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Keeping it Reel Part 2

Welcome everyone to the new fiscal year of Pleasant Valley Lions Club. I'm looking forward to a year of new challenges and club growth along with a smooth transition with help from you all from last year. I would like to personally thank PP Victor for his year of great service and leadership he provided to our club. I know he spent many hours behind the scenes attending district functions, conventions and club visitations not only promoting our club, but Lions in general!!

Right off the bat, we jump into a new challenge of our new meeting site for our regular 2nd & 4th Tuesday meetings. The Camarillo Boys & Girls Club will hopefully be a better fit for all of us. Central location, better sound acoustics and an updated kitchen area should make it more enjoyable for everyone. Please make it a point to attend as much as possible and support your club. Next new challenge is the upcoming Bingo concession at the Ventura County Fair, July 31-August 11th. We are purchasing the necessary Bingo equipment and the Fair Board is supplying the building, tables and chairs. Lion Bill Schulze has sent out the sign-up sheet through Sign Up Genius, please take a look at it and try to volunteer often. The shifts are from 2pm-6pm and 6pm-10pm daily. Once the Fair is over, we still have the equipment and can sponsor other Bingo Night Fundraisers locally.

My first order of business during the month of July is to personally contact each member of the club to address any issues or concerns you might have and to make sure you are receiving all the information being sent out monthly. Be prepared for a call and I look forward to speaking with each and everyone of you. For the next year I will not be in the kitchen. If you have any interest in joining the cooking crew, please contact either Lion Mike Nunez or Lion Chet Price. I'm sure they would welcome some help.

Let's look forward to another productive year of Camarillo-Somis Lions Club with fundraising, club growth and retention, community outreach, mentoring and taking care of our own. I look forward to hearing from you all with comments and concerns ... my time is your time... **except while I'm fishing!!**

Yours in Lions,

President Bruce Jochums

PV Lions Calendar 2024

- July 9 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- July 16 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- July 20 **Farmers Market**
- July 23 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Aug 13 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Aug 20 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Aug 17 **Farmers Market**
- Aug 27 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Sep 10 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Sep 17 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Sep 21 **Farmers Market**
- Sep 24 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Oct 8 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Oct 15 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Oct 22 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Nov 12 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Nov 16 **Farmers Market**
- Nov 19 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Nov 26 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Dec 10 Regular Meeting - B&G Club
- Dec 17 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Dec xx Christmas Party - tbd



Toco toucan in the Pantanal region of Brazil

2 June - Casa Pacifica Angels - Wine, Food and Brew Festival

DG Rich was contacted by Casa Pacifica inquiring if the two Lions Clubs in Camarillo would like the opportunity to promote their respective clubs and to provide some tasty BBQ tri tip sandwiches? Rich and myself thought this would be an excellent way to reach a large number of people in a short amount of time with at least 3,000 people in attendance. The other bonus to the whole thing was that all the supplies (tri tip, slider rolls, onions and BBQ sauce) were all donated. All we had to do was cook and slice tri tip, sauté onions and slice and assemble the sliders. We ended up handing out at least 900 tri tip sliders that day along with numerous inquiries about what Lions are all about.

Thanks to Lions Terrie Tarin, Heather Olsen, Joe Mitchell, DG Rich & Mary Jo Cervantes, Bruce Jochums and special guest/ expert meat slicer Mark Ginchereau

Also, thank you to:

Roger Brooks from Five Points Meat Market Ventura – 90 lbs. Tri Tip.

Termar, Inc. for donating all the rolls.

Bruce's Barbeque Catering- Onions and BBQ sauce.

We had quite the production line going within our limited booth area, but we all worked well together and the day flew by. 900 slider sandwiches will make you tired but in a good way!!

Lion Bruce Jochums



5 June - Butterfly Habitat Planting Day

Three PV Lions helped plant dozens of butterfly plants at Laurelwood Park in Camarillo. Lions Bob Larson, Tom DeBardas and Bob Taylor spent a few hours digging and planting half a dozen different plant varieties. The ground was like concrete and proved difficult with just shovels. Fortunately after a few plantings they showed up with an auger that even had difficulty. Nonetheless, half a dozen people managed to plant about 2/3's of the plants before noon. A paid construction crew plus a few other volunteers came in the afternoon to finish.



Lion Tom added a PV Lion sticker



6 June 1944 - Normandy Invasion WW2

By 1944, over 2 million troops from over 12 countries were in Britain in preparation for the invasion. On D-Day, Allied forces consisted primarily of American, British and Canadian troops but also included Australian, Belgian, Czech, Dutch, French, Greek, New Zealand, Norwegian, Rhodesian and Polish naval, air or ground support.

6 June 1944 - was the largest amphibious invasion in the history of warfare. The statistics of D-Day, codenamed Operation Overlord, are staggering. The Allies used over 5,000 ships and landing craft to land more than 150,000 troops on five beaches in Normandy. The landings marked the start of a long and costly campaign in north-west Europe, which ultimately convinced the German high command that defeat was inevitable.

Early on 6 June, Allied airborne forces parachuted into drop zones across northern France. Ground troops then landed across five assault beaches - Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword. By the end of the day, the Allies had established a foothold along the coast and could begin their advance into France.

D-Day required unprecedented cooperation between international armed forces. The Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF) was an international coalition and although the Allies were united against Germany, the military leadership responsible for 'Overlord' had to overcome political, cultural and personal tensions.

'Overlord' did not bring an end to the war in Europe, but it did begin the process through which victory was eventually achieved. By the end of August 1944, the German Army was in full retreat from France, but by September Allied momentum had slowed. The Germans were able to regroup and launched a failed but determined counter-offensive in the Ardennes in December 1944. This defeat sapped German manpower and resources and allowed the Allies to resume their advance towards Germany.



7 June - Food Share Drive-Thru

PV Lions DG Rich, Bills, BillC and BobT spent 3 hours at the drive-thru serving about 300 patrons. The veggie boxes and USDA bags in particular were very heavy this week so we got a workout handing them off. It definitely was a banner week for food distribution because of the quality and quantity of food distributed.



TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

District Governor Rich Cervantes installed the officers of Amber's Light Lions. He will do the same for PV Lions later this month.

Tonya Johnson is the incoming president of Amber's Light. Also shown are incoming president for PV Lions Bruce Jochums and incoming president for Oxnard Noontimers Rick Gutierrez.



Tide pool on Tenerife, Canary Islands

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DG Rich Cervantes participated in the celebration of the LCIF \$200,000 matching grant approval to purchase diabetes screening equipment for seven clinics.

