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News from President Rich

My first month as President has been real busy. The events included:

July 4, 2019 - **The annual Camarillo Fireworks.** The event was a great success in our first limited event. The City of Camarillo really stepped up and totally supported the event. Our only involvement was co-sponsoring the event and manning the snack bar. Thanks to Lions Bill Schulze, Bob Taylor, Russ White, Lloyd Christie, Mike Nunez, Jan Edmondson and last of all myself.

July 8, 2019 - **Visitation to the Conejo Valley Lions.** Thanks to Richard Baker, Tom Debardas, Lloyd Christie, Russ White and myself.

July 16, 2019 - **501c3 Foundation** donated \$2,000 to our Ridgecrest Lions club for the recent earthquakes. They are using all donations to assist the community in getting back to normal

July 20-21, 2019 -**The Camarillo Fiesta.** We had a booth that we sponsored; Ambers Light also shared the booth. Thanks to the Ambers, Gino Dellanina, Dick Bellman, John Fraser, Russ White, Bill Schulze, Mike Nunez, Jan Edmondson for spending time to advertise Camarillo Lions.

July 25, 2019 - **Carpenteria Annual Horse Shoe Tournament.** Great crowd from five different clubs including Goleta, Ventura Downtown, Ambers Light, PV Lions and Carpinteria. Ventura Downtown won the horse shoe tournament. Thanks to Mike Nunez, Bruce Jochums, Lloyd Christie, Richard Baker, Wim Zwinkles, Russ White, Victor Martinez, Chet Price, Bob Taylor and myself. This also was a second visitation.

July 27, 2019 - **Veterans Stand Down in Ventura.** Cooked lunch for the veterans and volunteers. Thanks to Bill Conn (who's face is in the Star Free Press), Lloyd Christie (whose face was also in the paper), Russ White, Bob Taylor, Kerry Forsythe, and myself. Great job guys to a great cause.

July 27, 2019 - **Special donated BBQ for the Boys and Girls club.** Thanks to Bruce Jochums, Mike Nunez, Jan Edmondson and Chet Price.

July 31 – August 11, 2019 - **Fair parking.** Thanks to all that will participate.

August 10, 2019 - **1st District Meeting and Installation of Cabinet Officers.** I would like to encourage all to attend at the River Ridge Golf Course. The registration form is included and sent via email. Please sign up as this district meeting that is in our back yard.

August 24, 2019 - **Annual Kids Shopping Spree** at the Camarillo Target. Please sign up with George Graham. We need all volunteers we can get. Showtime is 730am in front of Target.

August 2019 - **Vision Screening.** We will start our vision screenings of the local schools. More information and schedule will be coming out shortly.

Great July and on to a very busy August.

4th of July Fireworks at Camarillo High

The fireworks show went off without a hitch. We expected that there would be many disgruntled folks who expected to set up shop on the football field but we didn't encounter any. People showed up at 7pm to grab the better seats at the top of the bleachers, meet with friends, listen to the DJ's music, eat some Lion snacks and wait for both the Navy Color Guard and Star Spangled Banner singer (both were great) to start the event. The bleachers were almost full by the time the color guard marched in with the Flag. Lion Kevin Kildee, Mayor of Camarillo, sent a letter of appreciation from the City thanking them for their participation (see following page).



We had five Lions run the snack bar, including *President Cervantes and Lions, White, Schulze, Christie and B. Taylor. Lions Nunez and Edmundson* stayed with the farm animals and were amazingly close to the fireworks. *Lions Mike Morgan and Camarillo Mayor/Lion Kevin Kildee* were also in attendance. Lion Morgan was hanging Fiesta posters and Mayor Kildee was reveling in the success of the show, as he should be!

It was definitely different for PV Lions this year. Planning, setup and clean-up were simplified this year since we were not allowed on the field. There were no food trucks, Lion Burgers, Jolly Jumps, Climbing Wall or band. Our simple menu is shown at right and it is evident that we weren't planning on gouging anyone; all we did was provide some snacks, watch the show up close and help out the community. We tried our best to get rid of all our glow sticks by giving them away to any child but we still have many left. During the show, cars were lined up all along highway 101 back to Dawson to see the show and we heard from many who watched from their decks about how great it was. The city did a terrific job of organizing this event. *As you can see the fireworks were terrific and the closing salvo at bottom right was spectacular.*

Pleasant Valley Lions Club Camarillo / Somis		
Lion Burgers "best burgers in town"		
	Coffee	\$2.00
	Hot Chocolate	\$2.00
	Water/Soda	\$2.00
	Cookies/Candy	\$1.00
	Glow Sticks	24 for \$1.00



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July 10, 2019

Commander Anthony Wu, USN
Commanding Officer, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron Five Five
Naval Base Ventura County
667 Ronald Reagan Blvd. Hangar 34
Point Mugu, CA 93042

Dear Commander Wu:

On behalf of the City of Camarillo, I extend sincere appreciation to the VR-55 Color Guard team from Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) for once again being part of our 4th of July celebration at Adolfo Camarillo High School. I really enjoyed being able to visit with members of the team before their performance this year.

The presentation of the colors added greatly to the patriotism and pageantry of the evening and was appreciated by those in attendance. Participation by the following individuals is gratefully acknowledged:

- AWF2 Justin DeMatteo
- AWFAN Michael Edwards
- AWFAN Tyler Overbey
- AWFAN Shawn Putnam

In addition, please thank Command Coordinator ADC Chris Burns for his time and effort spent coordinating logistics before the event.

