

"EMBRACE LIONISM THRU THE EYES OF A CHILD!"

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CHECK OUT THIS WEB SITE:

www.littleredwagonfoundation.com

Eleven year old Zach Bonner of Tampa, FL has been doing community service work since 2004 after Hurricane Charlie hit Florida. His main push is to provide backpacks with a pair of socks, sewing kit, toiletries, school supplies, a toy, and a food pack for homeless children. If an 11 year old boy can do this, every Lions Club should also be able to do it. Our [Kases for Kids](#) is a similar program for at-risk children.

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FROM YOUR
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Pat Casey-Gillum:

**Good bye Lions –
Good bye Lions –
I'm going to leave you now...**

Yes, my year is about to end. At the Convention in Minneapolis, our wonderful VDG Francis will become your new leader for the 2009-10 year. But first, let me thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for all you support, your sharing, your enthusiasm for Lionism, and most of all your friendship. As I said at Convention,

- If I upset you, please forgive me – it was not intentional
- If I made you smile thru the Eyes of a Child, I'm pleased
- If I helped you with membership, I'm grateful
- If I regenerated your enthusiasm for your Club, your District, and International, I've done my job.

I want to thank all of those Lions who attended Convention. I hope that you had a meaningful, exciting, and fun experience. If you couldn't attend, please try to come next year. The food faire was delectable; the grand march divine. "Rosie's – aka DG Pat's" Speakeasy Royale was full of fun, prizes, and dancing. ID Larry Johnson's speech at both the dinner and the open forum was inspirational. The Student Speakers Contest was awe inspiring. The By-laws were changed to have a 2nd VDG and RC Dave McCullough

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Thank you.

Good Bye Lions . . . from page 1

stepped up to the plate!

Congratulations to all the winners of all the awards – especially to Lion of the Year - Ron Raines, Top Club – Jackson Lions, and Scrapbook – Modesto 500. Every Lion who actively participated in their club, their district, multiple-district and/or International are winners – but more importantly they are Hero's!

By the time this goes to print, we will have had our last District Lions Meeting where incoming Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and those interested in membership were trained so that next year will be successful and exciting for DG-Elect Francis. We also recognized the Convention winners again and paid special tribute to our fantastic PDG's for all their wisdom and support. And of course, we had the drawing for a \$500 voucher to be used for a cruise to Mexico.

My goals for the year were to *Embrace Lionism through the Eyes of a Child* and:

1. **Have a positive net growth of 1 per club** – Well we are positive for the first time in many years and that is only by the hard work of each and every one of our wonderful Lions.
2. **Start a Leo Club for the future of Lionism** – Success! Modesto 500 chartered Modesto Leos on April 25th and two others are in the making so the goal could be exceeded! Welcome to all new Leo's!
3. **Start a new club** – Success! Lathrop Lions will be chartering on June 14th. Please try to attend and send a wee bit of cash to help "jump start" their administration fund! Congratulations to South Stockton Lions and all their hard work – especially Richard Alvarez and Ron Valverde for making it happen!
4. **Recognize special Lions with Triple Star Awards** – Over 100 Lions were presented with their triple star of recognition.

Again, thank you for *Embracing Lionism thru the Eyes of a Child!*

DG Pat ●

It's here . . .

THE LIONS ALL STAR FOOTBALL GAME!

JUNE 20, 2009

DEDICATED TO LION FRANK CUCCO OF LINDEN LIONS

IT'S HERE!! Game day for the Lions All Star Football Game June 20, 2009 at the UOP (University of the Pacific) in Stockton, Ca with pregame at 6:00 PM, and game at 7:00 PM. Come and join us for a great night of football with our game dedicated to Lion Frank Cucco of Linden Lions for 36 years of great photography of our football game and the District as well as his dedicated service to Lions and their many charities.

By now you should have received your game and stadium club tickets either by mail or picked them up from me. **If you have not, please contact me at: 209-662-2747.**

We had a great banquet at The Petersen Event Center in Modesto on March 28th, 2009 where the players and the coaches were introduced to the press and the public. Thanks to Lion Bill Hopman of Tracy Breakfast Lions for being our MC. Lion Bill asked the audience how many former players were in attendance. We had several along with a player from our first game in 1974 and former players who also went on to play in the pro ranks who returned to help the next generation of great players. Good job Lion Bill!

Mark Tennis of ESPN/Cal Hi Sports was our guest speaker and gave an informative upbeat speech. Mark has dedicated many hours providing PR for our game over several years and we appreciate his dedication.

The North Team dinner will be on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at Linden Lions Club House at 6:15 PM with Coach Swartz of McNair High School along with his staff and the players.

The South Team dinner will be on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the Rube Bosch Center in Turlock at 6:30 PM with Coach Stubbs of Los Banos High School along with his staff and the players.

Thank you to Linden Lions and Turlock Lions for their generosity in providing dinners to both teams and thank you to the drivers also.

If you would like to help with

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NEWS FROM THE
VICE DISTRICT
GOVERNOR

Francis Bognuda:

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

During the months of March and April Lion Norma and I have been very busy. In March, we traveled to 4-L3 to their district meeting. We had a great time and observed some new and different things to do at our meetings. . . .

In April we attended our great convention and saw many "new" faces in the crowd. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Congratulations to Atwater Winton on their Student Speaker contest winner, the region winner of the scrapbook, division winner of the Top Club, and to Lion Ron Raines for being the District Lion of the Year. Congratulations to ALL.

We received good news that a new club is being formed in Lathrop. Watch for the chartering ceremony on June 14, 2009. A big THANK YOU is extended to Lions Richard Alvarez and Ron Valverde for this accomplishment.

One of three potential new Leo clubs was chartered in April in Modesto by Modesto 500. The other two clubs will be sponsored by Sierra Oakhurst, and Madera Evening Lions. GO LEOs, our future members! We hope that Lion clubs will visit all the Leos this year to provide support in their growth and achievements.