From left to right DG Rich is shown with Dr Cho who heads the clinics, Barry Zimmerman, CEO of the Ventura county health foundation services and Amy Towner, chairman of the Ventura County health services foundation.

PV was the largest doner in the district and should be very proud of this accomplishment.



Hello from Greece, Happy Readers,

We've resumed our travels after last year's misfortunate and premature end. Jeff is leading us into hellacious heat here in Greece, and we may have to cut our visit short, it's just too miserably hot to be riding motos in heavy safety gear. And I know better than to skimp on safety. The first edition of Big Adventure 13 can be found at this link.

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Lion Sheri Clarke



Jeff & Sheri's Thirteenth Big Adventure

In which they take the road less traveled - on half as many wheels



Jeff's BMW R1200RT, Isabo



Sheri's BMW R1200R, Junior Biscuit

The Plan

This trip is our second try at Greece. A year ago I had an unfortunate encounter with a mudslide and crashed just four days into our moto tour of Greece, got acquainted with the hospital in Kastoria, a town in the north near the border with Albania. Jeff managed everything - he found safe storage for the bikes, got flights changed, and got me home to heal. It's been a year now and we're back to finish what we started. Our bikes live in a town called Tours, France, so we have a month to see what we came to see and get the ponies back to the barn there.

Pictures of our bikes on the left - and yes, they have names - Isabo after the Michelle Pfeiffer character in the movie

June 10, 2024



Heat index map of Europe

Ladyhawk, and Junior Biscuit after Sea Biscuit, the name of my other bike, same make and model, but older.

Back to the plan — we'd heard that Greece was too hot in the summer so we planned to come in June thinking it would be uncomfortable but not unbearable. We underestimated things. We'll head out of here without checking everything off our list.

A guy named Nicos trucked our bikes from Kastoria south to his storage place a couple hours from Athens. His wife, Georgia, picked us up at the airport and brought us to a hotel near the storage place, and the next morning

she drove us to the bikes, and we were on our way. The bikes hadn't been ridden for a year so we took them in to a dealer in Athens for service, booked a hotel for three days, and checked out the sights including the Acropolis, the Parthenon, the Acropolis Museum and the Museum of Cycladic Art. We rode the hop-on, hop-off bus around the city. Traffic was a nightmare. We feasted on Greek salads daily and sweltered in the heat. (Sorry for complaining yet again.)

I'm writing from a delightful boutique hotel on the Mani Peninsula of the Peloponnese. It's not exactly cool here, but our hotel is on a hillside and gets a continuous breeze.



Our bikes were stored at the top right on this map. We're now at a tiny village on the Mani Peninsula of the Peloponnese,



Shame & Humiliation

Maybe Greece doesn't like me because I managed to dump my bike again here. I was coming to a stop just before a one-lane passage and was braking just a little harder than normal to stop where I could see the light. My ABS system kicked in which told me that it was slippery (it had been drizzling, refreshing considering the heat), I came to a stop, put my feet down and my right foot just slid out and I dropped the bike. Damn! Nothing hurt except my pride.

June 10, 2024



People seem to be exceptionally nice and will go out of their way to be friendly and helpful. We chatted with the owner of a small gelateria, Steve, for a few minutes after Jeff ordered some scoops, and then he refused to take any money.



Traffic here is . . . well, crazy. It is assumed that motorcycles will go the head of any line and they can get there by squeezing between cars, going into opposing traffic (frowned upon but it happens pretty regularly), and zipping up the right side using the bus lane. In Athens, it was similar in terms of risk to life and limb to what we witnessed in Naples a few years back - except here there will be one, maybe two people on a bike, in Naples it could be the whole family of five. Most people here are in shorts and t-shirts, and helmets are about 50/50. Tailgating is a national sport so I've taken to letting cars pass me rather than having them run up my tailpipe.



Left - A work crew repairs the line for the electric trolley in the middle of the street, a 5-lane wide roundabout in Athens. Not for the faint of heart.

Above - Look closely and you can see the lunch bowl in the hand of our hop-on, hop-off bus driver as he navigates the crazy traffic in Athens. The other hand held the fork.



The Museum of the Acropolis is absolutely wonderful — And it's air conditioned! Therefore well attended. I'm not sure what drove their decisions as to where to place the interpretive signage. This display of coins certainly left room to place the sign somewhere other than at my ankles. I'm assuming somebody on the museum staff does this to amuse him/herself, probably stakes it out on breaks to watch the downward-facing dog pose of those who attempt to read it.

Here as in other European countries, people appeal to or thank various saints by putting up a shrine. There are hundreds of these along the roads, ranging from a simple box-on-a-pole design to the really ostentatious ones that have a little hut inside a small fenced area. Most have little glass doors, a picture of the saint, maybe a candle and a memento or two; some have flowers (usually fake), and the one in this picture had an engraved marble plaque at its base which, according to Google Translate, is in memory of various members of the Family Pelioura. (that's a lotta vowels!)



We often see robotic lawn mowers in Europe. They eagerly graze the lawn every morning. The Museum of the Acropolis apparently decided to go old-school with their lawn maintenance and brought in a creep of tortoises. Just two in this picture, but we spotted about a half-dozen and I'm sure there were more. Perhaps the "Will work for food" ethic is appealing. Certainly it's more charming.



Jeff's Said What?!?!?

We were riding through a small village the other day and lo and behold it had a stop sign. Jeff was about 20 meters (see how well I've adapted to the metric system?) ahead of me and he just blew through it. I brought this to his attention immediately via our helmet intercom system. "But I slowed down a little." Really, Jeff?

As I'm writing this travelogue I've been contacted by two people who want to know when I'm going to publish the first one for this trip. Jeff also asked because he said he wants to know if he's having a good time.



Scandal!

Jeff and I stopped for lunch at a lakeside cafe. I perused the menu to see what was offered, not that I was going to order anything but a Greek salad. And I couldn't believe it — they didn't offer it! Except for breakfast, that's the only meal where I haven't had Greek salad. This picture was taken while I was happy, before knowing the awful truth.

The Sights

This is a travelogue, yes, but not a comprehensive guide to the sights and history of the region. I focus more on the ride, the experiences, the people we meet, and so forth. But one simply cannot ignore the sights of Athens like the Acropolis, below. And a few other things.





