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Club Notes

It's been a busy month and April will get even busier with several barbeques and a Lions Friends in Sight event in Oxnard plus the remaining portion of the Easter Fest if the rain gods are kind. As you will note below we have dual events on both 15 April and 29 April so we need Lions to step up to the plate.



We had our 3rd district meeting and our MD4-A3 district convention is coming up at the beginning of May. The info on the convention follows as does the registration form. **We have about 50 regular members and it would be great if most attended the convention in Oxnard to support our incoming District Governor Rich Cervantes.**

The first two weekends of the Easter Fest were cancelled due to rain but we are hoping to salvage the event with the remaining 2 weekends. Lion Bill needs help on the last weekend so please contact Bill to sign up.

We had a nice haul of glasses and batteries at Farmers Market.

Dinner in the Dark was a great event although we did have a minor mishap in a "vat of chocolate" but it turned out OK; see details in the bulletin.

After several conflicts we finally had a District Governor visitation and Lion Mike did it right with a terrific meal. Many showed up with Hawaiian shirts to honor our District Governor.

The first ever Melvin Jones Recognition dinner in 4A-3 was held at our facility and it turned out great. Fourteen PV Lions names were called recognizing their Melvin Jones award during the past 4 years. This was twice that from any other club in the district and this clearly shows our support of LCIF.

I'm going to finish up with what I started with: Lion Rich will be our next District Governor so it would be great if a very large percentage of our regular membership attended the District Convention in Oxnard. This is right in our backyard so there is **no excuse** not to attend and to support Lion Rich. There will be free food and drinks and lots of fun so **Come on Down** and join the party.

The proposed slate of PV Lions 2023/24 Officers and Board is provided on Page 35.

Upcoming Events in April

- 1,2, 7-9 April Easter Fest at Underwood Farms
- 15 April Lion Burgers -Rotary
- 15 April Santa Maria style BBQ - AG Leadership
- 29 April Lion Burgers—PV Historical Society
- 29 April Lions Friends in Sight screening and eye glasses—Oxnard

2023 MD4-A3 Convention

Pleasant Valley Lions should show up in force to support our upcoming District Governor Lion Rich Cervantes at the 2023 MD4-A3 convention in Oxnard. Lots of free food and drink and lively meetings for all to enjoy and to learn. The registration form is on the following page so there is no excuse not so sign up.



HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE



 Lions Clubs International

2023 MD4-A3 Convention

 **May 5 -7, 2023**

FRIDAY ~ MAY 5

- MAGIC YARN PROJECT
- **FREE** BBQ DINNER ON THE PATIO
- HOSPITALITY ROOM

SATURDAY ~ MAY 6

- DISTRICT MEETING & AWARDS
- DISTRICT STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST
- **FREE** BBQ LUNCH
- HOSPITALITY ROOM
- GOVERNOR'S BANQUET DINNER
- DJ & ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY ~ MAY 7

- MEMORIAL SERVICE
- OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS
- CLOSING

California Beach Casual Theme
(no swimwear please)

Residence Inn Oxnard River Ridge
2101 W Vineyard Ave, Oxnard, CA 93036



2023 MD4-A3 Convention Registration Form

Print out this page; reservations due by April 15



REGISTRATION
2023 DISTRICT 4-A3 CONVENTION
 Residence Inn Oxnard River Ridge, Oxnard, CA
 May 5-7, 2023



(Please Print Clearly)

Lion ___ Leo ___ Guest ___ PDG ___ New Member? ___ Current Office _____

Name _____ Club _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

All attendees **must** be registered to attend **any** Convention function.

Registration (Required for all attendees):		Total
All Lions & Guests	\$50.00	
Leos	\$15.00	
Individual Meal Choices	Individual Meal Prices	
Friday Night – First Nighters Welcome – Hamburgers & fixings (no charge)	Please indicate if attending <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	\$0.00
Saturday Breakfast – on your own	(included with room)	\$0.00
Saturday Lunch – Meet & Greet w/ ID Bar-B-Que (no charge)	Please indicate if attending <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	\$0.00
Saturday Dinner – Governor’s Banquet (includes a dessert and beverage; no host bar)	Note: For the Governor’s Banquet only, non-member spouses/guests will not be required to pay the \$50 Registration Fee.	
Hawaiian Buffet (includes vegetarian items)	\$80.00	
Sunday Breakfast – on your own	(included with room)	\$0.00
DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2023	TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT	

Hotel Reservations: Residence Inn by Marriott Oxnard River Ridge, 2101 W Vineyard Ave, Oxnard, CA 93036 / Phone: 800-736-0490. Room Rate: Studio King w/sofa bed \$179.00 per room. Mention "Lions Club Regional Conference" for special rate. **Reservation deadline: April 14, 2023; after this date, by availability only. Meal reservations are due no later than April 15, 2023. We will be unable to accommodate any late registrations for the Saturday Night Dinner.**

Please, mail completed registration form and payment to: Lion Elizabeth McDunn-Strawn at 2428 Country Club Village Dr, Santa Maria, CA 93455

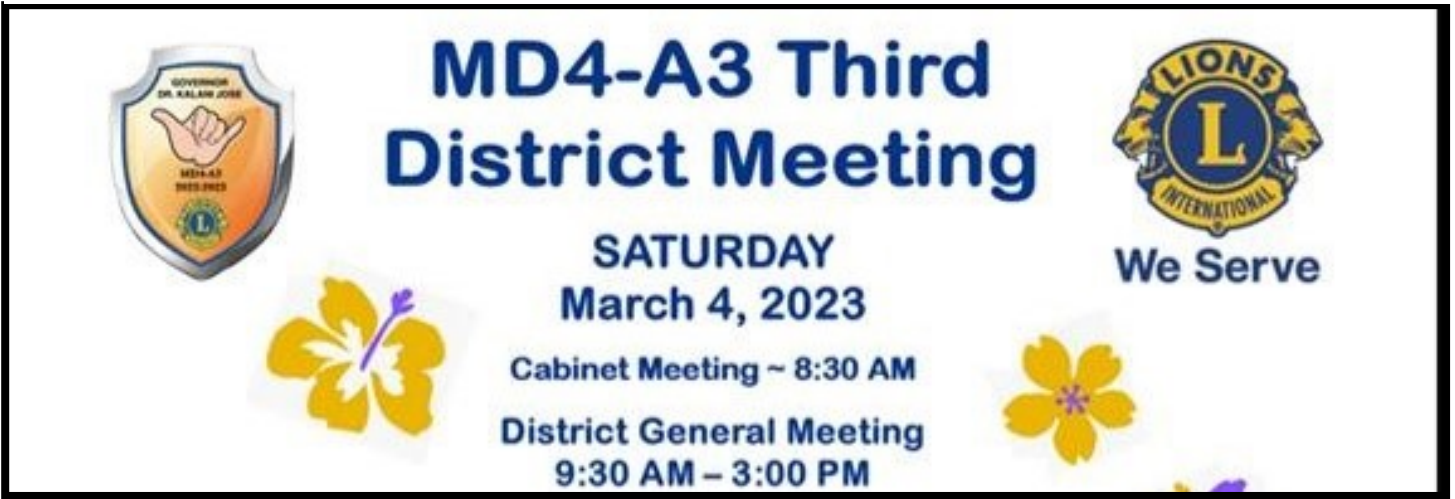
NOTE: Friday dinner & Saturday lunch are provided complimentary of the Oxnard Channel Islands Lions Club – please register in advance so they can prepare the appropriate amount of food!! Donations would be appreciated and accepted.

All meal reservations along with **special dietary restrictions must** be postmarked on or before **APRIL 15, 2023** for meal guarantee. Make checks payable to: "Lions District 4-A3 Convention" and mail to: Lion Elizabeth McDunn-Strawn, 2428 Country Club Village Dr, Santa Maria, CA 93455. Questions? Email lionddaniels@gmail.com or call 805-421-6907.

Springtime Easter Festival 2023 at Underwood Farms

The two weekends in March were cancelled due to rain. We hope that it dries out enough for us to salvage the two weekends (5 days) in April. We still need help on the last weekend **so please contact Lion Bill Schulze to sign up.** Hope that the tractor had overdrive or there were lots of wet kids.





MD4-A3 Third District Meeting

SATURDAY
March 4, 2023

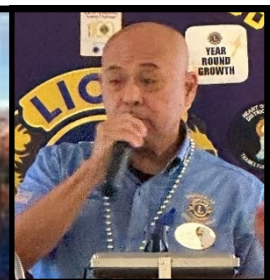
Cabinet Meeting ~ 8:30 AM
District General Meeting
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

GOVERNOR DR. KALAN JOSE
MD4-A3 DISTRICT

LIONS INTERNATIONAL
We Serve

Our 3rd District Meeting was held in Orcutt and it was reasonably well attended, Pleasant Valley had 4 lions in attendance, including 1VDG Lion Rich and Lions Victor, Bill S. and Russ.

There was a long line of lions receiving various awards and certificates of appreciation, including Lion Bill Schulze, that kept our leadership busy.



DG Kalani Jose makes meetings fun and that is an important aspect to encouraging attendance. He modelled several wigs from Lion Chris's/ Ambers Magic Yarn project. Looks like Kalani may have a future as an internet influencer or as a rapper.



Lion Chris (Ambers Light) reported on her *District-Endorsed Magic Yarn Charity* and invited all to participate at the 5 May event coincident with the District Convention.

1VDG Rich started off the segment on Recognition Time and you can see by the previous page there was lots of recognition to go around.



Lion Bill received an award, recommended by Pres. Mike for his dedication on "*many of our significant community events*"; very well deserved Lion Bill. I only have one edit to the above: the word **many** should be replaced by **most**.

PDG Margaret Dunleavy reported on the success of our LEOs clubs with local area projects and on their success at recruiting high school students.