Lion Norma and I also traveled to Cayucos for the District 4-A2 Convention. We were able to meet International Director Doug and Lion Kathy Lozier from Indiana. We will get to see them again at our 2010 convention in Lake Tahoe.

It is football time again and we hope all clubs will be at the All Star Football Game with their banners on June 20, 2009 at 6:15 PM for the parade at UOP in Stockton.

In July we embark on a new positive venture, our new district directory will be out to the Presidents and Secretaries by July 1, 2009. Thanks to Lion Kent Christensen for all the hard work! We hope all of you will be able to get a chance to see and read the changes taking place for next year.

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All Star Football from page 3

this worthy cause, please contact me and also visit our website at: www.lionsallstarfootball.com

Please join us on game day JUNE 20, 2009 AT UOP (University of the Pacific) in Stockton, Ca with **7:00PM** Kick Off and **6:00PM** Pregame. Tickets are \$10.00 at the gate.

The **Stadium Club** is air conditioned and we have "all you can eat and drink" for a mere **\$35.00!!** What a deal!!

The banner procession will line up at 6:15 PM at the north end of the field.

I would like to thank the Lions All Star Football Committee and our friends of the game for all of their dedication, hard work, and time that enables us to showcase the talents of these worthy players.

Don't forget the Chili Cook Off at the Tail Gate party!! Get your chili recipes revved up!

See you at the game! It will be great fun!

Elizabeth Gibbs Olson
Lions All Star Football Chairman ●

VDG Francis from page 3

We also need ads for the directory this year, so if you would like to place an ad (businesses, clubs, individual members) please send it to Lion Kent Christensen as soon as possible (\$30.00 per ad).

Remember: membership is the life line of our clubs and District.

Go Lions!

VDG Francis●

Helen Keller "listening" to a phonograph with her fingers. **American Federation for the Blind**

HELEN KELLER DAY

History

In 1971, the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International declared that henceforth June 1 would be remembered as "Helen Keller Day." Lions around the world implement sight-related service projects on Helen Keller Day.

Helen Keller

Born Helen Adams Keller on June 27, 1880 in Tusculum, Alabama, USA, the child developed a fever at 18 months of age. Afterwards, Keller was blind, deaf, and mute.

At age six, teacher Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the Perkins School for the Blind was hired as Keller's teacher. The 20-year-old taught Keller sign language and Braille. The story of the teacher and her pupil has been retold in William Gibson's play and film, "The Miracle Worker."

At age 10, Keller learned to speak. Sarah Fuller of the Horace Mann School was her first speech teacher.

In 1898, Helen entered the Cambridge School for Young Ladies. In the autumn of 1900, Keller entered Radcliffe College. She earned a bachelor of arts degree cum laude in 1904.

Throughout the years, Sullivan remained at her student's side. She formed letters into Keller's hand for comprehension of textbooks, college lectures, and conversation.

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SERVING TOGETHER
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

If your Lions club works as mine does (and I'm sure it does), it works well because Lions choose projects that interest and excite them. Every community has many needs and good causes. Lions can't respond to all of them. So we pick the ones we are passionate about. We carry out our commitments as well as we do because we care about what we are doing.

Our cover story (May Lions magazine) is on Lions parks. I remember playing in the community Lions park when I was a kid. It left great memories of my neighborhood. These parks are great assets to our communities. Some people may take them for granted. After all, God's green earth seems to be a gift that was always there and always will be. But as any club that looks after a park knows. . . the ball fields, playgrounds, shelters and, of course, the grass, the flowers, the trees and bushes, demand time and money. Parks get a lot of use and they demand a lot of maintenance. It's not a vicious cycle exactly because the parks are public benefit but there is a cycle to it. The better-maintained parks get more use, which requires even more maintenance.

But this cycle of activity is generally true of Lions projects. The better job we do in serving others, whether it's helping youths, those with vision impairments or the elderly, the more people will call on us and ask us to do more. Our reputation precedes us. We serve well and then we certainly will be asked to serve some more.

When I travel, I see Lions parks. If we can continue making our community a great place to live, it will leave a great impression, helping enhance our image and drawing in more members. Whether it's sport fields, community gardens, eye banks, scholarships, Leo clubs or youth activities, what we do well will help not only our communities but also our association.

So stay the course. Stay true to your passions. The end result is a succession of miracles through service. What could be barren, perhaps junk-strewn fields instead are green spaces filled with laughter of children on a playground, the cheers at a ball field and the easy, relaxed breaths of parents and seniors who can sit on a park bench on a sunny day and just glory in the moment. In an age where we're all busy and too often stressed, those moments are miracles, too.

Al Brandel, President
International Association

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Keller's Personal Crusade

In 1915, Keller joined the first Board of Directors of the Permanent Blind Relief War Fund, later known as the American Braille Press.

In 1924, the young woman started the Helen Keller Endowment Fund. In the same year, Keller joined the staff of the American foundation for the Blind as a counselor on national and international relations.

On June 30, 1925, Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA. She challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in this crusade against darkness." She said, "I am your opportunity. I am knocking at your door."

In 1946, Keller became a counselor on international relations for the American foundation for Overseas Blind (a sister organization to the American Foundation for the Blind). She traveled to 35 countries.

A movie was made of Keller's life. "Helen Keller in Her Story" received the "Oscar" award from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for best feature-length documentary film in 1955.

Keller made her last major public appearance in Washington, D. C., USA, in 1961. She received the Lions Humanitarian Award for lifetime service.

Keller died on June 1, 1968 at age 87. Her request to the lions 43 years earlier inspired Lions clubs International to adopt the sight Conservation and Work with the Blind Program as a major service initiative.

