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Reflections From the Desk of Lion Victor



"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."

– *Abraham Lincoln*

Let freedom ring—and the fireworks bang! Hope everyone enjoyed their Fourth of July Holiday. It is a great time to reflect on our independence. We are all truly blessed to be part of a great nation.

As our Club kicks off the new Lion year we are very fortunate to have our own newly knighted District Governor Rich Cervantes leading our District 4-A3. Congratulations DG Rich! Lions Rich and Mary Jo just returned from Boston where the formal ceremonies were held at The International Convention. We look forward to his guidance and leadership. Our club will be his biggest supporter during his governorship.

July brought in some of our repeat projects for the month and some new. Our goal this year is to form stronger partnerships between our club and the local community. Our first for the year was the beer garden SummerPalooza sponsored by PVRPD. Two half days of serving beer turned out well for our club and their event. We look forward working together with Pleasant Valley Recreation and Parks District on future events.

Orange picking at Lion Hillary's was a success with almost 4,000 pounds picked that morning. As always Stella afforded us yummy fresh squeezed orange juice and many other treats in their beautiful back yard. We also had our crew down at the Farmers Market this month. A special thank you to Lion Bob Larsen and his newly designed display board and flyers. It shows very well! Around the corner will be our new red Lions Canopy that Lion Mike Nunez ordered. This will add some nice enhancing touches to our booth.

Fair Parking, one of our biggest events kicks off August 2, 2023. Please drink lots of water but save me some egg salad sandwiches! Let's all have fun but more importantly be smart and safe when working your shifts. Thank You Lion Bill Schulze for your leadership and Lion pride.

Lastly, I have the utmost respect for our editor Lion Bob Taylor for the amazing job he does with the bulletin. It is a piece of ART. His input and work on some of our artwork and design projects is amazing; he is very talented man. Give him a thank you when you can.

Yours in service,

Victor Martinez, President

Agents of Change!



1 July - SummerPalooza Day 2

Day 2 of SummerPalooza was half as busy as Day 1 and we all were surprised, expecting that it would be far busier than last evening. Nonetheless our total take for the 2 day event was about \$2800 thanks to the \$1000 donation for the refreshments that didn't have to come out of our profits.

We had one less lion helper but one new addition to the team for a total of 7 helpers. Lion George is back from his European trip and although a little tired from the travels he made it to the event.

Our very first customer of the event is shown below (the one in black!!). You can see by the photo below that it was sparsely attended but we had a good time. Yesterday Modelo sold out first with Lagunitas IPA following but today 70% of our sales was Lagunitas; it seems that folks wanted a little more kick for their \$6.



1 July - Boys & Girls Club Donated BBQ

We donated 2 Santa Maria-Style Barbeques to the Boys & Girls Club and the first one was cashed in last month. That one sold for \$3500 for 40 people but wound up with 60 people. This BBQ sold for \$7000 for 80 people but wound up with 85. PV Lions picked up the extra cost for the additional diners.

The total donation to the Boys & Girls Club so far this year was \$15,500, which included our normal \$5000 donation. **Very Well Done Pleasant Valley Lions.**

PDG Mike Brown, Neale McNutt, Tom Debardas, Dave Tennesen and Bruce Jochums cooked for 85 people at the home of Keith and Terri Barton. The Barton's made a very generous donation to the Boys and Girls Club at the gala. We had great weather and the guests were all very friendly and welcoming to us. Many compliments on the food were received! Kudos to Bruce not including a Selfie.

This was a fancy BBQ that even included a DJ.



July 4 Independence Day



The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence. The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence.

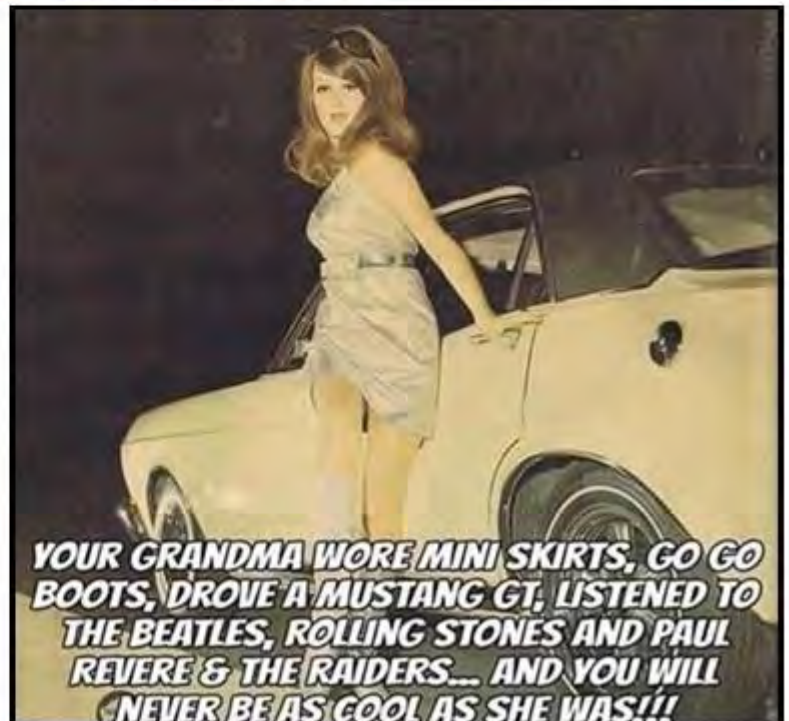
Barbeque Repair Part 2

As mentioned last month, the barbeque trailer needed some more tough love before taking it to Bill Lynch's equipment shop so Bruce and Chet got some really heavy duty cleaner and then power washed everything.