June 10, 2024



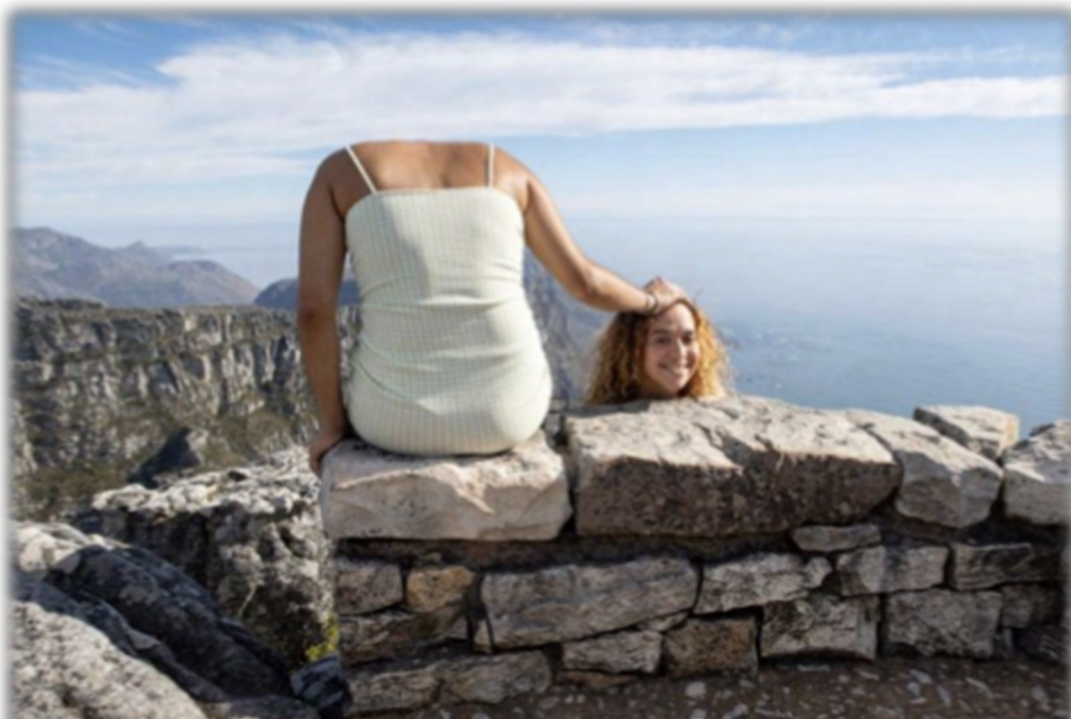
The Parthenon is truly impressive. How the heck did they build this so long ago? Scaffolding shows where there's active restoration work underway.

We were among the hordes of tourists trudging up the steps in the hellish heat.



A Cycladic figure on display at the Museum of Cycladic Art in Athens. I've drawn inspiration from this genre in creating my own artwork.





The End

8 June - Salvation Army Gala

Pleasant Valley Lions bought one table for 8 at the Salvation Army Gala but 2 had to back out at the last minute. Our total donation for the year is \$1700 including the \$700 table cost. At least one PV Lion wore red. He is shown with his Cane Bro below right.

Fritz Coleman, weathercaster for NBC Channel 4 News hosted the event and word on the street is that he is a funny guy.

Their goal was to raise \$50K at the auction.



Cleopatra's Beach, near Mersa Matruh, Egypt

10 June - BumbleBee Golf Tournament

Six PV Lions played in the Bumblebee Foundation golf tournament, a charity event to support little cancer fighters and their families. PV players included George Graham, Victor Martinez, Neil McNutt, Joe Flores and Cody Carlson with son Colton.



Bumblebee Cancer Foundation Mission

Our Mission is to inspire hope and faith by providing support to the overall well-being of pediatric cancer families.

Established in 2011, the Bumblebee Foundation is a non-profit 501c3 that was founded in memory of Jarren Donatini, who was diagnosed with Hepatoblastoma (liver cancer) at the age of three.



Széchenyi Chain Bridge in Budapest, Hungary

Fraser's off to Alaska

The Frasers had a dogsled trip to Mendenhall Glacier in Alaska. Top left and bottom right show opposite sides of the glacier. Lion John's wife and daughters are shown in Ketchikan.

John's brother is shown sitting with his new friend found on a locals dating app in Juneau. John hasn't heard much about the date.



11 June - Regular Meeting 1/3

This was our last regular meeting of the 2023-24 year. President Victor and Treasurer George occupied the head table. 1VP Bruce took a sick day and Sec John is finding his way home from Alaska. *He probably should have turned in his dog sled and flown back but he will get here eventually.*

We didn't have a guest speaker but several lions provided updates on club activities..



Lion Bill had several topics to discuss.

- **New meeting venue at B&G Club starting 9 July:** Bill met with the VC health dept. after learning that we needed a \$350 permit for our new and approved commercial refrigerator. We also need to provide a new floor plan for the B&G kitchen layout. — It never ends!! **UPDATE: none required by planning dept!!!**
- **Food Share:** Bill encouraged all to participate in the weekly food share drive thru held at the community center. It is a great program and one that provides club visibility.
- **Bingo at the Fair:** Bill provided a sign-up sheet for the two 4 hour shifts from 2-10pm for the 12 days at the fair. We need 5-6 volunteers for each shift. He doesn't want to spend the \$6000 approved for equipment if lions don't show any interest. He did get at least 6 PVR's to sign up at the meeting and will follow up via email.

Lion George gave a rundown on the childhood cancer Bumblebee golf tournament and the foundation. We are proud to support them.

Lion Victor encouraged all to sign up for the Installation that will occur on 25 June at the O-Club. It will be catered.

Lion Russ with 3 PV and 2 Amber's Light Lions represented our clubs at the Salvation Army Gala.



11 June - Regular Meeting 2/3

We still had some time before dinner so Pres. Victor encouraged Lion Lloyd who is our club historian, even if he doesn't have that title, to give us a little history.

Lion Lloyd talked about a visitation to Pismo Beach when a visiting sheriff had his hub caps stolen. We had some wild guys in the club way back. That could have resulted in a life sentence back in the days but they eventually returned the hubcaps and managed to get out of town without any jail time.



Dinner

1VP Bruce was under the weather so Lion Mike took charge and lead the team of Chet, John Erwin, Joe Stayton and Anthony cooking tri-tip and orange chicken. I think that this was the first time that we ever had Mike's specialty of orange chicken and it was a hit.



Raffles

- 50/50: Two \$5 winners — Walt Brand and Jack Eberts
- Bean Pot: 13 blue balls and \$36 in the pot. Lion Victor managed to reduce the number of blue balls to 12 so he joins the long list of Losers!



Special Guests

Lion John brought Paula, in yellow, and a caregiver to enjoy a meal and our company.



Tail Twisting

I think that I got photos of all the twisted tails whose tails were twisted by Joe Flores and Dick Bellman.