Helen Keller Memorial Park

In 1971, the Lions of Alabama dedicated the Helen Keller Memorial Park. It is located on the grounds of Keller's birthplace which is known as Ivy Green. The focal point of the memorial is a bust of Keller with an engraved plaque which states, "I am your opportunity."



Nutrition and
Your Eyes
By Lion Tom Mihok, OD

The two leading causes of vision loss and blindness are age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and cataracts. In the USA alone, there are approximately 43 million Americans who suffer from these diseases. Preventing these age-related diseases is obviously important to our general health, social and psychological well being. Multiple research studies have suggested a strong correlation between good nutrition and prevention of these diseases.

You can protect your eye sight and vision by eating foods rich in six nutrients – antioxidants lutein and zeaxanthin, essential fatty acids, vitamins C and E and the mineral zinc (*sorry alcohol is not a food group! Ed*) The following foods are recommended by the AOA and other experts:

- **Lutein and zeaxanthin:** Fruits and vegetables such as broccoli, spinach, kale, mustard greens, collard greens, corn, green beans, peas, oranges and tangerines

- **Essential fatty acids:** Fatty fish like tuna, salmon, or herring, whole grain foods, chicken and eggs (or 10000-1200 mg of fish oil along with 1000 mg flax seed oil – one in the morning and one at night)

- **Vitamin C:** Fruits and vegetables, including oranges, grapefruit, strawberries, papaya, green peppers and tomatoes

- **Vitamin E:** Vegetable oils, such as safflower or corn oil, almonds, pecans, sweet potatoes, and sunflower seeds

- **Zinc:** Extra lean red meat, poultry, liver, shellfish, milk, baked beans, and whole grains

It is relatively simple process to protect your eyesight. If you have not added these foods to your diet, you might want to consider a change in your thinking and your habits.

(Excerpted from AOA
“Open Your Eyes
To Healthy Eating Habits”)

**NEW LIONS CLUB
CHARTER:**
Lathrop Lions Club

Sunday, June 14, 2009 @ 4 PM

@ Chez Shari's,

Manteca Golf Course,

305 N. Union Road, Manteca

Donation \$25.00

No Host Cocktail 4 PM

Dinner 5 PM

RSVP June 5, 2009

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7231 Stonecrest St.
Stockton, CA 95207

New Club . . .

By Lion Kelli Bergstrom, Advisor

Modesto Leo Club was chartered by DG Pat Gillum and Modesto 500 Lions on Saturday, April 25th with approximately 70 Lions, Leos and guests in attendance. There were several surrounding Lions Clubs who graciously made donations to start the club bank account totaling \$670.00! There are 15 members who chartered from ages 12 to 17 years old from several middle and high schools in the area. The Club had their first official meeting on May 5th and members have brain-stormed several projects in which they are interested: participating in the July 4th Parade, adopting an area at the Tuolumne River Regional Park, a Car Wash Fundraiser, and Halloween at the two Modesto Hospitals. Prior to chartering they helped with Modesto 500 Crab Feed, have assisted with Lions Night on May 21st and plan to work the booth at the Stanislaus County Fair in July/August. *(Nice to have some young blood to help us! See attached pictures. Ed) •*

Modesto 500 Pres Dave Thompson presenting new bell & gavel to Modesto Leo Club Pres Samantha Bergstrom

District Report . . .

By Lion Jim Weaver

District Leo Chairperson

See above.

This has been a very successful year for all the Leo Clubs that reported to me. The Golden Valley Leo Club (Merced Golden sponsor) sent a check to LCIF for earth quake relief in China. They have also worked with the City of Merced Recreation Department to staff most of the city's events and have partnered with the American Legion to serve dinner at the Legion Hall.

The Alpha Valley Leo Club (Merced Golden sponsor) put on parties for Shelby School (challenged children) including Halloween, Christmas, Valentine day, and Easter egg hunt. The one event that I am most proud of, was their "9-11" event this year; which they invited all of the law enforcement, fire fighters, and EMT's to a free lunch in the park. They served over 300 at their event and either raised the funds or got some donated. So who can say that our young people do not have pride in their country?

There are 2 other prospective clubs: sponsored by Sierra Oakhurst, and Madera Evening. The Madera Leo Club had a car wash, raised \$600.00, and bought shoes for needy children in their elementary schools.

No reports from Merced High, or the two Stockton Leo Clubs. *(It would be nice to hear what these clubs are up to by the next edition of the newsletter. Sorry to hear that the Delhi Leo Club disbanded in June, 2008. See article from LCI on page 8. Ed) •*

Part of the new Modesto Leo Club
(OK what are you two looking at?)

Visiting Leo Clubs and Lion Jim Weaver, Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP

From International President
Al Brandel

Last month I asked you to think about the legacy we would leave for the Lion leaders who follow us.

I am happy to tell you that the legacy of many district governors will be the large number of new clubs chartered during their leadership year. By the end of April, 1188 new clubs had been formed this year -- more than 240 than last year at the same time.

Likewise, many club presidents are leaving their clubs with a legacy of larger, stronger more diverse membership. Through April 30, more than 42,061 new women and 28,115 new family members have brought new spirit and energy to clubs throughout the world.

I cannot imagine a greater legacy! Congratulations to every Lion leader who helped make this possible.

I am particularly pleased by our success in bringing more women and family members into our clubs because I strongly believe that Lions Club membership should be a multi-generational family tradition. Please . . . take note of these upcoming events: U.N. World Environment Day and Recycle for Sight Month.

Sincerely,
President Al ●

From LCI . . .

The Leo brand rejuvenation project is almost complete! To best meet the changing needs of youth and young adults throughout the world, several programmatic components have been reviewed and modified to enhance the Leo Club Program. When the new brand rolls out in July, you will see a fresh new look, along with two separate and distinct tracks for Alpha and Omega Leos.

