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Reflections From the Desk of Lion Victor

As the cool breeze rustles the leaves and colors shift from green to gold, we find ourselves immersed in the enchanting embrace of autumn. It's a season of transformation, and just like the changing leaves, our Lions Club is gearing up for some exciting shifts.



We are thrilled to announce another year of the Underwoods Fall Festival, which kicked off two days ago. As we serve, let's also infuse the spirit of fun into our efforts. Let's revel in the camaraderie of our supporting clubs, who stand by our side to ensure the success of this event.

Let us take a moment to applaud the incredible success of Lion George's Target Shopping Spree. Your generosity and compassion shone brightly as we provided clothing, shoes, and essential items to children and teenagers embarking on their new school year journeys. The unity and support we showcased are a true testament to the strength of our clubs and community.

The recently held open house at Lions Teresita Pines Diabetes Camp in Wrightwood, CA, represents another milestone in our journey. Our commitment to offering essential resources and unwavering support to children and individuals grappling with diabetes is unwavering. We are proud to be a part of this incredibly successful project that will undoubtedly make a lasting impact on their lives.

This month, Lion Lloyd has thoughtfully scheduled another series of club visitations. We encourage each one of you to seize this opportunity and attend these events. Staying connected to our neighboring clubs strengthens the bonds of our Lions family and broadens our impact to serve.

Lastly, let us all remember the profound impact of kindness in our interactions. As volunteers, we are united in our commitment to give our best efforts. Choosing words of encouragement over constant criticism goes a long way in fostering a harmonious and supportive environment within our club and the communities we serve.

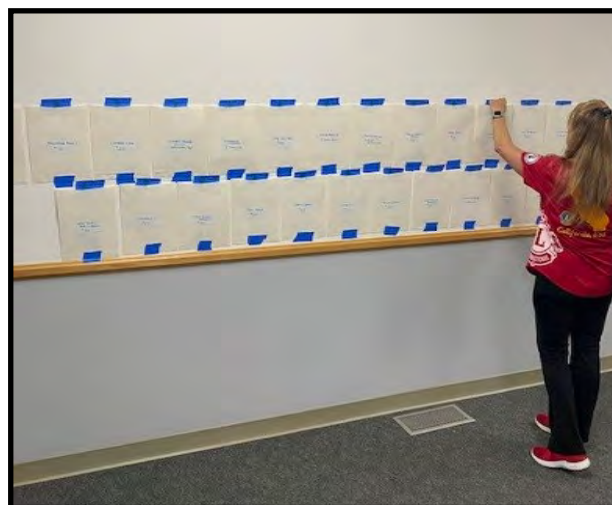
Yours in service,
Victor Martinez, President

Agents of Change!



District Governor Rich at Ponderado Days

DG Rich and Mary Jo were invited by Cambria Lions to be in the annual Cambria Ponderado Days parade. It is a three day event and the Cambria Lions biggest fundraiser.



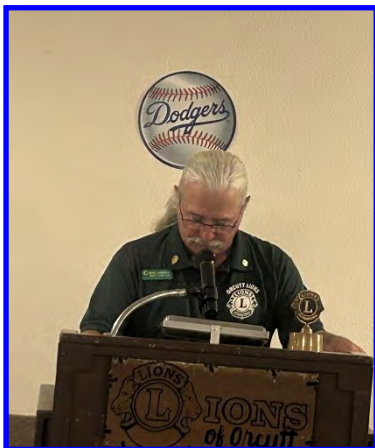
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6 Sep - Visitations to Orcutt and Santa Maria 1/2

Five PV Lions drove 2 1/2 hours to Orcutt to show our support for DG Rich and his cabinet during a dual visit to Orcutt and Santa Maria Sunriser Lions Clubs. Santa Maria graciously agreed to join Orcutt at the 7pm meeting to help out the District Governor and avoid both 7am and 7pm meetings on a single day. As you can see below both PV and Ambers Light showed up with 5 lions. Rich doesn't count for visitations because he is the District Governor. Rich and his cabinet are all dressed in Dodger blue. PV is now up to 3 visitations so far this year and we



intend to visit all clubs in regions O and N to complete a short tail this year. 1DG Jason Laird, now known as smiley because I have never seen him frown, took our photo. Two past district governors including Juanita and Jose Nichols from Santa Maria Sunrisers attended. Orcutt president Mike Carrol introduced Zone 3 chair Lion Sheri Hughes from Orcutt who then introduced 1DG Laird who then introduced DG Rich.



6 Sep - Visitations to Orcutt and Santa Maria 2/2

DG Rich did a great job speaking and encouraging the large gathering of lions from several clubs including the entire Orcutt and Santa Maria Sunrisers to grow and further interact with the community. We need to change in order to attract new and younger members into lions and to recognize that the younger generation has something to offer — be flexible. DG Rich had the pleasure of inducting a new member at his immediate left shown with his sponsor. Interesting that the sponsor placed the pin upside down and it will remain so



until the new member attends his first board meeting. Looks like we have a Proud Lion in the making.

Orcutt and Santa Maria decorated in a Dodger theme and even served a Dodger Dog dinner. I don't think that I have ever seen a hot dog as large as those served.

DG Rich presented Pres. Carrol with two awards. They included Lions Agent of Change and the International President Pin for outstanding service to Lions.



9 Sep Kids Shopping Spree 1/3

It was a great morning at Target where we shopped for 46 children with their families. We had \$150-\$200 to spend for each child depending on age. Lions Lloyd, Chris and Bill checked everyone in and George paired up kids with a shopper.

Just when I thought that I won



the closest-to-the-card amount prize with 88 cents Lion Chet came in at 23 cents.

Both our District Governor and 1DG Laird came to the party.

WYO also brought Missy and WYO was a hit with the children.



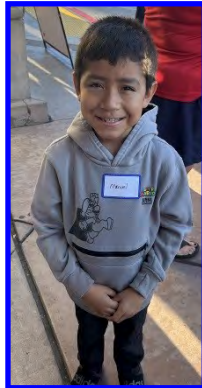
9 Sep Kids Shopping Spree 2/3

1DG Laird came with his family to help shop. He is setting a great example for future VP's because he participates in many district/club functions.

Normally we don't show children's faces but I had permission. I shopped for seven year old Manual shown at right and he was a pleasure.

Lion George had the most difficult job of teaming up kids with a shopper and handing out debit cards but he succeeded as usual.

He stayed by the checkout line to provide any extra cash needed.



Lion Russ picked up the donated McDonalds breakfasts and with Lloyd, Bill and Ambers help dished out the food. Each child was also provided a black, blue or red backpack loaded with school supplies. Thanks to all who donated their time to help kids and their families start the school year in style.



