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Lions Scuttlebutt

Happy New Year to all. With the start of the new year, we are on the way to a brighter future for our club. Last year ended with our annual Christmas Party and 80th anniversary. I hope all of you that were able to attend had a great night. There were several speeches by Lion Club dignitaries and a very informative history of our club provided by Bill Schulze. I would like to thank Dick Bellman and Daniel Goldstein for their efforts to make this event a big success.



The club did several projects over the Christmas Season including a very successful Salvation Army Bell Ringer event thanks to John Fraser. We participated in the Wreaths Across America program at Conejo Mountain Cemetery and we donated to Toys For Tots and Guide Dogs of America-Tender Loving Canines among others.

I am very proud of all the good work the club has accomplished this past year, and looking forward to an even more exciting new year.

Thank all of you for all of your hard work this past year to make our community a better place to live and to make our club a better and stronger influence on the future.

President Bob Larson

Happy New Year 2026

New Year's Day, 1848

by Walt Whitman

*A morning fair: A noontide dubious:
Then gathering clouds obscure the Sun:
Then rain in torrents falls, subsiding soon
Into a gentle dropping. By eve the sun
Sinks into a cloudless west; and a mild breeze
With pleasant motion stirs the atmosphere.
Next in the blue vault above do moon and stars
Vie in bright emulation to destroy the gloom of night.*

*Such was our New Year's Day, and eventide!
Was it not an index of each passing Year,
Within whose seasons circumstance and change
Ever with Hope and Happiness war?
One now superior: anon the other:
And as succeeds pleasure or pain or joy or sorrow,
Clouding the firmament of each heart,
Raindrops of melancholy dim the eyes,
To shortly dry, hiding the Past and Present
'Neath bright starry thoughts—
Suggestive of a Future aye serene.*

*Day of a coming year promising change,
Yet full of promises, we need but watch
And pray for guardianship to come
Over caprices and all foolish ways!
So shall bright sunshine in advancing days
And starry invitations lead to Heavenly praise.*

PV Lions Calendar - January 2026

- Jan 13 Meeting (DG Visit) B&G Club
- Jan 17 **Farmers Market**
- Jan 20 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Jan 27 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Feb 10 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Feb 17 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Feb 21 **Farmers Market**
- Feb 24 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Mar 10 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Mar 17 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Mar 21 **Farmers Market**
- Mar 24 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Apr 14 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Apr 18 **Farmers Market**
- Apr 21 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Apr 28 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- May 12 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- May 16 **Farmers Market**
- May 19 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- May 26 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Jun 9 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Jun 16 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Jun 20 **Farmers Market**
- Jun 23 Installation - B&G Club



Tennessen takes over as mayor

At its annual reorganization meeting on Dec. 10, the Camarillo City Council tapped first-term council member representing District 1, David Tennessen, as mayor.

He succeeds Kevin Kildee, District 3 council member.

Camarillo's mayor is not an elected office; rather, that person is selected from among the council to serve a year-long term. Kildee, first elected to the council in 1996, has served multiple terms as mayor.

Martita Martinez-Bravo (District 5) was named vice mayor.

The other council members are Susan Santangelo (District 2) and Tony Trembley (District 4).

The City Council generally meets at 5 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month in the City Hall Council Chamber, 601 Carmen Drive. The City Council phone number is (805) 388-5307.

— Scott Steepleton



CHANGE ON THE DAIS—

Camarillo's new mayor, David Tennessen, second from left, with the rest of the council, from left, Martita Martinez-Bravo, Kevin Kildee, Susan Santangelo and Tony Trembley.

6 Dec. - Donated BBQ to Miracle League of the 805

BBQ for Forty was auctioned for **\$4200** at the Miracle League of the 805 Fundraiser last year. It was redeemed at the home of Brian and Gina McCarty. The feast included Tri tip, chicken, roasted red potatoes, Caesar salad, peanut cilantro coleslaw and garlic bread. *Bruce must have been the photographer since he is nowhere to be seen,* Lion Chet thought long and hard about riding the bull but opted to wrestle it to the ground, without success.

Bruce and Chet knocked it out of the park...again!!

Lion Bruce



6 Dec.—FFA Dinner

My son attended the FFA dinner and told me that a Lions BBQ was just auctioned for **\$2200**. He included a short movie clip of the auction so I clipped a couple of photos and took the liberty of enlarging the screen so you could see our Lions slide. I knew that Lion Mike was cooking a Santa Maria Style dinner for 160 for the FFA but didn't know that we were donating a BBQ. This the first time we have donated a BBQ to this great organization but likely not the last.

Although the FFA dinner was not a Lions function like the donated BBQ done by Lions Bruce and Chet, PV Lions was one of the advertised sponsors of the event. The FFA netted \$26,000 from the auction, which was great considering that this was their first year. Mike said that they had to turn away 100 people because the venue couldn't handle them. Next year they are going to need a larger venue and another grill. Look at all that chicken on the grill. Mike, Anthony and a few FFA helpers did a great job and according to Lion Bruce, they got rave reviews.



6 Dec. - Oxnard Downtowners Christmas Parade

Lion John participated in the Oxnard Christmas Parade with the Salvation Army. Their float is shown top right. John had a photo op with the Parade Grand Marshal. *John is shown top left in case you were wondering.*



7 Dec. 1941 - Pearl Harbor Day

The United States marked the 84th anniversary of the Japanese attack on the U.S. naval base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Sunday, Dec. 7, as the number of Americans belonging to "the Greatest Generation" who lived through World War II diminishes.

The attack on Dec. 7, 1941, killed 2,403 service members, and civilians were killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor, according to the National Park Service. Five of the eight battleships, three destroyers, and seven other ships stationed at the base were sunk or severely damaged. More than 200 aircraft were destroyed – according to History.com.

The bombing led the U.S. to declare war on Japan the next day, when then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared that Dec. 7, 1941, would be "a date which will live in infamy."



7 Dec. 1934 - Lion Lloyd's Birthday

Just when I thought that December 7 couldn't be any more important or consequential I learned that it was also Lion Lloyd's birthday, *but Lloyd beat the attack on Pearl Harbor by 7 years.*

Lion Mike remembered and bought a surprise birthday cake that other than the color and hat seemed to have a remarkable resemblance to Lloyd: you can be the judge.

After lunch Katie surprised everyone but Mike with the cake and left it up to Lloyd to cut and serve. Those Veterinarian surgical skills came back and Lloyd delivered 4 perfect pieces of cake.



9 Dec - Regular Meeting 1/5

President Bob started us off with Lion Tom handling the Pledge of Allegiance and the Bulletin handling the Invocation, without error I might add. He then introduced four guests from Ventura Downtown Lions and one from Channel Islands Lions.



PDG Margaret Dunleavy presented our club with two awards/gifts.

The patch shows that our club satisfied all LCIF global causes last year. We need to find a suitable spot on our banner to display this prestigious award and expect that we will receive chevrons for future years.

The glass is for our continued support of Teresita Pines Lions Camps. Lion Margaret has been heavily involved in this charity and is always appreciative of our support.