Part of this fresh look includes a modification of the Leo age ranges to most effectively address the needs of each track and its members. Starting **July 1, 2009**, board policy for Leo clubs will be the following:

- Alpha club membership will be for youth between 12-18 years of age and will focus on individual and social development.
- Omega club membership will be for young adults between 18-30 years of age and will focus on personal and professional development.

These new age ranges better match the current membership of Leo clubs across the globe. In a recent survey conducted by the Youth Programs Department, 88% of survey respondents said their Omega club membership consisted of Leos from 19-30 years of age, while 83% said their Alpha club membership consisted of Leos from 12-18 years of age. Furthermore, the new age ranges also better reflect the current practices of other service organizations like Rotary International and Kiwanis International.

Both tracks will continue to be connected through a larger Leo community, united by its common purpose of Leadership, Experience and Opportunity.

In order to help clubs implement this change, letters and e-mails have been sent to Leo club presidents, Lions club presidents, Leo club advisors, district/multiple district Leo club presidents, Leo club chairpersons, and Lions Opportunity for Youth chairpersons. It is recommended that Leo club chairpersons work with Leo clubs in their districts/multiple districts to implement the new age ranges.

There are many options for Leo members who have reached the upper age limit:

- [Leo to Lion Transition](#)
- [Join a Lions club](#)
- [Start a new club](#)

We appreciate your commitment to the Leo Club Program!

W•E•L•C•O•M•E
NEW MEMBERS!
March (additions) – May 2009

Club/Member	Sponsor
Ceres	
Terry Siebrecht	Rocky Fisher
Copperopolis Lake Tulloch	
Lucy Speed	Annie Osteen
Don Hamari	Alan De Mott
Joy Hamari	Alan De Mott
Dos Palos	
Able Coronado	Thomas Pigg
Kara Hall	Thomas Pigg
Jerry Merrell	Donald Vincent
Jarred Pigg	Thomas Pigg
Aaron Vincent	Donald Vincent
Escalon	
Ralph Lyda	Monty Vander Beek
Charles Sawyer	Monty Vander Beek
Jeff Williams	John Salvin
Gustine	
Riley Constant Jr	James Ainslie
Richard Smith	Russell Hazen
Jackson	
Egar Chavez	John Ambrose
Mark Hirschel	Todd Riebe
John Ellyson	Unknown
Sean Rabe	Tilden Richards
Lathrop!	
Frank Cavaco III	New Club
Charles Edwards	New Club
Tamara Edwards	New Club
Gary Guzman	New Club
Katherine Johnson	New Club
Diane Lazard	New Club
Frank Lopez	New Club
Donald Luevano	New Club
K C Moebius	New Club
Arnita Yopez Montiel	New Club
Ciprian Montiel	New Club
Kenneth Mullins	New Club
Suzanne Robert Cle	New Club
Gerald Rose	New Club
Linda Rose	New Club
Scott Rose	New Club
Carl Smith	New Club
Bonnie Wassmer	New Club
Matthew Wassmer	New Club
Michael West Rose	New Club
Livingston	
Julia Guerrero	Carol Guerrero

Club/Member	Sponsor
Lodi	
Mark Massa	James Sturman
Donna Rose	Larry Dold
Lodi Mexican American	
Juan Fuentes	Tomas Gomez
Fernando Martinez	Gary Benincasa
Tony Pacheco	Dave Sanchez
Madera Evening	
Judith Waterman	Jutta Webb
Patrick Waterman	Jutta Webb
Mariposa Golden Oak	
Beverly Suggs	Karen Verdugo
Merced Breakfast	
John Denno	Kent Floro
Merced Golden	
Joan Vanhorne	Jean Weaver
Modesto 500	
Ann Ameral	Loretta Begen
Cara Dunn	Claudia Miller
Modesto	
Ronnie Jacobs St.	R K Lowe
Mokelumne Hill	
Renee Ianni	Rex Baker
Murphys Angels	
William Hutchinson	David Davis
Ed Kane	James Fraguero
Oakdale	
Duane Reynolds	Steven Knickerbocker
Craig Moorhouse	Don Allen
Patterson	
Alan Miller	Peter La Torre
Michael Watson	Fred Lara
Ripon	
Roger Tangri	Rudy Reyna
San Andreas	
Elaine Spears Galli	Louis Galli
Sierra	
Julie Ward	Colette Goga
Sonora	
Mike De Martino	Robert Bader
Steve Florez	Newton McKenna
Stockton Delta	
Linda Cranor	Norma Bognuda
Stockton Host	
Ted Bestolarid	Peter Gruettner
Tracy Breakfast	
Gerald Germane Friends	Eugene Birk
Tracy Tank Town	
Brenda Howell	Sharalon Bonzo
Waterford	
Rick Conver	Jimmy Johnson
Murry Day	Jose Aldaco
Diana Parker	Jimmy Johnson

Host Families Needed...

By Lion Carrie Guadagnolo,
District Chairperson

I am looking for families who are interested in hosting students from Europe between the ages of 17 and 21 from July 11 to 25, 2009 and/or students between the ages of 16 and 21 from Japan between August 15 and 29, 2009. If you are interested, please contact Lion Carrie Guadagnolo, District 4-A1 Lion Youth Exchange Chair, at (209) 887-2002 or at cjguad@gotnet.net for an application and more information. •

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 the many contributions they have made to our clubs.

Linden Lions

**A J Devincenzi
George Campora
Raymond Guadagnolo**

Los Banos

**Joe Mello
Joe Vajretti**

New Top Club Chairperson:

I am looking forward to a busy year as Top Club Chairperson. I hope the meeting with many club secretaries at the recent district meeting was helpful. (*Of course if you were not there, it was not! Ed.*) If you have any questions please email me at reh1524@sbcglobal.net I will be reporting progress of Top Clubs throughout the year! Good luck and continue to support Lionism through your hard work and donations!