PDG Juanita gave her report on the Global Action Team (GAT). This important team helps foster club membership growth, increase Lions' visibility in the community through impactful service and build strong, innovative leaders. The good news is that net Membership numbers are slightly up. Juanita also discussed the youth protection program, which is new to LCI. Lion Rich discussed this at our last regular meeting and all lions involved with youth will have to be educated in this program.

P.I.D. Hudson is our 4A-3 LCIF Global Team Coordinator and along with Lion Terry Orton presented a short video on an LCIF fundraiser. He was up at the podium again after lunch with the unenviable task of discussing district budget & finance but he still managed to keep the crowd awake.



The next time we will see all these players is at the District Convention in Oxnard. *We all need to be there to support our incoming District Governor Lion Rich (I know that I am redundant).*

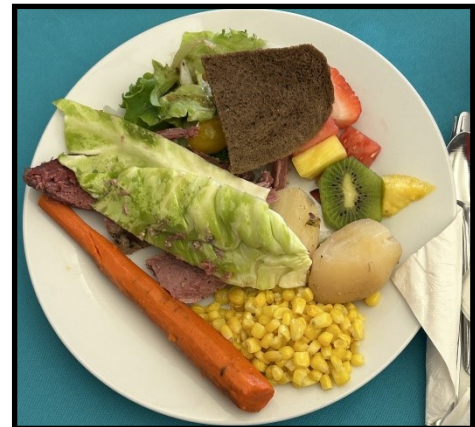
9 March - Visitation to Ventura Downtown Lions

This was our last visitation required to get a Short Tail this year and we had 7 PV Lions, including 1VDG Rich, Pres. Mike and Lions Bob T, Russ, Victor and Bill S attend. We visited on their St. Patrick's Day lunch celebration and enjoyed a great lunch.



Ventura Downtown inducted a new member and invited all the past district governors up front to participate and I was amazed at how many PDG's came up front.

There was a large crowd probably because their guest speaker was the VC district attorney Erik Nasarenko. He is a terrific speaker and went over a few of his office's recent cases, one of which was the robbery at the Ventura County Fair last year. The 4 thieves, including one Fair employee stole over \$580K from the fair; it was an inside job as one would expect. It isn't likely that the Fair will recoup much if any of the stolen funds. The second case involved a **40 year old cold case** of a double murder. He went on to discuss the DA's group of DNA sleuths who managed to trace the alleged killer to the crimes.





Ventura County Lions are pleased to present

DINNER IN THE DARK

PV Lions purchased 10 tickets to Dinner in the Dark held at the Ventura Elks lodge. The PV culprits who braved the event are shown at right with PCC and CLFIS advisor Rob Manning. CLFIS was the beneficiary of the event.



11 March - Dinner in the Dark 2/3

Santa Paula Lion Glenda Hearn brought 3 Leos to the dinner and I think that these Leos were at the recent Friends in Sight event at Santa Paula. The remainder of the photos came from Lion Mike so Yea Mike!! I think that Mike was texting me the photos below just before he went DARK *and wandered off*. I included the photo top right because I don't see a mask on Mary Jo when it got to desert.- Shame!!

Other than some lettuce around Lion Mike's plate the tables were quite clean although a few drinks were spilled by an unknown 1VDG. I did notice that the only smart one wearing a bib was Lion Bill, good job Bill.

I included Victor's selfie below center, cherish it because it is the last selfie that will ever find its way into the bulle-



11 March - Dinner in the Dark 3/3

I received a very dark photo from Lion Mike that I didn't understand at first until I interviewed him, then it all became clear.

Bulletin: Mike, tell me about the dark photo.

Mike: While blindfolded I wandered into the area where they were preparing dessert and I *I fell into a Vat of Chocolate*.

Bulletin: You did what????

Mike: *I fell into a Vat of Chocolate, I fell into a Vat of Chocolate!*

Bulletin: My gosh, what did you do then????

Mike: I yelled *FIRE, FIRE!!!*

Bulletin: Why did you yell *FIRE, FIRE!!!*
Mike looked at me like I was dumb!

Mike: Well, if I yelled *CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE*** nobody would have come to save me!!!

*** (Most of us are old enough to remember the Smothers Brothers)*

Photo of Lion Mike after he
"Fell into a Vat of Chocolate"



FIRE, FIRE!!!

14 March - Regular Meeting — DG Visit 1/4

It took a while but finally we had our District Governor Visit although the rain kept some folks away.

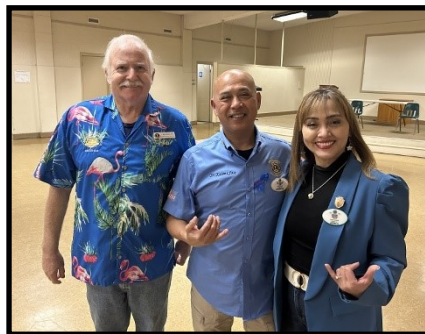
Lion Ceeb was the first to greet our guests Kalani and Desire'.

As you can see it was Hawaiian shirt night in honor of our DG and even WYO showed up with his Lei.

Per tradition, President Mike started off by introducing 2VDG Jason Laird/Ventura Downtown with a short bio. Lion Jason had a few words and then introduced 1VDG Rich Cervantes who also said a few words and then introduced our District Governor Dr. Kalani Jose/Oxnard Downtown.

Lion Kalani has not been a lion for a long time but rose up the ranks very quickly to his leadership position. After listening to him talk about Lions and his vision it is obvious how and why he advanced so quickly. It seems that our leadership is solid for this and the next few years.

DG Kalani was quite complimentary of PV Lions particularly for our ability to engage many other clubs in our fund raisers.



Achievements Awards

Our DG likes to give out awards and he had a few to give out tonight.

- *Length of Service:*

Bruce Jochums—10 years

Mike Nunez—35 years

- **Lion Mike Nunez**

Lion Mike was recognized for his efforts regarding all of our main fundraisers and special BBQ's — *and he has been doing this for 35 years.*

- **Pres. Mike Morgan**

Lion Mike is recognized for bringing in new members to our club with potential new members on the way. A **#1 district priority** is membership growth and Mike is doing his best to grow the club and the district and PV greatly appreciate the effort.



Announcements

Lion Bill was our primary club speaker and he had several items on his list - he is a busy lion.

- Underwoods: It is always frustrating looking for help at these venues. Bill is short 10 (out of 20 needed) people on **Good Friday and Easter Sunday for both morning and afternoon shifts.**

Call Bill to sign up, please.

- April 29 eye clinic in Oxnard: needs help similar to that provided at last month's Santa Paula clinic.
- Crab Fest: Bill handed out the 8 tickets we purchased for the Ventura Downtown Fest.
- Lensometer: Wants to purchase this tool to determine eye glass prescription for our club and to get people trained.
- Bill needs lions to step up to take over Underwoods; he said he is “*getting long in the tooth*” and needs help. Bill has led our main fund raisers at the Fair and at Underwoods for many years so it is time for others to step up and help.



DG Kalani introduced Desire' and announced his engagement; it's been quite a year for our DG.

Tail Twisting

There were two \$5 bills in the tail twisting box and they came from:

- Treasurer George: It was his birthday month and he happened to be the only birthday lion in attendance.
- IVDG Rich: He forgot to introduce his wife Mary Jo, - Uh Oh!

Fortunately Rich did introduce his son and daughter in law or there would have been 3 - \$5 bills in the box.



Dinner

Our entire cooking crew is shown at right preparing an “Irish” Italian dinner (*At least the cookies were Irish*) for our District Governor’s entourage and our club. The rain caused the change in the meal plan so all was done inside. Lion Bruce was not going to short us on salad this week so he prepared enough for every club in the district, *just in case*. They prepared a nice shrimp, veggie, cheese and cracker appetizer table for the DG but there wasn’t a whole lot left after PV got there first. The first in the dinner line were Rich and Mary Jo’s son and daughter in law who came to see our next DG in action. It’s not clear whether Lion John is napping before dinner after chowing down at the appetizer table or contemplating the meatballs.

Lion Mike is shown thanking his cook crew.



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Conn's on Vacation in Bermuda (ACORN 3/10/23)