The City is fortunate to be in such close proximity to NBVC, and we were honored that the VR-55 Color Guard was able to assist us with our Independence Day festivities.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kildee
Mayor

c: Camarillo City Council
Dave Norman, City Manager
Tully Clifford, Assistant City Manager
Pleasant Valley Lions Club

Regular Meeting 9 July 2019

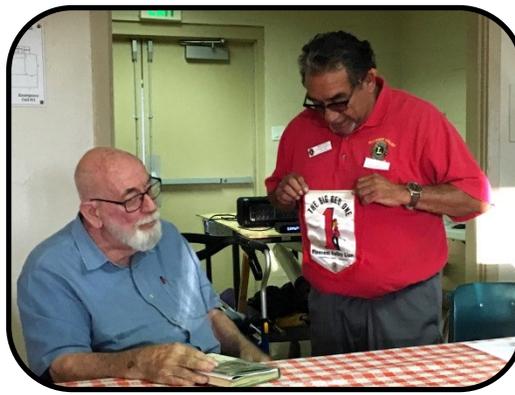
The first meeting of Lion Rich Cervantes new term went very smoothly; *it's as if he has done this before*. Even the disappearing crowd to the bar at 7pm didn't last very long. The meeting started normally with the Flag salute but Lion Rich deviated from our standard prayer with a new Lion prayer. Then, he introduced our guest speaker.

Guest Speaker: *David Lowe, Esq.*

David has been a counsel for the Government and in several countries representing our Military. Mr Lowe was drafted into the army during the Korean War even though he has sight in only one eye. On discharge he went to the UC Berkeley Bolt School of Law. He discussed two very interesting cases of the Vietnam War that illustrates problems after discharge. While the case of the first individual he discussed was eventually resolved after an incredibly trying time for the soldier, he soon died from a heroin overdose clearly related to the medical issues he suffered in Vietnam and the tribulations suffered during his trial. The second individual suffered from PTSD, killed an individual without realizing what he had done and is serving a life sentence w/o parole. These are examples of why Mr. Lowe is dedicated to helping our veterans. The military Vets are fortunate to have Mr. Lowe on their side. Lion Paul recruited Mr. Lowe to speak and followed him to encourage support for our Veterans.

Meeting Events

Lion Bill Schulze gave an impassioned plea for support of Fair Parking, which starts at the end of the month. Our new Tail Twisters Lions Dick Bellman and Tom Debardas will be all over those who didn't participate after Fair Parking is finished; they expect to fill the Tail Twisting box with fines; *seems "Fair" to me*. Both our Twisters gathered lots of Happy Bucks for the Admin Account. Lion Tom was listening to Lion Wim Zwinkels' joke so I'm not surprised at his reaction; it was that bad! New cook crew shown below.



Regular Meeting 9 July 2019 (con't)

Secretary Lloyd looks very Russian in his Shriners/Cossack Hat. Another one was auctioned off and Lion Mike Nunez bought it for \$25 but I think that he expects Lion Jan Edmundson to wear it.

Past President Russ gave out a couple of awards to Lions who missed the installation. Lion Taylor received the Canine Companions Life Membership and Lion Knittle received the Student Speaker Dwight Stanford Fellowship.

Lion Brand is laughing because he won 2 of the 3 50/50 drawings. Lion Edmundson won the other one but alas, I don't have a proper photo. The real winner was the admin account because it turned out to be nearly a 0/100 drawing with the winners adding to the tail twister "donation" box. Lion Bill Schulze had the winning ticket for the bean pot valued at \$296 but failed to draw the white marble so it continues to grow (only 5 blue marbles remaining).

The cooking crew is shown at bottom with one notable addition. Lion Russ had to work for his dinner this time. It

was also strange to see Lion Bruce in the food line instead of at the grill cooking his gourmet meals. We have to wait another 5 months for Bruce to lead another cooking crew and dazzle the crowd with his fare.



Camarillo Fiesta

We bought a booth at the Camarillo Fiesta to help the City and to advertise Camarillo Lions. Both PV Lions and Ambers Light Lions worked the booth on July 20 and 21 with Ambers taking the morning shift and PV taking the afternoon shift. We had great advertising for PV Lions with our story board and the six *PV Lions, Cervantes, Bellman, Fraser, Edmundson, Nunez Dellanina and White* ready to engage the large crowd.



The person with our Saturday Lions group is Kim Stephenson who is a former principal of Cam High. *3rd VP Mike Morgan* was there for all 4 days making sure that the Fiesta ran smoothly. He said that the crowd was very large this year. Note that we got some billing for our donation on the band stand.



Regular Meeting 23 July 2019

Guest Speaker: Maria Ventura

So Cal Gas, and Sempra Technology

Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) provides an additional source of energy that So Cal Gas is advocating. RNG is derived from organic waste material such as food waste, garden and lawn clippings, animal and plant-based material as well as degradable carbon sources such as paper, cardboard and wood. These materials are abundant and can allow for production of biogas in significant quantities. Converted RNG is then put into utility pipelines as a replacement of natural gas.

Maria was obviously very knowledgeable and able to withstand the many questions from some very knowledgeable Lions. Thanks again to Lion Dwork for finding another great speaker.

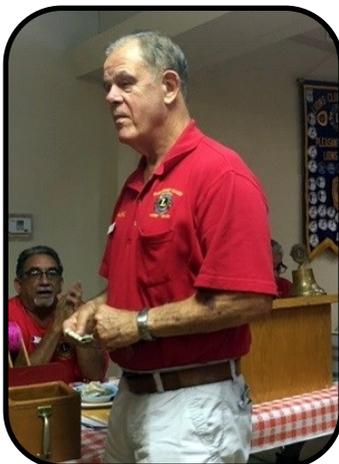
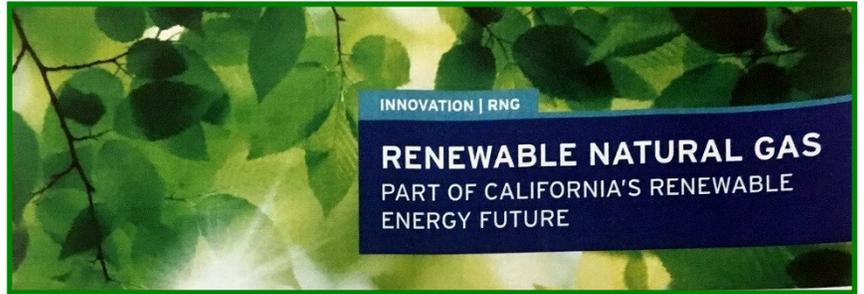
Meeting Events