Judi Howell, Top Club Chairperson

Next District Meeting:

Date: August 14 – 15, 2009

Friday Dinner: Surprise
prepared by over 100 chefs?

Social 6:30 PM; Dinner 7 PM

Installation of Cabinet

Place: Boys and Girls Club (McCombs Youth Center)

615 W 15th St, Merced

(both Friday and Saturday)

Theme: Baseball – what else?

SO MAKE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND COME JOIN INCOMING DISTRICT GOVERNOR FRANCIS AND HIS CABINET. WATCH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Incoming RC Jim Weaver (Yosemite)

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BEEP BASEBALL WORLD SERIES. . . The Community Center for the Blind in Stockton is hosting the Beep Baseball World Series July 26 – August 2. Teams from around the United States and one from Taiwan will be competing for the championship. For more information on Beep Baseball, check out their website at: www.communitycenterfortheblind.org/baseball Several local Lions clubs in Stockton have volunteered to help out, but we need your help, too! If you are able to help out, please let us know. During the day, there is a need for hosts and hostesses in the Hospitality room at the Hilton Hotel in Stockton. Also, volunteers are needed to transport individuals in a van. Whatever time you would like to help out will be greatly appreciated! You are also encouraged to stop by to see the players in action at the ball field. Thank you.

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California Lions Camp, Camp Pacifica

By PDG Ann Tognetti and Lion Jill Loving

The Board of Directors is pleased to kick off the 2009 season for California Lions Camp, Camp Pacifica. We are expecting two weeks of camp for the deaf and hard of hearing students. The first week of camp is July 26 - August 1st and the second week is August 2nd through August 8. The board welcomes back Brooke Myers and Holly Philpott as our co-directors. They are in the process of hiring staff and planning activities for camp. Along with the daily activities, the campers will visit Yosemite and participate in a one-day ropes course. If your club would like to volunteer to cook for our camper, there are still dates available (it's a great way to see the camp in action). Contact Lion Willie Hughes 209-772-0866 willhug@goldrush.com. If you know of any students who would like to attend, please have them check our website www.californialionscamp.org and download a flyer. Also available on our website is an application for rentals. If you are associated with a group that would like to rent the camp, please let us know.

The board welcomed our new board members: Wayanne Markley (Sierra Lions), Ed Koehler and Diane Peterson (Bass Lake Lions), George Carvalho, Dee Heller, and Kay McAtee (Atwater-Winton Lions) and Jill Loving (Livingston Lions). It is great to have new people with their ideas and enthusiasm. The new officers for 2009-2010 are: Ann Tognetti, President; Russ Custer, Vice President; Bob Ransom, Treasurer; and Jill Loving, Secretary. The returning board members are: Jim Loving, Brower Dimond, Steve Granlees, Dennis Noble and Darel Rethswich.

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We'd like to thank Robert Alvarado, Judith Alvarado, Roy Larson, Mary Carr, and Don Allen for their work as board members over the past few years. Also a big thank you to Bob Tognetti for the many years he served on the board.

Of course, California Lions Camp, Camp Pacifica could not exist without the support of the clubs of District 4-A1. Please spread the word that this facility is GREAT and available most of the year. Many of you already hold fundraisers for camp and for that we thank you. Keep up the great work. If you'd like to know more about the camp, contact one of the board members and they would be happy to make a presentation to your club. Camperships are still \$300 a year per child. Many of you do this, so this year why not do one more? If you have never sponsored a camper, this is the year to start.

The final touches have just been put to the "water well project"! This is a MAJOR achievement thanks to Steve Granlees and Russ Custer for their perseverance with this project. The "Mane House" has a new roof courtesy of Lions Dee and Brian Heller from Atwater Winton. Our priority project this year is the Shower House which we hope to complete before camp starts. Funds have been raised from the Cordoza Family, the Hellers, Atwater-Winton Lions, Dick Urhammer, proceeds from the MD-4 2008 Convention and others to complete this project. Unfortunately the bids are a little higher than expected and we are asking individuals, clubs and other sources for additional funding. If you are able to help us, please let us know. ●

Mark Your Calendars!!!
California Lions, Camp Pacifica Presents
Lions Night with the Nuts
Saturday, August 29, 2009 5 PM
At John Thurman Field
BBQ, Fireworks and Fan Appreciation Night

Hilmar-Irwin-Stevinson Lions Club
Present their 34th Annual Car Night
Wednesday, July 15, 2009
Happy Hour (free) 6:30 PM
Steak Dinner 7:30 PM
Program: Grand Prize \$10,000.00!
(New car vs. cash) Twenty one other prizes
Also 50/50 Drawing
Reservations by July 1, 2009
Cost \$120.00
Check: Hilmar-Irwin-Stevinson Lions Club
WITH application to Lion John Johnson
2291 N. Johnson Rd, Turlock 95382
Phone 209-632-4817

●Name _____ ●Phone _____
 ●Address _____

District 4-A1 Convention and Food Faire

Modesto 500 – winner food category

S A 49er Breakfast – winner booth/costume

Ohhhh CS Jeanine!

District Memorial Service – Region Chairs & Kent Christensen, Chaplain

Linden and the “Ladies”

PID Bill Crawford, VDG Julie Crawford
ID Larry and Lion Rachel Johnson

PID Bill Crawford cheering the All Star
Football report by Lion Elizabeth, Chair

Parade for DG candidate Francis

District Student Speaker Contest:

Mountain Region – Ryan Evans (Arnold)

San Joaquin Region – Adam Garzoli (Ripon)

Stanislaus Region – Dustin Carr (Turlock 12:10)

Yosemite Region – Marc Davis (Atwater-Winton)

DISTRICT WINNER

Lion Garrett Becker, Chairperson

Lion Jerry Cooper, winner of the
4-A1 & MD4 Environmental
Photo Contest

Friday night "20's" Party

DG Pat, Lion Elizabeth, and
visiting DG Jane Perry, 4C3.