9 Sep Kids Shopping Spree 3/3

Lion Brenda provided a few photos so I had to show Lion Walt with smiling 1DG Jason first. Next up are two of the lions who checked everyone in to the shopping spree. Then comes Mr. and Mrs. Bulletin. This has always been Mrs. Bulletin's favorite Lion event and remains so after her wonderful experience with her 13 yr. old girl.



Tail twister Bellman, be aware that you have another victim although it may have to wait till October when this bulletin hits the airwaves. Secretary John showed up right after the last shopper finished up; he says that he overslept - sure he did. Probably another one of those very late and rowdy nights— bring some cash John, no excuses allowed. Many of us met for breakfast at Country Harvest by the post office.



George Graham wrote:

Sarah: We are extremely grateful for the forty backpacks we received from School on Wheels. They certainly brought wide eyed smiles to the kids we bought back-to-school clothes for on Saturday. They greatly helped make our shopping spree a big success. Thank you again. Lion George Graham, chair, Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club

Hi George,

I am so glad they were beneficial to the kiddos you served! Thank you for working to make our community a more generous and compassionate place.

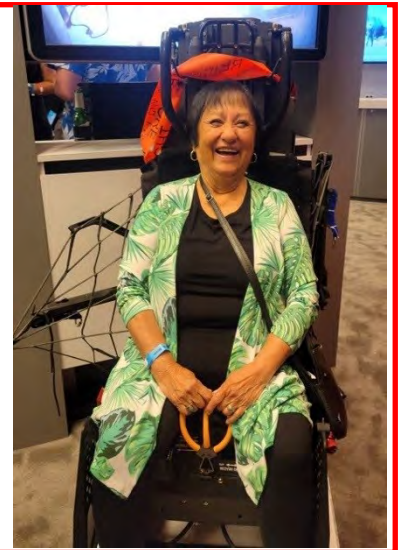
Warmly,

Sarah Frazz

School on Wheels (805) 366-9846

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

I got this photo taken at the Tailhook convention in Reno from Lion Walt. He said that this ejection seat is standard equipment in all his vehicles for Brenda and comes with them everywhere (sure says something about Brenda's confidence in Walt's driving skill). It is not clear whether his autos have moon roofs so it could be very interesting the first time Brenda feels the need to eject.



AND for those of us who moved from Chicago . . . At The Villages in Florida last week, there was a bumper sticker on a parked car that read:
"I miss Chicago."

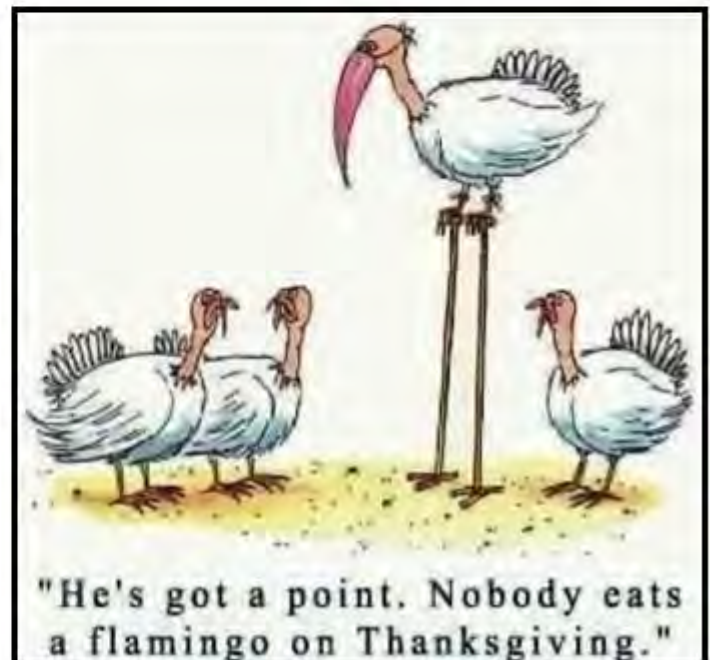
Someone broke the window, stole the radio, shot out all four tires, and left a note that read: **"Hope this helps."**

Last year I joined a support group for antisocial people. We haven't met yet.

I MAY NOT HAVE LOST ALL MY MARBLES YET, BUT THERE'S A SMALL HOLE IN THE BAG SOMEWHERE



Mother-in-law came for dinner and said, "Why does the dog keep looking at me?" I said, "Because you're using his plate!"

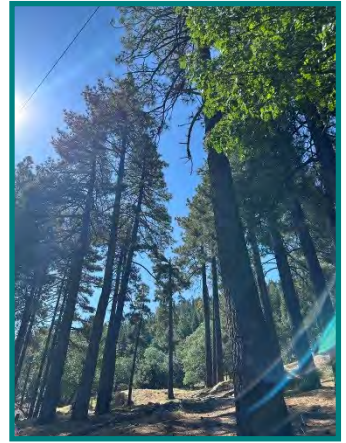


"He's got a point. Nobody eats a flamingo on Thanksgiving."

Lions Camp at Teresita Pines



President Victor went to the Lions Camp at Teresita Pines. He represented our club and brought our donation check. PDG Margaret Dunleavy is our district representative to this wonderful organization with a goal: **“To provide a beautiful mountain facility for group camping, emphasizing the needs of the disabled.”** It is located in the Los Angeles County Big Pines Recreation Area. Thanks for representing us Victor.



Americans watched in horror as the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, left nearly 3,000 people dead in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Our first meeting in September occurred 1 day after the anniversary of this devastating attack on the U.S. Lion Lloyd started the meeting with:

The American's Creed

by William Tyler Page

“I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.”



Guest Speaker: Ron Kester, Camarillo Springs

For the past 7 years there has been an attempt to redevelop the Camarillo Springs Golf course. It will be presented to the City Council next month and you are all invited. There was a whole lot of discussion particularly from Springs residents so the issue is not clear cut.

PLEASE JOIN US AT CAMARILLO CITY COUNCIL
SUPPORT THE CAMARILLO SPRINGS GOLF COURSE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT
Wednesday, October 25 at 5 pm
Camarillo City Council: 601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo.



12 Sep - Regular Meeting

Lion Chet brought a potential new member in blue because he is a retired AF pilot. Let's hope he changes to red in the next few weeks. I know that Halloween is just around the corner and I can assure you that these three won't need a costume. With that look Walt will scare off any trick or treaters or perhaps he saw a ghost!



Lion Chelle brought 6 month old Holly and she (Holly) is a sweetheart. We had a couple of boy scouts attend and they clearly enjoyed the dinner. The young scout is working towards his Eagle badge and his eagle project concerns eye glass collection. We wish him luck.



Lion Bill Castleberry is shown next with a lions shirt just off the rack so he could get photographed by Hillary. I didn't recognize him until he gave his name and said that he has been out of town for 3 years—welcome back!!