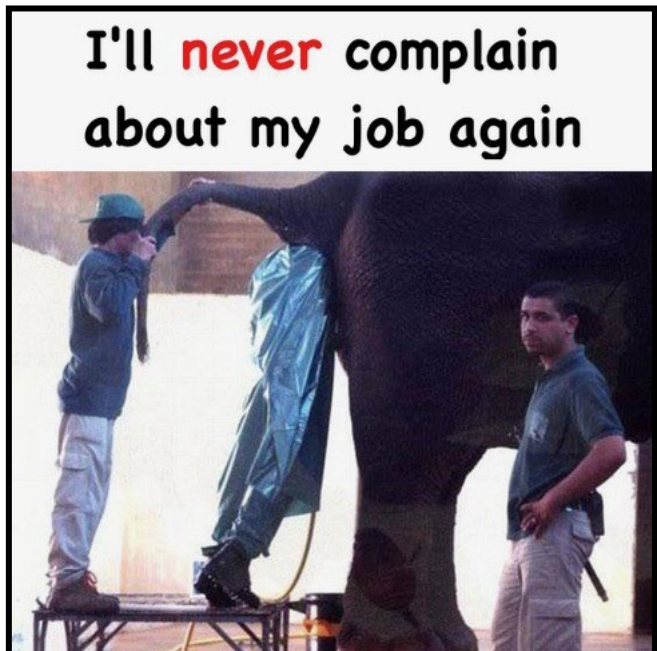
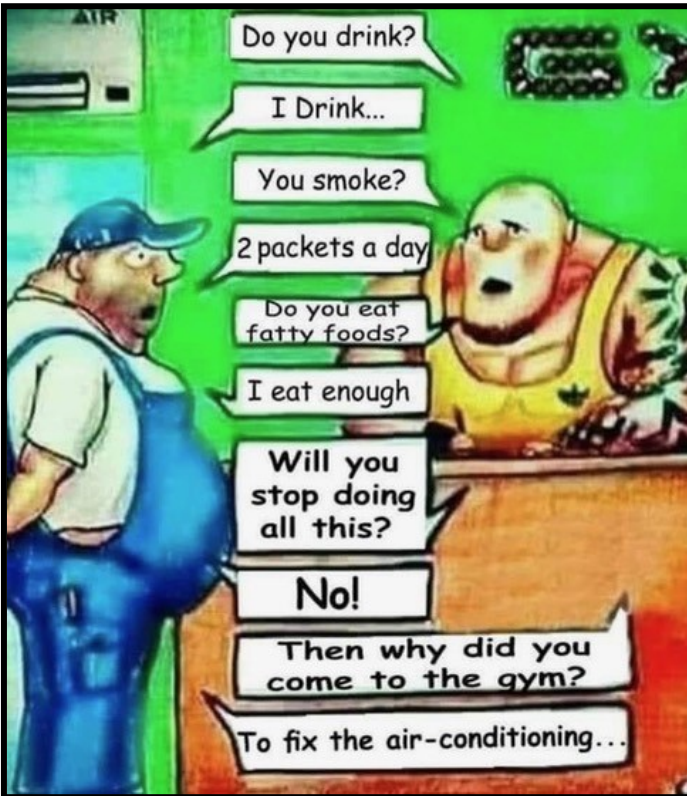
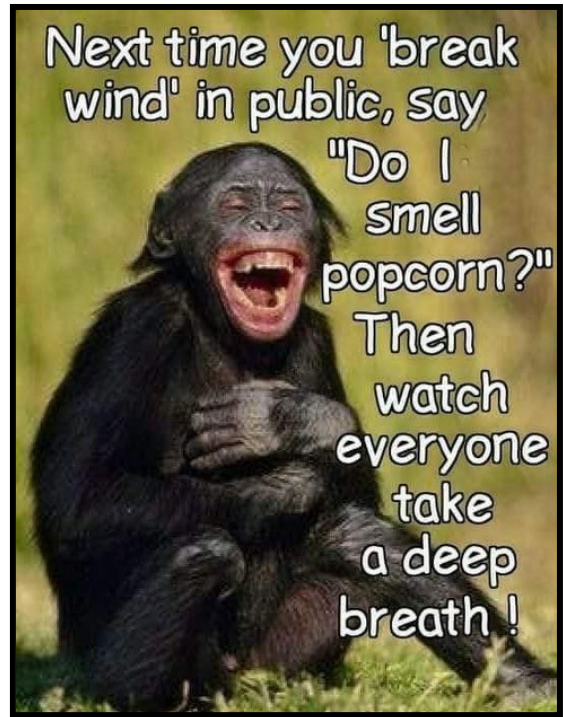


Secretary John called a meeting to discuss the district contest for 2022-23 and 10 PV Lions showed up at Cronies.



Some more funnies from Lloyd — Lloyd is BAAAK

If your dog is barking at the back door and your wife is yelling at the front door, who do you let in first? The dog, of course. He'll shut up once you let him in.



15 March — Eye screening visit with Goleta Lions

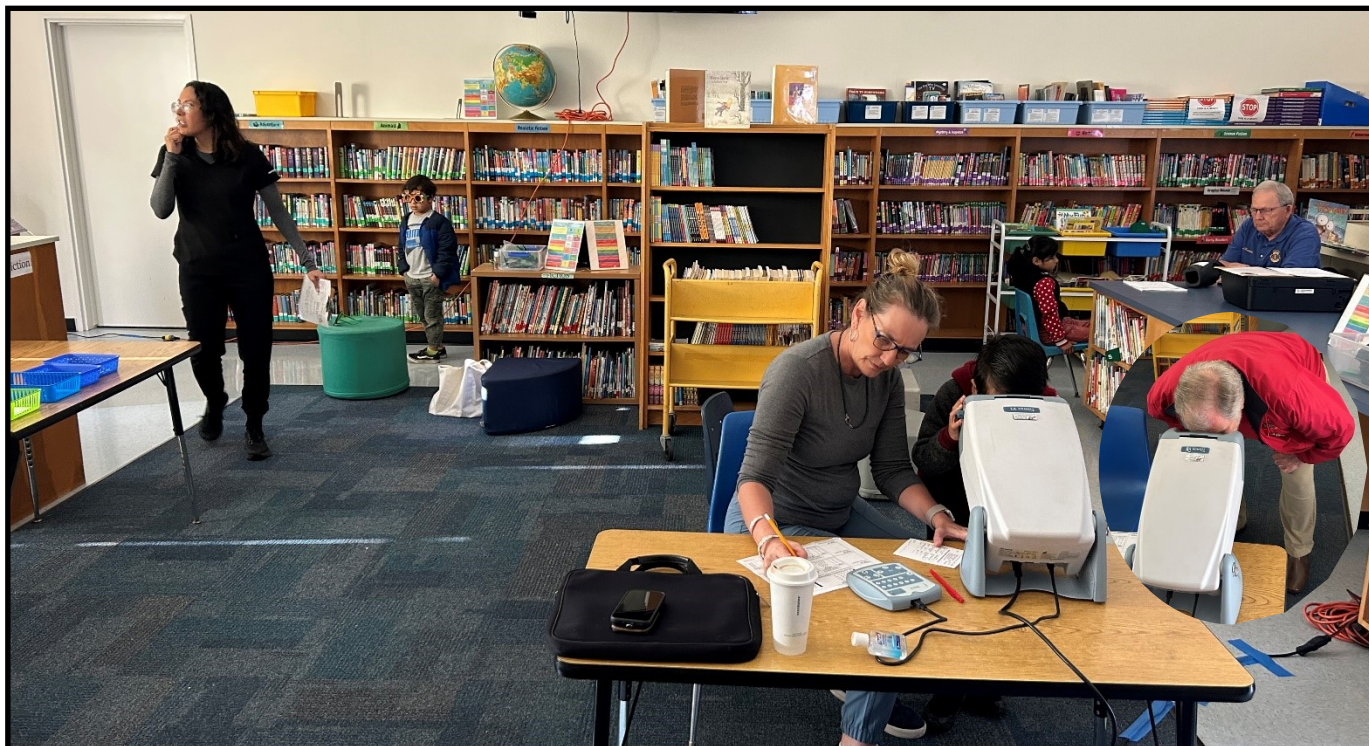
The three Vision Musketeers went to Cleveland Elementary School in Santa Barbara to learn how they conduct their eye screenings to include both Spot Vision device and another device to measure Acuity. The state mandates that students have acuity tests and the Spot Vision device does not directly provide that data, although it is able to detect a variety of vision problems including nearsightedness (myopia), farsightedness (hyperopia) and astigmatism. It can also detect unequal vision power (anisometropia), eye misalignment (amblyopia), unequal pupil size (anisocoria), and eye structure problems. We located conversions for Spot Vision readings to acuity values. Now we need to determine whether they will be acceptable — stand by.



All Ventura County schools now have acuity measurement machines like that shown at bottom right but most remain in their boxes because they are not that simple to use and are far more time consuming to use than a Spot Vision device. Goleta Lion's Club was assisting the School District in its Screening Activities at Cleveland Elementary and Lion Bill asked if we could observe the process. Two of their devices were inoperable so they used one to only check Myopia with Hyperopia checked the old fashioned way shown top left in the photo. After a Myopia test the child moved to a spot vision test and then to the Hyperopia test.

We timed the entire process and it takes about 2-3 minutes to check Myopia and twice that to include Hyperopia and the operator at the machine needs to be bi-lingual for many of the younger kids. With two machines we estimate that it would take about 1 to 1 1/2 hours to do a class of 30 kids. Most of the schools we do have anywhere from 200-300 children needing testing. Normally we complete this process with the Spot Vision in half a day compared to about 10-15 hours (higher end is more realistic) with acuity testing included.

It took quite a while for Russ to get back up from the stooped position shown below.



18 March - Farmers Market



The **Camarillo Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club** will be at the market this week to collect used eyeglasses, hearing aids, and small batteries for recycling and share information about their club and its programs.

It was a pleasant day for Pleasant Valley Lions at the Farmers Market. Four of us handled the booth and we had some Lion visitors and a few donors. We had our first visit of the year from The "Shadow"; he grew quite a bit since last time he visited.

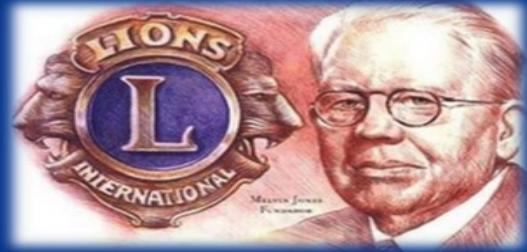
Sec. John came with Charlie and he spent some time chatting (about club business of course!). Jane Underwood came with two large boxes of batteries that Tom and I carried from her car that was closer to Oxnard than Camarillo (at least it seemed that way). The Point Mugu air show was on-going and we had several visitors.





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

4-A3 Melvin Jones Recognition Luncheon



featuring
PCC Roger Powell
MD4 LCIF Coordinator

Past International Director Howard Hudson moderated the ceremony and started by introducing 4A3 leadership and honored guests. PID Hudson presented a couple of movies with introductory remarks.

The count at the door was 67 paid attendees so it was a first-time hit. The Easter Fest delay boosted attendance.