It all happened pretty fast but several concerned grandkids graduating high school (DanT, DaveT, JoeW), playing volleyball (JoeW), Bumblebee golf (GeorgeG), no more grandkids graduating (Bills), Boys in the Boat (WaltB) and great Lion year (Victor).



14th JUNE

FLAG DAY

BIRTHDAY OF THE STARS AND STRIPES



Flag Day in the United States, a day honoring the national flag, observed on June 14. The holiday commemorates the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design for its first national flag. Also called: National Flag Day.



14 June - Food Share Drive-thru

Bill Conn, Bill Schulze and Bob T worked the 3 hours at Food Share to bag and distribute food to over 300 patrons. It was a particularly busy day probably due to Father's Day in 2 days. *We/they could use more help. It is a fast-paced but rewarding 3 hours.*



Aerial view of Castle Hill Light, Newport, Rhode Island

Photo brings back memories. As a kid growing up in Newport I used to fish, spear fish and scuba dive near this light house— lots of black fish, sea bass and a shark or two!.

15 June - Farmers Market

It was a beautiful day at Farmers Market and customers came out early and often.

Six PV Lions plus the shadow who has been missing for the past few months due to gloomy weather showed up for the market .

Lions Bob Larson, Tom DeBardas, Mike Morgan, Russ White, Bob Taylor and John Knittle represented the club. Lion Cindy also came by to say Hi.

Lion Mike engaged many of the customers asking them if they belonged to a club. If not he tried to sell them on Lions. Only time will tell if he attracted any new members.

We had bucketfuls of glasses and batteries and Lion John came by to retrieve them. One lady actually went home to get a basket of glasses and came back to deliver them.



Bora Bora in the Leeward Islands of French Polynesia

18 June - Board Meeting

This was the last board meeting of the year. Lion Mike thanked Pres. Victor for his year and this was enthusiastically supported by the board.

Club membership was reduced by 5 members effective the end of the month. Effective 1 July the club membership will be 64 members.

Bill Schulze:

- **Move to the Boys and Girls Club:** Bill is pursuing a permit with the county for our new commercial refrigerator. We need a permit and revised floor plan. Bill is working with the B&G club to get the current plans so he has a basis for revision. Lion Bruce offered his facility to keep our current refrigerators but we need one at the B&G club.
- **Bingo:** Bill said that he has had a good signup response from our club and will pursue signups from other clubs. He expects to be able to purchase our equipment for much less than the \$6000 allocated.

1VP Bruce:

- **Upcoming Installation:** Lion Bruce said that all is on track for the installation dinner. He is using a caterer from TO that is good and inexpensive. We have used them before. Dress code — no neckties but pants are required.
- **Bruce purchased another 20 ft container** that will be delivered tomorrow. He also purchased some storage racks.

Russ White discussed the SummerPalooza scheduled for 21 and 22 June. He needs 5-6 people to staff the event. We already purchased all the supplies.



Donations:

- **Cancer support community:** The club approved \$500. This was our first donation to this organization. They spoke at a meeting last month.

Thank You

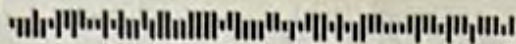
- **City of Hope:** \$1750 - (\$2000 for year)
- **Ventura County Sheriff's Foundation:** \$2100 for Memorial
- **Student Speaker Foundation:** \$1000 - (\$3000 total for year)



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Dear Company,

I am writing to thank you on behalf of everyone in our City of Hope family, including, first and foremost, the people around the world who benefit from our research, and the patients and families who find hope and comfort in our care.

As a result of your commitment and support, we are making significant advances in cancer and diabetes. Your philanthropy has funded breakthrough discoveries, innovative patient therapies and expert, compassionate care.

The words are simple but true: We could not do this work without you. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Together, we will turn hope into reality for the benefit of patients today and untold others tomorrow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Stone".

Robert Stone
Chief Executive Officer
Helen and Morgan Chu Chief Executive
Officer Distinguished Chair

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Gift Receipt

City of Hope's Federal Tax ID No. is 95-3435919

Donation

Gift Amount: \$1,750.00 - Thurmond, Debbie-The Lions Clubs Diabetes Innovation Fund

GIFT PROCESSING DATE* 5/23/2024

* The receipt date reflects when we processed your gift. Please consult with your tax preparer to determine the tax consequences of your donation.

Thanks from: Ventura County Sheriff's Foundation

VENTURA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S
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June 1, 2024

Pleasant Valley Lions Club
PO Box 157
Camarillo, CA 93011

Dear , Pleasant Valley Lions Club:

Thank your for your donation to the Ventura County Sheriff's Foundation.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Foundation is an independent nonprofit 501C(3) organization with a sole objective to support the Ventura County Sheriff's Office (VCSO). The Foundation seeks to build community partnerships to enhance public safety in Ventura County with the support of individuals, families and businesses.

Our tax identification is #2103780163. Your donation of **\$2100.00** dated 5/28/2024 is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law, this letter will serve as your receipt. All contributions raised for the Ventura County Sheriff's Foundation stay in Ventura County.

Our local law enforcement is stronger with our community support.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Krista Nowak". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Krista Nowak
President, Ventura County Sheriff's Foundation



Lions Fourth District
STUDENT SPEAKERS FOUNDATION, INC.
(A California Non-Profit Corporation)

May 28, 2024

Pleasant Valley Lions Club
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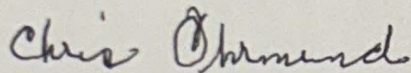
Dear Lions:

The Lions Fourth District Student Speakers Foundation acknowledges receiving your generous contribution of **\$1,000.00** (Check #2153). If you would like to receive any Fellowships for this donation, please let me know.

Financial donations assist our Foundation in providing the \$100,000 for the yearly student speakers contest scholarships.

This Scholarship Program, through our Foundation, exists because of special Club supporters like you!

Very truly yours,



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This will be a very short version of Lion Sheri's travelogue. See the entire one at the above website.



Ferry at the Port of Igousmenitsa

The Ride

We liked Greece — but we'd have liked it much better if it weren't so darn hot. It was so hot that they had to close the schools. And two days after we toured the Acropolis, they closed it due to heat. So we left. Maybe we'll come back again sometime. The last place we went was to the Mani Peninsula in the Peloponnese. I covered that in our last travelogue except for a boat tour of the Caves of Diros, pictures at the end of this travelogue. Then we had a two-day ride to get to a port city with a ferry to Brindisi, Italy, then a couple-

day blast up the east coast there to get to the Dolomite Mountains (eastern Alps) and relief from the heat. One notable thing about the ride along the Adriatic is that in one 100-km stretch we passed through 30 tunnels, I counted, not a typo. The Italians don't often go around a hill or mountain, they just dig straight through it.