12 Sep - Regular Meeting

The first people you saw when entering were Bruce and Julianne Mann who are eager to get more volunteers for Underwoods. I first got confused when I saw her name tag until I realized that she was the first Jochums daughter to leave the fold, next one up is in October.



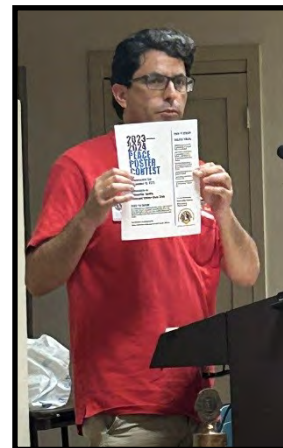
Lion Ken is looking great and it was great to see Cindy Linz back at a meeting. She definitely reflects her email moniker—CindyHappy@.

Lion Dan Goldberg is showing off his press release for the Peace Poster Contest.

Lion Russ is looking for volunteers for a Sept 23 Farmers Market and help at a large vision screening later this month in Oxnard. Lion Lloyd is back in the fold ready to sell tickets. He has to be more persuasive because the raffle tickets were dismal.

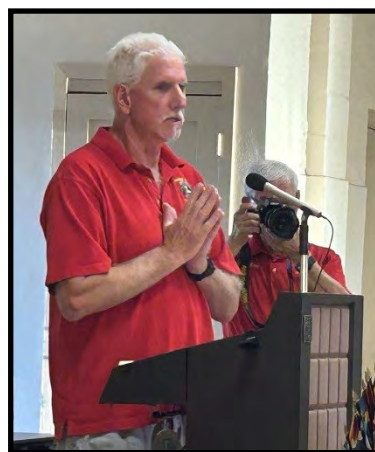


Lion Bill gave a rundown on Fair Parking. Out gross take was \$105K and our net was \$75K. This was lower than previous years because of lost parking spaces but on a positive note PV participation was up and that is a very good thing.



Lion John got up to “pray for our souls” and to introduce our guest speaker and the boy scouts. He also listed upcoming visitations and encouraged our participation.

Our 1VP Bruce gave a rundown on Underwoods and noted that he was opening it up to other clubs. He has about 65% of spots filled. He also thanked the cooking crew and offered trays of pot roast and chicken dinners for sale.



12 Sep - Regular Meeting

Dinner: Lions Bruce, Kerry and Frank and Anthony provided a pot roast dinner. Bruce slow cooked the pot roast at home in his Treager smoker and it turned out great.

Tail Twisting: Lions Bellman and Flores had a decent run of twisting and happy bucks; here are just a few. Lion Tom got fined for his flub of our prayer at last meeting although he was asked again this time and made it through correctly. Who says that old guys can't learn? — however he doesn't get his money back!. Lions Fraser and Knittle got fined for not quite making the kids shopping spree. Pres. Victor tossed in \$20 thanking Lion Bill for Fair Parking. Lion Don continues to fine himself for being the oldest in the club, can't wait to see what he tosses in on his 100th birthday. The Bulletin tossed in some cash for his daughter's multiple recent awards at art shows. We even got some cash from our prospective new member dressed in blue. Lion Paul added happy bucks, just cause!



Raffles: We had two 50/50 winners but they only took home \$5. The bean pot stood at \$179, which was only a few dollars more than last time but it will continue to grow since Lion Richard entered the long line of "loser" when he picked the wrong marble. It will be only 6 to 1 odds next time so chances are improving.



2023— 2024 PEACE POSTER CONTEST

SUBMISSIONS DUE
November 10, 2023

SPONSORED BY
Camarillo, Somis,
Pleasant Valley Lions Club

DARE TO DREAM

To a young person, a dream isn't just a wish, hope or desire — it's a path, a goal, an ambition. But achieving that dream takes hard work. So this year, we're asking young people to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality.

Past Winners and Examples At:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/peace-poster-winners>

DARE TO DREAM

CONTEST RULES:

Students ages 11, 12, or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate.

Local winner will advance in competition to the to district, multi district, or international level of competition.

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected.

International Grand Prize Award of \$5,000.

Local winner and runner up prizes TBD.

Local winner will be decided at November 14 Meeting.

For more Information:

Email: pvlions@aol.com

Victor Martinez,
Club President



"SERVING WITH PRIDE SINCE 1945"

Palmdale (PV Visit #4)

Palmdale is one of three new clubs in District MD4-A3. DG Rich and his members of his cabinet visited along with 5 Pleasant Valley Lions to show our support. This was our club's visitation #4. Our 5 members plus DG Rich are shown with Palmdale president Lorenzo Morillo 111. Thanks to Lions Victor, Bill,



George, Tom and Joe for representing our club and for supporting our District Governor Lion Rich.

Mary Ann Novak is shown because she took the group photo above and normally the photographer is anonymous, but not this time.



13 Sept - Palmdale Visitation 2/2

I think we have a new photographer in town. Lion Tom D. sent the group photo below and I love it. He also provided more for your viewing pleasure that are shown below.



The meeting location was a restaurant and as usual PCC Bill and PDG Margaret Dunleavy and many cabinet members participated in the visitation.





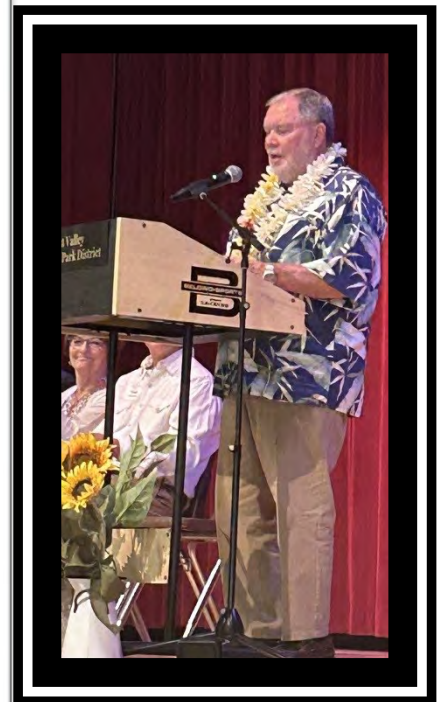
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2023 DONS AND DOÑAS



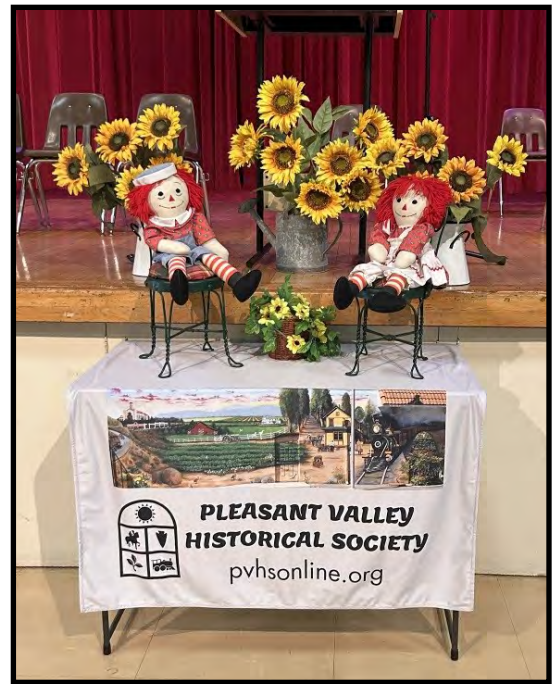
Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions congratulates two of our lion members, Dr. Lloyd Christie and Russ White for receiving the honorary title of Camarillo Don. Both Lions have made a huge impact on the community as individuals and as Lions donating many hours in support of Lions global causes including diabetes, vision, hunger, the environment and childhood cancers. They deservedly join a long list of PV Lions as PV Historical Society Camarillo Don and we are proud to have them in our club.