Someone finally got the photog-
raphers: Lions Frank Cucco and
Elizabeth G O; and Barbara Cucco.

DG Pat receiving HK from District.

**Governor's
Banquet**

ZC Bob Bader

VDG elect Steve Granlees

VDG 2nd elect Dave McCullough

DG elect Francis Bognuda

ID Larry and Lion
Rachel Johnson

DG Pat and family

District Lion of the Year Ron Raines

Top clubs Division A picture
not available.

WINNER: SIERRA OAKHURST

Top clubs Division C
WINNER: JACKSON

Top clubs Division B
WINNER: MERCED BREAKFAST

District 4-A1 Convention continued . . .

Triple Star Awards:
The following outstanding Lions were awarded a Triple Star Award at the Convention or club meetings since April 1.

Arnold: Lion Lonnie Graham
Lion Don McPherson
Ceres: Lion Dave McCullough
Clements-Lockeford: Lion Dan Mehrten
Jackson: Lion Dave Richards
Lion Mike Vohl
Lion Norm Trevaskis
Lodi Mexican American: Lion Hector Galvan
Merced Breakfast: Lion Toby Masterson
Lion Ken Harrison
Modesto 500: Lion Claudia Miller
San Andreas 49er Breakfast: Lion Sharon Fonk
ZC Jerry Walden
RC Willie Hughes
South Stockton: VDG Francis Bognuda
Lion Richard Alvarez
San Joaquin: Lion Ron Valverde
West Point: Lion Tom Bauder •

Convention Highlights:

Top Club Division A (25 or less): Sierra
Runner-Up Mountain Region – San Andreas 49ers, San Joaquin Region – Tracy Tank Town, Stanislaus Region – Greater Modesto, Yosemite Region – Delhi Ballico

Top Club Division B (26 – 45): Merced Breakfast
Runner-Up Mountain Region – Lake Don Pedro Gold Chain, Yosemite Region – Atwater Winton, San Joaquin Region – Lodi Mexican-American, Stanislaus Region – Modesto Host

Top Club Division C (46 or more): Jackson
Runner-Up San Joaquin Region – Tracy Breakfast, Stanislaus Region – Modesto 500, Mountain Region – Arnold, Yosemite Region – Madera Breakfast.
(Thank you Lion Debbi Hopman, Top Club Chair) •

Turlock 12:10 Lions Contribution to Medic Alert

by Medic Alert

With an increasing number of children suffering from medical conditions throughout the United States, more parents than ever worry about their child's safety while out of the home. Many serious conditions can be life-threatening if emergencies are not treated appropriately. Turlock 12:10 Lions Club has found a way to start helping these children by saving the life of one child at a time.

Working with Medic Alert foundation's *No Child Without* initiative, Turlock 12:10 is the first club in the United States to fundraise in support of Medic Alert's pilot program. *No Child Without* is a free program to protect children from ages 4 to 14 living with a health condition. Turlock 12:10 is fundraising to give memberships at no cost to parents, guardians, and schools in the Turlock Unified School District. (Yes it will be out in other school districts eventually. Ed.)

No Child Without was originally launched nationally on November 20, 2006 in Canada, with a similar goal in the United States to eventually have the program go national. Medic Alert's *No Child Without* continues to partner with service organizations such as the Lions clubs to seek support of the program.

Turlock 12:10's generous fundraising effort is an example of the goodwill and dedication Lions clubs demonstrate throughout the community. Lions' ongoing and conscientious commitment to children in the community has driven the significant progress made in the short period of time that *No Child Without* has existed. As the Lions continue to raise funds to ensure children's health and safety, Turlock 12:10 Lions Club's commitment will continue to generate excitement and inspire other organizations to follow their lead. •

Next Year's Cabinet:

DG Francis Bognuda
VDG Steve Granlees
VDG2 Dave McCullough
CS Roy Patterson
Treasurer Bob Ransom
Mtn Region: RC Reynaldo Garcia, ZC's John Ambrose, Jerry Walden, Bob Bader
SJ Region: RC Bob Arrigone, ZC's Rich Alvarez, Bob Swift, Hector Galvan
Stanislaus Region: RC Jim Syvertsen, ZC's Larry Huggins, David Bailey, David Mendonca
Yosemite Region: RC Jim Weaver, ZC's Lee Blackstone, Louie Mondo, Wayanne Markley
TOP CLUB CHAIR: Judi Howell
reh1524@sbcglobal.net
DISTRICT BULLETIN EDITOR: Sue Carner
s.carner@sbcglobal.net •

Out and About

• Thank you to all the clubs who have shared your activities with me and with the district whether through your newsletters or activity reports or just an email. Some regions are better than others, so be prepared for me to be “bugging” your club in the next year to try to get activity reports. Are not you proud of what you do?? You do NOT have to be in top club contention to let us know what is going on in your club. For those clubs who have sent me activity reports and I do not report them, I am trying to find things of interest and maybe a little different and maybe even new. You do not want to read the same thing over and over (at least I do not). Lion Sue, Editor •

• Yosemite Region:

Livingston Lions celebrated their 50th anniversary . . . congratulations! Projects included: clean up of the veterans’ section of a cemetery, working on Relay for Life, and doing a wildflower planting project. As many clubs are doing, worked on feeding the hungry - 1 member worked 16 hours making 1000 sandwiches! Had a very successful rib take-out dinner . . . PDG Jim at it again of course! Also participated in the Livingston Medical Group Health Fair – 233 people screened!

Delhi Ballico Lions are getting ready to disband – sniff! It is their board of directors decision to make, but it seems a shame that someone could not put some life into them! All but 3 members will be transferring to other clubs, so you will see them in the district, just with a different vest on!

Merced Breakfast Lions also worked on the Relay for Life . . . 49 members and family . . . wow! Donated \$2000.00 to the cancer fund. They are also cooking for the homeless.