If you recall the barbeque after our last event you won't recognize it now..

Even Bruce had to tip his hat to the great job he and Chet did.

The photo at bottom right of your grandma (right!!) is provided for: *Us old Lions!!*



8 July - Orange Picking at Lion Hillary's Orchard

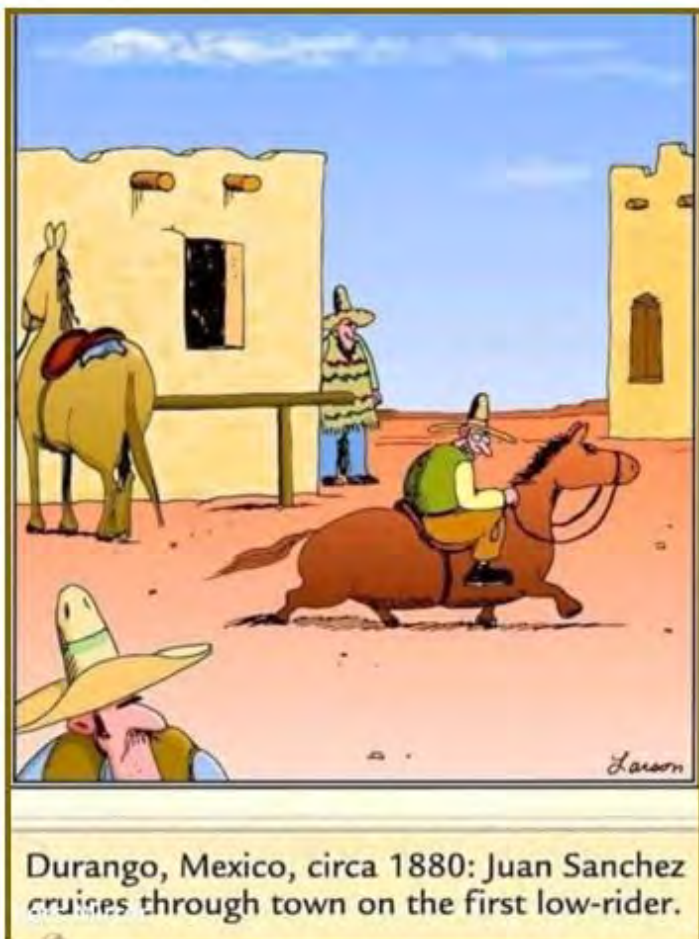
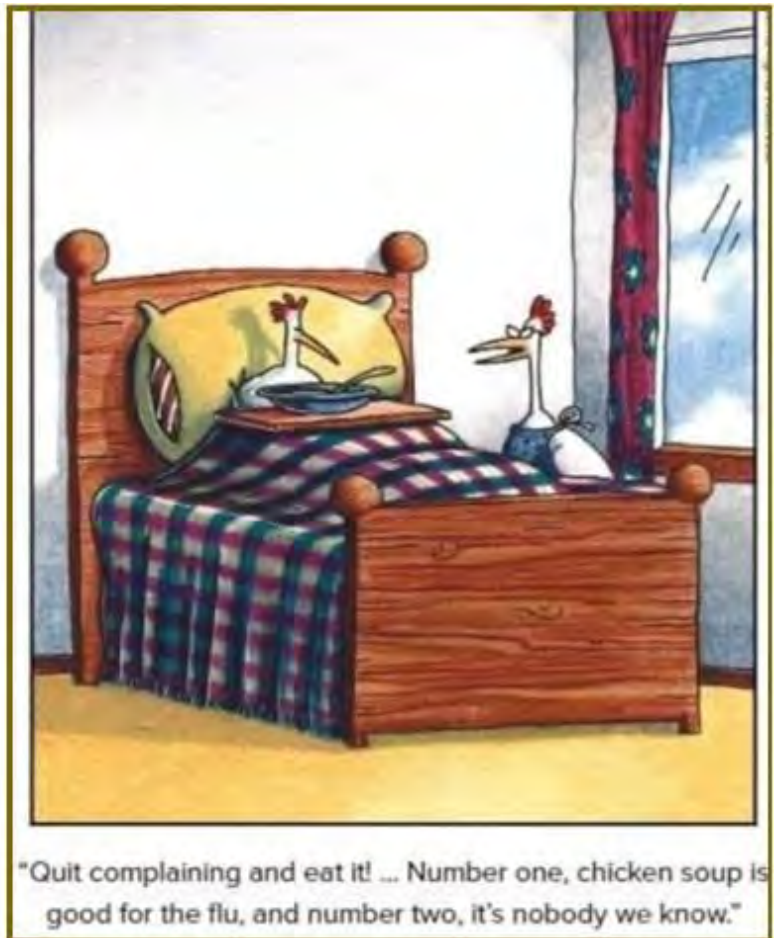
Lion Hillary generously opened up his orange orchard again for *Food Share* as he does every year. Including Hillary and Stella, PV Lions included President Victor, Ken Anderson and Shirley and Bill Conn and Jennifer. Both the Andersons and Conns must enjoy this because they are stalwarts at these picking events.

Hillary provided over 50 photos from the event and I selected a few to show the hard work from all.

“There were over 30 volunteers from Lion Clubs, Kiwanis, Camarillo High school, Moorpark high school, Methodist Church members and community Food Share volunteer group.

It was much fun with cookies and fellowship.” Lion Hillary





MD4-A3 District Governor Rich Cervantes at LCIcon 2023

Lion Rich is now officially MD4-A3 District Governor after receiving his diploma from PID Jennifer Ware who is the group leader of his class. As you can see there is a large group representing California MD4.