PCC Bill Dunleavy came to advertise the upcoming Melvin Jones Ceremony to be held at the Carpinteria Lions Club House. Past International President Brian Sheehan will speak at the event. In addition he thanked our club for our generous support of LCIF via our yearly donations. He noted that our club was always the largest supporter of this organization in our District.



Meeting

Lion Scott from Channel Islands visited to ask for our support for gifts for pediatric cancer patients at community memorial hospital. We are supportive and Lion Bill noted that we already provided a **\$2000** gift for this activity.



Lion Bruce informed us that we are not participating in this year's Christmas Parade. Need to start earlier next year.

Lions Bob and Dick gave a rundown on the Xmas party. We have 111 signed up.

Lion Bob encouraged all to participate in *Wreaths across America* this Saturday. In addition we have *Farmers Market* next Saturday.



Lion John is coordinating our involvement with the Salvation Army's **Red Kettle** event on 20 December. He has one slot open.

Dinner

The entire cooking crew led by Lion Bruce is shown in the kitchen. We have one of our newest members, Ron Karlsson in the crew. This is one of the best ways to integrate into the club. Pasta, meatballs, squash, garlic bread, salad and cheese cake were the menu. PCC Bill and PDG Margaret Dunleavy led the charge to the serving table.



Guest Speaker

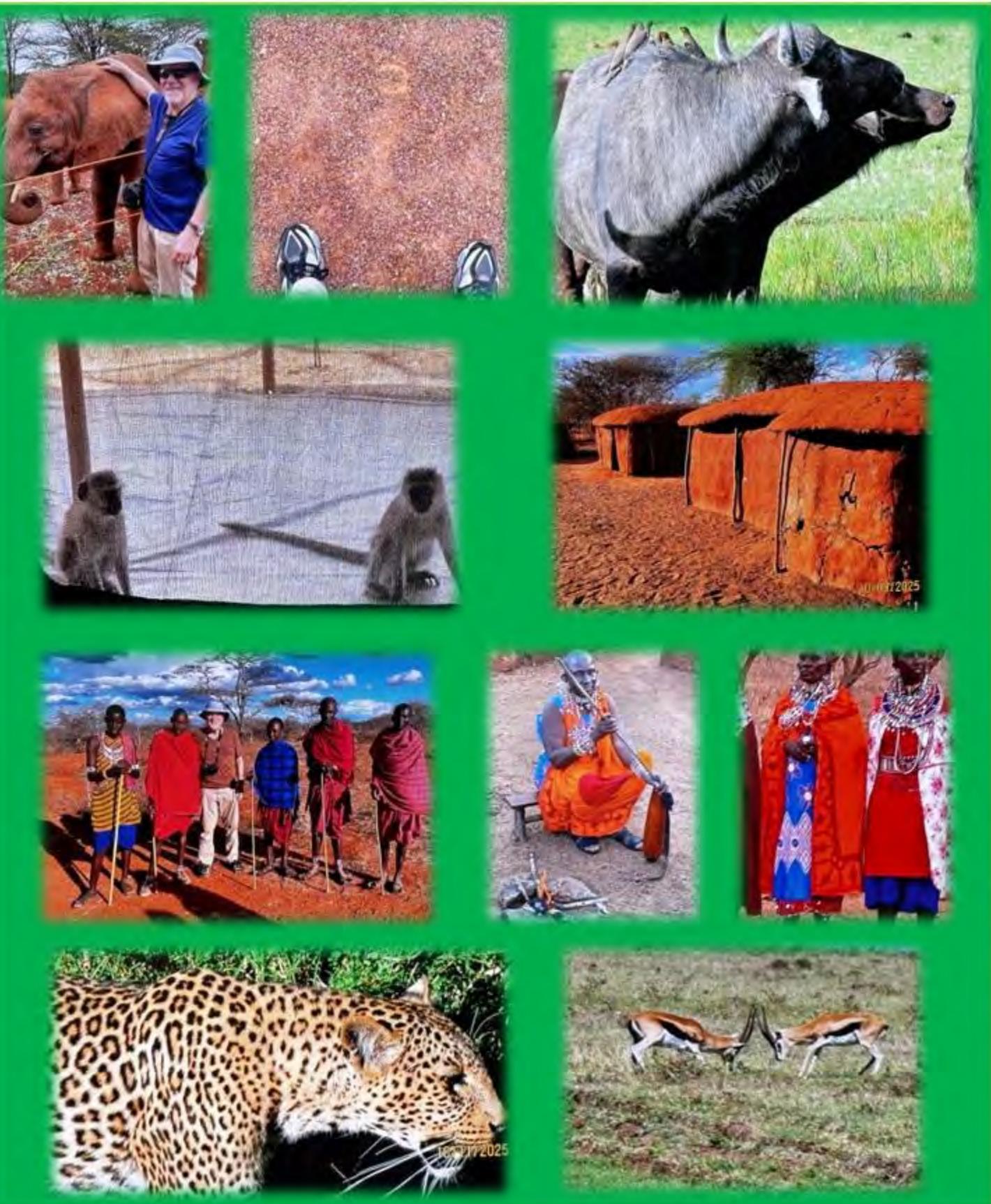
Lion Dick Bellman travelled to Kenya for the safari adventure of a lifetime. He travelled to three sites on a prop plane and then had road transportation like that below. Dick wasn't the youngest member of the group and noted that the lady middle right below brought a bottle of whisky for the trip. Accommodations were first class and the meals were great. Some of his colorfully dressed Massai friends are shown below. Dick had a birthday during the trip and they even provided a cake for the event.



9 Dec - Regular Meeting 4/5

Lion Dick made lots of animal friends but there were a few that were not so friendly. He shows the footprint of the unfriendly animal below right and was a reason that you stayed in your room at night.

Dick took lots of great photos of locals and dozens of animals encountered up close.



Dick is shown with a tranquilized elephant undergoing a medical procedure. Fortunately he got the right end of the elephant. Below you see just how close he got to the wildlife. He commented on the “unique fragrance” of the Hippopotamus pond.



Comics

A SLICE OF APPLE PIE
IN JAMAICA IS
\$2.00. IT IS \$2.50 IN
THE BAHAMAS. THESE
ARE THE PIE RATES
OF THE CARIBBEAN

WHAT DO YOU CALL A
MELON THAT'S NOT
ALLOWED TO GET
MARRIED?

CANTELOPE.

WHAT DO YOU
CALL A
BULLET PROOF
IRISHMAN
—
RICK O'SHEA



That might be an issue...



IT AMAZES ME
HOW MUCH EXERCISE
AND EXTRA FRIES
SOUND ALIKE

A college class was told they had to write a short story in as few words as possible. The instructions were: The short story had to contain the following three things:

- (1) Religion
- (2) Sexuality
- (3) Mystery

Below is the only A+ short story in the entire class.

"Good God, I'm pregnant; I wonder who did it."

Guide Dogs of America-Tender Loving Canines Trolley Ride

Look what I found. I get Facebook info from GDA-TLC almost every day and I was pleasantly surprised to see our own Lions Missy and Joe on a Trolley Ride with VK. If you look *real hard* you can see Missy to the upper right of the light pole.