After the flag salute and prayer Pres. Rich introduced our speaker and then we had a typical Santa Maria style dinner. After dinner Lion Bill Schulze thanked all for signing up for Fair Parking (still a few slots open in the evening), then Lion Rich asked Lion Bill Castleberry, to come up and introduce himself

to the club. Lion Bill works in LA as a paralegal and he and wife live in Ventura. He chose well in selecting Camarillo Lions considering that he had options closer to home. Kevin Poole at far right visited us to enjoy a great meal and he has an application form; let's hope he fills it out. Nice to have some "young blood" joining and considering joining.

Finally, we had three 50/50 winners. Lion Brand has cracked the code and won for the 3rd time in two meetings. Then came Lion Aeder and Lion Eberts who was too fast for my camera finger. The bean pot was \$320 with 5 blue balls and Lion Dean picked blue.

The white ball remains and the pot GROWS!!! (only 4 blue remain)



Veterans Stand Down BBQ

Another year, another lunch provided by Pleasant Valley Lions to the homeless Veterans of Ventura County. We donated 300 each hamburgers (with cheese) and hot dogs (with chili) and started serving at about noon. I think only about 200 Vets and staff ate so we left all the cooked food for them to eat at their leisure.

The Veterans Stand Down happens every year due to *Clair Hope* and the

Vets are provided a huge range of services as shown at right. Clair is shown in the first photo in white just above the Vet in the Chair.

We got there early and Lions Rich and Russ cleaned out the grill and then separated burgers. Six Pleasant Valley Lions came out, including *President Cervantes, and Lions White, B. Taylor, Lloyd, Conn and Kerry*. Since we had 300 hamburgers and hot dogs to cook before noon, almost every inch of the barbeque grill was covered.

As you can see the line was long and consistent for about an hour. There were lots of thanks from the Vets and staff.

At about 1400 we packed up and headed to the Fair Grounds to take some equipment needed for next week. It's a busy time of the year!!

Veteran Collaborative of Ventura County

Operated by the County of Ventura – Veteran Services Office

Merriam-Webster defines "Stand down" as "... a relaxation of status of a military unit or force from an alert or operational posture".

To all veterans in our Ventura County neighborhoods and community, we are honored to have you "stand down" at the California Army National Guard Armory on Friday, Saturday Sunday – July 27, 28 & 29, 2018. Please, let us serve you!

- Medical
- Dental
- Optometry
- Social services
- New clothing
- Haircuts,
- Showers
- Employment assistance
- VA benefits
- Legal counsel
- Hot meals
- ...and much more.



Lions in the News

Believe it or not, we actually made the Ventura County Star in the 29 July edition. Must admit that I was surprised to see Lions Bill Conn and Secretary Lloyd through the smoke on our packed grill. That's President Rich behind Lion Bill. Lion Kerry had to move out of the way as the photographer got way down to get a close up of the burgers.



Bill Conn, of the Pleasant Valley Lions Club, grills burgers for veterans taking part in the Ventura County Stand Down on Saturday.

Visitations

1. Conejo Valley Lions - 8 July

Our quest for short tails started early in President Rich's term. Five PV Lions including President Cervantes, PP's White, Debardas and Baker and Secretary Christie made the trip south east to meet with the club that we helped charter a few years ago.

The Lions look like it's the first day of school and professor Rich is telling all to pay attention!!

President Lori Mead presented Guiding Lion/Secretary Lloyd a certificate of appreciation for helping them navigate through Lions. President Rich also received one at their installation; both are well deserved.

Then Guiding Lion/President Rich Cervantes returned the favor and presented the President's pin to Lion Lori Mead.



Horseshoe Tournament & Visitation #2

Carpinteria Lions had a terrific tournament and the winner was: **CITY OF HOPE!** The total was well over \$1000 including direct donations based on club size plus \$50 for each of the 5 horseshoe teams. Tournament participants included Pleasant Valley, Ventura Downtown, Goleta, Ambers Light and Carpinteria.

We had 10 PV Lions attend the contest but each club was only allowed two teams. Our teams were comprised of President Cervantes and Lion Martinez and 1st VP Nunez and Lion Jochums. The presidents of each of the 5 clubs in attendance are shown.



Last year's winner, Mary Catherine from Ambers Light is shown in good form and I even got the horseshoe in flight. ***Bragging rights for PV Lions goes to Pres. Cervantes and Lion Martinez.***

Ventura downtown came with 26 Lions and ultimately won the contest but it was challenging. There were some very talented players at the tournament. Carpinteria has a terrific facility and you can see the size of the crowd sitting down to eat.



Finally, kudos to Secretary Lloyd who managed to snag the Carpinteria Banner while Lion Nunez provided an appropriate diversion. They were worried about Lion Mike since he snagged it last year. ***Secretary Lloyd still has it!!***

Donated Barbeque to Boys and Girls Club

While six other PV Lions were finishing up with the Veterans Stand Down, the group below, consisting of *1st VP Mike Nunez and Lions Edmundson, Jochums and Price* were providing our traditional Santa Maria Style barbeque for 40 people. This barbeque was bought at auction at a Boys and Girls Club fund raiser. Lion Mike said that the 40 boys and girls all had great time. It looks like Lion Chet also had too great of a time!!! Sure hope all those space heaters were off; otherwise it looks very pleasant.