When our ferry got to the port in Brindisi, Italy, it was late in the day so we'd booked a room overnight. Turned out that the G7 meetings were taking place just up the road and there was a ton of extra security in Brindisi. Italy had parked an entire cruise ship in the port to house a few thousand



The harbor in Brindisi was hosting a tall ship.

security forces there, and every few minutes a cop car would pass down the street.



Pictures

The Caves of Diros are under the hills next to this picturesque cove off the Mediterranean Sea. The caves are accessed by small boats that accommodate just a half-dozen people. The tour covers about a mile. In places everybody has to duck down to get through low passages. It was blissfully cool in the cave and we hated for the tour to end.



Excerpts from Jeff and Sheri's 13th Big Adventure Days 10-20 3/5

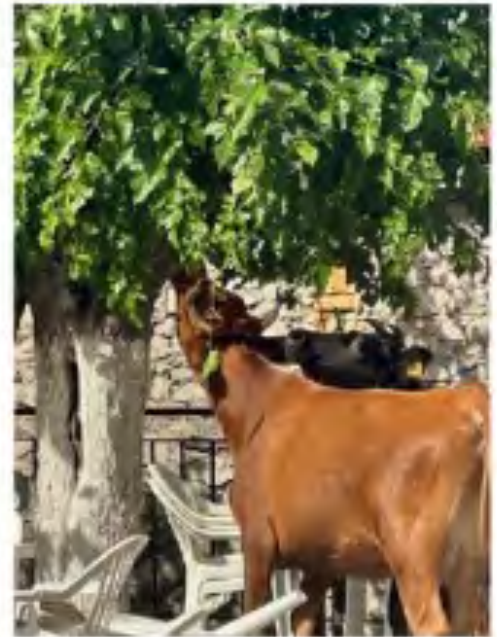
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Left - Jeff found a good-sized tortoise trying to cross the road. With his help, it got there much faster.

Middle - These free-range cattle stopped in the town square for a snack.

Bottom - The tomatoes in the bin don't seem all that extraordinary until you realize it takes two hands to pick one up.



Excerpts from Jeff and Sheri's 13th Big Adventure Days 10-20 4/5



Above - Jeff has been a very bad boy.



Right - Rudy the rabbit ruled the back yard of our B&B, he was very friendly, liked to have his head scratched.

Lower Left - Having a bad hair day for the best reason ever, the best riding on this trip so far.

Bottom Right - The Cavallino Hotel wanted to remind us how bad it was in the old days when the hotel was a "horse station."



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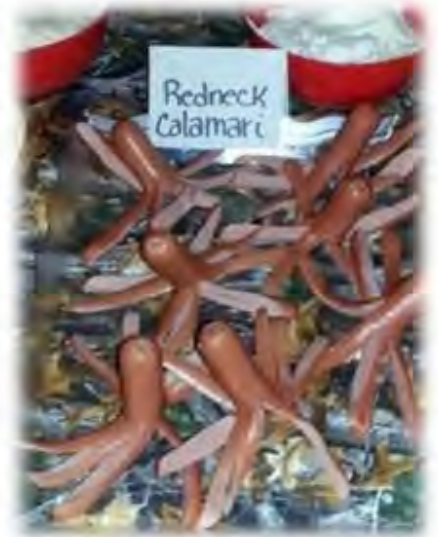
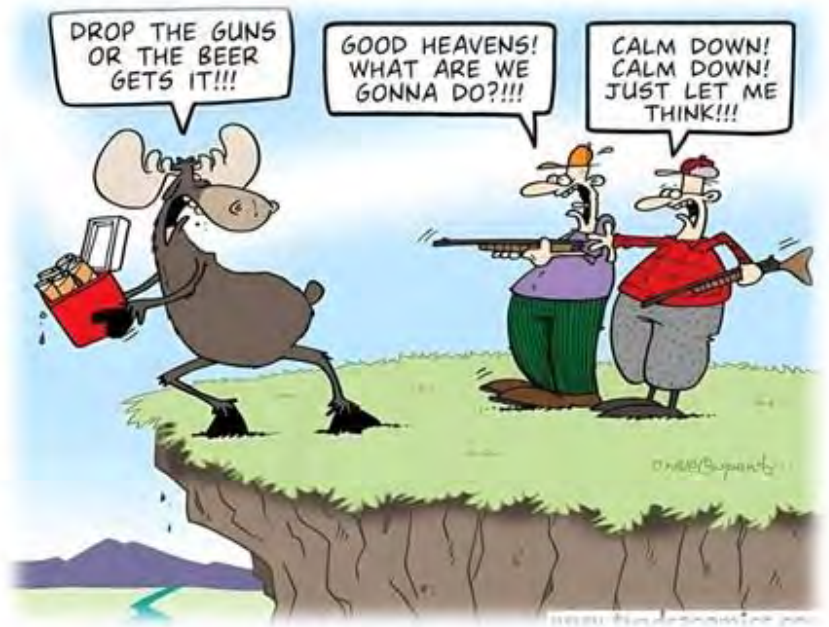


June 20, 2024

Left - The view out the window of our room at the Hotel Cavallino.

We just can't find a bad view in the Dolomite Mountains.

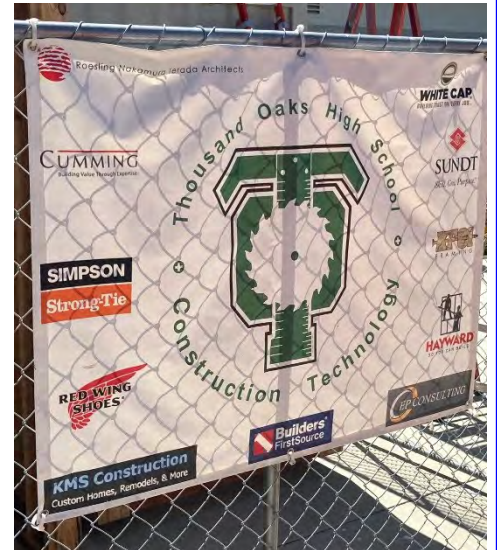




21 June - BBQ at TO High School

Thousand Oaks High held a Construction Exploration & Training Collaborative (CETC) workshop and had lunch cooked by PV Lions. Karen Fraser asked PV to cook the meal using a \$750 donation. Turned out that the meal cost far less for the 60 students and instructors so they have some left over for their activities. Lions Bruce, Chet and MikeN prepared a meal of tri-tip sandwiches, potato salad, veggies and watermelon. Not every child wants to go to college and we need kids to learn trades like construction that are vital to our nation's and their success.