DG MD4-L5 Hank Trueba and his wife Pattie are with DG Rich and Mary JO before the DG banquet. Rich is shown with the Mexican delegation.



It's Boston so there had to be bagpipes in the welcoming parade. They were followed shortly by the Korean delegation.



MD4-A3 District Governor Rich Cervantes at LCICon 2023

BOSTON 2023

PDG's Juanita and Jose were there to support our District and our new Governor. Also shown are Rich's fellow governors Elisa Coyle and Claudia Miller from other districts in California and members of his council of governors.



It's not clear whether all the new Governors must run the Boston Marathon before getting their diploma; we will have to ask Rich when he returns if he can still walk.

DG Rich certainly is getting acquainted with delegations from around the world.

At right is a class presentation with the Korean delegation.

The Far East is very well represented at the convention.



MD4-A3 District Governor Rich Cervantes at LCICon 2023

Sophie Cutler formerly from Conejo Valley Lions now lives and continues to Lion in New Hampshire. New Hampshire is very close to Boston so she came o the convention and obviously found Rich who has been a fixture at Conejo Valley Lions for several years.



Left to right you see Drew Sasser, Hank Trueba, Rich and Claudia Miller, governors for 4A3, 4A2, 4L4 and 4L5 after being sworn in.



MD4-A3 District Governor Rich Cervantes at LCICon 2023

BOSTON 2023  **23**

DG Rich is shown with the winners of the peace poster and peace essay contests.

Emma is from Romania and Eaton is from Canada.

It's nice to see that it wasn't all work at the convention. Rich made it to the **Cheers Bar**. The Hollywood set duplicated this bars set. The photos sure bring back fond memories of that TV show.



11 July - Regular Meeting 1/4

Lion Victor's first day at the helm of the USS Pleasant Valley Lions Club and he is wondering what happened to the crowd. Per tradition all members vacate the room as soon as the meeting is called to order for the first meeting of the year. It didn't take long but the crowd that gathered in the bar slowly went back to the meeting.



Lion Hillary gave the prayer and didn't miss a beat. As you can see it wasn't very well attended but it is summertime and perhaps folks are off on vacation.

It was a good start to the year. The speaker was very interesting, the dinner, celebrating all the Germans in the club was tasty and there were lots of tails twisted.

Guest Speaker

Kathy Wertheim:

It's rare that a speaker captures the audience like Kathy Wertheim did but perhaps because her subject of supporting military veterans resonated with the many military veterans in the crowd it wasn't a surprise.

What We Do

Design, build, and operate the first comprehensive, integrated care model for veterans in this region.

Whether a veteran is high-risk or low-risk, housed or homeless, on-track or de-railed, working or retired, disabled, damaged, or debonair... GCVF offers one or more critically important services. These services improve health and quality of life, reduce suffering, prevent frustration, or often save a veteran's life.



Special Guests

Lion Lloyd came with lion Baker and it was great to see both of them although Richard is getting smaller by the day. Also great to see Celle Smith in the fold as well as PDG Mike Brown. I always have to show Guide Dog in Training WYO who brings Lion Missy to our meetings.



Regular Meeting

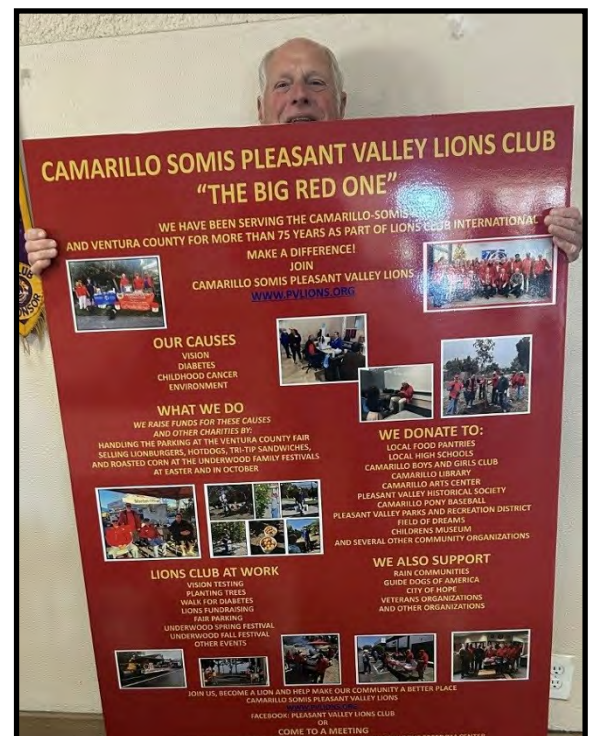
Lion Russ was the first one up to mention a few upcoming events including Farmers Markets in July and August (call Russ if you want to help) and the upcoming horseshoe contest at Carpinteria.



Lion Bill said that he is finally staffed at Fair Parking. We will have lots of folks from Channel Islands, Ambers and Santa Paula this year. Santa Paula is a third our size but has as many shifts as our club.



Lion Mike went to the podium to congratulate Lion Bob L for our new poster, which will be used at all our functions starting with Farmers Market. Unless we find a stand Bob will be holding the poster for 4 hours each day at the Market.