Ventura County Fair Begins - Again

Believe it or not there are still a few spots open on the night shift at Fair Parking. Contact Lion Bill if you can spare a few hours toward the end of the fair. 2nd VP Bill Schulze has done a fantastic job of organizing our largest fundraiser of the year. It is also the largest fund raiser for a couple of other clubs and certainly the Ventura High School Wrestlers.

Immediately after the Veterans Stand Down we took some equipment to our shed that was delivered yesterday. The view at bottom won't happen again till August 12. At least we hope that this is the case since the parking fee has gone up to \$15.



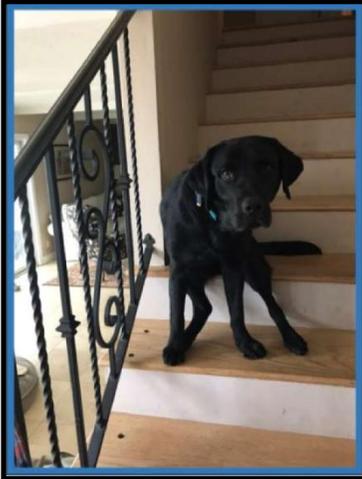
EZRA

Chapter 3: to 11 1/2 months old

An 11 page update on our guide dog EZRA was sent out to all on AOL. I extracted a few of the pictures and text for you in case you didn't see the original. EZRA is doing well.

"Hi, Everyone at The Pleasant Valley Lions Club,

As I started to write my puppy report I realized this year is half over already. This last quarter I have been paying attention and taking care to grow up some (not all the way just yet). I still have lots of fun playing in the yard and going places to expand on my skills. Also holding my weight at 75 #for a couple of months now.



Then it was time for Dog Obedience classes. Some of my littermates started there at the same time.

We visited the Senior Center with other GDA puppies in training. My brother was there also, he is the other black Lab "Echo"we look a lot alike. I try to go when ever I can, the people there are really glad to see us. Don't we all look so handsome in our vests?

Well, to sum it up I have been going for lots walks looking for distractions to practice on. I'm really working on seeing other dogs, big ones are not a problem, the small barking ones I think want to play. I am making progress. Going out to dinner and laying quietly under the table is getting perfect as expected. I walk very nicely on a loose leash, sit, stand, and stay are great as well. And now I'm overflowing the step a bit.

PS... I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again soon. (This time I'm not going to think about dinner at all) ;-)"



Puppy Trainer Debbie Cross

Ojai Valley Lions Pancake Breakfast

Secretary Lloyd and Lion Richard Baker attended the annual pancake breakfast done by Ojai Valley Lions. That is a very fancy pancake express being pulled by a tractor. The red sports car was at the event but I seriously doubt that the owner would allow pancakes within ten feet of this vintage auto.



Upcoming Events

- **August 3 Salvation Army Annual Pancake Breakfast**

Lion John Fraser encourages all PV Lions to attend the Salvation Army's pancake breakfast (Salvation Army, Wooley Rd. Oxnard).

It's only \$5 and helps support their Free Dental Clinic.

Advertisement for The Salvation Army Pancake Breakfast. The ad features the Salvation Army logo, the text "Pancake Breakfast Saturday, August 3 8:30 am - 11:30 am", a photo of a smiling girl giving a thumbs up next to a stack of pancakes, and a speech bubble saying "Still only \$5". A green banner at the top right says "To Support our Free Dental Clinic".

- **August 24 PV Lions Kids Shopping Spree**

Lion George Graham has made all the arrangements with Target and McDonalds for 40 children from RAINS to get school clothes followed by a "feast" of breakfast goodies from McDonalds.

Lion George will be out of town so President Rich and 2nd VP Bill have the job of gathering the shopper helpers. **Looking for 40 Lions and friends to assist the children with shopping.** Each child will have a \$150 gift card; after tax you have \$139 to spend. It is one of the more rewarding projects that we have ***so contact either Pres Rich or 2nd VP Bill*** if you can spare a couple of hours on a Saturday morning. **We normally show up at 0730 and shop at 0800.**

Upcoming Events

- **August 10 4 A-3 First District Meeting:** It's close by so for all you new members and your sponsors it's a chance to take a key step towards a *Proud Lions Award* (see next page).



MD4-A3 Cabinet Officers Installation & First District Meeting Saturday, August 10, 2019

River Ridge Golf Club
2401 W Vineyard Ave, Oxnard, CA 93036

- I. Registration: 8:00 am to 9:30 am
- II. Cabinet Meeting: 8:30 am to 9:15 am
- III. District Meeting: 9:30 am to approx. 3:00 pm
2019/2020 Cabinet Officers Installation
Installing Officer: PCC Rob Manning
Keynote Presentation: PCC Rob Manning, MD4-L5
"California Friends In Sight Program"



Full Registration: \$30 (includes Registration, Continental Breakfast & Lunch)

Registration Fee Only: \$8.00 (No Continental Breakfast or Lunch)

Please make check out to: District 4-A3

Registration Deadline: Saturday, August 3, 2019
(On-site Full Registration will not guarantee a meal.)

Mail Registration with payment to:

Neal Bartlett, Cabinet Treasurer
P.O. Box 584, Carpinteria, CA 93014
Email: neblions76@gmail.com

Registration Deadline: August 3, 2019

Name: _____

Club Name: _____

Phone No. or Email Address: _____

Full Registration @ \$30.00
(Registration, Continental Breakfast & Lunch)

Registration Only @ \$8.00

Total Amount Due:

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Most of the requirements to achieve a **Proud Lion Award** are very simple. The one that typically eludes many new members is the last item on the list, attend a zone, region, district or multiple-district meeting. The 1st 4A3 meeting is in Oxnard on 10 August so this is your chance to get this checked off.