It was a magical evening for our Santa Clarita Puppy Raisers as they boarded the Hometown Trolley for a tour of the city's most spectacular holiday light displays. Some of our pups may have even thought they were auditioning to guide Santa's sleigh! 🎄🐾🌟

PD A collection of photos showing puppy raisers and their yellow and black Labrador and golden retriever puppies decked out in holiday attire boarding the Santa Clarita Hometown Trolley.





★ December 13, 2025 ★
National Wreaths Across America Day

It was a memorable day at Wreaths Across America's Day, Conejo Mountain. Seven PV Lions attended, almost doubling last years' attendance. This day 3.1 million wreaths were laid across the country and 2556 wreaths laid here by several hundred people.



REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

It has been said, "A soldier dies twice, once when he takes his last breath, and again when he is forgotten". Those who have defended our freedoms should never be forgotten.

Your participation along with the millions across America honoring our veterans with the Wreaths Across America makes sure that this will never happen.

May God Bless you, our Veteran's, Active Military, First Responders, and may God Bless America.

John Short III

Chair – Wreaths Across America, Conejo Mountain
President Rolling Thunder – CA. 1

13 Dec. - Wreaths Across America 2/3

Wreaths Across America (WAC) was first inspired when 12-year-old paperboy Morrill Worcester won a trip to the nation's capital, a trip he would never forget. In 1992, when Morrill found himself with an excess of 5,000 wreaths nearing the end of the holiday season he saw an opportunity to make a boyhood dream a reality. With the help of Sen. Olympia Snow the wreaths were placed at Arlington National Cemetery. Wreaths Across America was founded in 2007. REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those who serve, TEACH the next generation the value of freedom.

EVENT PROGRAM

Major John Kunsmiller and members of the Civil Air Patrol Presented the Colors.

Paige Steel sang the National Anthem. She is a country singer and songwriter.

Gary Dickey, Lt Col USA gave the prayer. Paige is seated behind him.

Jose Rivera, Asst. Sheriff of Ventura County. Our own Pres. Bob was one of his training officers. Jose was there to lay wreaths at relatives who were veterans.

Bob Engler, Veteran, Retired Fire Chief and current councilmember, City of Thousand Oaks provided very thoughtful comments and was also there to lay wreaths at family members sites.

Bill Hutton, Staff Sergeant US Marines and retired Sheriff gave a memorable speech. SSGT Hutton is the recipient of the Silver Star and three purple hearts for bullet wounds sustained during Vietnam.

John Short III

John, who is the chair of WAC provided closing remarks including thanks to all supporters including PV Lions.



13 Dec. - Wreaths Across America 3/3

Several hundred people came to lay wreaths. Rolling Thunder members disbursed wreaths and led groups to the sites marked by flags. There were about 500 that were not marked this year but hopefully funds will be available to mark all 3000+ sites next year.



16 Dec.—Board Meeting 1/2

The meeting was sparse but with Lions BobT and Ceeb who are not shown we had enough for a quorum.

Pres. Bob started us off with the Xmas party and noted that we have a couple of surprises in store at the party but kept the secret.

Sec. Rich's minutes were approved.

Treas. Bill noted that our Admin account is healthy, although, we will manage to use some for the Xmas party. Bill proposed that we provide honorary memberships to both Craig Underwood and James from Underwoods at our Xmas party. Bill already prepared certificates. The board unanimously approved and they will count towards our membership so a double bonus for the club.



Unfinished Business

Lion Dick

- Provided an update on our Xmas party. We have 111 guests. Dick got a round of applause from the board for all his work on this party.
- Dick then gave an update on the Student Speaker Contest “*AI, Friend or Foe*”. He has contacted all local high schools but didn’t have any takers as yet.

Lion John

- John purchased 100 balls with the **\$2000** donated last month. He got tremendous discounts from Big 5, etc. We/He expected 2/3 as many so he did great. Got a round of applause.

New Business

- District Governor will visit on 13 Jan.
- Bruce discuss BBQ's for YMCA and the District Convention. Updates to be provided.



Solicitations

- **Lion Bruce** presented a proposal from Guide Dogs of America for grounds repair. Bruce contacted many local builders as did Lion Rich. The best estimate was \$18K and Lion Bill suggested initially that we fund this over 4 years. Lion Missy then offered to pay a portion of the fee. After discussion Lion Bill proposed that PV provide **\$10K** after Lion Missy offered **\$8K**. The motion was approved.

What a Wonderful donation from Lions Missy and Joe.

Toys for Tots

Pres. Bob has been trying to give our **\$1000** check to Toys for Tots for a while and finally managed to get it done at the end of our meeting.

Four of us stayed for a short time after the meeting and the Rep came charging in with all smiles. She drove from Oxnard and then proceeded to tell us about all the toys she would be able to purchase and the many happy kids that will receive them. She promised to send photos and she came through.



Thanks from: Camarillo Community Band



CAMARILLO COMMUNITY BAND
PO Box 231
Camarillo, CA 93011

December 15, 2025

Ron Larson
P.O. Box 157
Camarillo, CA 93011

Dear Mr. Larson,

The Camarillo Community Band has received a \$1,000 check from the Lions Club, and the club has our deepest thanks.

After celebrating in July its fortieth season, the band made a big decision. It decided to move its music library, percussion instruments, and music stands to a rented storage facility. They had been housed for forty years in various band members' garages.

As you know, renting a storage facility is expensive. The band sees the importance of safeguarding its equipment and consolidating it in a single location. It has also purchased additional insurance. All of this strengthens our ability to continue making music. The gift from the Lions helps ensure the band's future. We especially thank you and Russ White for your generosity.

Sincerely,


Mark F. Fischer, President
Board of Directors
Camarillo Community Band

Thanks from: Somis School Parents

Last month the board agreed to give our remaining Target cards of the Somis Pantry who then provided four \$150 bundles of cards to parents of Somis school children for Christmas. We received the following 4 thank you notes.

THANK YOU

Dear. Lions Club

Our family would like to
sincerely thank you for the
gift cards

Thank you,
- Gutierrez

Dear Lions Club,

Thank you somuch for the
Target gift card you
generously donated to our
family.

Sincerely,
Family zamora

Dear Lions Club,

Our family would like to
thank you from the bottom of
our hearts for the Target gift
cards you provided.

Sincerely,
Family Haddenham

Dear.

Lions Club,

Our family would like to
thank you for the Target gift
card. we are very grateful
for your generosity.

Family Mendez

THANK YOU

PV Lions Gifts Wrapped by Ambers Light Lions

Last month PV Lions donated **\$1100** to the **Douglas Pennfield School for Special Kids**. The school serves students from kindergarten to fifth grade with moderate to severe disabilities. Staff uses evidenced-based instructional strategies to teach the functional skills that will maximize independence for the students. PDG Rich was contacted to see if we would be interested in providing funds for small Christmas gifts for their 55 students. The school suggested \$10 per student but the board approved **\$1100**, which allows more meaningful gifts valued at \$20 per student.