11 July - Regular Meeting 3/4

Tail Twisting

We had a banner tail twisting day although our tail twisters forgot about birthdays - next meeting. These are in no particular order because my mind is in no particular order. PDG Mike Brown paid up to announce that the 5K run is back on for January after a Covid layoff. Rich Hanson paid for his grandson who is working at a fishing lodge in Alaska for the summer that costs \$2000 per day (anyone ready to sign up??). Russ just had a couple of bucks that needed to go in the box. Mike is paying up for his gaff on the prayer at the installation and Sheri is paying because she said that Mike shouldn't be fined. Hillary is bragging on the 3950lbs of oranges picked at his property for Food Share (I would be too!!). The bulletin paid up because he miraculously found a lost hearing aid on his 1 acre of trees and shrubs. Bill tossed in \$5 to warn everyone that my granddaughter just passed her driving test. Mike M. paid to describe in Alaskan fishing trip. Apparently the Salmon were not running well but he did bring some fish home. Tail Twister Bellman was fined by the club for not calling Lion Mike PDG. Finally President Victor tossed in a \$20 just cause.



Dinner

Lion Bruce leads the cooking crew this year but his first duty was to introduce our guest speaker before running back to the kitchen.

Tonight was German night so Bruce was emulating the stern German demeanor that we often think of Germans; however, lion Chet didn't get the memo and looked very happy while cooking the Brats (you will have to ask him why because this is a PG-rated bulletin).

We've never had this type of dinner before and it was nice. The only (almost) German in the group, Lion Bill S. loved the German potato salad, as did I. The German chocolate cake completed the meal.



Raffles

There were three 50/50 drawings but only two were collected. First up was Neal McNutt who put the \$5 back in the pot. Next was WYO who put half back in the pot. Finally George gave up calling numbers because too many were no there and he put it back in the pot. Lion Sheri had the winning bean pot ticket for the \$158 pot but entered the long line of bean pot Losers. The pot grows and grows.





18 July - Board Meeting

It was the first board meeting of the new year and we had a full house. Lion Missy and Wyo also showed up after this photo. We even had the District Governor in house.

Lion Bill is ready to go for Fair Parking.

Lion Bob L. is working the Monarch Butterfly fence supporting Global Cause Environment.

Lion Russ got 11 lions to sign up for our BBQ for Wings of Camarillo

Donations

- Friends for Field Workers/Backpacks: Approved 50 backpacks at \$25 each - \$1250.
DG Rich asked us to provide backpacks for field workers children to be filled with school supplies by other clubs and distributed at the first district meeting.
- Target Shopping Spree: Approved spree for up to 40 children with cost at \$125 to \$200 per child depending on age.
- Brain Injury Center BBQ for 40 for auction.
- Throwback Thursday at Ranch House: Donated \$1000 for insurance for two band performances.
- Half page add in PV Historical Society bulletin honoring new Dons Lions Lloyd and Russ. \$145
- Full page add MD4-A3 brochure honoring PV Lions and DG Rich: \$250



Thank You Letters

- Health Care Foundation — **\$15,000**
- Los Posas PTA — **Lion Burger BBQ**
- California Lions Foundation — **\$4,000**
- Pleasant Valley Historical Society — **\$1000** — Total to date—**\$3700** for building fund
- Save Our Kids Music — **\$6,000**
- Many Mansions — **\$1000**
- The Hearing Foundation — **New hearing aids for patient**
- Brain Injury Center — **\$3400**

Thanks from: Health Care Foundation



July 5, 2023

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

Reference: 2023 Phase 2 LCIF Matching Grant Donation

Dear Lions Club Treasurer George Graham,

Thank you for your generosity in donating to Health Care Foundation for Ventura County, Inc. (HCFVC) on behalf of your Ojai Valley Lions Club. As you know, HCFVC is a nonprofit public benefit corporation that exclusively benefits our Ventura County Health Care Agency (VCHCA) and especially its hospitals Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC) and Santa Paula Hospital. HCFVC is currently supporting Lions District 4-A3 in its endeavor to apply for the LCIF Matching Grant of \$100,000.

Your club's gift of \$15,000.00 via check #2053, identifies you an advocate for advancing the Lions Club mission in Ventura County, and a model for generous giving for others to follow. These funds will be utilized for medical equipment related to vision and diabetes for the vulnerable population in the public safety net health and hospital system in Ventura County. Our unified Lions effort as "Knights of the Blind" leads the way for all clubs to unify this fight against the disease of diabetes.

We appreciate your commitment and look forward to cultivating the future of health care in Ventura County with you. Thank you for your support!

In philanthropic spirit,

Amy Towner
Chief Executive Officer

Keep in touch by liking HCFVC on Facebook, follow us on Instagram @HCFVC and subscribe to our YouTube channel @HCF4VC



Please retain this letter for tax files.
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3291 Loma Vista Road, Ventura, California 93003
805-652-3361 phone



Thank
You!

Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory. Thank you for helping us serve our ~~families~~ on Open House. The burgers were yummy as always!

♡ Las Posas P.T.A.

Thank you!
Elisabeth
Exec. V.P.

LPS APPRECIATES
THE LION'S CLUB!
TOMMY HOLTKE,
PRINCIPAL

thank you ♡
Jessica
Pres.

Thanks from: California Lions Foundation



California Lions Foundation

May 27, 2023

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

Dear Pleasant Valley Lions Club:

The California Lions Foundation (CLF) thanks you for your recent donation of **\$4,000** on 3/21/23. No goods or services were received in return of this donation.

CLF is a California non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) corporation with the primary purpose of providing grants to enable California Lions to provide even greater service to their local communities.

There are more than 18,000 Lions Club members in California serving more than 700 communities. CLF strives to support projects that have long-term and far reaching effects. CLF maintains a strong commitment to helping people achieve their own potential and to implementing projects that make permanent and positive changes to their communities.