16 September - 2023 Annual Don & Dona Awards

There was a full house for the awards ceremony and lots of Lions in attendance to celebrate two of our own PV Lions joining the ranks of PVHS DON and DONNA. There were 25 tables each filled with 10 guests so you can do the math to figure out how many attended.

Pleasant Valley was represented at the three corner tables bottom left. Lloyd and guests were at the corner with Russ and guests to his right. As you recall PV approved a donation of \$1000 for another table of 10. In addition we had two of our own city council members, Lions Tennesen and Kildee in attendance as well as Ted and Val Rains. Lion Kildee was on stage as one of five who provided certificates to the awardees. Each awardee had an opportunity to speak after being introduced by PVHS Pres. Joy Reed.



16 September - 2023 Annual Don & Dona Awards

Each new DON and DONNA received 5 certificates after their induction and acceptance speech. Lion Lloyd went to the podium with nothing prepared, on paper anyway, to an appreciative crowd when he gave the shortest speech of the day. We did learn something about Lion//DVN Lloyd from Joy Reed — *Lloyd is a cat man*— who knew?

Lloyd thanked/cursed Lion Baker for nominating him for DON but I think that Lloyd actually appreciated and certainly deserved the honor and recognition.



Lion Russ was last up and was also very brief so folks could get to the food. Russ had several family members who travelled a long way to attend. Proud grandpa recognized his granddaughter who recently became a medical doctor. Russ also recognized Anna and Tom Blattel. Tom was instrumental in Russ becoming a Lion. Lion Mary Ann Novak was also recognized as the person who nominated him for DON.



16 September - 2023 Annual Don & Dona Awards

Here are a few more photo collages showing more of the attendees. Lloyd's neighbors are shown to left of DG Rich. Russ is shown talking with Ted Rains and PDG Chuck Cassy is shown behind Lion Chris.



Good to see Joe and Arline Wetter. Anna Blattel is shown with my wife Joanna.

The intrepid cooking crew from Bruce's Barbeque is shown at right. We had a traditional tri-tip and chicken dinner although the chicken was orange chicken, one of Bruce's specialties. The tri-tip was very tender.

Caught Bruce out by the line checking on the food although he tried to hide from the camera—not possible!.



19 Sep - Board Meeting

Club Business

Fourteen Lions plus WYO showed up for the meeting. WYO was gracious to share a photo of her board meeting that took place later in the evening — Photo by Sec. John



- Pres. Victor discussed his visit to Terresita Pines and he was very impressed with their facility.
- Lion Bob L. discussed the monarch butterfly habitat fence. Construction will resume in the next couple of months. In addition we previously funded tree purchase and lion John said that he has 3 trees in planters that he will donate if needed. Tree planting date TBD.
- Lion George gave a brief rundown on the kids shopping spree. We have some cash remaining for next year, which is projected to occur late August. Our total donation was **\$7000**. George said that he gave two cards to the last two moms to purchase their own clothes because we didn't have enough lions.
- Lion Bellman discussed the student speaker contest. We have a tentative date of 20 Feb 2024 for our club contest. This normally is a board meeting date so it will be a dual mtg.
- Lion Larson discussed a proposed BBQ lunch for the sheriffs; he will follow up.



Donations

- Lion GK is our point person with Food Share and he discussed the increased need for food both at the Somis Pantry and at Ventura County Food Share. We doubled our donation to both these organizations for the year by increasing Somis Pantry by **\$1000** (\$2000 total) and VC Food Share by **\$2000** (\$4000 total).
- Lion George mentioned a need for toys for the Bravery box at the VC Medical Center for children at the cancer center after they receive their treatment. We approved **\$500** to purchase toys.
- Terresita Pines. We approved an additional donation of **\$500** raising our yearly donation to \$1000.
- California Lions Friends in Sight appreciated the **\$5000** donation from our club several months ago towards the purchase of a new van. The logo at right was placed on the first of two new vans.

Van made Possible By:

Our Friends, Lions & Lions Clubs
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August 21, 2023

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Friends, your loyalty and financial support has enabled Livingston to continue to provide the necessary care so many of our neighbors need. It is always so special when our community gives from the heart so others can benefit from their generosity. Please know that your friendship is greatly appreciated and vital to our mission. Thank you for thinking of Livingston and helping us impact our community.

With your thoughtful gift, patients and family members greatly benefit from Livingston's comprehensive and compassionate care. We take pride in serving our community with integrity, respect, and excellence.

Livingston could not accomplish what it does without the generous support of a caring community. We will be sharing updates with you over the next several months showing how your funds are being used and the impact that we have been able to create together in serving the needs of our community.

With all our gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Teresa Pavan", written over a circular stamp.

Teresa Pavan, BSBS, RN
President/CEO

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heather Huffman", written over a circular stamp.

Heather Huffman
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Your donation to Livingston is fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services in consideration, in whole or in part, were provided for this contribution. Our tax ID number is 95-1693538. Please keep this letter as your receipt for your contribution of \$5,000.00 Chk # 2062 received on 08/17/2023.

If you would like to update your household information,
please contact Heather Huffman at (805) 642-0239 or hhuffman@lmvna

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Camarillo Lion's -

Thank You

*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.*

Thank you so much for allowing
me to share with you AND for
your generous donation to the
Alzheimer's Assoc and supporting team
His Sparrows! Thank you Mary

VC Medical Center for Children

To: George Graham <georgeg536@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 03:35:09 PM PDT

Subject: VCMC Bravery Box

Your club's purchases (33 items) have been arriving at the clinic. Not all there yet.

"It looks sooooo good when its full. ☐ "

Darcy Monteith, RN BSN

Nurse Manager

Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases Pediatric Hematology/
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Thanks from: Brain Injury Center



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08/22/2023

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Here at the Brain Injury Center, our goal is to make sure that all brain injured survivors and their family/caregivers receive the help and support they deserve. While we serve over 600 people each year the sad fact is that over 16,000 brain injured loved ones in our area still need our help.