As you can see below our other Camarillo Lions Club helped us out by wrapping all the gifts; thanks to the 4 Ambers Light Lions for helping out.



Douglas Pennfield School for Special Kids Christmas Party 1/2

The presents bought by PV, wrapped by Ambers Light Lions and delivered by Mr. and Mrs. Santa and a few Elves just in time for a Christmas Party that looked like fun.



Douglas Pennfield School for Special Kids Christmas Party 2/2

Here are a few more photos showing the kids enjoying gifts and Santa.



17 Dec.—Christmas Party 1/10

We managed to get 21 of our PV Lions together for a group shot at the party. Lion Dan is peeking out above Lion Russ.

Lion Ellen Jochums sent me the photo of 15 Ambers Light Lions. She congratulated us on 80 years of service.



Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions 17 December 2025



Ambers Light Lions 17 December 2025

When we walked into the door we were met by 1VP Dan and one of our newest members, Alex Schulze. They checked us in and gave out anniversary mugs. I wasn't on his list although I was one of the first to sign up, but they let me in anyway and I even got mugs. Total paid attendance for the party was 111.

Bruce was at the entrance selling clothespins for \$5 and sold all 200 so the winner is in for a nice prize.



President Larson started us off with the Pledge of Allegiance music version by our DJ and introduced PDG Cervantes as our Master of Ceremonies. PDG Rich gave the invocation prayer and then introduced our dignitaries.

The dignitaries included:

- **International Director Liz Crooke**
- **PID Howard Hudson**
- **PCC Bill Dunleavy**
- **PDG Margaret Dunleavy**
- **PDG Mike Brown**
- **PDG's Jose and Juanita Nichols**
- **DG Patrick Pothier**
- **Camarillo Mayor/PV Lion Dave Tennessen**
- **CEO Boys and Girls Club, Roberto Martinez**
- **PDG Rich Cervantes**



Keynote Speaker: Elizabeth “Liz” Crooke

We were pleased that she agreed to come as our guest. She visited our club a year ago while running for International Director so we knew that she was a good speaker and she didn't disappoint. When she finished her planned remarks PDG Rich went to the podium and asked her to describe what it means to be a Director. She didn't hesitate and talked at length about her “adventure”. In particular she recounted her last trip to India, the home of our current International President. At the clubs she visited she noted that they had multiple projects laid out in advance. One club built an expensive Diabetes clinic to serve their area and has many other large projects planned. Clearly she is a great Lion representative and perhaps may move further up the Lion ladder.



Remarks: DG Patrick Pothier

DG Patrick is also a very good speaker and knowledgeable about our clubs activities and accomplishments. He gets our bulletin each month and actually reads it and will be a guest at our next regular meeting so I'm not going to spoil his remarks for those who couldn't make the dinner. It was great to have him celebrate this momentous occasion with our club.

Clothespin Contest

After 98 clothespins were pulled by Lion Ron Karlsson, demoralizing lots of expectant Lions, there were two remaining but only Ceeb stayed till the end.

Lion Ceeb was given the choice of drawing again with a chance at \$1000 or splitting the prize with Rick Johansson. Rick didn't have a say in the matter but Ceeb chose to split the prize.



Lion Bellman gathered historical info to display to all those whose memories are not as good as they used to be.

The centerpiece of the display was our charter, which showed that we were born on 9 October 2045, a couple of months over 80 years.

Lion Lloyd is our historian and can provide details for all the info displayed. Displayed are only a few of the pins that Lloyd has and he said that many are quite valuable. I'm not sure who the hat belongs to so ask Lloyd.

The table at bottom modeled by Lion Ceeb and his wife provides a few more plaques and several scrapbooks. Mine is to his right and it certainly brought back lots of fond memories.



Bill Schulze: Brief history of Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club

Lion Bill put together a complete history of our club with lots of input from Lion Lloyd. PV Lions size has ranged from 17 to 130 and now we are a little less than 60, but growing. He noted our founding of Ambers Light, \$3 million earned over the years from our Underwood Farms festivals, the many clubs that we support via our fundraising efforts, our 15 #1 club awards and mentioned that we did over 25,000 eye screening over just a few years. This one in particular brought back a fond memory because Bill noted that we tested a 3-4 year old child at Lions Friends in Sight, Santa Paula that wasn't there for testing. We encouraged a spot vision test and the parents finally agreed and we found out that the child had extremely poor vision. They registered the child for complete testing. Bill also mentioned that we won a prestigious GINKBO award from Lions International in 2010. See following page for a description that Bill found.

Bill then did something that we have never done before. He presented Craig Underwood and James Barker with complimentary PV Lion memberships for their outstanding support of our work at Underwoods over many years. Both Craig and James were appreciative. Lion Neil then presented a gift can of Dr. Pepper to Craig Underwood. This is Craig's favorite drink at the festivals. Finally, Bill got the biggest standing ovation of the night.



GINKBO Award to Pleasant Valley Lions August 6, 2010

The Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions won the GINKBO Award in 2010 and DG Mike Brown accepted the award for our club. The article below states that we donated \$25K but we actually donated \$45K to LCI. We had been saving up these funds for several years and although it happened during my year as president it was PP Tom Blattel who recommended that we just provide all the funds rather than dole it out over a few years. We had no idea that this would result in an award but it put our club on the Lions map.

As PDG Mike Brown notes below “It was quite an honor accepting this award for the Pleasant Valley Lions Club, adding that it was “unbelievable”.



OUTSTANDING DONATION—Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club member Mike Brown, right, accepts a Ginkgo Award during the 93rd annual Lions Club International convention in Sydney, Australia, on July 2. The local chapter earned the award for making the largest donation—\$25,000—by one club to the Lions Club International Foundation, which uses the money to support various charities worldwide.

Lions receive international award

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August 6, 2010

Lions Club

FROM PAGE 1 —

Lions Club International's 93rd annual convention in Sydney, Australia, on July 2.

The international service organization has 45,000 chapters worldwide and raises money for a variety of causes.

District Gov. Michael J. Brown accepted the club's award for largest donation to the Lions Club International Foundation by a Lions Club.

The Camarillo club donated \$25,000.

“It was quite the honor accepting the award for the Pleasant Valley Lions Club,” said Brown, adding that it was “unbelievable.”

There were 10,000 clubs from more than 100 countries that at-

tended the event, and the Camarillo branch was the only club from the United States or Canada to win a Ginkgo award.

“We're one of the best unknown secrets,” Brown said.

As one of the largest clubs in a district that includes Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties, the Camarillo chapter has more than 100 members, Brown said.

“Our club is all about giving back to the city of Camarillo and what we can do for them,” Brown said.

The local service group provides scholarships for high school students. For years the group has organized the Fourth of July fireworks show in Camarillo.

Everything the club does “comes from the heart,” Brown said.

Brown's goals as district governor include adding members and keeping members active.

This August, the service club will participate in the Mervyn's kids' shopping program. The club will donate \$5,000 so local children can buy back-to-school essentials such as underwear, socks and school supplies.

“Any community need, our local club should be able to handle it,” Brown said.