Sincerely,

Lion PDG David Hebebrand, Treasurer
California Lions Foundation, tax ID # 81-2850129

Thanks from: Pleasant Valley Historical Society



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*** Executive Committee**

Pleasant Valley Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Fed tax ID 77-0053272

Please keep this written acknowledgment of your donation for tax records. No goods or services of any value were, or will be transferred to you in connection with this donation.

May 27, 2023

Pleasant Valley Lions Club
Charities Account
PO Box 157
Camarillo, CA 93011

Dear PV Lions Club Members,

Thank you for your interest in the Pleasant Valley Historical Society's Expansion plans. We are excited about the possibilities that this new project will bring to make a larger impact for presenting and preserving the history of the Pleasant Valley.

We recently received a very generous **\$1,000** gift from you, check #2046. Your total donations for the Building Project is now **\$3,700.**

After four years of permits and planning, we have started the building project by compacting the building site ground, and leveling for the new portion of the building pad! The museum building has been completely gutted. The construction fence alerts the public that something is going on! Keep up to date by visiting our website: www.pvhsonline.org.

Thank you, again, for your dedication to our expansion plans.

Sincerely,

Bill Todd
Recording Treasurer,
Building Funding Committee

Thanks from: Save our Kid's Music



Save Our Kids' Music

Instrumental in Student Success!

June 09, 2023

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

Dear ,

Save Our Kids' Music would like to thank you for your financial participation in the Pleasant Valley School District Music Program and the Pleasant Valley School District Youth Arts Academy.

Your donation will assist us in furthering music and art education for our K-8 students.

Thank you for your recent generous donation of **\$6,000.00** on 05/25/2023 to support our students, teachers and staff. They thank you from the bottom of their hearts.

We gladly accept donations all year long. You can donate securely on-line using PayPal at www.sokm.net, using your NeonCRM account, or sending a check payable to SOKM, P.O. Box 2244, Camarillo CA 93011.

Save Our Kids' Music is a 501(c)(3) California Nonprofit Corporation and our EIN is #77-0409136.

Again, thank you for doing your part to nurture the emotional intelligence of our students and for being Instrumental in Student Success!

Sincerely,

Karen Gatchel
Chairman, Save Our Kids' Music

NOW!! THANK YOU
SO MUCH FOR YOUR
GENEROUS SUPPORT
OF MUSIC IN OUR
SCHOOLS! *Karen*



Thanks from: Many Mansions

July 10, 2023

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



Dear Members of the Pleasant Valley Lions Club,

Thank you for your donation to Many Mansions!

Your gift provides hope and assists residents on their way to building a new life. Whether a resident is learning new skills, seeking higher education, or working to support their family, you make it possible for them to begin this next chapter of their lives.

A stable place to call home is a key first step, but our work does not stop when construction is complete. With more housing projects in the pipeline each year, you ensure each Many Mansions resident is connected to new opportunities for personal growth.

Together, we are changing the lives of those who call Many Mansions home. Thank you for your support.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dalit Shlapobersky". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dalit Shlapobersky
Vice President, Resource Development

Donation: \$1,000 received on 6/29/2023

*No goods or services were provided in consideration of these gifts.
Many Mansions is a non-profit, 501(C)(3) tax-exempt organization. (Tax ID # 95-3424516)*

Thanks from: The Hearing Foundation



The Hearing Foundation

(Ear of the Lion Foundation, Inc.)

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June 15, 2023

Camarillo/Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club
P.O. Box 157
Camarillo, CA 93010

Re: Olivia Vasquez

Dear Lion Russell White, Secretary:

You may recall that your Club was the sponsoring Member Club for the hearing aids that The Hearing Foundation provided to the patient mentioned above. We are pleased to report to you that the hearing aids have been issued and the client will be fitted with the hearing aids.

We wish to thank your Club for serving as this patient's sponsoring Club. As a result of our joint efforts, one more person will now be able to hear and communicate better. We hope that you share with us the good feeling that comes from helping someone less fortunate in your community.

We look forward to serving other patients in your community who have hearing problems. If you hear of anyone else who would benefit from our program, please give us a call and we will try to find a way to help.

Please keep in mind that our hearing aid bank is always looking for donations of hearing aids. As you encounter people in your community who no longer need their hearing aids, please ask them to donate the aids to us. When asked, we provide donation statements for tax purposes for the donor.

Thank you again for your support of the Foundation. We look forward to working together with you in the future in serving other hearing impaired people.

Sincerely

Lion Terry Brooks,
Director of Membership & Development

Thanks from: Brain Injury Center



BRAIN INJURY CENTER of Ventura County

06/21/2023

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CLUB
PO Box 157
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GIFT:

VALUE: **\$3,400.00**
06/14/2023

Thank you very much for your support of brain injury survivors and their families.

Executive Director

Charles Watson, MBA

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.

Program Coordinators

Chrissy (Riley) Stamegna, CBIS
Sara Radding, LMFT, CBIS

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.

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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.

Founders Circle

Tom and Cynthia Hashbarger
Charles and Liana Staniland
Midge and Dave Stork
Linda and Rex Wells

Thank you again for your donation. You help us make a difference without government grants or asking survivors to pay fees they cannot afford. We and the clients we serve, sincerely appreciate your generosity.

No goods or services were received in exchange for this gift.

Survivors Council

Michele Evelyn
Diane Huddleson
Bernadette Lyons-Sales
Kathy Miller
Dennis Wood

Best Wishes,

Charles Watson, Executive Director

P.S. Please contact me any time at twatson@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.

Greetings all,

Welcome to the 2023-24 Lions year (insert applause here).