19 March - Melvin Jones Recognition Luncheon 2/4

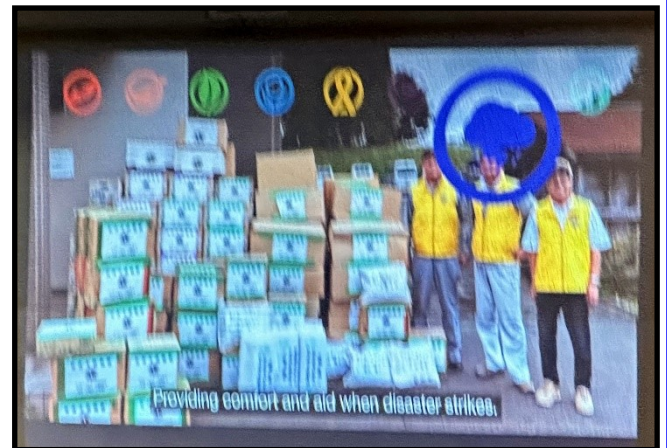


PID Howard Hudson (4A3 LCIF coordinator) is an excellent speaker and passionate about Lions and LCIF. He provided a terrific overview of LCIF and showed a couple of LCIF videos. One in particular demonstrated LCIF's commitment to Lions as "Knights of the Blind". He told me that one of his proudest moments was when he nominated an ophthalmologist from Africa for an LCIF international humanitarian award who was responsible for many in her country regaining sight. The photos above show one patient as her bandages were removed and her excitement on being able to see again. This is just one of many examples that make us proud to be a Lion.



Our keynote speaker was PCC Roger Powell who is the MD4 LCIF coordinator. He also was an excellent and engaging speaker.

Roger focused on LCIF's missions, two of which are highlighted in the slides at right. It is hard to read but it says "*providing comfort when disaster strikes*". PV always steps up to donate to any national or international disaster as we did recently for Ukraine. Bottom right you see a second mission - "*Building our future mentoring youth of our communities*". Pleasant Valley is a proud supporter of these and other LCIF causes.

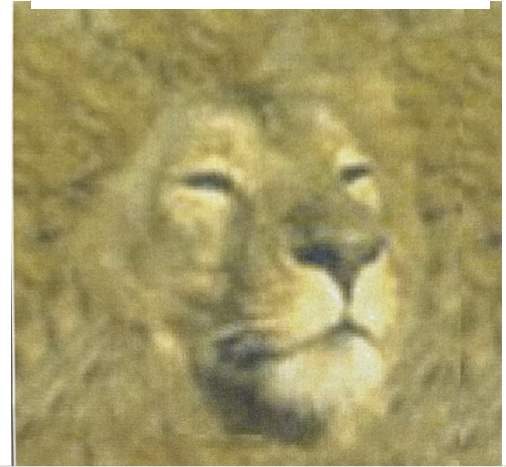


19 March - Melvin Jones Recognition Luncheon 3/4

As noted at right the Melvin Jones Fellowship award is the “backbone of LCIF”. Each club that awarded Melvin Jones Fellowships within the past 4 years was called to the podium by PCC Powel to receive achievement awards for its members.

Fourteen names were called for PV Lions but only 8 were present and 5 of those were from the cooking and bartending crew. Lion Jan had to leave a little early and missed the photo.

Melvin Jones Fellowship



The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is the backbone of our foundation. Presented to those who donate US \$1,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) or to people for whom a donation was made by others. It is a tremendous contribution to humanity and to the legacy of our founder Melvin Jones.



The next row of photos shows our friends and collaborators at many fundraising events, Ambers Light and Santa Paula.

At bottom we have our District Governor Dr. Kalani Jose cheering when his name was called and applauding when his cohorts name from his Oxnard Club was called.



19 March - Melvin Jones Recognition Luncheon 4/4

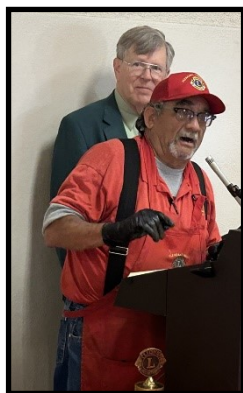
Dinner and refreshments

Lion Artie was our bartender and Lion Victor sold tickets and did *selfies*. The appetizer table of nuts, veggies, sausage and chicken was a hit with the “brass”; it disappeared quickly.

The cooking crew minus Anthony is shown below. Lion Joe cooked the appetizers and did a great job of sampling my chili beans. I saw him with 3 bowls of Chile beans but there could have been more; I think he liked it! Lion Mike just loves barbeque smoke, someone once told him that it was better than Botox for maintaining a youthful appearance so he can't get enough of the smoke.

PID Hudson asked Mike to come to the podium to introduce the cooking crew. It took a lot for Mike to come up because he is so reserved but he did it. Lions Neil and Tom came to celebrate the occasion but were not included in the list of PV Lions because it was limited to awards within the past 4 years, although we recognize them as valuable club members and prior Melvin Jones awardees.

The final touch was a couple of cakes recognizing Melvin Jones..



21March - Board Meeting

It was a rainy night but we managed a quorum and gave a lot of money out to charity. Sec. John will provide all meeting details; this focuses only on pending activities and donations.

Upcoming BBQ's

- April 15: Lion Burgers at Rancho Campana for Rotarians (White/Taylor)
- April 15: Santa Maria BBQ for AG Leadership at Underwoods (Nunez/Jochums)
- April 29: Lion Burgers for PV Historical Society at Community Center (White/Taylor)
- May 19: Lion Burgers for COSMOS at Camarillo Grove (White/Taylor/Jochums)

Business

- Underwoods Easter Fest cancelled for second weekend, hoping to salvage remaining days.

Global Causes

- Diabetes: Lion Victor—Walk for diabetes moved to Community Center to save money.
- Vision: Lion Russ discussed our visit to an eye screening event with Goleta Lions.
- Environment: Lion Bob Larson—trees will soon be planted at Charter Oak Park. This effort will complete all 5 global causes participation this year.
- Hunger: nothing to report.
- Childhood Cancer: see donations for Bumblebee and Teddy Bear foundations.

Donations:

- B&G club BBQ for 40 for auction (we have a table for 8 - looking for volunteers)
- Boy Scouts BBQ for 40 for Auction
- Bumblebee Golf; \$800 to cover half cost of 2 foursomes for golf tournament.
- Teddy Bear Foundation: \$1000 that includes 2 attendees at their fundraising picnic on May 21
- Safe and Sober, Camarillo H.S. : \$250 (budgeted item)
- Student Speaker Contest: \$1500 (budgeted item)

Thank You Letters:

- City of Hope - \$400
- HOME -Housing Opportunities Made Easier - \$2500 with matching \$2500 = \$5000
- LCIF - \$5000
- Alzheimer's Association - \$2000



Thanks from: City of Hope



January 25, 2023

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Dear Company,

It's been an incredible year of transformation and innovation at City of Hope. Thanks to donors like you, we are extending our mission of hope and healing to reach more people than ever before.

When our philanthropic community comes together in support of our mission, the effect is powerful. Together, we turn hope into reality for millions of people.

Here are just a few examples of the growing impact our donors and volunteers made possible this year:

- Accelerated access to innovation and our clinical trials pipeline for communities in Atlanta, Phoenix and Chicago as we welcomed **Cancer Treatment Centers of America** into City of Hope's family
- Cut the ribbon on a brand new 147-room patient hotel. **Judy & Bernard Briskin Hope Village** triples on-campus accommodations for City of Hope patients and families who are undergoing treatment and need to stay close to their care teams based on clinical criteria
- Brought research and specialty care closer to home for residents of Orange County, California, with the opening of the **City of Hope Orange County Lennar Foundation Cancer Center**, the most comprehensive cancer center in the county
- Expanded support for new therapies, treatments and supportive care medicine through the collective fundraising effort of our community, which raised **more than \$220 million** for City of Hope, our second-highest fundraising total ever

It will take all of us, working together, to eliminate the threat of cancer, diabetes and life-threatening illnesses. We are deeply grateful for your vital part in this work. **Your 2022 *contributions to City of Hope totaled \$400, of which \$400 is tax-deductible.** Please use this letter as a resource for your tax preparation needs. If you have questions, you can reach us at 866-683-HOPE (4673) and giving@coh.org.

On behalf of the people across the country and around the world who will benefit from our lifesaving care and medical advances, thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin Bertell".

Kristin J. Bertell
Chief Philanthropy Officer

Thanks from: Lions Clubs International Foundation



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

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February 28, 2023

Michael Morgan
CAMARILLO-SOMIS PLEASANT VLY LIONS CLUB
2206 Westwood Drive
Camarillo CA 93010

Dear Michael Morgan:

For more than 100 years, Lions have made a difference in the lives of people in need around the world by serving through kindness. Your recent gift to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) magnifies Lions' impact, locally, and globally. Thank you for your generosity.

As you know, LCIF recently completed Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service, raising US\$325 million and exceeding our US\$300 million goal. This amazing success was only made possible by the generosity of Lions like you. Your commitment to LCIF helps support grant-worthy projects and empowers Lions to improve health and well-being, strengthen our communities, and support those in need around the world.

Although those benefitting from your support may never know of your generosity, LCIF and our beneficiaries are grateful for your support. Your gift lights the way for Lions by addressing some of the most pressing humanitarian needs of our time and improving lives around the world. Thank you!

Details about your gift can be found in the table below.

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Designation	Disaster Relief/MJF Fund
USD \$	\$5,000.00

Yours in service,

Douglas X. Alexander

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Past International President
LCIF Chairperson

Thanks from: HOME—Housing Opportunities Made Easier

Note: PV Lions donation of \$2500 matched making our contribution = \$5000



To promote diversity of housing opportunities which are essential for a healthy and sustainable quality of life in Ventura County.

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March 7, 2023

To: Pleasant Valley Somis Lions Club
Attn: President, Mike Morgan (mdmorgan47@gmail.com)
Treasurer, George Graham (georgeg536@aol.com)
PO Box 158
Camarillo, CA 93011

We very much appreciate your confidence in our efforts and support of the Fund for Exploration & Training in Construction Trades as shown by your recent donation of \$2,500 on February 28, 2023. Your donation has been matched, making your contribution to the new Fund \$5,000. By mid-summer we hope to have raised at least \$40,000 and be able to issue an inaugural request for grant application helping local teens and young adults explore the built environment.