MULTIPLE DISTRICT FOUR ACHIEVEMENT FORM

Proud Lion Mentoring Program

The following goals of the Proud Lion Program have been successfully attained by the Protégé Lion under the guidance of the Mentoring Lion (sponsor) and qualify for the Proud Lion Award.

- **Attend a club board meeting.**
- **Participate in a club service or fund-raising project.**
- **Introduce a new prospective member to the club.**
- **Make a visit to another club and secure a visitation slip.**
- **Attend a zone, region, district or multiple-district meeting and report back to the club.**

This application certifies that the goals listed above have been attained within the specified six month period and that the Mentoring Lion (Sponsor) accompanied the Protégé Lion at each of the five activities.

Lion Humor (space filler)

- A lion died and went to heaven. When he got to the pearly gate Saint Peter told him that new rules were in effect due to the advances in education. In order to gain admittance a prospective heavenly soul must answer two questions.
 1. Name two days of the week beginning with "T".
 2. How many seconds are there in a year?The lion thought for a few minutes and answered...
 1. The two days of the week that begin with "T" are Today and Tomorrow.
 2. There are twelve seconds in a year.Saint Peter said, "OK, I'll buy the Today and Tomorrow answer, even though it's not the answer I expected. But how did you get twelve seconds in a year?" The lion replied, "Well, January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd, etc..." Saint Peter opens the gate without another word.
- Two men and a lion were stranded on an uninhabited island. The only way back home was to swim 100 miles to the next island, which was inhabited. One man was so determined to get home that he tried to swim. He made it 50 miles, got tired and drowned. Then the second man tried. He made it 75 miles, but got tired and he too drowned. The lion thought he could make it all the way, so he started swimming. The lion swam 50 miles, but started to get tired, so he swam all the way back to the island. *Ed. Note: sounds reasonable to me!*

Upcoming Events

- **August 10 Oxnard Downtown Lions:** Definitely some competition with our First District Meeting held on the same day but it will be close to the district meeting site at River Ridge so you might be able to do both.

KICKOFF WINE TRAIL PRE EVENT MIXER



21 and over only



**Saturday August 10th at
Tomas Cafe 622 South A
Street 2pm-5pm**

**Complimentary Appetizers and
Wine Samples, Pick up your
tickets for the 2nd Annual
Wine, Craft Beer and Art Trail!**

Purchase Tickets online at Eventbrite.com or
www.oxnarddowntownlionsclub.org



Upcoming Events

- **September 14 Ambers Light Farmer's Banquet and Cornhole Tournament**

Here is a little advertising for Ambers Light Lions Club. It is their largest fund raiser of the year and a fun event so tell your friends and family and go have some fun.

Follow us on Instagram
@ambers_light_lions_club

Camarillo Amber's Light Lions Club

Farmer's Banquet

Dinner & Social

September 14, 2019



Meet us at the barn!
1194 Pancho Rd, Camarillo

\$35 per person

\$300 for a table of 8 (includes 8 bar drinks)

Cornhole Tournament begins at 4:00 pm
Dinner served at 6:00 pm

Silent Auction

Fresh produce
sales

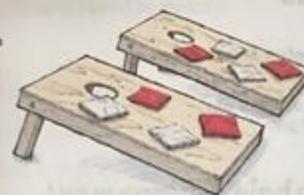
Cornhole Tournament



\$10 per person
Includes 1 drink from the bar

\$50 cash and bragging rights to 1st place team

Tournament begins at 4:00pm



Rules:

- > Single elimination
- > 3 points in the hole
- > 1 point on the board
- > Games are self-scored
- > Play to 21 with cancellation scoring, must win by 2 points

Tickets available from any Amber's Light Lion or through PayPal on our website
www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/amberslight

Tickets can also be purchased by sending a check to Camarillo Amber's Light Lions
Club PO Box 3264, Camarillo, CA 93011
Camarillo Amber's Light Lions Club

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Jeff & Lion Sheri's Ninth Big Adventure (part 2)

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

Ed. Note: Just picked a few photos from Lion Sheri Clarke's travelogue for your enjoyment.

Hi, Friends,

We've seen many things and learned a few lessons and you'll read all about it in this edition of Big Adventure 9. And don't blame me for what Jeff did, I'm just a reporter.

Use the link below to find the PDF version of **BA9-2**.

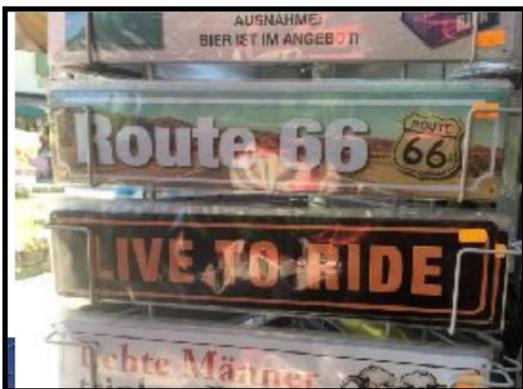
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We were still riding with the large group when I left off the last travelogue before our fateful traverse of the Stelvio Pass, probably one of the most technically challenging paved roads in the world. The unnamed rider in BA9-1 significantly increased his average of dumping his bike twice daily..

The Stelvio Pass is deep in the heart of the Alps and rises to almost 9,100 feet.

These are the only falls on the Rhine River and they're spectacular.

If you think America's Mother Road, Route 66, is known mostly in the USA, you'd be surprised that it's not only known, but worshipped here in Europe. *Wim and Co. You obviously didn't go far enough on Route 66 a few years ago.*



Update: They are now off to Norway; check it out via the following website.

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HmQw_0Ks8UsceO8T03bJotu262FBBcGR

Bulletin on Vacation

Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Museum We got quite a surprise at the museum. It was like Disneyland. Many **animated** Dinosaurs “roaming” the grounds; the sounds alone make you look for cover. Take your grandkids/kids/friends before the display ends; you will enjoy it.