Tonight will usher in the administration of **new Prez Victor M** (insert applause and Slovakian noisemakers here).

Our guest speaker will be **Kathy Wertheim**, from the *Gold Coast Veterans* organization (insert applause, noisemakers, and the mating call of a baritone Lemon Crested Warbler here).

Our quote for today comes from Hall of Fame great (and MLB's true homerun king) **Hank Aaron**: "It took me 17 years to get 3,000 hits, and I did it in one afternoon on the golf course."

Your clandestine mission, should you decide to accept it, is to provide the name of any guest presenter and/or any request for funding to be considered at the meeting.

As always, if you decide to abort this mission, we will post your photo on our website homepage and tell everyone that you dress like the members of ABBA while at home.

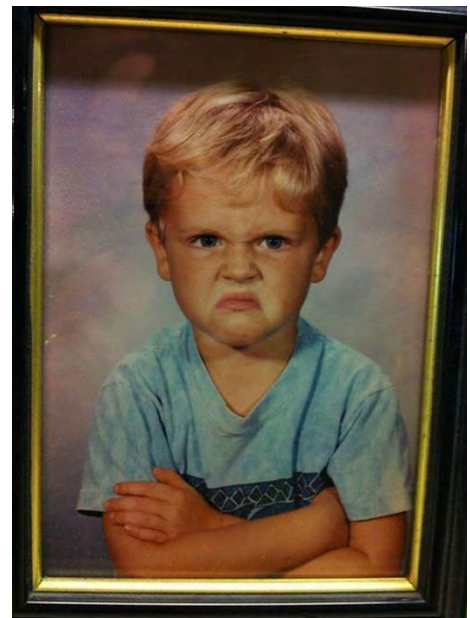
Please also note that, for the next four meetings, Hillary L will be **taking photos** of each of us for the updated Club Directory.

Please remember to:

- Wear your nametag
- Smile (please refer to the above photo)
- Don't slouch

And, absolutely no impromptu tai chi moves will be permitted prior to, or during your photo shoot. The individual in the photo was cautioned about this condition, but he still pushed the envelope and was duly reprimanded.

The first five individuals to arrive at the site will be told the outcome of the stare-down contest between Barnabas butterfly and Horatio the pooch. This was, of course, a fierce battle within the flyweight division (OK, OK...sorry).



22 July - Farmers Market

It was a beautiful day at the Market and we all commiserated with most of the rest of the country experiencing 100+ deg weather.

Four of us “manned” the booth that now included our new Lions poster. We had duplicate flyers and gave many away to interested parties.

As always Lion John came by to collect a nice haul of eye glasses. Lion Bill brought a few glasses and showed off his PVLions.org QR code for the youngsters. We even had a visit from one prospective new member. Expect him at our next meeting to sign up.

We even collected two nearly new pairs of hearing aids that will go to the Hearing Foundation.





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TOURNAMENT

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AMBER'S LIGHT LIONS

JULY 22

11AM-4PM

COME ONE COME ALL



President Victor, 1VP Bruce and Lion George represented Pleasant Valley at the Cornhole tournament on a beautiful day in the park.

I have no idea whether their corn ever found the hole but they had some fun and Ambers Light made some money for charity.

Our own 1VP, partnered with a son of an Ambers Light won the tournament.



25 July - Regular Meeting 1/3

President Victor led us off promptly at 1830 and introduced our guest speaker.

GUEST SPEAKER ~ Katrina Maldonado, *Autism Society Ventura County*

The Autism Society Ventura County was founded in 1994 by local parents, educators and professionals to help support newly-diagnosed families and develop needed local resources. The Autism Society Ventura County was founded in 1994 by local parents, educators and professionals to help support newly-diagnosed families and develop needed local resources.. The mission of the Autism Society Ventura County is to create connections, empowering everyone in the Autism Community to live fully. We work to promote lifelong access and opportunity for all individuals within the autism spectrum and their families to be fully included members of the community.

Our programs are open to any individual, family, or community member impacted by autism. Our Board consists of all dedicated volunteers. Katrina spoke from the heart since she has a child with autism as well as two nephews and was very engaged with the audience. There were lots of questions and comment from the crowd. For more info go to the [Autism Society Ventura website](#) for more info.

Meeting

Pres. Victor and DG Rich gave out a few belated awards to Lions Bill (Lions Friends in Sight and PV Lion of the year) and Mike (Melvin Jones Plaque).

Past Pres. Mike was at it again bringing a potential new member. Let's hope he returns and joins.

We had an official visitation from Ventura Downtown. They included one PCC/PDG, 3 PDG's and the immediate past president. Lots of PDG's in Ventura.

- 2VP Bob requested help to build a fence at the monarch butterfly habitat in Oxnard.
- 1VP Bruce gave a rundown on the corn-hole tournament, which he won.
- PP George discussed the upcoming kids shopping spree where we expect up to 40 kids.



25 July - Regular Meeting 2/3

It was great to see Lion Don Mingay back at the meeting. He has new pace maker and is feeling fine.

Pres. Victor wanted an up-to-date PV Lions booklet and Lions Hillary and Wim were only too happy to oblige. Over the next few meetings All PV



Lions will sit for Hillary in a very professional setting. I was the very first guinea pig on stage so *I expect to be on the cover of the new booklet.....*

Dinner

Dinner was our traditional Santa Maria Style dinner and it was great.

We had the first visit of the year from *The Shadow* and he approved the appetizers from Chet and the tri-tip, beans and chicken from Mike, Kerry, Bruce and Anthony.



Tail Twisting

The photos are in no particular order but I think that I got all the twisted tails.