As a donor you will be recognized on our website and materials as a "Bedrock Benefactor". Please email us your club logo to use for recognition purposes. Our plans also include building a mobile demonstration unit to educate and engage students and others in the value and variety of building trade careers. All of our Bedrock Benefactors will be recognized on the vehicle.

Again, we appreciate your generous contribution to the FET-CT Fund. We will keep you apprised of our progress. Should you have any questions, comments, or any of your members want to be further involved in this endeavor please email or call.

Sincerely,

KAREN FRASER
Executive Director, HOME
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Dear George:

Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$2000 to the Alzheimer's Association. We greatly appreciate your support of our local families and our mission.

I would love the opportunity to get to know you and learn more about your passion for supporting our cause.

*Thank you for all you do for the Alzheimer's Association.
Together, we can achieve our vision of a world
without Alzheimer's and all other dementia.
You are an inspiration to us all.*

*Sincerely,
Lindsay L.*

Wine Wisdom

An apple a day
keeps the
doctor away...

A lemon a day
means you are
drinking

**TOO MUCH
GIN!!!**

MY DILEMMA IS 25% OF ME
WANTS TO BE SLIM AND TRIM,
BUT THE OTHER 75% OF ME
WANTS PASTA, CHEESECAKE AND
UNLIMITED GLASSES OF WINE.



**Someone sent me
an email about
using vodka for
cleaning around the
house... It worked!
The more vodka I
drank, the cleaner
the house looked!**



You'll like this one! It's made from an anti-diuretic hybrid grape and reduces the number of trips people your age go to the toilet during the night. It's called PINO MORE!

My doctor has
given me three
days to give up
drinking.
I've picked the 5th
of June, July 17th
and October 9th!!

Four worms were placed in four separate test tubes:

- 1st in beer
- 2nd in wine
- 3rd in whiskey
- 4th in mineral water

The next day, the teacher shows the results:

- The 1st worm in beer, dead.
- The 2nd in wine, dead.
- The 3rd in whiskey, dead.
- The 4th in mineral water, alive and healthy.

The teacher asks the class:

- What do we learn from this experience?

And a child responds:

- Whoever drinks beer, wine and whiskey, does not have worms.

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

Right off the cover of Lions Fashion Magazine



24-26 March Advanced Leadership Training

1VDG Rich spent a long weekend at Advanced Leadership Training in Anaheim. I don't think that Rich expected that it would require this much training to become a District Governor but he and lions both benefit. The photo bottom right shows Rich's last training class



Lions Orientation

Due to Covid it has been several years since our newest members have been given an orientation on Lions Club International with emphasis on Pleasant Valley Lions, our goals, organization, projects, community involvement and benefits of being a Lion. Lion Mike is our membership chair and took it upon himself to brief four of our newest members. Pres. Morgan also sat in.



Regular Meeting

Pres. Mike started the meeting by introducing Pres. Pat Pothger, Ventura Downtown who then went on to introduce our guest speakers from Ventura Downtown and Oxnard Downtown. Ventura was repaying our recent visit to their club and looking for help at their new vision clinic in Thousand Oaks.

Ventura Downtown in collaboration with the organizations shown as insert below started the free vision clinic in Ventura followed by one in Oxnard. They provide health checks, eye exams and eye glasses absolutely free to anyone who comes to their facility.



Central Coast Free Vision Clinic

Tuesday mornings 8-11 AM
155 South Oak Street, Ventura
Tuesday evenings 5:30-8 PM
1800 South C Street, Oxnard

Volunteering at the Oxnard clinic

They distribute 10-14 new eye glasses at each facility four times a month. They are expanding to Thousand Oaks and need 2 lions on Wed. evenings twice a month. Lion Tennesen volunteered with his wife for one of the days so we need two more volunteers. There were a number of hands raised when Lion Mike solicited help at the end of the talk so I expect that these positions will be filled. Pres. Mike is shown giving PV cups to our speakers - we owe them one.



28 March - Regular Meeting 2/4

Announcements

Lion Bill Schulze

- **Easter Fest:** We are back on at the Easter Fest and Bill was looking for a few volunteers particularly for the final weekend. He managed to get a couple of volunteers but is still a little short so *CALL BILL IF YOU CAN SPARE SOME TIME ON EASTER SUNDAY.*
- **Oxnard Vision Screening:** . Still looking for volunteers on April 29. *CALL BILL.*
- **Boys and Girls Club Dinner:** PV has a table for 8 at the B&G club dinner this month at Padre Sierra and was looking for volunteers to attend with a Red Jacket of course; he got the volunteers.



Lion George Graham

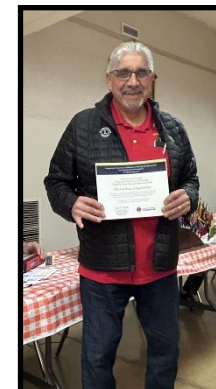
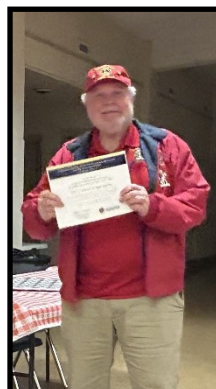
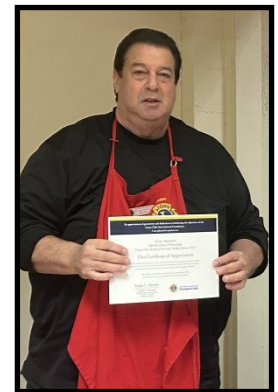
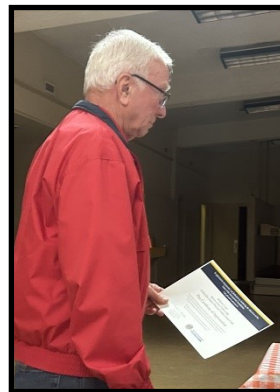
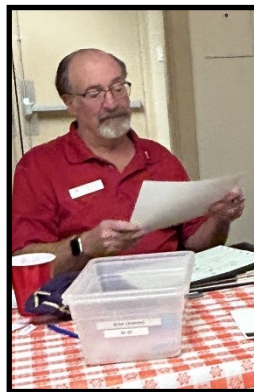
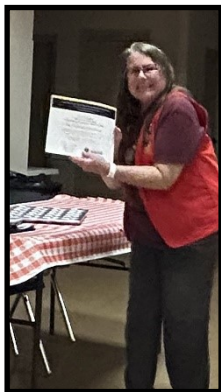
- **Magic Yarn Project:** Looking for volunteers to make wigs on May 5 at the district convention. He showed a wig of Capt. Jack Sparrow that he stresses is easy to make so let's get a few takers. *Contact George if you want to try.*



Awards

1VDG Rich had the pleasure of distributing the achievement awards from LCI to those lions who earned a Melvin Jones Award within the past 4 years. Ten of the 14 from our club were present.

Lion Missy gets an unofficial award from the Bulletin for bringing WYO to our meetings and for all her work with guide dogs.



28 March - Regular Meeting 3/4

Dinner and Refreshments

The meeting always starts with a gathering at the bar with Lions Artie and Joe. We did something a little different tonight and sold raffle tickets along with the bar tickets. The logic was that it would speed up the dinner line but the sales were a little slow probably because it was the first time. I expect that it will improve when the word gets out.



We had a decent (sized) crowd boosted by a visit from Ventura Downtown and Oxnard Noontimers who were our guest speakers for the meeting.

This was Lion Mike's last dinner of his quarter and it was a very nice "last supper". He is shown thanking his crew of Lions Bruce, F. Taylor, Kerry and Chet and of course Anthony who we learned has been helping us out for about 20 years. Lion Victor stepped up to help serve.



The smoker was brought over to cook pork loin. Potatoes au Gratin, veggie pasta, green beans and salad with lots of trimmings and cookies filled out the menu. Our newest Lion Cindy Linz brought cup cakes for the crowd and they were excellent.



28 March - Regular Meeting 4/4

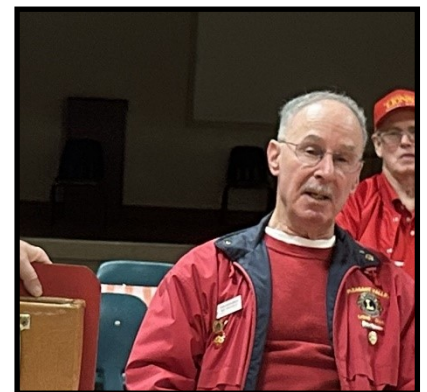
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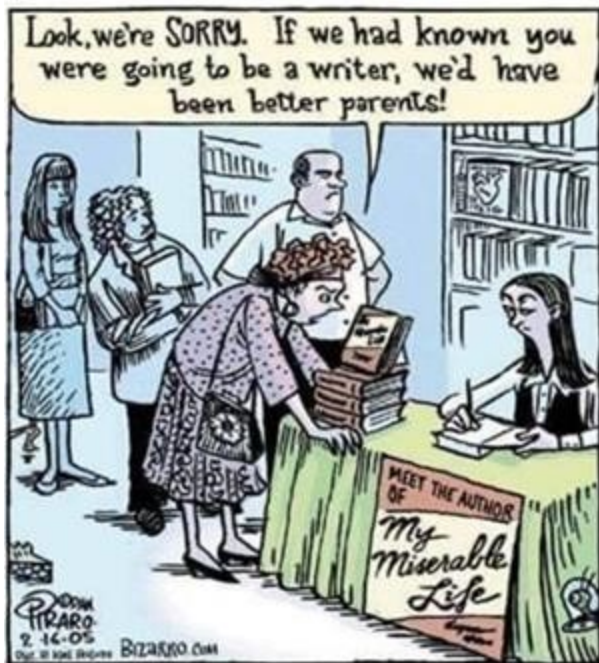
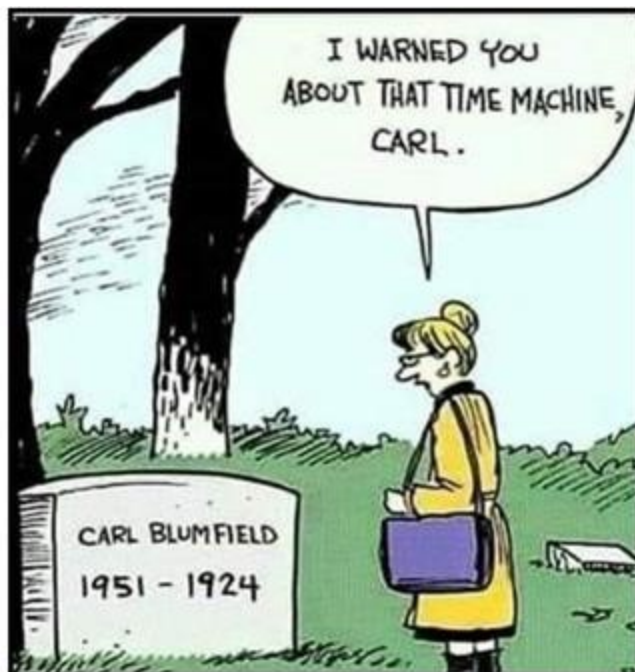
It all started off with Lion George informing the club that our Admin account was a little low and the club certainly stepped up to the tail twisting box.