Elephant Seal Point

Shortly after Santa Barbara we visited the shore north of Cambria to view the Elephant Seals resting along the shore. It's not clear how they know to keep coming back to this spot but they are always there to the delight of the huge crowds.



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Charitable Giving

- *City of Hope* \$350 Donated via Carpinteria Horseshoe Contest
- *American Red Cross* \$400 (est) Lunch Training Session BBQ for 75 on 9/14/19
- *Ridgecrest Lions Charity* \$2000 from 501C3 for Earthquake Victims

Thanks

- **YMCA for \$3500 for busing of 3rd Graders to swim lessons**
- **Lions Sight and Hearing for hearing aids and eye glasses**
- **Camarillo Chamber of Commerce**
- **Pleasant Valley School District**
- **Karina Duffy for Scholarship — attending Notre Dame**
- **Guide Dogs of America for \$4500**
- **City of Hope**



TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN



LIONS
SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

3450 East Spring Street | Suite 212 | Long Beach, California 90806
Phone: 800.647.6638 | Fax: 888.958.7554 | www.lshf.org

June 21, 2019

John Knittle
Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions
1559 Frazier St.
Camarillo, CA 93012

Dear Lion John Knittle and Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions,

Thank you for your contribution which will benefit your community! Hearing aids and eyeglasses received are repaired and refurbished. Through the Foundation and Lions programs they are then distributed to those in need who cannot afford to purchase them. A description of the property you collected and donated appears below.

The Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of Southern California is a nonprofit organization with **tax identification number 95-2916098**. Please keep this written acknowledgment of your donation for your tax records.

Thank you for your continuing support for our important work in this field!

Very truly yours,

Lynzee Browning,
Program Administrator

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN



Camarillo
Chamber of Commerce



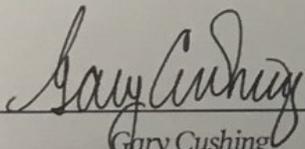
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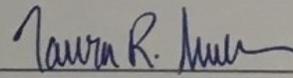
*Camarillo/Semis Pleasant Valley
Lions Club*

The longevity of your company's participation is an extraordinary testament to its successful operation of business. In recognition of your membership for 20 years, the entire Board of Directors and the Camarillo Chamber of Commerce thank you for your support and wish your company continued prosperity.

Presented with gratitude on June 20, 2019



Gary Cushing
CEO



Laura Mullen
Chair of Board

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

Office of Business Services

Pleasant Valley School District

Chris Johnston
Assistant Superintendent

June 21, 2019

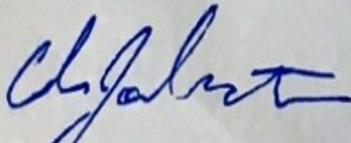
Pleasant Valley Lions Club
P. O. Box 157
Camarillo, CA 93011

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Pleasant Valley School District, thank you for your donation to Pleasant Valley School of \$250 for miscellaneous site needs.

The Board of Trustees gratefully accepted your gift at their Regular Board meeting on June 20, 2019. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Respectfully,



Chris Johnston,
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

CJ/vp

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

Dear Mr. Seidler & scholarship committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me with the Pleasant Valley Lion's Club scholarship. I am extremely honored & humbled to be chosen as a recipient. It will most definitely help support me as I attend the University of Notre Dame. I look forward to starting my new adventure - go Irish!

Sincerely,
Karina Duffy

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN



Guide Dogs of America

June 7, 2019

Pleasant Valley Lions Club
PO Box 157
Camarillo, CA 93011-0157

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Guide Dogs of America is so grateful for your generous contribution in the amount of \$4,500.00, received 5/29/2019! People lead busy lives and have many choices about how to spend their money. We appreciate the time and consideration you took to support our school's mission to furnish highly-trained guide dogs for people who have either lost or never had vision. Your support covers the cost of a clothes dryer for our Breeding Department.

Consider scheduling a guided tour of our campus or attend a guide dog graduation ceremony. Both are heartwarming and memorable occasions! Contact us for volunteer opportunities as well.

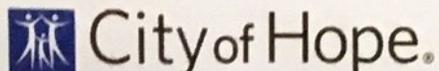
Thank you again for enabling GDA to provide "vision" to those in need with our remarkable guide dogs. To get involved from wherever you are, please follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell A. Gittlen".

Russell A. Gittlen
President

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN



1500 E. Duarte Road
Duarte, CA 91010
866-683-HOPE (4673)
giving@coh.org

Company Pleasant Valley Lions Club
PO Box 157
Camarillo, CA 93011-0157

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June 11, 2019

Dear Company,

On behalf of all those who benefit from your leadership in the fight against cancer, thank you for your generous gift to City of Hope.

Your support brings hope — not to mention lifesaving treatments — to children and adults in the fight of their lives every day. The breakthrough research and compassionate care that City of Hope is known for is made possible by people like you.

Every day, your generosity is bringing us closer to a day when cancer need no longer be feared.

Cancer has never been more beatable than it is today. Thanks to your commitment to City of Hope, you are helping us pioneer new ways to treat this disease and dramatically reduce the time it takes to develop new therapies.

Finding a cure for cancer is a team effort. And your ongoing support makes you an integral part of this team with the innovative researchers, caring doctors and nurses, supporting family and friends and brave patients who together are facing this challenge at City of Hope.

Thank you again for your generosity, your vision, your leadership and your compassion. And most of all, thank you for helping to save lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stone", written in a cursive style.