He said the club is open to both men and women, and all are welcome to visit the club. Membership is by invitation only.

To attend a meeting of the Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club, call (805) 987-4272 or e-mail mjbelectric@att.net.

For more information or to learn about membership, visit www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php.

The Santa Paula table is top left. On 17 Jan they will celebrate their 100th anniversary in Fillmore and I hope many of us will attend.

Lion Bill is hosting our Underwoods friends and PDG Rich is hosting our International guest Liz Crooke.



17 Dec.—Christmas Party 8/10

Here are a few more couples and “thruples” for your viewing pleasure on this and the following page. I also found another of our guest dignitaries at bottom. CEO Roberto Martinez is shown standing/bending right at the center in the bottom photo.





Mayor/Lion Dave Tennessen: Proclamation Award

Camarillo Mayor Dave Tennessen read the entire proclamation from the city commanding PV Lions for its outstanding service to the community. Lion Dave's tenure as Mayor began in December and we expect that Camarillo will be well served with his tenure as it was by our previous mayor and PV Lion Kevin Kildee.



Pres. Bob Larson: Special Awards

Lion Bob presented a **\$10,000** check to Lion Greg for Guide Dogs of America-Tending Loving Canines. This, along with the **\$8000** donated by Lions Missy and Joe will enable grounds repair at their facility.



Pres. Bob then provided pins to our longest serving members. Lion Lloyd has served **49 years**, Lion Jack has served **50 years** and Lion Neal McNutt has served **62 years**. All three of these gentlemen are still very active in the club and we are fortunate to have them as Lions.

Dancing

The final part of the party was supposed to be dancing to the tunes of our DJ but almost everyone left after our group photo. This is the best I could do to simulate a dance photo.

Merry Christmas and Happy 80th Anniversary to all.



20 Dec. - Farmers Market

Pleasant Valley was represented by 4 Lions plus the Shadow at Saturday's Farmers Market. I was stuck in traffic for well over an hour on the 405 by the Getty so couldn't make it but we collected lot of batteries and eye glasses.

Fortunately the *Shadow* provided a few pictures of the event for your viewing pleasure.



20 Dec. — Salvation Army Red Kettle

Lion John organized a few PV Lions to take donations for the Salvation Army at Ralphs. It was still a tiny bell but it seemed to work well this time. One lady stopped her car in front of me and pulled out several \$50 bills. She put a couple in the **Red Kettle** then offered me \$50 so I could get dinner. *Although a little hungry I told her that we were all volunteers from PV Lions and suggested that she put it in the Salvation Army **Red Kettle**— She Did!*

Good afternoon all,

*Just some nice holiday greetings for all...and a note about this past Saturday, when some of our Lions were **Red Kettle** Bell Ringers at Ralphs in Camarillo. Between 10 am - 6 pm, **\$1,190** was raised by the Lions for the Salvation Army. This is a substantial increase from the amount last year (**\$408**).*

*Bigtime Thanks to **Dick and Sharon, Missy, and Bob T** for a great job! My wife **Karen** and I also helped, as did a friend of ours, **Richard Ledesma**. Overall, volunteers for the Oxnard-Hueneme-Camarillo chapter of the Salvation Army raised \$15,003 this holiday season. Last year, the amount raised was \$9,343. **Mucho impressive!***

Lion John



PV Guide Dog Puppy in Training - Amie

Dear Family,



Guide Dogs
of America



Tender Loving
Canines

I am writing to update you on my progress in service dog training. This month, I primarily focused on learning... Hold. This cue has been a little bit of a struggle for me. When my trainer present item I hold for 1/2 second and then I drop, Need to work on duration. I think I'm doing ok.

Some other things that I am learning include... up. This cue scares me a little because when my trainer cues up, I do the cue but quickly. Release myself will work more on duration

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I am good at... Snuggle. When my trainer cues snuggle from kennel or with me just sitting in front of him I do cue. Sometimes I get confused and I lick his face but he helps me to be successful in doing cue.

I am having challenges with... Hold.. I am unable to hold item for more than 2 second. Need just a little more work on duration because I'm picking it up and I'm doing great or at least that's what my trainer says

I have the most fun when.. I'm playing with my trainer

My favorite toy is.. Ranch bone

Wags & Kisses,

Amie





HOPE IS TURNING TRAINING INTO LIFE-SAVING ACTION

When a disaster strikes, the speed, accuracy, and expertise of the response team make all the difference. This is why we regularly host trainings at our National Training Center.

In October, we hosted a critical training on our campus with teams from California Task Force 2, focusing on challenges they would face in a real deployment. The training covered aspects of air travel, including loading gear, outfitting search dogs and handlers, safely embarking and disembarking a helicopter, and rendering medical aid to disaster victims.

Just weeks later, the value of this training was on display when members of the team were called upon to travel to Jamaica to assist residents in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa. They immediately put their specialized skills to use, ready to save lives the moment they landed.

This ability to prepare for real-world scenarios is absolutely crucial and only possible thanks to generous donors like you. Your support ensures that search teams are always prepared to fly into action when disaster strikes, transforming their training into hope for communities.

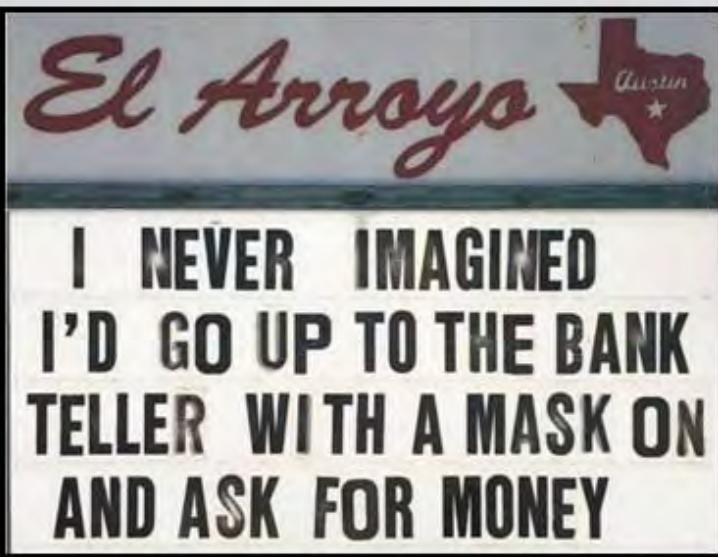
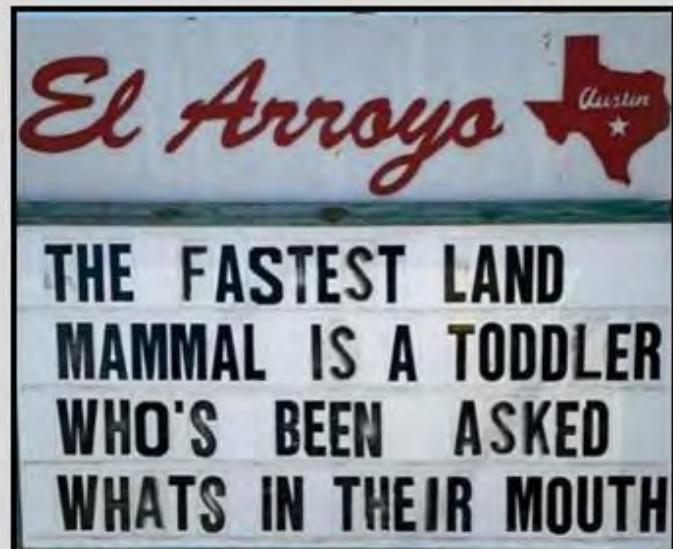


Toys for Tots

As you may recall we donated **\$1000** to Toys for Tots at our last board meeting. They already bought gifts with out donation and along with other donated gifts they were delivered by Santa to lots of happy kids.