Twisting started with birthday boys who weren't at the last meeting. Lions Wim and Dave Seidler joined the March B-day group. I don't think either availed themselves of a free drink to make up for their donation, so thanks. Lion Don is 98 years old and going strong. Lion Eric prodded for a dollar for each year and then started it off with \$20. I think that Eric stopped by an ATM before the meeting because he tossed in another two \$20's to prod Morgan and Larson as public retirees to join in — and they did. Both Bellman and Flores were getting B-day donations so fast I didn't get them all but there were quite a few. Our twister, Bellman tossed in some cash to recognize his grandson who keeps stats for his university N.I.T basketball team and is a terrific student. Lion Tom is extremely grateful/happy that his young grandson is cancer free after a brain operation. Lion Mike put some money in the pot after giving an update on Lion Lloyd who is in very good hands with help from Lion Jan. Mike also anteed up to recognize Camarillo High's Guinness Book of records entry for the longest *charcuterie* (appetizer) board—204 feet long made from old bleacher benches. Lion Joe Wetter's volley ball star grandson is costing Joe again but he doesn't mind. His grandson is moving to another club but Joe didn't divulge the team. Lion Dan won't be around for a short time because he is going to training in Chicago so he added some cash to the box. On a related note. Dan G agreed to start a PV Lion Facebook page.

Raffles

We had three small 50/50 prizes won by lions Neil Mc Nutt, Dave Seidler and Paul Clementi who then went on to win the bean pot drawing and then become a member of the long line of LOSERS! It was great to see Paul back at the meeting.





Please dress appropriately before reading (this page).

Please note that Underwood Farms has cancelled the opening weekend of the **Spring Festival - March 18-19** (weather related). If you had signed up to help that first weekend, consider stealing another member's shift....uhhh, I mean please check out the available shifts on other weekends and sign up, if you're able to help.

We now return you to your regular scheduled programming...unless you were watching the Kardashians, in which case we recommend unplugging your TV and joining a commune.

This Tuesday, March 14, we're welcoming District 4-A3 Governor **Dr. Kalani Jose**.

I get a pass for being culturally insensitive this time of year.

And...since we're on the subject of March 14, here comes a rather cliché story about the Irish and their Guinness. Being part-Irish, I get a pass for being culturally insensitive this time of year.

A guy from Texas goes into an Irish pub, and says he'll give \$500 to anyone who can out-drink him. After some mumbling from the crowd, one guy leaves the pub though he returns after about 5-minutes. That same guy then takes up the challenge and promptly drinks 10 pints of Guinness.

The Texan is blown away and pays the bet, but also asks the Irishman why he left the pub for a bit; the guy responds that he wasn't sure about taking the bet, so he went next door to practice and downed 10 pints in that pub.

I know, I know...culturally insensitive and we shouldn't profile like that. Irish dogs do not wear bowties.

We Lions will be **planting new trees at Charter Oak Park**. This will happen beginning at 10 am, on Friday 4/28.

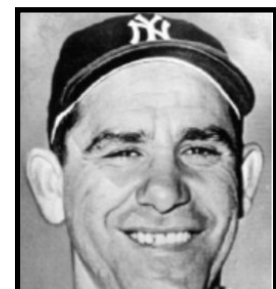
Here is a photo of a previous tree planting junket by our club; though the identities of the particular members are not easily determined in this official photo taken by Hillary Ling. Clearly, however, the dedication to the task at hand is unmistakable...truly Lionesque. Just looking at the photograph gets me a bit teary-eyed.

Please review and memorize tomorrow night's agenda in its entirety, as we will be holding a pop quiz. Those of you providing incorrect answers will be required to show off your favorite shuffle dance in front of the entire group.

This week's Thought-provoking Thought

In honor of the upcoming start of the baseball season, let's recall one of the timeless quotes from Yogi Berra:

"You have to give 100% in the first half of the game. If that isn't enough, in the second half you have to give what's left."



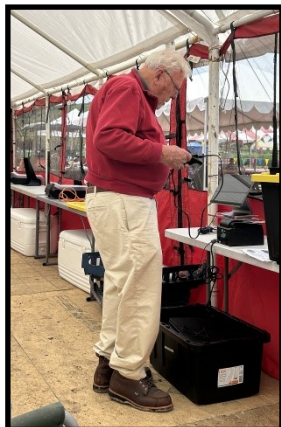
Proposed Slate of 2023/24 PV Lions Officers and Board

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31 March - Underwood Farms Setup

We got word on Wednesday that the Easter Fest was on for the last two weekends but because of rain we couldn't start setting up till Friday morning. We had a crew of about 10 including lion Al Learn from Santa Paula show up at our yard to haul out all our equipment. We found almost everything but as usual we missed a few things and had to go back to get them. As you can see at center below we even had a 1VDG pitch in for the heavy work. When I got to the yard I saw a "security officer" and wondered what we did wrong but shortly learned that it was our own Pres. Mike who is a member of D.A.R.T. I guess he learned that we were not in need of disaster relief although it might have helped at muddy Underwoods. If you read this before the morning you will learn that we are not in our old place. We are located by the horse pens way in the back behind the school picnic areas. Park near there and walk across to our spot.

When we left there was no power nor water so we hope that they are on by the morning.



April 2023 Birthdays

HAPPY
Birthday



Certificate

Happy Birthday Month

Good for ONE drink at the bar



Hawblitzel	Paul	4/27
Martinez	Victor	4/9
Morgan	Mike	4/9
Wetter	William "Joe"	4/8
Nunez	Mike	4/22



Horoscope: Aries — Taurus

- They skip gaily from their mothers' wombs. This may even involve rollerblades.
- The Aries makes life decisions as a toddler. Aries marry several times for funnies but never divorce. Being infallible, God is probably an Aries. This would make Satan an Aquarius. Aries always hold management positions. If one is assigned to clean toilets, he will form a one-man union. Then he will go and picket in the parking lot.
- Taureans are brooding emotion incarnate. One minute you're up, the next you're down, the next you've shot your favorite newscaster in the kneecaps, "just 'cuz."
- You're very earthy, which may mean that you don't shower as often as most people. Or it may just mean that you like to roll around with your nose in clover and sigh.
- Taureans love happy movies where everyone is jolly and having fun, but they fight with waiters and get upset with billboards.
- They like to psychoanalyze their friends but have no real experience with life in general.

PV Lions Calendar

- Apr 1,2,7-9 Easter Fest
- Apr 11 Regular Meeting - O-Club
- Apr 15 Farmers Market
- Apr 15 Lion Burgers -Rotary
- Apr 15 BBQ—Ag Leadership
- Apr 18 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Apr 25 Regular Meeting - O-Club
- Apr 28 Tree planting, Charter Oak
- Apr 29 Lion Burgers—PV Historical Society

- May 5 Magic Yarn Project
- May 5-7 MD4-A3 Convention
- May 9 Regular Meeting - O-Club
- May 16 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- May 19 Lion Burgers—COSMOS track club

- May 23 Regular Meeting - O-Club
- Jun 13 Regular Meeting - O-Club
- Jun 20 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Jun XX PV Lion Installation - O-Club





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Tornado destroys communities in Mississippi, USA

LCIF grant funding will empower Lions to help storm victims recover.

LIONSCLUBS.ORG/DONATE

On the evening of Friday, March 24, strong storms and a tornado hit southeastern sections of the USA, leveling communities in Mississippi. So far, 26 people have been killed as a result of the storm and dozens more have been injured. The mayor of Rolling Fork, Mississippi reported their entire town was destroyed after enduring sustained winds of 170 miles per hour.

When a natural disaster strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. LCIF is mobilizing funds, including a US\$50,000 Major Catastrophe grant and a US\$10,000 Emergency grant to empower Lions in District 30-M, Mississippi to help their communities recover.

Your donations make a difference when communities are impacted by natural disasters.



From LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander

Greetings, Lions and Leos!

It never ceases to amaze me when I see how much is possible when Lions and LCIF work together in service. In this month's newsletter, you'll find the 2021-2022 LCIF Annual Report, so aptly named "Helping a World in Need," that highlights the incredible ways Lions, Leos and our organization's partners are creating a better world for tomorrow with support from LCIF. Whether we are responding to a natural disaster like the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, offering long-term assistance during a humanitarian crisis like the war in Ukraine, or ensuring children in underserved communities have much-needed access to comprehensive eye health care, Lions offer help and hope where it is needed most. My sincere thanks to everyone who continues to support LCIF and helps make all of this life-changing service possible.