Robert W. Stone

President and Chief Executive Officer

2019-2020 PV Lions Calendar

- July**
- 04 Camarillo 4th of July Fireworks
 - 05-09 International Convention (Milan Italy)
 - 09 *Regular meeting*
 - 16 Board Meeting
 - 23 *Regular meeting*
 - 27 Veterans Stand down (Ventura Armory)
 - 27 Special Barbeque for 40 (Boys and Girls Club)
 - 31 Fair Parking Begins
- August**
- 01-11 Fair Parking (Ventura County Fairgrounds)
 - 13 *Regular meeting*
 - 20 Board Meeting
 - 24 Farmers Market and Kids Shopping Spree
 - 27 Family Night in the Park. 6 PM. (Bob Kildee Park)
- September**
- 10 *Regular meeting*
 - 14 Farmers Market
 - 17 Board Meeting
 - 24 *Regular meeting*
 - 28-29 Underwood Harvest Festival (starts)
- October**
- 05-06 Underwood Harvest Festival
 - 08 *Regular meeting*
 - 12-13 Underwood Harvest Festival
 - 15 Board Meeting
 - 19-20 Underwood Harvest Festival
 - 22 CHARTER NIGHT
 - 26-27 Underwood Harvest Festival
- November**
- 12 *Regular meeting* (District Governor Visit)
 - 19 Board Meeting
 - 26 *Regular meeting*
 - 28 THANKSGIVING
- December**
- 10 RAINS kids Christmas Party (*Regular meeting*)
 - 14 Camarillo Christmas Parade
 - 17 Board Meeting
 - 20 PV Lions/Ambers Christmas Party (Los Posas Country Club)
 - 21 Operation Snowflake BBQ, (community Center)
 - 24 *Regular meeting* (dark)
 - 25 CHRISTMAS

August Birthdays

HAPPY
Birthday



Certificate

Happy Birthday Month

Good for ONE drink at the bar



Allman	Terry	8/9
Clementi	Paul	8/1
Dwork	Paul	8/26
Flores	Joe	8/4
Grimes Jr	Gregory	8/24
Hanson	Richard	8/7
Moore	Robert "Bob"	8/15
Shaffman	Art	8/26
Swendseid	Jayd	8/30



TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

Lions Clubs International MD4-A3 Juanita Nichols 2019/2020 District Governor



District Cabinet

Maria Prado, Secretary

Neal Barlett, Treasurer

Dave Hubbard, PDG

Don Book, GLT

PDG Chuck Casey, GMT

PDG Jose Nichols, GST

Region L

Joe Knudsen

Mike Locke, Zone 1

Terry Orton, Zone 2

Region I

Sheri Hughes

Laura Selken, Zone 3

Region O

Jason Laird

Justin Mendoza, Zone 4

Region N

Mary-Catherine Henggeler

Luis Mendez, Zone 5

John Knittle, Zone 6

July 1, 2019

Welcome to all 2019/2020 Club Officers, Leaders and Members!

In an effort to get each of you off to a great start, here are a few references to help you set up for your year.

If you have any questions in regards club management such as Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, Club President, Board of Directors, Standard Club Constitution & Bylaws, Forms and Applications, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Grant Applications, etc. Just click on the either of the links below.

<https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-management-resources>

<https://lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center>

The Member Resource Center is filled with a variety of very useful information that will assist you in having a successful year. I highly recommend you take some time at least once a week to navigate through the Resource Center. These resources are for all members to use.

Global Action Team: Listed on the left margin are your Global Action Team Coordinators for Leadership (GLT), Membership (GMT) and Service (GST). They will be working in conjunction with your Region and Zone Chairs in providing any necessary support and guidance where needed. Please feel free to reach out to them.

Calendar of Activities: Included with this notice is an updated **Dates to Remember** for 2019/2020 such as MD4-A3 District Meetings, Student Speaker Contests, MD4 Leadership Institutes, etc. Please make sure you share this information with your club membership.

Correspondence Secretary: Lion Laura Selken is our District Correspondence Secretary. If you have an event that you wish to send to all district members, please forward the flyer information for her to distribute on your behalf. PLEASE send to her early to allow her time to set up the email for distribution.

On behalf of your District Leadership Team, we extend our best wishes to each of you for a successful and very rewarding year in Service, Membership and Leadership.

Yours In Service
Lion Juanita Nichols



Dr. Jung-Yul Choi *

Greetings Lions!

It is my great pleasure to address the Lion community for the first time as your International President.

As we enter a new Lion year I have high hopes for us. My focus during my presidency is on fostering diversity in service. After all, there are more than 1.4 million Lions around the world, and each of us is unique. And every one matters. This means that we have to do more than just recognize what makes us different. We have to embrace it.

There is a path I walk in my hometown of Busan, South Korea. I wake up early, before sunrise, and walk. It clears my head, and it's good for my spirit. I particularly enjoy watching the change from darkness to light. When I begin the day I am in the dark. As I

walk, my mind clears and the sky brightens. Over the course of that walk, how I see the world is, literally, transformed.

It's always interesting to see something from another vantage point. Whether it's in a new light or from someone else's perspective. Often, you see things you couldn't see before. Let your fellow Lions and your community be the sun. Let them shine light on what you may not have seen. You may not agree with how they see things, but only by looking at things clearly in the light of day can we hope to find common ground.

And perhaps among all those points of view you'll be able to see solutions to issues your community faces that you hadn't been able to see before.

I truly believe that by embracing diversity we will grow—as Lions and as people.

Here's to the beginning of a new year of serving through diversity.

Sincerely,

Jung-Yul Choi

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

International President, Lions Clubs International



A letter from your Chairperson

Gudrun Yngvadottir

Dear Lions,

Welcome to the new Lion year! As I begin my role as chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), I feel happy, determined, proud, and I am filled with hope. LCIF is empowering Lions to do great things. I am thrilled that I am leading support for the foundation that supports Lions.

As a Lion leader, I frequently speak about reviving the lost art of storytelling. Storytelling is ever-important for our foundation. It is how Lions—and non-Lions—understand the importance of both doing and giving. It shows that our foundation is here to support Lions in their endeavors, whether that's supporting our youth, giving vision back to someone who has lost it, or helping to rebuild a community center after disaster has struck. LCIF is here to help Lions accomplish even more than they could on their own.