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As you might imagine, the majority of brain injury survivors live on small fixed incomes and rely heavily on the generosity and stamina of their families to survive. The Brain Injury Center provides one-to-one support to survivors and their family/caregivers throughout the transition from the hospital trauma center back into their home. We follow that up with ongoing individual coaching, support groups, caregiver training, survivor social re-integration and community education. All to help brain injury survivors build a new life filled with joy and meaning beyond the stark facts of being brain injured for the rest of their lives.

Ambassadors

Ryan Clem
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Your gift will help pay for the cost of retaining Certified Care Transitions and Brain Injury Specialists, support group stipends, educational materials and to grow our programming so that all brain injury survivors have a chance to thrive.

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Best Wishes,

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P.S. Please contact me any time at ctwatson@braininjurycenter.org if you have any questions, would like an update on what we are doing, or want to volunteer your time to help us make a difference in the lives of brain injury survivors and their family/caregivers.

Thanks from: Scholarship winner: Leslie Barragan

Leslie M. Barragan

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August 28, 2023

Camarillo/Somis - Pleasant Valley Lions
C/O **Mr. Richard Baker**
1553 Prima Court
Camarillo, CA 93010

Dear Mr. Baker,

This letter is to once again thank you for selecting me as the Pleasant Valley Lions scholarship recipient. I am extremely grateful and appreciative of the scholarship as it will help me with paying for books and tuition. I am excited for this new chapter in my life as I pursue higher education. I am happy to share that this past weekend I moved into my dorm room at California State University Northridge and look forward to a great first year.

I have included a copy of my class schedule for your review.

Once again, thank you so much for your support. Go Matadors!

Sincerely,

Leslie M. Barragan

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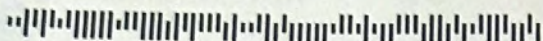
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Dear Company,

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. **\$250**

Sincerely,

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

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

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

23 September Farmers Market

Three Lions including Tom DeBar- das, Bob Larson and John Fraser worked the farmers market. Charlie came along to draw pet lovers to the booth. John and Charlie have visited many times but this was John's first time (I think) in the booth. They collected a couple of dozen glasses, 1 hearing aid and batteries.



Miracle League of the 805

Less than 100 yards from the O-club we have the Miracle League of the 805 baseball field looking good. The Miracle League of the 805 provides children with special needs the opportunity to play baseball in an organized league. Every player is matched with a buddy based on his or her unique needs. The Miracle League removes the barriers that keep children with mental and physical disabilities off the baseball field and lets them experience the joy of America's favorite pastime. Since the main barriers for these adults arise from the natural grass fields used in conventional leagues, Miracle League teams play on a custom-designed, rubberized turf field that accommodates wheelchairs and other assertive devices while helping to prevent injuries.



On this day in history, September 24, 1934, Babe Ruth plays his last game for the New York Yankees

Across his career, Babe Ruth hit 714 home runs during 22 seasons in Major League Baseball,

He was 39 years old.

Only 4,000 fans were on hand for his finale at Yankee Stadium, which was against the Boston Red Sox, noted The Los Angeles Times.



26 Sep - Regular Meeting 1/4

Tonight was a special night. It has been a few years since we have had the pleasure of having both Camarillo PD Citizen's Patrol and DART (Disaster Assistance Response Team) attend to receive Member of the Year awards from Commander Eric Tennesen. As you can see we doubled the meeting size with members of both groups.

Cdr. Tennesen was effusive in his praise of all the members but particularly the two winners who donate thousands of hours over the years to support the police department and help our community.



The member of the year awards went to:

DART - Simyan Mandyam and Citizens Patrol - Ginny Wooten



Tail Twisting

Lion Tail Twister Dick got a few birthday boys and girl to start it off. I showed Lion Dick the page in the bulletin with Sept birthdays and he got all of those in attendance. While it wasn't Bill Conn's birthday month he tossed in some cash because we missed him last month - what a guy! Lion Don always tosses in some cash and he promised as \$100 bill on his 100th so we can't wait. I didn't get all the happy buck donations but here are a few. Notably we got several from our guests and one from the DART member of the year for the work of the Lions. Lion Dick twisted himself as did Lion Victor.

Raffles

We only had one 50/50 winner. Our substitute treasurer Lion Bill decided to pay out the entire pot to the first winner, Li-



on Don who tossed \$5 back into the pot.

The bean pot is now down to 4 blue and one white marble after the latest LOSER was identified and he is non other than lion Eric who failed to win the \$209 pot. It's starting to get interesting.



Meeting

Lion Bill: He was on a roll discussing our two largest fundraisers and then our efforts with sight, one of the main global causes. It was important to discuss these important fund raisers in front of our guests just in case someone was looking to join, *since we are the most productive club in Camarillo.*

- Fair Parking: Net for club is abt. \$100K, which is shared with 8 clubs in our district.
- Underwoods: About to begin and will run for 5 week-ends and it will benefit many clubs in our district.
- Sight: Described our vision screening program and then discussed the Lions Friends in Sight. Bill is the district coordinator.

Lion John: introduced our award from LCIF for being a Model Club for Campaign 100. See following letter.

Lion Missy gave a short talk on guide dogs and introduced WYO to the group. Missy has raised 10 guide dogs. Everyone appreciated the huge amount of work required to raise a guide dog; it is a full time effort. WYO grew “a little” so you could see his PV Lions emblem.

Lion John brought our attention to the Miracle League of the 805 baseball field just outside our building. It’s almost done.

Bruce thanked his cooking crew and then sold some tri-tip and chicken, mostly to our guests and they went fast. He also invited all to Underwoods.

Lion Jan is showing off our gift from Teresita Pines. It is a pitcher with a Lions emblem. We also received the Teresita Pines patch that will find its way on one of our banners.



26 Sep - Regular Meeting 4/4

Dinner

The crew of Bruce, Mike, Chet and Anthony had to cook for about 30 extra to handle our guests and it went off without a hitch. We had tri-tip, chicken, lasagna, beans, bread and salad. Lions Wim and Frank stepped in to help serve.

Bruce was pointing to the folks who wanted to purchase the extra tri-tip and chicken and they went very fast particularly to our guests. Guess they liked the dinner.

There is no real reason for the photo of the Tennessee brother's photo other than I had some space to fill and to show that I appreciate Hillary's photos.



TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

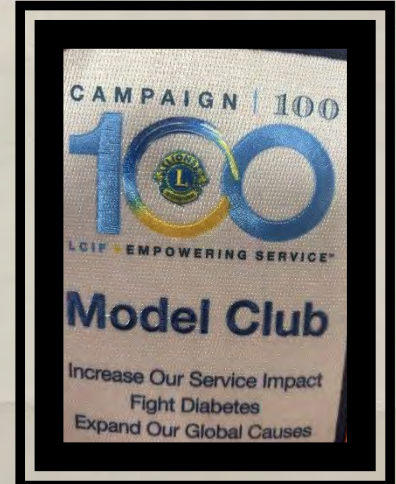


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September 18, 2023

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Esteemed Members of Camarillo Somis Pleasant Vly Lions Club:

On behalf of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Lions worldwide, we congratulate you on your outstanding Campaign 100 Model Club achievement. Your dedication to helping a world in need — through support of your foundation — is an example for all clubs.

As a symbol of LCIF's gratitude for your club's generous financial support, we're pleased to share the enclosed recognition.

Over the past century, Lions united in service have transformed millions of lives. As a Model Club, you're leaders among leaders continuing the transformation and exemplifying the incredible power Lions have to make an impact, near and far. Because of you, a child is learning in a welcoming, positive environment; a family has access to life-sustaining food; a community is recovering faster from a devastating natural disaster; and so much more. Following your example, Lions worldwide are providing care and compassion when and where they're needed most.

It's our honor to recognize your club as a catalyst in Lions' ability to serve those who desperately need our help and our hearts. Thank you again for supporting your foundation. Together, we're creating positive change in the world one life, one family, and one community at a time.

In gratitude,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada
Past International President
Chairperson, Campaign 100

J. Frank Moore III
Past International President
Vice Chairperson, Campaign 100





Working from home but missing train trips.

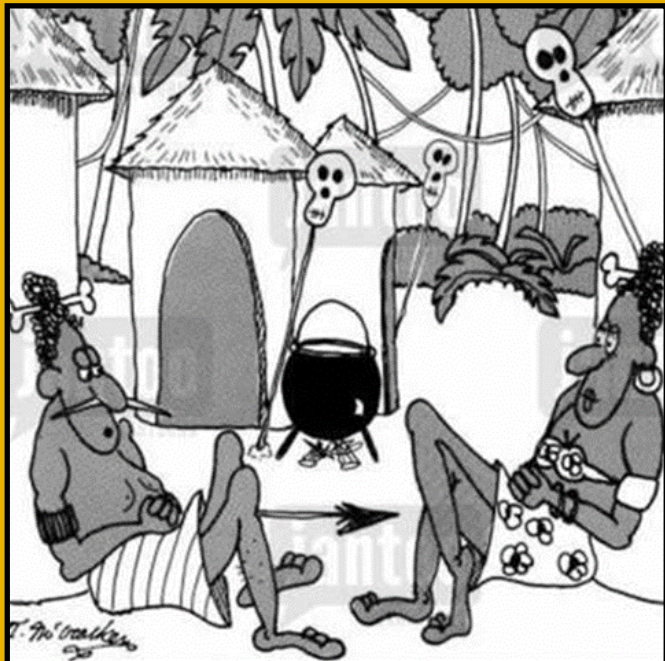
If you receive an email with the subject "Ding Dong", don't open it.
It's Jehovah's Witnesses working from home...

So I'm getting older and I'm not as well balanced as I once was and my Doctor recommended I put a bar in my shower. I have to say, I'm really quite happy with it.



BREAKING NEWS
Wearing a mask 🤔 inside your home is now highly recommended. Not so much to prevent Covid-19 but to stop eating.

We've been friends for so long, I can't remember which one of us is the bad influence.



"Instead of hunting tonight, how about ordering a pizza and eating the delivery man when he comes?"

Pot Pourri from Sec John

“As I understand it, DART was called out earlier today on a cross-country assignment....the team was sent to Miami after the Broncos allowed 70 points to the Dolphins. DART was asked to search for Denver's defense...but no evidence of any D was found, and DART returned to Camarillo.”



27 Sep - Underwoods Setup

Lions Bruce and Mike hauled most all of the heavy stuff out yesterday so it made it a whole lot easier for us to haul the rest and set up our venue. It still took four trucks and one car to haul the remainder out and it will require a little more to complete the setup by our first day on Saturday.

PV Lions Mike, Bob L, Bob T, Artie, and Bill with SP Lions Al and Ray mostly completed the setup on Wednesday. Sure was nice not to have to haul the freezers, refrigerator, barbeques and some of the expendables.

We plan on completing everything on Friday including shopping for all the food.

Underwoods here we come!!



TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

28 Sept Eye Screening

This year starts in Oak Park with four schools.

1. Oak Hills Elementary School

A new screener was introduced into the group and Lion Jan picked it up fast. Lions Russ and Tom are “old” hands at this so it came back quickly, although they are not allowed coffee breaks to avoid retraining. The year started off with 263 screenings.



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

It was a mirror.

28 Sep - Visitation (#5) to Santa Paula



Eight PV Lions joined DG Rich at his visitation to Santa Paula Lions. This was a fitting visit just two days prior to the start of the Harvest Festival at Underwood Farms because we get the bulk of our outside help from Santa Paula Lions and Leos.

Lion Tom provided some photos and I used two of them at top. Subsequently I received the terrific screen shot from Lion Victor who said it came



from one of the guests.

Lions Tom and Jan did double duty this day after doing eye screening in Oak Park this morning. Most of the Santa Paula Lions will be very familiar after 5 weekends at Underwoods. PV Lions included Pres. Victor and Lions Bill, Kim, Mike M, Tom, George, Jan and our visitation guru, Lloyd.



Santa Maria BBQ for Camarillo Football

PV Lions recently cooked a Tri tip, chicken, beans, salad and garlic bread dinner for JV and Varsity football team at Camarillo High School. Lions Bruce, Mike N. and Chet handled the cooking duties along with football Dad Scott. We fed 60 JV players and 70 Varsity players along with serving help from team parents. Based upon what these football players ate they should change their name from Scorpions to Vultures. There was only a small piece of tri-tip remaining at the end. The booster club paid for all the food and supplies and we donated our time and cooking expertise!!



30 Sep - Underwoods October Fest

Day 1 was an overcast day but it was reasonably profitable. I tried to take photos of most of the players but somehow missed two of the key players, Lion Mike N and Bruce but there are 9 days left and I'm sure they will find their way into my lens. There is no rhyme nor reason for the order of the photos.



Julia has two passions in life:
alcohol and horses.