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

With LCIF Support, Lions Always Answer

LCIF is the only foundation to empower the compassionate service of Lions across the globe. With 100% of donations benefiting grants and programs, your continued support of LCIF magnifies hope for a world in need.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Together we can with International President, Brian Sheehan

Dear Lion,

Like so many of you, I'm proud to carry on my family's legacy as a Lion. But today, we're doing things a whole lot differently than my grandfather did. That's because innovation is such a huge part of our tradition, and it's how we've met the changing needs of our communities for generations.

Innovation is about embracing new ideas, new service and new ways of connecting with our communities—and it begins with each of us. So let's keep thinking about new ways to innovate. Because when we ensure that our tradition of service is as vital today as it ever was, we not only honor our past, we create a brighter future for our communities and our world.

Innovation Begins with You

As Lions, we don't just adapt—we innovate to meet the ever-changing needs of our communities. Here are three ways that your club can keep innovating every day.

- **Welcome change** – Every new member brings new skills and new ideas that can help your club serve even better. So invite friends and family to your next innovative project, and [Just Ask!](#) them to serve with you as a Lion.
- **Stay connected** – Connect with your community by sharing your service stories on social media. Get tips, blogs and how-to videos on our [Social Media for Lions Clubs](#) page, or go even bigger with our [social media kits](#) to make your pages really stand out.
- **Serve big** – Be ambitious about your service, and explore the [LCIF Grants Toolkit](#) to learn more about our grants that can help you serve even bigger than before.

Make a great day,

Brian Sheehan

International President

California LIONS FOUNDATION



We are excited to announce that the California Lions Foundation has launched a new Hunger Grant program. This program is designed to provide financial assistance to Lions Clubs across California who are working towards alleviating hunger in their communities.

The Hunger Grant program is available to all Lions Clubs in California and will provide funding for projects that address the root causes of hunger, such as food insecurity, poverty, and lack of access to healthy food. The program aims to support initiatives that provide sustainable solutions to hunger, including community gardens, food banks, and nutrition education programs.

To apply for the Hunger Grant, Lions Clubs or Lions Clubs working hand in hand with their local Leos Club are invited to submit a proposal. The California Lions Foundation is committed to supporting Lions and Leos Clubs in their efforts to serve their communities, and we believe that the Hunger Grant program is an excellent opportunity for Lions and Leos Clubs to make a meaningful difference in the fight against hunger.

If your club is interested in applying for the Hunger Grant, please visit our website <https://californialionsfoundation.org/hunger> for more information and to access the application form. The deadline for submitting proposals is May 31, 2023, and we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support of The California Lions Foundation, and we look forward to working with your Club to create a hunger-free California.

volunteer now



California Lions
FRIENDS IN SIGHT
"Together, We Make Tomorrow Look Better"



**It's Lions
Like YOU**

With a *calendar full of vision screening events*, volunteers are needed now more than ever to continue the mission of providing sight to those in need. The current and most pressing need is for volunteers to help run the screening stations at these events. Spend the day with trained volunteers and learn how to help screen people of all ages that are in need of better sight. It is such a rewarding experience to know you could help correct the vision of a small child, a mother, or a senior citizen who has lost what they once had.

Become A Part Of Your District's Vision Screening Team

50 volunteers are needed at each event to help make them a success. Some provide testing and eyeglasses, and others help with patient flow and assist others at the workstations. Don't worry if you feel you need more knowledge to work a station. There are experienced Friends in Sight volunteers that can teach you at the event! Once you see the joy your time can bring to those in need, it's hoped you will become a regular at other events in your area.

GET
involved

**Click The Video Below To See
What A Friends In Sight
Vision Screening Event Is
Like**



**Want To Join Other Volunteers At The Next Event?
Contact Your District Coordinator**

4-A3

Bill Schultz

wschu60505@aol.com

Let's make a real impact in the fight against hunger in California



Help your local Lions and Leos Clubs fight against hunger in California!

Lions and Leos serve to improve human flourishing, and we see how the California hunger and nutrition crisis bears upon our local communities. We believe community improvement depends on the thriving of its members

Your donation makes a big impact!

Dear Lions and supporters of the California Lions Foundation,

As Californians, we are proud of our state's beauty, diversity, and spirit of community. But we also know that too many of our neighbors are struggling to put food on the table. Hunger affects people of all ages and backgrounds, and it is especially hard on children and families.

That's why we're reaching out to you today to ask for your support in our efforts to fight hunger in our state. The California Lions Foundation is committed to supporting hunger and food bank projects around California, and we need your help to make it happen.

Your donation will enable our Lions and Leos Clubs to provide critical assistance to families in need, including food and supplies to local food banks and pantries. We can also support programs that help provide meals to children and seniors, who are especially vulnerable during these difficult times.

Your donation, no matter how small, can make a big difference in the lives of those in need. We are a registered non-profit organization so all donations are tax deductible.

Thank you for your consideration. Together, with Lions and Leo Clubs we can make a real impact in the fight against hunger in California.

Please make a **donation today** and help feed more families in need.

Make a donation via credit card on our website

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YOUTH EXCHANGE HOSTS NEEDED!!!

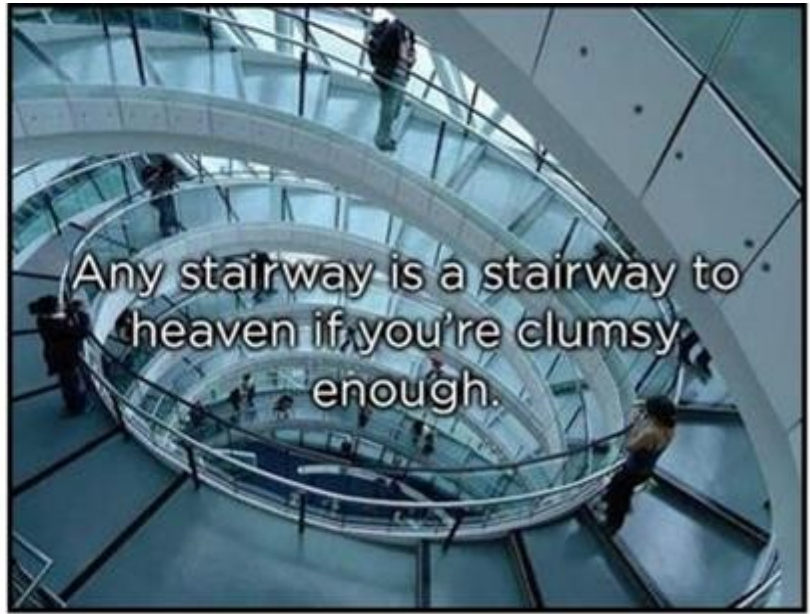
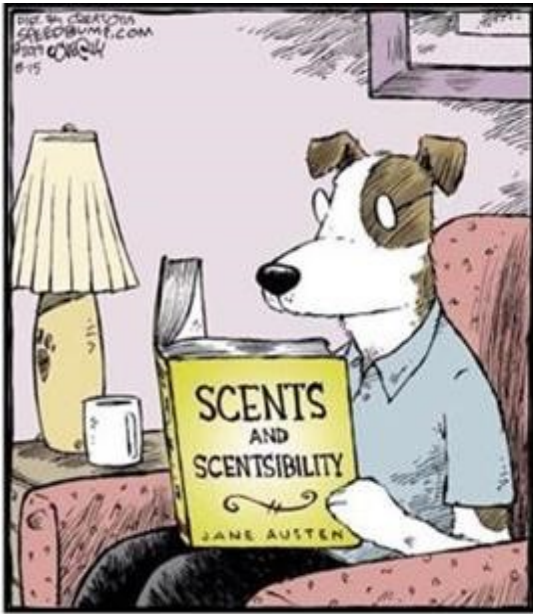
Dear Lions and Friends,

I am looking for someone to host the **5 boys** that I have left. They can host one or two boys. If they want to host more, that would be great! I have 2 boys who are 18 or above and to host those boys, you do not have to do the MD-4 Lions Youth Protection paperwork. For the students who are under 18, you would need to complete the MD-4 Lions Youth Protection paperwork. The boys are: Youssef, 16, from Tunisia; Leander, 17, from Germany; Wasim, 19, from Israel; Pierre, 21, from France, and Adam, 18, from Hungary. The boys will be here **July 1 to 16, 2023**.

If you are interested in hosting, please click on the **Host Family Application** button below. You will need to submit a family letter and a photo. Click on the second button for a **PDF that includes links to the places that you need to go to complete the MD-4 Youth Protection paperwork**. Below that is a button to download the **Host Family booklet** from Lions Clubs International. See other buttons for other possible information you or your club may want.

Please share these forms with others who you think might be interested in hosting Lions YCE Students. I am trying to get these students placed by the end of March as that is when our application process for the incoming YCE Students closes. You can email the completed paperwork to me at md4cayep@gmail.com. Thank you for your help and support.

From,
Lion Carrie Guadagnolo
MD-4 Lions YEP Chairperson



First day back at the gym. That's me trying to get my shorts on.



"When the call came in about a fatal rollover, I assumed it was highway-related."

29 April Lions Friends in Sight - Oxnard

Hello Lions of District 4-A3!

Vision screening with California Lions Friends In Sight is a great way to make a difference on the Central Coast **AND** find people who would love to join your club!

The Oxnard Lions Clubs are hosting a California Lions Friends In Sight vision screening **Saturday, April 29, in Oxnard, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** We are looking for volunteers to assist with this great event. Those of you who have participated in one or more of these events are especially needed. This is a wonderful opportunity to get some of your newer members to participate in such a worthwhile community project.

Non-Lions are also welcome. Invite a friend! Show them what Lionism is all about! Please also feel free to **send to churches and other organizations that can help us get the word out to those in need and those that may want to help.**

Please, contact Toby Scott at ions@scotts.net for more information and to **RSVP that you will be attending!!!**



**Oxnard Area Lions Clubs
& other Lions from District 4-A3
present**

**FREE Vision Screening and
FREE Recycled Eyeglasses**

**Examen De Vista GRATIS y
Lentes Renovados GRATIS**

5 May Magic Yarn Project



Come help make wigs for children with cancer!