“Collaborative learning is a powerful approach to enhance construction education and training. It involves working with others to share ideas, solve problems, and achieve common goals. Collaborative learning can help you develop essential skills, such as communication, teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking, that are vital for your success in the construction industry.”





Lion Russ organized this event and purchased all the product but couldn't be there at the finish, however he did manage to get lots of Lions to participate. The Friday evening crew of 9, which includes Lions Bill and Ginger Schulze, Pres. VictorM, 2VP BobL and Lions GeorgeG, BobT, MikeM, KimS and JoeF are shown. We covered our product cost on Friday.



We sold Lagunitas IPA, Modelo beer and White Claw to a thirsty crowd of about 1000 on Friday who came for the music, food and beverages. We were stationed right next to the stage. The band members were our best customers.

We made our cost so Saturday is all profit. Interestingly we sold exactly the same amount of Lagunitas and Modelo — 55 cups each. We only used about 2/3 of each keg and we have 4 remaining so we expect to have lots left for the installation.



Saturday evening was a little better than Fridays at the SummerPalooza. We had fewer helpers but the crew at right including one-armed DG Rich plus Lion Mary Jo Cervantes managed just fine to serve the patrons.

We were located in a very visible spot by the stage and drew a lot of attention from many who seemed quite interested in Lions. They asked about Lions and we were only too happy to educate them about Lions and its value to the community.

We hope to see some of them next month at our meeting.



Saturday was far simpler to set up than Friday because we knew where everything was located and had our tents all set up. By 4:30 pm we were ready to go when the gentleman at right asked if we were open so we decided to start early. By the official 5pm opening we had already served a dozen customers.

While taking a photo of the cornhole contest out front I didn't notice the sky writing although I heard some folks mention it later. After looking at the photo at bottom I noticed some folks pointing up at the writing but don't know the entire message.

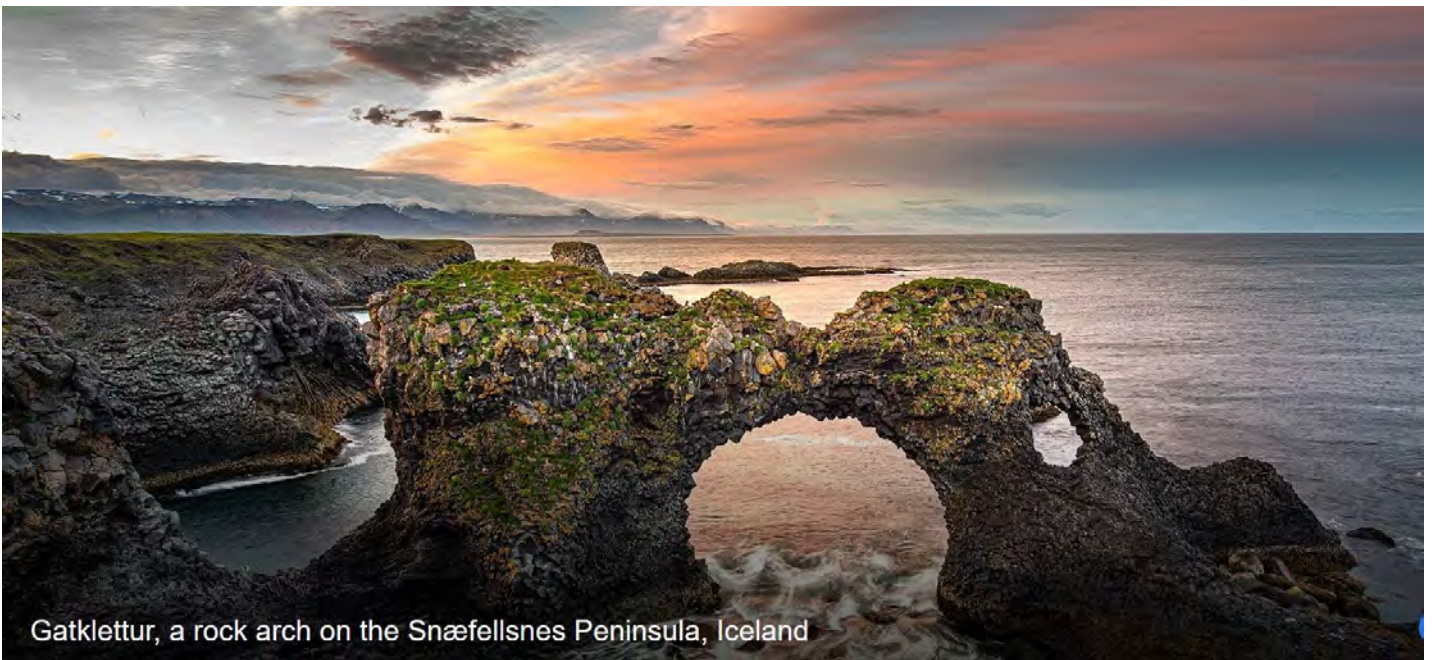
Likely next year will only be a Saturday event only but it will start earlier.



“Cool” Sites from Around the World



Lagoon in El Nido, Palawan, Philippines



Gatklettur, a rock arch on the Snæfellsnes Peninsula, Iceland



Calanque d'En Vau in Cassis, France

DG Rich at Council of Governors Goes Hollywood

It was dress-up night for Hollywood. The couple next to me and Mary Jo is Hank and Pat Trueba.

Nice Hat!



Port Hueneme Lions Club Chartered

This is a photo of some of the new club members from the Port Hueneme Lions club that was chartered on June 20, 2024 during my reign — *Despicable Me*. I am very proud of this and look forward to being the Guiding Lion for the Port Hueneme Lions Club. **DG Rich**



25 June - Installation of Officers and Board 2024-25 1/6

We will have a new slate of officers and board in a week. They are all listed on page 1 of the bulletin. There are many returning Lions but there are a few changes at the top. Thanks to all who served and will serve this year.

Normally I save the best for last but I switched it up to show our ***Lion(s) of the year***. Yes, there are two and they are Past Presidents Jan and Mike Nunez. Congratulations to both of them who have been instrumental to our successes this year and for many previous years.