Storytelling moves us to take action. Hearing the heartwarming story of a child seeing clearly for the first time in their life is what makes us want to be a part of it all. The world is in need. Lions want to answer the call. LCIF is here to support them. *Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service* is raising US\$300 million so Lions can increase their service impact, fight diabetes, and expand our global causes. Please consider joining our mission and donate to this historic endeavor.

Lions, I am excited to see where this year takes our foundation and I am working hard for you.

Yours,

Gudrun Yngvadottir
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN



Dear Lion,

For those of us who can hear, it's easy to take for granted how much we rely on our ears. And unless you have a hearing disability yourself, it can be hard to imagine all the challenges it creates.

A tragic example happened last week in Lexington, Kentucky. Connie Dotson drove into her garage, got out of her car, went inside her house and went to sleep. She never woke up.

Connie was deaf, and so she never heard the signal her car pinged out, a warning that she had forgotten to turn the keyless ignition off. The car continued to run all night, filling the garage, and then the house, with deadly carbon monoxide.

Connie was 54, and a leader in the local deaf community.



Senator Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut introduced a bill earlier this year that would require automatic shutoff devices in cars with keyless ignition -- not a very complicated fix for a problem that has killed at least 38 people -- but the bill hasn't received much support. It's called the PARK IT (Protecting Americans from the Risk of Keyless Ignition Technology) Act.

Fortunately, Ford and GM introduced the devices some years ago, and Toyota, which is responsible for most of the recent deaths, plans to add the technology next year. It just seems like common sense to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Stein".

Randy Stein, CEO

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN



Dear Lion,

Most of us have a love-hate relationship with social media, but for us here at LSH, it's one of the tools we use to spread the word about our mission.

So I was pretty happy to find out last week that our Facebook page had reached 700 likes! Not too bad for a small operation like ours.

Why does it matter? Well, that's how many people find out about us! Consider this: our posts on Facebook reached more than 6,000 people just in the past week!

It's also an easy way for you to help -- while getting interesting posts every day about news in the worlds of sight and hearing.

All you have to do is go to our Facebook page by clicking here. (If you don't have an account, it's easy to get started.)



Above is part of what you'll see. Under the image there's a button for you to "Like" the page. There's also a button to share. And next to the "share" button are three little dots. If you click on those, you'll get a drop-down menu that will include the option to "Invite Friends." Click on *that*, and a list of your Facebook friends will appear. You can select the ones you'd like to invite to our page.

It's a pretty painless way to spread the word about what we do, and let people know that we're here to help.

Have fun!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy Stein".

Randy Stein, CEO

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN



Dear Lion,

It's a funny thing, isn't it, how tragedy can bring out the best in us?

As most of you know, the motto of Lions Clubs is "We Serve," and this week in Ridgecrest, it was much more than a motto.

As of today, clubs in Southern California had raised \$20,000 to help victims of the earthquakes in Ridgecrest and Trona, including more than \$10,000 in donations from locals -- pretty amazing for a sparsely populated area.

Lion Steven Morgan, an old friend of LSH and a former Lions District Governor, was running a crisis center in Ridgecrest where residents could come for whatever kind of help they needed.



The funds will primarily be used to provide accommodations at local hotels; putting mobile homes back on their foundations; and help to get residents back into their homes

If you want to help or need help, you can reach Lion Steven Morgan at 760-977-2600.

The Ridgecrest Lions Charity Foundation is a 501(C)3 Organization, so donations are tax-deductible. Donations can be made in two ways:

You can make checks payable to Ridgecrest Lions Charity Foundation, with Earthquake in the memo field and send to:

Ridgecrest Lions Club Inc.

P.O. Box 2301

Ridgecrest, CA 93556

PV Lions VP Committees 2019 - 2020

1ST VICE PRESIDENT - MIKE NUNEZ	
Finance & Budget	Treasurer, 1st and 2nd VP's
Community Betterment	John Fraser
Cook Crew Lead 1st qtr.	Russ White and Bob Taylor
Cook Crew Lead 2nd qtr.	Chet Price
Cook Crew Lead 3rd qtr.	Bruce Jochums
Cook Crew Lead 4th qtr.	Mark Davis and K. Forsythe
Meeting Night Bar 1st qtr.	Mark Davis
Meeting Night Bar 2nd qtr.	Mark Davis
Meeting Night Bar 3rd qtr.	OPEN
Meeting Night Bar 4th qtr.	OPEN
District Contests	Lloyd Christie
Photographer	Hillary Ling
Christmas Float	Keith Davenport
Student Speaker Contest	OPEN
Meeting Programs	Mike Nunez
Scholarships	Richard Baker
Membership Chair	John Fraser

2ND VICE PRESIDENT -BILL SCHULZE	
Lion Burgers	Bob Taylor and Russ White
Visitations	Lloyd Christie and John Knittle
BBQ Trailer & Equipt.	Mike Nunez
Raffles	Victor Martinez
5K-1K Race	Mike Brown
Children's Xmas Party	Mike Nunez
Flag Day	Victor Martinez
4th of July	Russ White
Special BBQ's	Bruce Jochums & Mike Nunez

3RD VICE PRESIDENT - MIKE MORGAN	
Caps/Shirts/Jackets	Rich Cervantes
Kids Shopping	George Graham
Peace Poster	Gerry Hamor
Club Bulletin	Robert Taylor
Harvest Festival	RICH Cervantes, Bill Schulze
Easter Festival	RICH Cervantes, Bill Schulze
Badges/Pins/Banners	Lloyd Christie
Sight & Hearing	Rich Cervantes
Fair Parking	Bill Schulze, Rich Cervantes
Web site /IT	Geo Graham
Public Relations	John Fraser
Club Greeter	OPEN