MDA



PROJECT CARE

OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
DECEMBER

Clubs are encouraged to host community projects in the following areas :



Hunger



First Responders



Military



Report Services projects to MYLION
by January 12, 2024

October 2023 Birthdays

HAPPY
Birthday



Certificate

Happy Birthday Month

Good for ONE drink at the bar



Bellman	Richard "Dick"	10/16
Bourdeau	Robert	10/5
Brand	Walter	10/24
Cervantes	Richard	10/14
Conn	Bill	10/4
Hamor	Gerry	10/19
Johansson Jr	Eric	10/30



Horoscope: Libra - Scorpio

- The Libran interest in current events ends with the J. Crew catalog. They don't eat fast food or have any clue where their trash goes. They have other people tie their expensive shoes.
- Only two Libras have ever been found in thrift stores. All of their bell-bottoms were color-coordinated to match their lame turtlenecks. Libras are always on the cutting edge of what the rest of us think is absolute pretentious bulls**t. They have huge collections of CDs they've never even listened to. Libras give to designer charities.
- Most hackers are Scorpions, as are most people who think they're going to find fame on a chat board. You embarrass Libras because you like your coffee straight out of the bag, eaten with a spoon. You may have actually snorted Chock Full o' Nuts at one time in your life.
- You take your paranoid beatnik approach to life very seriously. Many Scorpions have found ways to successfully smoke in the shower.

PV Lions Calendar 2023-24

- Oct 10 Regular Meeting - O-Club
- Oct 17 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Oct 18 **Tree Planting —Oak Grove Park**
- Oct 24 Charter Night - O-Club
- Nov 8 **Police Dept. BBQ—Cam PD**
- Nov 14 Regular Meeting - O-Club
- Nov 18 **Diabetes Walk - Const. Park`**
- Nov 21 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Nov 28 Regular Meeting - O-Club
- Dec 12 Regular Meeting - O-Club
- Dec 15 **Christmas Party - Los Posas C.C**
- Dec 19 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Jan 9 Regular Meeting - O-Club
- Jan 16 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Jan 23 Regular Meeting - O-Club
- Feb 13 Regular Meeting - O-Club
- Feb 20 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Feb 23-24 **MD4 Convention - Riverside**
- Feb 27 Regular Meeting - O-Club
- Mar 12 Regular Meeting - O-Club
- Mar 19 Board Meeting - B&G Club
- Mar 26 Regular Meeting - O-Club



TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

Join us on *MISSION 1.5*, our drive to reach 1.5 million members by 2027.



We Serve



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

Dear Lion,

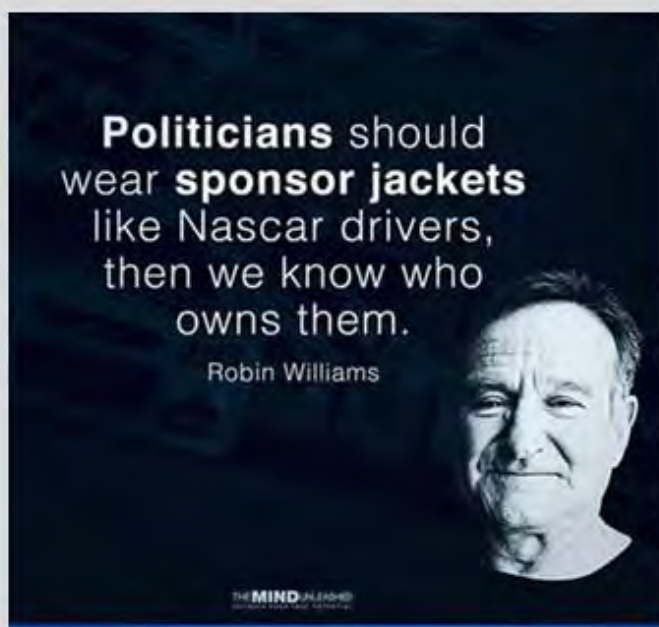
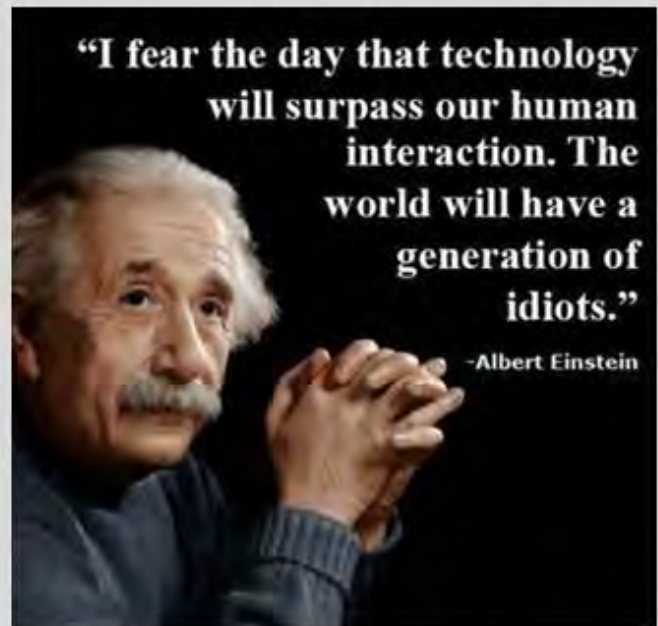
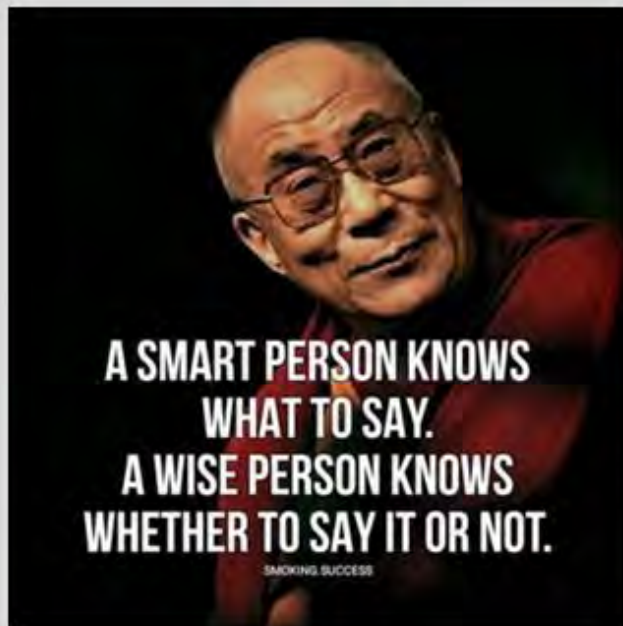
When you give someone a drink of water, you can quench their thirst for a day. But by building a clean water system, you change their lives—and their community—for good. That is the kind of big, sustainable impact that our greatest partner, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), helps us make every single day.