What: Lions Chris Graham & Mickey Wilk will lead the workshop with the support of fellow Camarillo Amber's Light Lions. **No experience necessary.** It's easy!

When: Friday, May 5, 2023, 3:30 to 5:30 pm. (convention weekend)

Where: 4501 W. Channel Islands Blvd., Oxnard in the clubhouse of the Hollywood Beach Seaside Mobile Home Park

Why: Provide some fun to children who have lost their hair from cancer treatments

Who: Lions Clubs members and guests

Cost: \$10 per participant as a donation to our local Magic Yarn Project to cover supplies

To sign up* or ask questions, please contact:

Lion Chris Graham at chrisg5215@aol.com

***LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!! Sign up soon** (separate from your convention registration). Maps with parking directions available upon request.

Announcing the 45th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations

Join us.

LDUN is an exclusive opportunity for you to meet new Lions and Leos, interact with global diplomats, and celebrate Lions service around the world.



Nairobi

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Registration for LDUN Nairobi is coming soon!

➤ [Notify me](#)

New York

Friday, March 3, 2023

Registration for LDUN New York is coming soon!

➤ [Notify me](#)

Geneva

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Registration for LDUN Geneva is coming soon!

➤ [Notify me](#)

5 May — Magic Yarn Project



Come help make wigs for children with cancer!

Lions Chris Graham & Mickey Wilk will lead the workshop with the support of fellow Amber's Light Lions. No experience necessary. No crochet experience necessary. It's easy!

When: May 5, 2023—3:30 to 5:30 pm. Convention weekend

Where: 4501 W. Channel Islands Blvd., Oxnard – in the club house of the Hollywood Beach Seaside Mobile Home Park

Why: Bring some fun to children who have lost their hair from cancer treatments

Who: Lions Clubs members, guests

What: \$10 per participant as a donation to our local Magic Yarn Project to cover supplies

To sign up* or ask questions, please contact:
Lion Chris Graham at chrisg5215@aol.com

*Number of wigs to make and number of participants is limited so sign up soon

Maps with parking directions available

3 June - Guide Dogs of America Open House/Auction

From: **Judy A. Reilly** <JAReilly@guidedogsofamerica.org>

Date: Wed, Feb 8, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Subject: Open House June 3, 2023

Dear GDA Puppy Sponsor,

I have always felt that our Puppy Sponsors fall into a different category of GDA donors.....You want a more intimate experience and your love for our program reaches beyond merely donating to a good cause. All of you have different motivations for your generosity but there is the common thread of wanting to be up close and personal with the work we do. I hope I'm not imposing by asking you to help us by sharing your love of our program with your family and friends.

We are pleased to announce that we will be having an **Open House this year on Saturday, June 3.** That also means that I am in Silent Auction mode and would greatly appreciate your support. If you would care to contribute to this event, we would welcome any and all donations.

Below are some suggestions...

If you or anyone you know has a **condo** or **vacation home** in a resort area we would love to have a donation of a long weekend or a weeklong stay. These things sell very, very well for us so please, ask around and see if any of your friends or family can donate something like that or may know people that would like to help us out.

Another thing that sells beautifully is anything related to **sports**. Please, if you have **season tickets** to any kind of sporting event (baseball, football, basketball, hockey) and would be willing to part with a couple of tickets we would greatly appreciate it. Again, if you don't personally have any season tickets but know of folks that do, please see if you can procure a donation.

Hollywood Bowl box seats! We love those!! If you have season **theater tickets** and would be willing to part with one performance we would be very grateful to receive those too. Again, perhaps you have friends or family that might have season passes to various events and they might be willing to part with a couple. It can't hurt to ask!

Gift cards do really well for us. So, if you want to make a donation and can't think of anything this would be terrific. If you received a gift card for Christmas or your birthday and don't think you are going to use it, we'd love to take it off your hands! These cards are always the first to go and invariably bring way over their face value.

Cash!!! – Cash always works for us too. I can purchase gift cards or sale items like Kindles or something along those lines. So, if you want to help but can't decide how, here's your chance!

If you need suggestions, here is our Amazon wish list that has some fun stuff: [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Anything you can do to help us would be greatly appreciated. Best wishes to you and thanks again for your consideration – and remember, if you are local, put June 3 on your calendar and join us for our Open House!

Judy Reilly Sponsorships/Tours/Speaker Program

Direct Line: 818-833-6437 guidedogsofamerica.org

LCICon 2023 Boston

The Lions Clubs International Convention is happening July 7-11, 2023. Celebrate service with your fellow Lions and Leos in the city on the hill — historic Boston, Massachusetts!

Dear Club Service Chairperson,

In the upcoming months, many Lions and Leos will be gathering for district and multiple district conventions, as well as the [international convention](#) in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

As a service leader, you know any place where our members gather is a great place to serve others. Here are a few ideas for service projects that work well with meetings:

- Hold a food or clothing drive – ask members to bring items for donation
- Make fleece blankets or [wigs for children](#) with cancer
- Assemble backpacks for school children or care packages for foster children
- Host a fun activity, like a race, game show or talent contest, and donate the funds raised

Another option is to bring your group to a local food pantry, homeless shelter or wildlife area to serve the community directly.

If you know anyone who is planning to attend the international convention, please encourage them to make their convention experience more meaningful by registering for a convention service project. It's a wonderful way to serve alongside Lions and Leos from around the world.

Thank you for your leadership in bringing more service to your local community, as well as the world we share. If you have any questions, contact us by email, serviceactivities@lionsclubs.org.

Yours in Service,

The Service Activities Division Team



Lions and LEOs,
Although I have been a Lion since 1999, I am always amazed at the creativity, dedication and enthusiasm Lions bring when they gather to plan a service, leadership or membership event. The Reno Forum is no exception. The Planning Committee met in Reno from October 16-20, 2022.

Our first step was to get acquainted. Although Honorary Chair Vice President Dr. Patti Hill and I knew everyone on the

team, not all the Lions had previously met. Several had met via zoom, but not in person. Lions on this committee come from both the United States and Canada. Taking a few minutes to develop that level of trust to bring the Forum to life was important. The responsibilities of each committee were reviewed. Then the group did an interactive activity that stressed the communication needed among committees to organize a meaningful learning event.

On day two, the Host Committee, led by Lion PDG Linda Wagner-Griffen, joined the Planning Committee. More details were defined. The Host Committee is the "Boots on the Ground" for any Forum. They are already working on their tasks and organizing volunteers. To host a Forum requires 400 plus volunteers. Since no one wants to work the entire Forum, the more volunteers available, the more chance there is for everyone to have some Forum time and volunteer time. If you would like to volunteer contact Manpower Coordinator, PCC Don Gall at dongall95336@gmail.com.

On our third day of meetings, each committee further clarified needs and ideas. By the end of the day, a lion with a bit of vision or imagination could see that the Reno Forum promises to bring new ideas, innovation and opportunities for attendees. If you are not registered yet, now is the time to get that done! Go to www.lionsforum.org

We want to see you in Reno!
Up and Away with Leadership

Jama

PV Lions Committees 2022-23

1st Vice President -Victor Martinez	
Finance & Budget	Bill S., Rich C., Russ W., Victor M., Mike N., Mike M., John Fraser, Bruce Jochums
Community Betterment	John Fraser
Cook Lead 1st qtr.	Chet Price
Cook Lead 2nd qtr.	Bruce Jochums
Cook Lead 3rd qtr.	Mike Nunez
Cook Lead 4th qtr.	Kerry Forsythe
Bar 1st qtr.	Art Mansfield & Joe Flores
Bar 2nd qtr.	Art Mansfield & Joe Flores
Bar 3rd qtr.	Art Mansfield & Joe Flores
Bar 4th qtr.	Art Mansfield & Joe Flores
District Contests	Lloyd Christie
Photographer	Hillary Ling & Bob Taylor
Christmas Float	Bruce Jochums, Mike Nunez, Kerry Forsythe
Student Speaker Contest	Mike Morgan
Meeting Programs	Mike Morgan & Victor Martinez
Scholarships	Richard Baker
Membership Chair	Mike Nunez
Club Service Chair	Bill Schulze
Peace Poster	Victor Martinez
Sight & Hearing	Russ White, Bob Taylor, Bill Schulze
Public Relations	John Fraser
Club Bulletin	Bob Taylor
S.W.O.T.	Victor Martinez

2nd Vice President– John Knittle	
Lion Burgers	Russ White & Bob Taylor
Visitations	Lloyd Christie
BBQ Trailer & Equipment	Bruce Jochums & Mike Nunez
Raffles	OPEN
5K-1K Race	Mike Brown
Children's Xmas Party	Art Mansfield
Flag Day	OPEN
4th of July	OPEN
Special BBQ's	Bruce Jochums & Mike Nunez

3rd Vice President– Bruce Jochums	
Caps/Shirts/Jackets	OPEN
Kids Shopping	George Graham
Peace Poster	OPEN
Club Bulletin	Bob Taylor
Harvest Festival	Bill Schulze
Easter Festival	Bill Schulze
Badges/Pins/Banners	OPEN
Sight & Hearing	Richard Cervantes
Fair Parking	Bill Schulze
Web site /IT	George Graham
Public Relations	John Fraser
Club Greeter	Dan Goldberg

So for season 2... I mean the second wave... can we switch quarantine partners or are we stuck with the same ones from season 1? 😊

So in retrospect, in 2015, not a single person got the answer right to "Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?"

Good morning inmates!!!
Anyone know how much vodka goes in scrambled eggs??

Vintage picture of an old tradition of people eating cake after someone blows air from their mouth onto it
Circa: 2019 B.C. (Before Coronavirus)



Maths Class

2020:

"If Jimmy was a Hairdresser and wanted to marry a Personal Trainer in an open air food court, how many people can attend the ceremony?"

Paul McGorrey



Someone sent me an email about using vodka for cleaning around the house... It worked! The more vodka I drank, the cleaner the house looked!