Atwater Winton Lions had a very successful Charity Roundup . . . 9th Annual! Club received \$5000.00 from an estate and donated entire amount to Camp Pacifica for the Shower House remodeling project in Lion Mary Cardoza’s memory.

Madera Evening Lions have brought in 2 new members and are keeping busy with major events . . . 334 hours! They are supposed to be trying to establish a Leo Club.

Sierra Oakhurst Lions are busily establishing a Leo Club and helped Bass Lake put on a Tri Tip Dinner. Also had a fundraiser for the community – Honorary Mayor for the Day. And if you wonder why the entrance to Camp Pacifica is so clean, you can thank Sierra – their clean-up area starts at the camp on Highway 49.

OK . . . according to my count that leaves 11 clubs I have not heard from recently from this region. I know I used to get a really nice newsletter from Madera Breakfast???

• Stanislaus Region:

Ceres Lions have been busy with projects: Ceres Street Faire and restoring the Whitmore House Garage for the Ceres Historical Society, as well as providing lunch for the Hospice Golf Tournament and breakfast and dinner for Relay for Life. For the members, they have had a family camp out at Horseshoe Bend on Lake McClure, as well as their annual fishing trip to Kennedy Meadows.>>>>>

Greater Modesto Lions may be small but they are mighty and provide many service hours for the community (ran an election polling place) as well as Kases for Kids.

Hilmar-Irwin-Stevinson Lions are sponsoring a **CAR NIGHT** on Wed, July 15. See AD. They also donated three (3) \$2000.00 scholarships.

Modesto Lions have almost completed their park project . . . the latest part which actually made it into the Modesto Bee was the water feature of the water tower. Wait until it really gets hot – should be very busy! They have about 30 bricks left to put in which can be engraved at \$50

By Bart Ahyou apiece.

Modesto Breakfast

Lions had their annual Crepe Breakfast . . . very successful as usual. Yummy! And they continue to put up flags, flags, flags. . .

Turlock 12:10 Lions sponsored a combined meeting on Medic Alert . . . **NO CHILD WITHOUT** at Denair Lions. Had about 5 clubs represented.

Also had a successful Health and Safety Fair even though it was sprinkling. Screened 50 people with use of the Eyemobile.

As Perko’s is remodeling, Turlock 12:10 will be meeting temporarily at Latif’s Restaurant at 111 Golden State, Turlock 2nd and 4th Thurs @ 6:30 PM as of July 1.

Modesto 500 Lions have the newest Leo Club in the district. See article elsewhere. Completed another year of mentoring school youth. Helped Turlock 12:10 with their Health and Safety Fair including driving the Eyemobile.

OK . . . 8 clubs have not made their presence known. All you have to do is send me a copy of your activity report!

●**San Joaquin Region:**

Lodi Lions had a great golf tournament in May. . . netting \$10,877. Congratulations . . . that is hard to do as some clubs have found out! Their community improvement program project is a vegetable garden for a school. Also they donated \$8000.00 in scholarships . . . lucky kids!

Fil Am Lions had their annual Hawaiian Pancake Breakfast . . . anything to put a different spin on Pancake Breakfasts!

Lodi Mexican American Lions have been very busy! Service projects included helping Lodi H S with a fundraiser and cooking lunch for a funeral of a former member as well as working on the Lodi Street Fair and the Hispanic Scholarship fundraiser. They donated \$1000.00 in scholarships to the Hispanic business committee of Lodi.

South Stockton Lions have to be excited about establishing a new Lions Club in Lathrop as is DG Pat!

Stockton Pacifica Lions will be working on the Pixie Woods Wine Tasting event June 19. . . hmmm better check that out!

Delta Lions are another small but mighty club who is very busy including at least 5 members who have district jobs on top of being officers in the club.

Linden Lions had their annual PDG night with about 15 visiting including IP Kay Fukushima and PID Bill Iannacone. Congratulations to PP Frank and Barbara Cucco on receipt of Life Memberships in the Lions Eye Foundation. PP Frank also received an International Presidents Commendation from ID Larry Johnson at the convention.

Tracy Breakfast Lions are getting ready to send two youths to Japan and should be receiving two from Japan as part of Youth Exchange. They were disappointed not to take top club for the 7th year in a row . . . they will have to work a little harder this next year! Also worked on Relay for Life.

San Joaquin Lions had a successful Corned beef and sausage dinner. Also cosponsored a Health Fair with the Stockton Blind Center using the Eyemobile. Cosponsored the formation of Lathrop Lions. Have been helping “Packed with Pride” program . . . packing and sending care packages to the military overseas.

OK . . . also heard from Tracy Tank Town but still missing 4 clubs; BEST of district! Thank you.

●**Mountain Region:**

Sonora Lions have made a substantial contribution to “SOS-Tuolumne County Families in Crisis”. Sorry to hear that Bulletin Editor Newt McKenna is retiring from doing the bulletin (20+ years!) due to ill health. We wish him well and hope he recovers soon.

Garrotte Lions did a health fair with the Eyemobile and report screening 43 clients.

West Point Lions report that Pres. Tom Bauder canvassed for 2 new clubs . . . Sutter Creek and Ione.

Murphys Angels Lions are providing servers (wine) for Ironstone winery. They also had an Easter egg hunt and a served bratwurst, hot dogs, beer and soda on Irish Day.

They are planning on a Car Show September 12. >>>>>>>> **16**

Up Country 88 Lions are also donating to the local food bank. *(Interesting how our community priorities change with the downturn of the economy! Ed.)*

Jackson Lions are the top club of Division C (46 members or above) . . . even had 13 members at the convention! They reported several nice donations – some pretty substantial . . . \$15,000+ ! Also 14 scholarships.