A Bundle of Laughs



22 Dec. - Lion John goes to a Kings Game

Lion John went with his family to see the **LA Kings** play and he said that they lost. It is understandable when you see the lineup on the ice. While the gaudy helmets worn by most of the **Kings** look great they don't provide much protection and are easily knocked off so the players kept having to pick them up off the ice, which greatly cut time to put the hocky puck in the net.



Guide Dogs of America-Tender Loving Canines

Find Lion Greg in 4 seconds and win a Kewpie doll

Guide Dogs of America - Tender Loving Canines

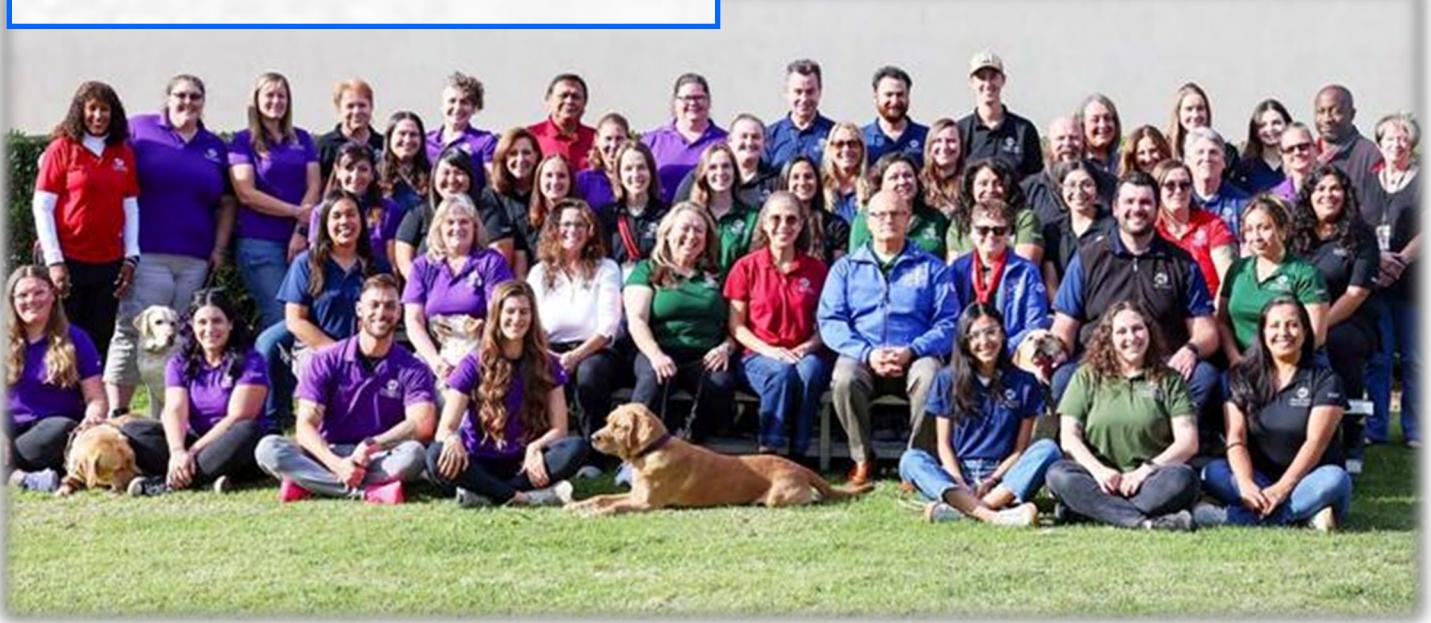
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This is the incredible team behind the GDA | TLC mission. ❤️

From puppy beginnings to life-changing partnerships, they make every moment possible. We are so grateful for each and every one of you!

PD: GDA | TLC staff photo outdoors with green grass in the foreground.

#GDATLC #TeamWork
#GuideDogsOfAmerica
#TenderLovingCanines
#GuideDogSchool #ServiceDogs



Holiday Ball Drive

Woodburn | Kind givers get Ball Drive rolling!

Woody Woodburn Columnist

The Pleasant Valley-Somis-Camarillo Lions Club collectively gave 45 balls (**actually 80+**). And now – drumroll, please – the final gift tally for 2025, surpassing last year's previous record by 147, is 1,491 brand new sports balls joyous young smiles!



Pleasant Valley Lions provided **\$2000** for John Knittle to purchase holiday balls. John got great discounts from Big 5 Sporting Goods and managed to purchase a lot more than the article states. **John purchased over 80 balls** with the great discount and provided them to the foundation.

From Lion John's Suburban to the Field.



January 2026 Birthdays

HAPPY
Birthday



Certificate

Happy Birthday Month

Good for ONE drink at the bar



Baker	Richard	1/23
Feder	Alan	1/18
Forsythe	Kerry	1/26
Larson	Bob	1/ ??
Mc Nutt	Neale	1/8
White	Russell	1/4



Horoscope

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Your ambitious nature will propel you towards success this month. Just make sure to wear your lucky socks to all meetings — you never know when they might tip the scales in your favor. Avoid overthinking your morning coffee choice, it's not a thesis topic.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Your innovative spirit is on overdrive this month. Whether you're scribbling genius concepts on the back of napkins or discussing quantum physics with the neighbor's cat, lean into your eccentricity and challenge the status quo. Just be sure to touch down to Earth before the aliens recruit you as their new leader.



We Serve

Happy holidays!



We want to thank you for the incredible leadership and service that you bring to your community every day, and in so many ways. As we begin a new year together, we would like to share a [special holiday message](#) to show our appreciation for you and Lions around the world.

We wish you a happy new year!

A.P. Singh and Sangeeta Jatia

We've brought the power of AI to lionsclubs.org. Now help us bring Lion AI to your clubs. [Learn more today!](#)



We Serve



**Lead to Serve,
Serve to Lead with
International President
A.P. Singh**

Lion

Lions are known the world over as being agents of positive change. We identify problems and work to find solutions.

Throughout the year, you've made plans. You've focused on growth. You've served. Now it's time to reflect on what worked. And what didn't. By reviewing your areas of strength and adapting to obstacles, you and your club will be able to serve better, serve more and create your path to success.

As you work to serve your community and meet your goals, it's also important to take the time to recognize your achievements. Celebrate each victory with your club, motivate each other — and watch your service impact grow.