Our foundation gives us the support we need to expand our service and support our growing membership. But just like every great partnership, that support works both ways. We support LCIF and LCIF supports us. So, let's keep serving, and let's keep supporting great service at home and around the world with LCIF.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President

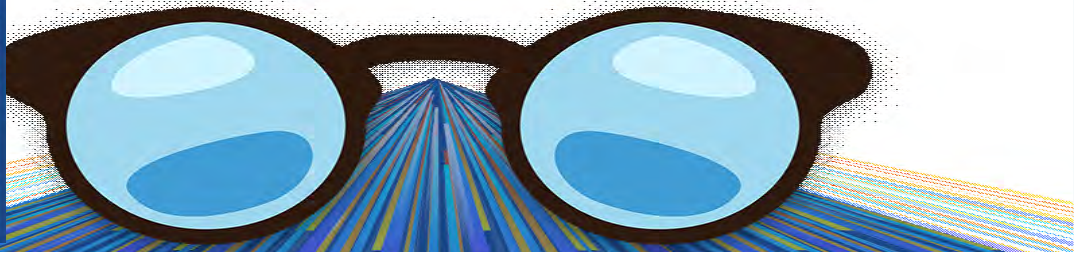
When Smart People Talk



Lions Friends in Sight



California Lions
FRIENDS IN SIGHT



In July 2010, California Lions Friends in Sight (Friends in Sight) and a small band of volunteers from the former Friends Across the Border set out to form a new organization whose aim was to provide vision screening services to needy individuals in both Southern California and Northern Mexico.

With renewed purpose, Friends in Sight steadily grew the number of annual vision screenings, reaching a high of 33 in 2019 and growing the number of people served each year to well over 12,000. During this period, in addition to providing free recycled eyeglasses, optometrist and ophthalmologist volunteers diagnosed eye diseases like diabetic retinopathy, cataracts, glaucoma, and macular degeneration in over 6,000 cases. These people were advised to seek medical or surgical care. Since 2010, we have served well over 100,000 people in need.

Friends in Sight kept up the growth thanks to the contributions of private individuals, event sponsors, and annual donations from over 50 Lions Clubs throughout Southern California. Notably, over the years the Calimesa Breakfast Lions and Seal Beach Lions raised more than \$100,000. In 2010, the then Hemet-Ramona Valley Lions Club donated funds to cover the purchase of a van and trailer, and two Canon automated eye testing instruments. The San Jacinto Club donated \$3,000 for the purchase of a new trailer and the West Covina Lions donated \$11,500 toward the purchase of an additional Canon auto-refractor. In 2023, we launched a fundraiser to replace our aging 12-passenger vans. We reached the goal for the first van with a generous donation from the Beightler Squires Charitable Trust, Seal Beach Lions Club, Camarillo-Somis Lions Club, the California Lions Foundation, and numerous others.

We were also blessed with donations from two former vision service organizations, the Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation of Southern California and the Lions District 4-L4 Sight & Hearing Foundation.

The organization's capability was further strengthened with the establishment of an optical laboratory in Beaumont. Operated by volunteers using lenses and equipment donated by the Essilor Vision Foundation, Essilor Instruments USA, Coburn Technologies, and Briot USA, the lab can replenish recycled eyeglasses inventory and fabricate prescriptions for special cases. We have been further blessed with pro-bono marketing support from Carling Communications, which included a new website, logo, and brochure design. Embedded on the website is a 4-minute video generously produced by Passage Productions.

The success of the organization's humanitarian effort has resulted in an increased awareness and demand from more communities, sparking the organization to strive for even more expansion. To achieve continued growth and serve more people, Friends in Sight has developed a District Team Building Plan aimed at growing the number of volunteers and acquiring the capital equipment needed to gradually double the current screening operation. This plan is driven by a District Coordinator in each of the six Districts we now serve.

Finally, none of this would be possible without the hundreds of Lions throughout Southern California volunteering their time to collect and process donated eyeglasses. We owe a debt of gratitude to them and the many more who participate in the events helping to *Restore Vision – Prevent Blindness* for those in need.



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Hurricane Idalia devastated communities

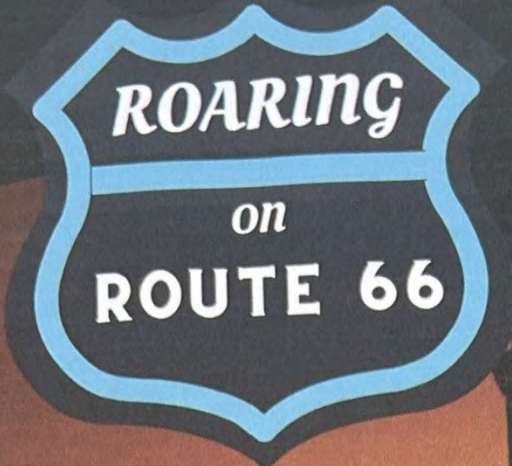
LCIF grant funding will empower Lions to help storm victims recover.

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On August 30, 2023, Hurricane Idalia slammed into the Florida, USA, Gulf Coast as a major Category 3 hurricane, leaving destruction in its wake. Buildings were submerged almost entirely, and many homes and businesses crumbled to the ground. The storm quickly moved east into south Georgia, creating even more devastation.

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 to empower Lions in the impacted areas to help their communities recover.

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



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PV Lions Committees 2023-24

1st Vice President - Bruce Jochums	
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.	Bruce Jochums
Cook Lead 2nd qtr.	Chet Price
Cook Lead 3rd qtr.	Mike Nunez
Cook Lead 4th qtr.	Kerry Forsythe
Bar 1st qtr.	Art Mansfield Jr. and Joe Flores
Bar 2nd qtr.	Art Mansfield Jr. and Joe Flores
Bar 3rd qtr.	Art Mansfield Jr. and Joe Flores
Bar 4th qtr.	Art Mansfield Jr. and Joe Flores
District Contests	Lloyd Christie and Russ White
Photographer	Hillary Ling & Bob Taylor
Christmas Float	Bruce Jochums, Mike Nunez, Kerry Forsythe
Student Speaker Contest	Dick Bellman and Kim Stephenson
Meeting Programs	Bruce Jochums
Scholarships	OPEN
Membership Chair	Mike Nunez
Club Service Chair	Russ White
Peace Poster	Dan Goldberg
Sight & Hearing	Russ White, Bob Taylor
Public Relations	John Fraser
Club Bulletin	Bob Taylor
S.W.O.T.	Victor Martinez

2nd Vice President– Bob Larson	
Lion Burgers	Russ White & Jan Edmondson
Visitations	Lloyd Christie
BBQ Trailer & Equipment	Bruce Jochums & Mike Nunez
Raffles	Russ White & Bob Taylor
5K-1K Race	Mike Brown
Special BBQ's	Bruce Jochums & Mike Nunez

3rd Vice President– John Knittle	
Kids Shopping	George Graham
Club Bulletin	Bob Taylor
Harvest Festival	Bill Schulze
Easter Festival	Bill Schulze
Badges/Pins/Banners	Mike Nunez
Sight & Hearing	Russ White
Fair Parking	Bill Schulze
Web site /IT	George Graham
Public Relations	John Fraser
Club Greeter	OPEN

Interesting Stuff!



Young oyster shuckers, Josie, 6, Bertha, 6, Sophie, 10 in Port Royal, South Carolina, 1912. Work began at 4am.