Arnold Lions are already trying to beat Jackson Lions . . . report 740 hours of service in May! Service projects include: firewood raffle, Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast, community blood drive, White Pines Community Park Clean Up, and working on Relay for Life, and being a Silver Sponsor. They finished as the largest Team fundraiser at \$12,511.00. Overall the Relay raised over \$92,000 which means they broke the \$1million goal for funds raised in seven years in Calaveras County. *(Thank you for the report Lions Roger Hawkins & Gerry Sachs.)*

San Andreas 49er Breakfast Lions report supporting Senior Center Breakfasts with time and \$\$\$.

Also participated in Relay for Life. They also do the canteen at the blood bank.
OK . . . how many clubs did I not hear from in this region? How about 8? Again all I need are activity reports. Hope to hear from more of you this year.

CALLING ALL CLUBS IN DISTRICT 4-A1

Membership is going strong. As of May 14th, we are positive by 45 members! Of course, our new club helped by 24, but we are certainly going in the right direction! My goal was +1 for each club so that would mean +62. Would it not be fantastic if we continue to add and make that goal! Could not have done it without all of you!

Clubs so far with + **NET GROWTH** (New members minus drops and deceased) are:

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| Arnold +3 | So. Stockton +2 |
| Clements-Lockeford +2 | Tracy Breakfast +1 |
| Jackson +10 – WOW! | Gustine +1 |
| Lake Don Pedro Gold Chain +1 | |
| Mokelumne Hill +1 | Turlock 12:10 +1 |
| Murphys Angels +4 | Waterford +3 |
| San Andreas +1 | Bass Lake +4 |
| Sonora +1 | Dos Palos +5 |
| West Point +5 – | Mariposa +4 |
| Linden +7 – great! | Merced Breakfast +5 |
| Lodi Mexican-American +11 – FANTASTIC! | |
| Stockton Delta +3 | Merced Golden +1 |
| Stockton Fil-Am +1 | North Fork +1 |
| Stockton +4 | Sierra +7 |
| Stockton Pacifica +1 | Lathrop (new) 24 |

If you don't see your club listed and you have brought in members since May 14 – congratulations! If you are not listed, I hope that you will make an extra special effort to bring in members by the last filing period of the year – June 30. Thanks for all you do for Lionism. DG Pat

L: Part of Friday games:
looking a child-hood
photos of district Lions –
guess who?
R: Some of many Triple
Star Awards.

MAY DISTRICT

MEETING IN

SUTTER CREEK

L: ZC Jerry Walden with
our cheerleader DG Pat
Friday.

R: Change of command
for Cabinet Secretary.

Health Fair by Turlock 12:10 Lions and
Turlock Covenant Church with other clubs

L: Pres. Terry Anderson
receiving Life Member-
ship in Youth Exchange
Foundation.

L: ZC and Optometrist
Tom Mihok receiving a
Dr. Wayne Hannon
“Patron of Sight”, Lions
in Sight Award.

L: DG elect Francis
Bognuda received a Star
Award and a Life
Membership in the
Hearing Foundation.

Hearing

Foundation

By PDG Ann Tognetti

The Hearing Foundation is keeping busy! For the first quarter of 2009, they have dispensed and repaired 178 hearing aids. 857 hearing aids have been donated (599 from Lions Clubs.

District 4-A1 has sponsored 7 clients and has donated 17 hearing aids.

Please continue to send in your hearing aids. They can be mailed to the Hearing Foundation – 1030 Gettysburg Avenue, #100-D, Clovis, CA 93612. •

District 4-A1 Newsletter

1136 Cecil Way

Modesto, CA 95350

District 4-A1 Calendar 2009

June

- 1 **HELEN KELLER DAY**
- 5 **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**
- 14 **LATHROP LIONS CLUB CHARTER**, Chez Shari's, Manteca Golf course, 305 N. Union Rd, Manteca; 4 PM cocktails, 5 PM dinner, \$25.00, RSVP by 6/5/09.
- 15 **FIRST PRICE DEADLINE FOR USA/CANADA FORUM**; see website for same
- 20 **PRECABINET MEETING** for next year's cabinet & committee chairs: Blind Center, 130 Flora St, Stockton, 2 – 4 PM.
- 20 **36th ALL STAR FOOTBALL GAME**, 6 PM Pregame; 7 PM Kick Off; 4 PM tailgating starts with chili cook-off. Banner parade. Stadium Club.
- 20 **ARNOLD LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER**, @ Sequoia Woods Country Club @ Blue Lake Springs, Arnold. Check in and no host BBQ at 11:30 AM 1 PM Shotgun Start with 4 person scramble. \$95/player includes green fees, cart, prizes, dinner afterwards. Lion Joe Hill, (209) 745-1415 or gericaseyhill@AOL.com
- 21 **FATHER'S DAY**

July

- 6 – 10 **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**, Minneapolis, MN
- 9 **DELHI BALLICO LIONS "PIG IN THE PARK"** fundraiser for Camp Pacifica, Lion Kent 723-5846
- 15 **HILMAR-IRWIN-STEVINSON LIONS CLUB CAR NIGHT**, see AD P. 11.
- 26 – 8/2 **BEEP BASEBALL**, Stockton, see page 10
- 26 – 8/1 **1st WEEK CAMP PACIFICA**
- 31 – 8/ 2 **COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING**, Fairfield, CA

August

- 2 – 8 **2ND WEEK CAMP PACIFICA**
- 14 – 15 **DISTRICT MEETING**, Merced, SEE AD P. 10.
- 26 **SOUTH STOCKTON LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT** — golf and BBQ, Lion Richard 951-8188
- 27 **MERCED BREAKFAST NIGHT MEETING/BBQ AT LAKE YOSEMITE**, Lion Allen 613-1676
- 29 **LIONS NIGHT WITH THE NUTS**, 5 PM, John Thurman Field, Modesto, BBQ, Fireworks, Baseball SEE AD p. 11.