Together in service,

**A.P. Singh
International President**

MISSION 1.5 Bulletin

A bulletin from your international president and *MISSION 1.5*, sharing inspiring, life-changing stories.

Be a Champion for Inclusion

Lions have a longstanding partnership with Special Olympics, using sports to bring pride and purpose to athletes all over the world. Together, we can make the world a better place by celebrating everyone's victories.



115,308

Members Added

These members' lives will be forever changed, as yours has since becoming a Lion, and the lives impacted by these members will be countless. (Data is from 7/1/25-11/30/25)



1,376

New Clubs Formed



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

District 4-A3
Melvin Jones Fellowship
Recognition Luncheon

featuring

Past International President



Brian Sheehan

**Saturday,
January 10, 2026**

**11 am - 2 pm ~
\$40 per person**

Carpinteria Lions Clubhouse
at the Lion Community Park
6197 Casitas Pass Rd, Carpinteria

**Limited Seating! Reserve early!
Reservations required by December 31, 2025!**

Casual Dress

For more information: Terry Orton
805-441-0167 or ortontk@hotmail.com

**DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO HEAR
PIP BRIAN SHEEHAN IN PERSON!!!**

IT'S AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE!

We remind ALL Lions and their guests to register by **December 31, 2025**, for the 2026 Melvin Jones Fellowship Recognition Luncheon on Saturday, January 10, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Carpinteria Lions clubhouse. The cost for this event is \$40.00 per person. Who knows when you'll ever get the chance again to hear Past International President Brian Sheehan in person!! He is widely regarded as one of the best speakers in the Lions family.

We will be honoring ALL Melvin Jones fellows in attendance, and we hope PIP Brian will be able to recognize as many **NEW** Melvin Jones and Progressive Melvin Jones fellows as possible. **IMPORTANT: To have a new recipient receive recognition at the luncheon as a Melvin Jones Fellow, contributions must be made to LCIF no later than December 31, 2025!** Payments CAN be made online! If you need help with this, please contact PCC Bill or Lion Terry!

All Lions and their guests are welcome, whether or not they are currently Melvin Jones Fellows or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows. Seats are filling up fast, so be sure to order your tickets today! If you have any questions, please call or email either Lion **PCC Bill Dunlevy** (805-701-0967) or Lion **Terry Orton** (805-441-0167).

Yours in Lionism,

Lion PCC Bill Dunlevy

Lion Terry Orton

17 Jan.—Santa Paula Lions 100th Anniversary

Support the Santa Paula Lions and
CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF SERVICE!
Be sure to **RSVP** by January 9, 2026!

Email Glenda at

SantaPaulaLionsClub@gmail.com

Venmo her at **Glenda-Learn**



Santa Paul Lions Club
Centennial Celebration
100 Years of Service

Saturday, January 17, 2026 / 4 - 8 p.m.
Celebrate the decades with us & dine with the **classics!**



R & Q Kitchen

in the

*Burnett Chevrolet Showroom
1024 West Ventura Street
Fillmore, CA*

\$50

per person

Please RSVP by January 9, 2026

You will receive the dinner but full payment is due by January 9th. Thank you for your understanding.

21 Feb. California Lions Be-Cause Walk 1/3

Let's get moving while raising funds for your favorite cause. All funds will be directed to the cause of your choice. Walk in person on Sat. Feb. 21 at the MD4 convention or "virtually" until Feb. 18, 2016. [Descriptions of all Global Causes follow.](#)

In-Person Saturday, February 21st, 2026
Long Beach, CA at the Queen Mary



Virtual 100-Day Movement Challenge
November 12th, 2025- February 18, 2026



Diabetes

Proceeds from the **Diabetes** cause will fund standardized Diabetes Screening Toolkits for each of the 14 California Lions Districts statewide. Help **move** forward these kits — including glucometers, test strips, and other essential supplies — will allow clubs to easily conduct community screenings, reduce individual club costs, increase participation by Lions, nurses, and ensure supplies are used efficiently with minimal waste. **Be-Cause...** health matters!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/100481228844492/>

<https://californialions.org/be-the-reason-someone-thrives>



Disaster Relief

By selecting **Disaster Relief**, your contribution supports the California Lions Foundation (CLF) — California Disaster & Wildfire Victim Relief Project. **Be-Cause**

Wildfires and other natural disasters continue to devastate communities across California year-round, causing trauma, loss of homes, jobs, personal belongings, pets, and even lives- CLF partners **move** in the right direction with local Lions Clubs in the affected areas to deliver immediate support through grants that provide direct relief tailored to their community's specific needs.

Learn more: <https://californialionsfoundation.org/wildfires>



Environmental

Part of the "Totally California Environmental Experience" Environmental Cause – Be-Cause proceeds support the California Lions initiative - Monarch Butterfly Gardens CA Lions Project to plant Monarch-friendly gardens across the state, increasing access to native milkweed and nectar plants. When you move for environmental you help support education and community awareness on how to protect and sustain Monarch habitats so these iconic butterflies can continue to thrive for future generations.

More here: <https://californialions.org/lions-monarch-gardens>



Childhood Cancer

Move for Childhood Cancer Be-Cause, your donation supports Lions Making Magic — a hands-on service initiative where California Lions volunteers create comforting, uplifting items for children undergoing cancer treatment and recovery. Each item is crafted with care using strict child-safe guidelines, then delivered to young warriors to bring comfort, confidence, and a moment of joy during an incredibly difficult time. Proceeds directly fund Lions Making Magic workshops, including demonstrations, education, volunteer training, and travel — helping more Lions bring more comfort to more kids.

Learn more about the project <https://californialions.org/lions-making-magic>



Youth

Move for Youth. Support Kases for Kids — a compassionate project ensuring that children entering foster care never have to carry their belongings in a trash bag. Lions Youth (Leos), working through California Lions Youth Outreach, provide each child with their own suitcase or backpack filled with essentials such as toiletries, blankets, and school supplies. Be-Cause this simple act restores dignity, offers comfort, and reminds every child that they matter.

<https://californialions.org/leo-clubs>



Humanitarian Efforts

Supporting Exceptional Dogs for Exceptional People.

Be-Cause since 1983, the Lions Project for Canine Companions provides expertly trained service dogs to individuals with disabilities, free of charge. If you chose to move for Humanitarian Efforts, your contribution benefits the Lions Project for Canine Companions Foundation.

Learn more about their good work <https://www.lpcanine.org>



Hunger

By choosing the Hunger cause, your donation helps provide sack meals for food-insecure individuals visiting at the Visalia Warming Center — a volunteer-driven shelter that opens nightly during the colder months. Serving up to 100 people each night, the center offers a warm, safe place to rest and a meal that includes fruit and nutritious snacks designed to sustain individuals until the following evening. Be-Cause many guests rely on these sack meals 2–3 times a week as their only reliable food source.

Move to support ensuring dignity, comfort, and guaranteed nourishment for those facing hunger. Serving Tulare County for nine years

More info: Visalia Warming Center Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057254387793>



Vision

Move to support the gift of sight. For more than 50 years, the Lions Eye Foundation has helped low-income individuals throughout Northern California and Nevada receive sight-saving eye surgeries and treatments — including cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and other urgent medical vision needs. Be-Cause supporting the Vision Cause, you help restore sight and transform lives.