- Dave Seidler celebrated his 48th anniversary.
- Don Seidler said that at 98 he is the oldest member of the club.
- PDG Mike McBain just wanted to tell a few jokes (groan) so he paid for the privilege.
- Sherri is back on her motorcycle!!!
- Bakker is glad to be on the green side of the grass.
- Joe Wetter is paying up again for his star volleyballer grandson who just joined a French #1 team.
- Ventura Downtown PDG Gerry Blake put \$5 into the pot for the 5 members of his club at the meeting.
- PP Mike M. put cash in the pot thanking the club for the flowers for Donna at the installation.



Raffles

We had three winners but only one good picture for the 50/50: lions Dave S., Bob L., and Tom D.

Twister Lion Dick joined the long list of **Bean Pot LOSERS**





Carpinteria Lions Club Annual Horseshoe Tournament

The tournament was a success for the City of Hope thanks to Carpinteria, Pleasant Valley, Ambers Light, Ventura Downtown and Goleta Lions Clubs. The total haul from the event was \$1400. Each club donated an amount up to \$250 depending upon size.

The entire PV Lion contingent produced 2 1/2 teams for the event and even won a few games but the last two teams standing had the ‘home-court-advantage’ — Carpinteria



Here is the entire crowd, minus the photographer, doing its best to sing the Star Spangled Banner. This was our first official visitation of the year.



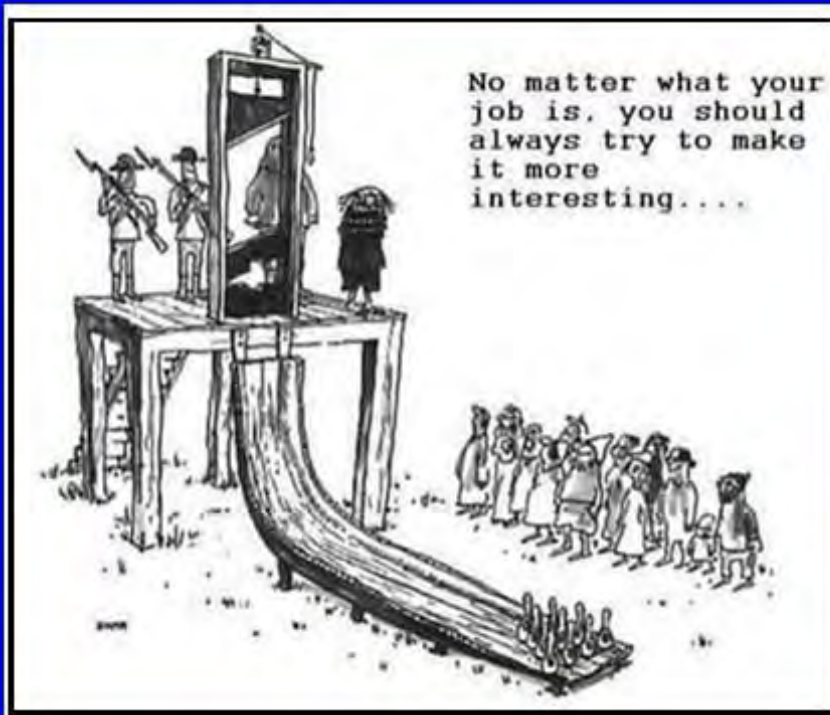
27 July Annual Horseshoe Tournament in Carpinteria

Lion Lloyd came along to cheer the group and to act as a decoy in case Lion Mike wanted to steal their banner but they were prepared and didn't even hang a banner — Chickens~!

Here are a few photos to show our pitchers and to illustrate the proper pitching form, although there were a few times I had to yell **"Incoming"** because their pitching aim was not tuned in yet..

One winner of the event from Carpinteria is shown at very bottom right. He looked way to young to be a Lion but he did know how to pitch a horseshoe.





Notice from the Association of Psychiatrists

Dear citizens,
 During the quarantine it is considered normal to talk to your plants and pets.
 Kindly contact us only if they reply.

There is an island which is disputed territory between Canada and Denmark. The militaries of both countries periodically visit to remove the other guy's flag and leave a bottle of Danish schnapps or Canadian whiskey. This is what happens when nice countries fight.

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WHAT WE DO

WE RAISE FUNDS FOR THESE CAUSES
AND OTHER CHARITIES BY:

HANDLING THE PARKING AT THE VENTURA COUNTY FAIR
SELLING LIONBURGERS, HOTDOGS, TRI-TIP SANDWICHES,
AND ROASTED CORN AT THE UNDERWOOD FAMILY FESTIVALS
AT EASTER AND IN OCTOBER



WE DONATE TO:

LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES
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CAMARILLO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
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CAMARILLO ARTS CENTER
PLEASANT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CAMARILLO PONY BASEBALL
PLEASANT VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT
FIELD OF DREAMS
CHILDRENS MUSEUM
AND SEVERAL OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



LIONS CLUB AT WORK

VISION TESTING
PLANTING TREES
WALK FOR DIABETES
LIONS FUNDRAISING
FAIR PARKING

UNDERWOOD SPRING FESTIVAL
UNDERWOOD FALL FESTIVAL
OTHER EVENTS

WE ALSO SUPPORT

RAIN COMMUNITIES
GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA
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VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS
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OR

COME TO A MEETING

WE MEET AT 6PM ON THE 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT THE FREEDOM CENTER
515 EUBANKS STREET, CAMARILLO (CAMARILLO AIRPORT, WEST GATE)



29 July - Monarch Butterfly Habit Construction in Oxnard

Lion 2VP Bob Larson leads our Environment Global Cause and he is working with Lion Renata Hundley from Oxnard Lions to build a fence to cordon off a Monarch Butterfly habitat in Oxnard. PV Lions donated \$1000 to supplement the \$1000 grant from the CA Lions Foundation to construct the fence. Most of the fence materials were stored at our yard off Dawson. Lion Bob rented a post hole digger and dug all the holes before the group below showed up to place the posts and insert the concrete. There were only two PV Lions plus Bob's friend Robert Hamming plus Renata and a few Oxnard Lions. They worked till about 1:30, it was too warm after that. They will finish up after the Fair.