CAMARILLO-SOMIS PLEASANT VALLEY
LIONS CLUB



2023-2024 Awards Night

&

Installation of New Officers

2024 - 2025

Keeping
it
Real!
Second Cast



1VP/Past President Bruce started us off by introducing our special guests PCC Bill Dunleavy, PDG Margaret Dunleavy, DG Rich and First Lady Mary Jo Cervantes and lions from Oxnard Noontimers, Amber's Light, Ventura Downtown and Conejo Valley. He then handed the gavel over to President Victor for remarks and awards. They are all shown on the following pages.

Lion Russ checked everyone in and they headed for the open bar tended by Kati who we all know from Cronies. Lions Chet and Bruce put together a very nice appetizer table that could have served as dinner but we all managed to find room for the tacos, beans, rice, salad and ——— cake.





25 June - Installation of Officers and Board 2024-25 3/6



Awards

Certificates of Appreciation

Lion:

- Walt Brand
- Bill Conn
- Jack Eberts
- John Erwin
- Joe Flores
- John Knittle
- Mike Morgan
- Dave Tennessen
- Joe Wetter
- Tom DeBardas



Global Causes

- **Diabetes** - Victor Martinez
- **Vision** - Bob Taylor
- **Hunger** - Hillary Ling
- **Environment** - Bob Larson
- **Childhood Cancer**—George Graham



City of Hope

- Victor Martinez

Calif. Friends in Sight

- Rich Cervantes
- Mary Jo Cervantes

Student Speaker Awards

- **Fred Smith Fellowship**
 - ◆ Richard Bellman
 - ◆ Gerald Smith
- **Harry J Aslan Fellowship**
 - ◆ Chet Price
 - ◆ Kerry Forsythe
 - ◆ Dan Goldberg
 - ◆ Wim Zwinkels



Kay Fukushima Fellow

- Bill Schulze
- Lloyd Christi



Awards

Melvin Jones Fellowship

- George Graham: Progressive
- Robert Larson
- Bruce Jochums: Progressive
- Art Mansfield: Progressive
- Neal McNutt: Progressive - 60 year PV Lion
- Elizabeth Stayton
- Kim Stephenson



Lions of the Year

- Jan Nunez
- Mike Nunez



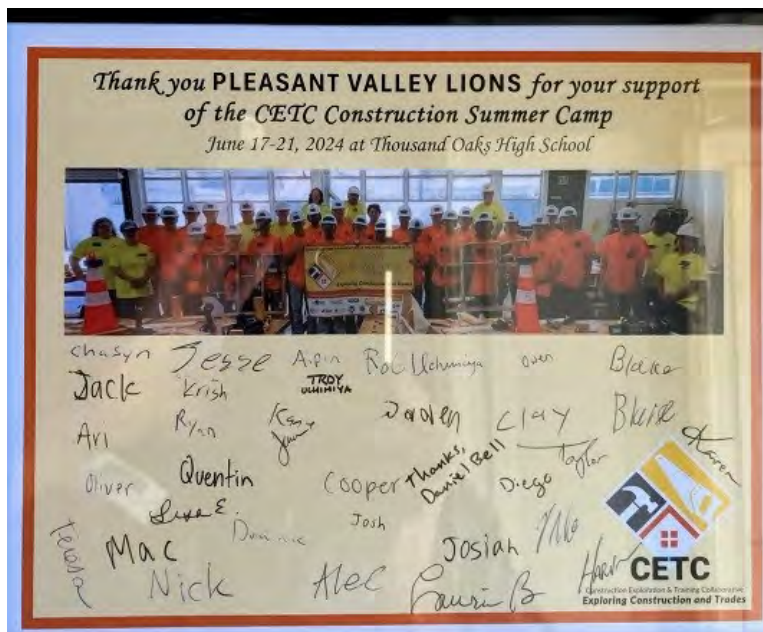
The ceremony opened with Bruce who led us to dinner followed by President Victor who gave an impassioned speech about his time in office and the accomplishments of the club. It was an emotional speech for Victor who cherished his time at the helm. No doubt we will see more of Victor in and around the District.

DG Rich Cervantes inducted the new officers and board. This was a fitting end to Rich's term as governor. Rich complimented the club as the best (or one of the best) clubs in District 4A3. He noted our clubs generosity and the fact that we were the most generous club in the district during 2023-24. Because of our generosity we became an LCI Model Club. We donated over \$30,000 to the Ventura County health services foundation making it possible for them to receive a \$200,000 LCIF grant to purchase diabetes screening equipment for seven clinics.

Newly inducted 2024-25 PV President Bruce is beginning his 2nd time at the helm after serving for one half year previously. He just had to come back and finish what he started. Since he is not a novice we expect big things from Bruce and trust that he will deliver.

Karen Fraser presented Bruce a thank you plaque from the CETC Construction team recognizing PV Lions support of this organization. At its initiation PV donated \$2500 and recently donated our time for a BBQ lunch.

Lion (Mr. 60 year PV Lion) presented a waist pack to our new president. *It will hold lots of fishing lures.*



July 2024 Birthdays

HAPPY
Birthday



Certificate

Happy Birthday Month

Good for ONE drink at the bar

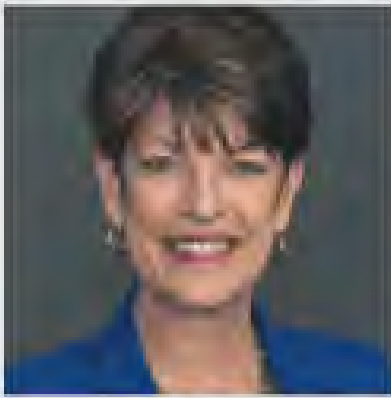


Mingay	Donald	7/21
Schulze	William "Bill"	7/29
Seidler	David	7/1



Horoscope: Aries—Taurus

- Aries marry several times for funnies but never divorce. Their spouses have many freak accidents resulting in death or crippling injury.
- 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.
- All of you think you're Lech Walesa. People run away when an Aries comes around.
- Taureans love happy movies where everyone is jolly and having fun, but they fight with waiters and get upset with billboards.
- You 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 mumble while describing philosophical concepts.



President's Message **Changing the World with** **International President** **Dr. Patti Hill**

Dear Lion,

What an incredible year it has been. A year ago, I asked you to commit to changing the world by setting bold, ambitious goals to meet the needs of our neighbors, our communities and our world—and you did!

I loved seeing the diversity of our clubs, members and service, and I wish I could have met every Lion and Leo because you are so inspiring. Your innovative ways of serving people and your passion for protecting the planet are at the heart of what it means to be a Lion.

The Lion year may be coming to an end, but our service continues. So, reflect on the impact of your service and the people you served—those unforgettable experiences are why we serve—then let's get ready to take up new roles and create new opportunities to help more people in need. Let's invite even more service-minded people to share the joy of being a part of Lions International.