Learn more about the great work they do here: <https://www.lionseyefoundation.com/>



Register today!

[Virtual 100-Day Movement Challenge Nov 12-Feb 18](#)

[In-Person Saturday, February 21 7-9 am Long Beach at The Queen Mary](#)



HONG KONG 2026

108th Lions International Convention

**Convention 2026. Be there.
Be loud.**



With its stunning sights, local flavor and ease of entry for international travelers, Hong Kong, China is the perfect place to spread the joy of service at the 2026 Lions International Convention. Can't wait? Watch the video to get a sneak peek of our beautiful host city.

An epic adventure awaits you!

Don't miss the chance to illuminate Hong Kong with the spirit of service! Join us for a time of fun, fellowship and the opportunity to learn from your fellow Lions and Leos. Register today and get ready to experience everything Hong Kong has to offer!

Secure your spot at LDUN 2026.

Lions Day with the United Nations: Join the Global Conversation



Friday, March 20, 2026

New York, New York, USA

This event and supporting materials will be offered in English only.

➤ [Registration now open](#)

Don't miss your chance to participate in the 2026 Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City, USA. We will explore how Lions and Leos are working together with the United Nations with a special extended program.

Secure your spot today to hear what Lions and Leos are doing to strengthen communities and celebrate our partnership with the United Nations.

Your LDUN registration includes:

- [Ticket to the LDUN program](#)
- [Printed souvenir program](#)
- [Commemorative LDUN pin](#)
- [International President's pin](#)
- [Dynamic speakers, panel discussions and networking opportunities](#)

PV Lions Committee Leads 2025-26

Finance & Budget	Bill S., Rich C., Russ W., Mike N., Mike M., John Fraser, Bob Larson
Community Betterment	John Fraser
Cook Lead 1st qtr.	Chet/Bruce/Mike/Kerry
Cook Lead 2nd qtr.	Chet/Bruce/Mike/Kerry
Cook Lead 3rd qtr.	Chet/Bruce/Mike/Kerry
Cook Lead 4th qtr.	Chet/Bruce/Mike/Kerry
Bar 1st qtr.	Art Mansfield Jr. & Joe Flores
Bar 2nd qtr.	Art Mansfield Jr. & Joe Flores
Bar 3rd qtr.	Art Mansfield Jr. & Joe Flores
Bar 4th qtr.	Art Mansfield Jr. & Joe Flores
District Contests	Lloyd Christie & Russ White
Photographer	Bob Taylor
Christmas Float	Bruce Jochums, Mike Nunez
Student Speaker Contest	Dick Bellman & Kim Stephenson
Meeting Programs	Dan Goldberg
Scholarships	Graham, White, Fraser, Jan Nunez
Membership Chair	Mike Nunez
Club Service Chair	Russ White
Peace Poster	Dan Goldberg
Sight & Hearing	Russ White & Bob Taylor
Lion Burgers	Russ White & Bob Taylor
Visitations	Lloyd Christie
BBQ Trailer & Equipment	Bruce Jochums & Mike Nunez
Kids Shopping	George Graham
Club Bulletin	Bob Taylor
Harvest Festival	Bruce Jochums
Easter Festival	Bruce Jochums
Badges/Pins/Banners	Mike Nunez
Bingo	Bill Schulze
Web site /IT	George Graham
Public Relations	John Fraser

PV Lions Roster Jan 2026

Last Name	First Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Spouse
Baker	Richard		657-203-7697	
Barker	James			
Bellman	Richard "Dick"	805-484-1534	805-368-0067	Sharon
Bourdeau	Robert	805-484-1500	805-479-4432	Christine
Brand	Walter	805-386-3643	805-506-1047	Brenda
Brown	Michael	805-987-4272		Susan
Brown	Lee	805-389-3101		
Cervantes	Richard	805-482-6346	805-443-0474	Mary Jo
Christie	Lloyd	805-386-4902	805-233-4131	
Clarke	Sheri		805-340-1747	Jeff
Clementi	Paul	805-641-2056	805-3409563	
DeBardas	Thomas "Tom"		805-407-8491	
Dellanina	Gino	805 479 9372		Betty
Eberts	Jack	805 504-6976		Jo
Erwin	John		805 491-9822	Karen
Feder	Alan		???-320-2858	Nancy
Flores	Joe	805-482-2251	805-377 1939	Maria
Forsythe	Kerry	805 389-0886	805-405-5815	Paula
Fraser	John	805-987-3538	805 377-9277	Karen
Goldberg	Daniel		805-940-5632	Erin
Graham Jr	George	805-647-1601	818-416-7721	Chris
Grimes Jr	Gregory	805-482-8021		Lisa
Hamor	Gerry	805-388-4791	805-402-3307	Gloria
Hanlon	Ceeb		805-4437416	
Hellstrom	Richard		818-292-6637	Anne-Marie
Hohenwarter	Joseph		805-701-2154	Phoebe
Jochums	Bruce	805 443-7474		Ellen
Johansson	Eric	805 482-4753		
Karlsson	Ron		714-913-3537	Sarah
Kildee	Kevin	805 482-2934	805-630-9814	Janet
Knittle	John	805 482-1297	805-630-9814	

PV Lions Roster Jan 2026

Last Name	First Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Spouse
Krumm	Jeff			Shreri
Larson	Robert "Bob"	805 419-4028		
Mansfield Jr	Arthur "Art"		805-216-2833	Bobbie
Mc Nutt	Neale	805 482-2356	805-432-1254	Sue
Mingay	Donald	805 437-6900		Carole
Moore	Robert "Bob"	805 485-2136	805-750-9294	Evie
Nunez	Jan	805 647-1601	805-795-0825	Mike
Nunez	Mike	805 482-2858	805-535-5234	Jan
Price	Chet	805 484-2211	805-657-9900	Christiana
Rains	Ted	805 484-3777		Val
Ramirez	Lorenzo	805-485-5608	805 890 1596	
Santiesteban	Louie	310-921-7732	818-968-1858	Leticia
Schulze	William "Bill"	805-386-8088	805-427-0764	Ginger
Schulze	Alex			
Seidler	David	805-491-2599	805-402-5188	Debby
Smith	Gerald "GK"	805 482 4552	805 312-0342	Carol
Stayton	Joe		805-368-7394	Missy
Stayton	Missy		805-368-4940	Joe
Steinmetz	Greg		805-815-9038	
Stephenson	Kim		805 231-2733	Dave
Taylor	Robert "Bob"		805 910-9912	Joanna
Taylor	Frank	805 482-4843		Betty
Tennessen	Dave		805-754-4320	
True	Daniel "Dan"	805 482-1198	805-612-2448	Paddy
Underwood	Craig			Sarah
White	Russell	805 482-0147	805 630-4098	Dale
Zwinkels	Wim	805 981-0010	805-276-8692	Yoke

Interesting Trivia



In 1963, the Bronx Zoo had an exhibit called
"The Most Dangerous Animal in the World"

It was a mirror.