so generously to our campaign.

Following the death of Director PDG Joe Ahearn, we have created the PDG Joe Ahearn Memorial Fund to be

used exclusively for benefit of improving the eyesight of children. We never collect enough used eyeglasses for children although the need is always great. We are going to purchase children’s eyeglasses to supplement those that we receive so that we can perform greater service.

I invite you to make your tax-deductible gift in support of this expanded mission to provide sight to the children of the world. We have established a goal of \$40,000 to fund purchases that we can make at quantity discount and allow us to inventory a range of children’s glasses to meet the needs of the 12 – 14 mission trips that are made annually.

PDG Frank J. Seidel, President



Lions Eye Foundation continues to

LEF

have its busy residency program at the California Pacific Medical Center:

- 9 residents with 2 Retina fellows and 2 Oculoplastic fellows. They are averaging 25 surgeries a month. This year the program had 50 MD’s apply for the residency program with only 3 selected.

• Statistics:

2007 \$3.2 million write off of total billables
2008 \$2.3 million write off so far

- Community clinics covered: Haight Ashberry
- 1996 – last clinic renovation:
 - Needs carpet removed and new floor (wood with rubber backing)
 - Needs new blinds - \$50,000 already approved
- Pathology – have not had to pay for last 2 years; Medi Cal rates are \$25 – 45/specimen or about \$2000/year saved

• Clients with low to some vision are referred to Dr Fletcher – 6 clients in last 9 months

• Planning continues for the Proposed Eye Institute of San Francisco: it will provide identical top-quality eye surgery and non-surgical eye care for paying and non-paying patients alike, under the same roof in one organization, regardless of patients’ ability to pay. This will be the first such venture in the US.

- To the right is the new LEF pin now on sale from LEF board members (p. 118 of district roster) for \$5/pin. This is the 1st of series of 3 (2010 – LEF 50th anniversary!).

Sue Carner Advisor

District 4-A1 Eyemobile

By Lion Allen Hoek, OD, Board President

On behalf of the Eyemobile board, I would like to thank all of the clubs who continue to support and use the Eyemobile. Thanks to you, the Eyemobile continues to be used frequently. And because of your financial support, we can afford to keep it in top shape.

The Eyemobile has just finished its busiest time of the year. During October and November, it is not only being used on many weekends, but also spends about 5 weeks being used at school screenings. Over half of the people seen on the Eyemobile during the year, are seen between October 1 and November 15. Now the Eyemobile enters its quiet period for the next 3 months. This allows us to catch up on repairs. By the time you read this, the hydraulic jacks should be working again. We apologize to those who have been inconvenienced over the past few months. Not being able to stabilize the unit during use is mostly annoying to the doctors doing the screenings. I know. I was one of those docs during October, but we could not get them repaired until we have a period of quiet time. And because of your financial support, we can afford this costly repair.

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the Eyes of a Child”
District 4-A1 Newsletter
1136 Cecil Way
Modesto, CA 95350

District 4-A1 Calendar 2008

December

- 5 **LADIES CIOPPINO**, Linden Lions, 7 PM.
- 6 **CRAB FEED**, Stockton Fil Am, \$40; Filipino Center
- 6 **DISTRICT BOWLING TOURNAMENT** – cancelled
- 12 **CRAB FEED**, Tracy Breakfast Lions, Portuguese Hall, 6:30 PM, \$35.00
- 13 **CRAB FEED**, South Stockton Lions, Eagles Hall, 7 PM, \$40.00
- 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**
- 31 **ROSE PARADE CELEBRATION** See AD p.14

January 2009

- 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
- 11 **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**, Escalon Lions, Community Center, 7 AM – Noon, \$6.00
- 13 **MELVIN JONES BIRTHDAY**
- 17 **CRAB FEED**, Hilmar Irwin Stevinson Lions, Hilmar Grange Hall, 6:30 PM, \$35 or \$40, contact Carl Perry
- 17 – 19 **LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**, See AD p. 8
- 24 **CRAB FEED**, San Andreas Lions, Metropolitan on Main St, 7 PM, \$30.00; Pete Rodrigues (209)785-2365; Bob Earl (209)754-5531
- 24 **CRAB CIOPPINO FEED**, Merced Breakfast Lions, \$35.00, APC Hall, 1420 3rd St, Atwater (new location)
- 31 **CRAB FEED**, Stockton Host Lions, Presentation Church Social Hall, \$45.00; contact Mark Garcia @ markgarcia@southernwine.com

- 31 **TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT**, Oakdale, See AD p. 15

February

- 1 **OMELET BREAKFAST**, Ceres Lions, Tuolumne River Lodge, 7 AM – Noon, \$5.00
- 7 **CRAB FEED**, Ceres Lions, American Legion Hall, Ceres, 7 PM, Dinner/Dancing, \$40.00
- 13 – 15 **MD 4 CONVENTION** – See AD p.6
- 16 **PRESIDENT'S DAY**
- 21 **CIOPPINO FEED**, Tracy Breakfast Lions, \$35, Portuguese Hall, 6:30 PM, Ken Johnson 516-3235
- 23 **CLUB STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST DONE**
- 27-28 **DISTRICT MEETING** – See AD p. 4
- 28 **CRAB FEED**, Modesto Lions, 7 PM, Riverbank Community Center, \$40.00 Sue Pankow 524-9381
- 28 **CRAB FEED**, Lodi Lions, Loel Center, 6 PM, \$40, George Horn (209) 334-6055 or 365-7834

March

- 7 **CRAB FEED**, Jackson Lions, Sutter Creek, 6 PM \$35.00, Mark Giannini 223-2810
- 15 **ZONE STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST DONE**
- 21 **CRAB FEED**, Modesto 500 Lions, Howard Training Center, 1424 Stonum, Modesto (off Hatch), 6 PM, \$35.00, Lion Claudia (209) 595-1844/ 577-5580
- 21 **CRAB FEED**, South Stockton Lions (see 12/13)
- 28 **ALL STAR FOOTBALL BANQUET**, See AD p. 5
- 29 **LIONS CITY OF HOPE DAY**, Duarte