It has been my greatest honor to serve as your international president. Thank you for an extraordinary year.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President

Donate today and bring possibilities to life



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,

I am thrilled to announce that LCIF is well on its way to achieving this year's stretch fundraising goal because of the awesome generosity of those of you who have donated this fiscal year. Although we've made excellent progress, we need your help to push us through to the finish line by making your personal and club donations, hosting a fundraiser and encouraging others to give to LCIF. Less than one month remains before I have the sincere pleasure of announcing our total funds raised during the Second Plenary Session at the annual convention in Melbourne. I am truly looking forward to celebrating our successes together and sharing the worldwide impact of our collective service made possible through our foundation.

[Every donation](#) brings us closer to achieving our goals, while continuing to enable us to change lives of people who need our help by providing for immediate needs after a natural disaster, feeding children facing food insecurity, helping hospitals improve facilities to treat vision impairment or serving in so many other ways. We are truly making a difference in the world together with our global foundation. My sincere thanks to everyone who supports LCIF financially and as an ambassador for the work we do together.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



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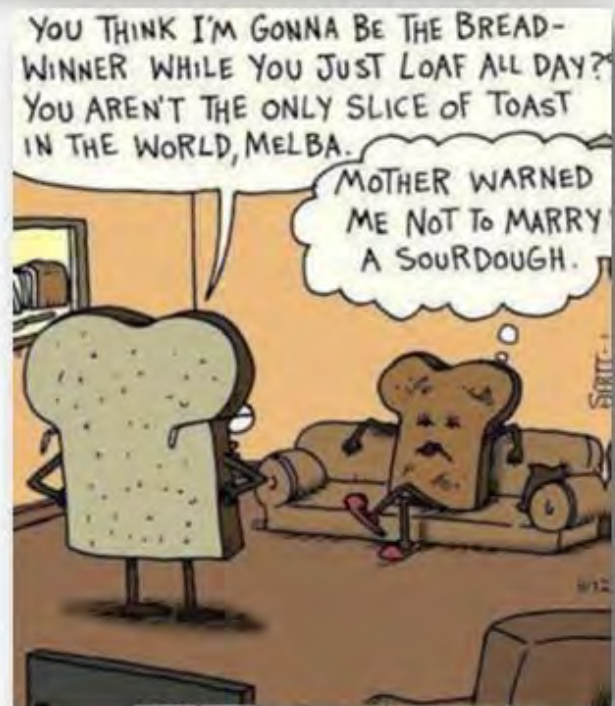
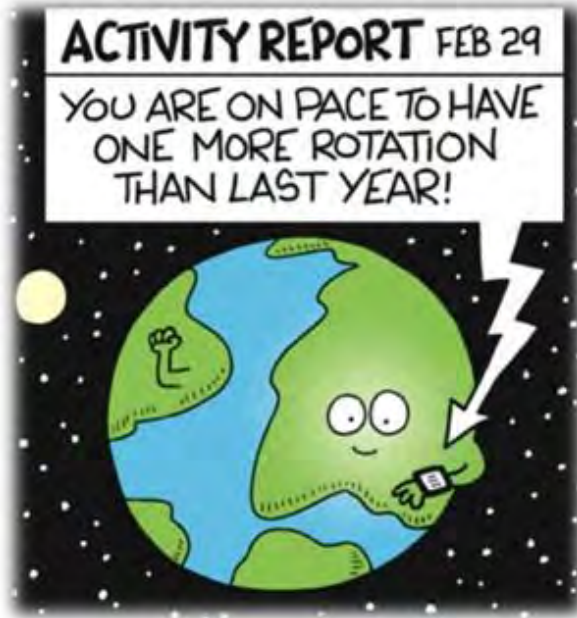
Thank you for giving me the amazing opportunity to serve as chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Throughout the past year, I was continuously inspired by the breadth and depth of service Lions were empowered to provide because of our global foundation. Lions across the globe continue to be resilient while facing the unimaginable challenges that follow natural disasters. We meet the needs in our communities every day in so many ways. We perform vision and cancer screenings in underserved communities, feed the hungry through food banks and other programs, help youth develop life skills in their schools and communities, improve hospitals and health care centers and so much more. In addition, LCIF partners with some of the most influential organizations in the world to expand our impact. Our worldwide reach is truly awesome because of the work we can do through LCIF.

Thank you to everyone who supported LCIF this year. Every gift you made brought us closer to achieving the US\$70 million stretch goal and will enable the foundation to award even more [grants](#) to enhance your service next year. Please remember to share the importance of supporting LCIF with current and future Lions and Leos and set an example through your continued [individual donations](#). Continue to share your stories of service made possible through the foundation. I look forward to the collective impact we will make together in the future.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



PV Lions Committees 2024-25

1st Vice President Bob Larson	
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.	Mike Nunez
Cook Lead 2nd qtr.	tbd
Cook Lead 3rd qtr.	tbd
Cook Lead 4th qtr.	tbd
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	Hillary Ling & Bob Taylor
Christmas Float	Bruce Jochums, Mike Nunez, Kerry Forsythe
Student Speaker Contest	Dick Bellman & Kim Stephenson
Meeting Programs	Bob Larson
Scholarships	George Graham, Russ White, John Fraser, Jan Nunez
Membership Chair	Mike Morgan
Club Service Chair	Russ White
Peace Poster	Dan Goldberg
Sight & Hearing	Russ White & 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
Special BBQ's	Bruce Jochums & Mike Nunez

3rd Vice President– OPEN	
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

- **Julius Caesar** (100 B.C.-44 B.C.), Roman general and statesman is the namesake for **July**. Before 44 B.C, July was called Quintilis (5th month, Originally there were 10 months in a year then the Roman calendar changed to 12 making Quintilis the 7th month but it kept its name—until it was changed in 44BC).
- **4 July. 1776** The Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence, announcing the colonies' separation from Great Britain. The Constitution provides the legal and governmental framework for the United States.
- **17 July 1955** Modern ways to entertain saw the light of the day as Disneyland was opened for public in the United States of America.
- **20 July** is a historic day and in fact, in the words of Neil Armstrong it is a day of 'a giant leap for mankind' because for the first time a human walked on the surface of the moon. Not only that, space exploration attained a new high when spacecraft 'Viking 1 Lander' became the first to successfully land on the surface of Mars in 1976.
- **29 July** American athlete Carl Lewis won his fourth consecutive Olympic gold medal in the long jump on this very day. He is an American former track and field athlete who won nine Olympic gold medals, one Olympic silver medal, and 10 World Championships medals, including eight gold.