Some monarch butterflies migrate 3,000 miles

No animal on Earth travels quite like the eastern monarch butterfly. Its journey begins in the early days of spring on a few mountains in central Mexico. Millions of the monarchs (*Danaus plexippus plexippus*) fill the branches of oyamel firs, and as the temperature warms up, they soak in the sun and begin their epic journey northward — a 3,000-mile trip that looks more like a bird's migration than an insect's.



But it's not only the miles that make the butterfly's journey so remarkable — it's also the means. A typical monarch butterfly lives for only about four weeks, not nearly long enough to complete the journey to the northern U.S. and Canada. So the migration becomes a multi-generational one. In a typical year, it will take four generations for Monarch butterflies to finish the seasonal quest their great-grandparents started.

August 2023 Birthdays

HAPPY
Birthday



Certificate

Happy Birthday Month

Good for ONE drink at the bar



Clementi	Paul	8/1
Flores	Joe	8/4
Grimes Jr	Gregory	8/24
Hanson	Richard	8/7
Moore	Robert "Bob"	8/15



Horoscope: Leo - Virgo

- Leos expect their Clappers to applaud when they enter a room.
- Leos are said to resemble lions. This means that they are loud, have cleft upper lips and slimy noses.
- Leos snack on monkeys while watching "Entertainment Tonight".
- Humility frightens Leos. That is why Jesus was a Capricorn, Buddha was an Aries, and so forth. However, "radical cult leader" is not out of the question. Leos like to start fights with Aries.
- Virgos are a pain in the ass. You regulate your breathing and color-coordinate the clothes in your closet.
- No Virgo in history has ever belched. Virgos clean every square inch of everything they own twice daily with a toothbrush. Everything has its place, and yours is on the floor scrubbing with a magnifying glass, checking for germs. Obsessive-compulsive disorder? A nice euphemism for the word "Virgo".
- Virgos use pointers and elaborate charts to describe philosophical concepts.

PV Lions Calendar 2023-24

- Aug 2-13 **Fair Parking**
- Aug 8 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Aug 15 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Aug 18 **Wings over Camarillo BBQ**
- Aug 19 **District Meeting - B&G Club**
- Aug 22 **Family Night -Kildee Park**
- Aug 26 **Farmers Market**
- Sep 12 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Sep 19 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Sep 26 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Sep 30-Aug 29 **October Fest (weekends)**
- Oct 10 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Oct 17 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Oct 24 **Charter Night - O-Club**
- Nov 5 **Diabetes Walk - Const. Park**
- Nov 14 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Nov 21 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Nov 28 **Regular Meeting (DG Visit) - O-Club**
- Dec 12 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Dec 15 **Christmas Party - Los Posas C.C.**
- Dec 19 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**





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

Dear Lion,

I believe that the power to make the world a better place is in our hands. Our impact is what makes being a Lion so special. Every small act of service creates a personal impact, and the collective impact of our kindness can change the world forever. That's why "Changing the World" is my message to Lions and to the world.

Changing the World begins with us. It begins when we change the lives of the people we serve and find ourselves changed as well. It grows when we change our communities by bringing them to the table and inviting them to become the change they wish to see. It multiplies when we show the world that real change is truly possible and that Lions are Changing the World—one life, one relationship and one community at a time.

Serving as your international president is an incredible honor. You and I, together, can make a difference. Let's be bold and lead the way forward to a better future and a world of change.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President

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INVITE YOU FOR A SPAGHETTI LUNCH

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**Spaghetti, salad,
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**WALK
TO
END
ALZHEIMER'S**
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION



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**MD4-A3 DISTRICT
CABINET OFFICERS
INSTALLATION &
FIRST DISTRICT MEETING**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19
CAMARILLO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**LUNCH BY
JERSEY MIKE'S SUBS
\$10 PER PERSON**

**STAY TUNED FOR
REGISTRATION INFORMATION!**



Relay For Life of Ventura

Saturday, September 9, 2023
10:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Ventura County Credit Union
2575 Vista Del Mar
Ventura, CA

Fighting cancer takes many things like research, free rides to chemo and lodging near hospitals, and our 24/helpline. But we can't do any of that without you. Join Relay For Life, the largest, most inspiring, and supportive cancer fundraising event on the planet.

Help attack cancer in our community.

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RelayForLife.org/venturaca



Lions and LEOs.

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

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

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

On day two, the Host Committee, led by Lion PDG Linda Wagner-Griffen, joined the Planning Committee. More details were defined. The Host Committee is the "Boots on the Ground" for any Forum. They are already working on their tasks and organizing volunteers. To host a Forum requires 400 plus volunteers. Since no one wants to work the entire Forum, the more volunteers available, the more chance there is for everyone to have some Forum time and volunteer time. If you would like to volunteer contact Manpower Coordinator, PCC Don Gall at dongal195336@gmail.com.

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

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

Jama

PV Lions Committees 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

50 years ago, they tried to stop Katherine Switzer from running the Boston Marathon because she was a woman. Last month, at 70, she ran it again wearing the same number.

