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Reflections From the Desk of Lion Victor

Over the past five months, our club has been doing a great job serving the community and successfully hosting events that raised a substantial amount of funds. It's clear that we're on track for a good year and we should feel proud of what we've achieved together.



Now, let's shift our focus to view our club more like a business, as our long-term survival depends on it. We need to take a closer look at our strengths and weaknesses, create a plan, establish a vision, and set achievable goals with timelines. To kick off this process, we've sent out a survey to all members. Your honest feedback is crucial, so please take a moment to complete and return the survey.

We're adopting a modified version of the LCI's Global Membership Approach (GMA) to guide our efforts. Additionally, we'll form a task force or committee within our club to address challenges, implement our plan, and set realistic goals. With the talents within our club, we're confident in overcoming obstacles and ensuring the ongoing success of our club. Together, we'll strengthen our foundation and move towards sustained success.

With that, I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in service,
Victor Martinez, President

Agents of Change!



1 Nov - Harvest Festival 2023 is all done!!!

Nine lions, 6 from PV and 3 from SP with lots of trucks took down the Underwood Farms Harvest Festival venue in less than 2 hours and returned all equipment to our yard. It was completed in about 4 hours. Santa Paula's help was greatly appreciated. Afterward we all assembled at Cronies for lunch for a celebratory lunch.

Lion Kerry is being bathed in a ray of sunshine.



TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

DG Rich Visits Arroyo Grande

DG Rieh is working his way through all the clubs and is about half way there. Below you have a group photo. PDG Dave Hubbard attended.

The photo at right shows DG Rich awarding a governors pin to a member who has brought in nine new members. Clearly we have a lot to aspire to.






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Second District Meeting

SATURDAY November 4, 2023

Joslyn Adult Recreation Center
950 Main St, Cambria

8-9 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Cabinet Meeting 8:30 a.m.
District Meeting



It looks like many of us missed a nice party in Cambria on the Friday before the second District Meeting. DG Rich was very impressed with the party!!





Including District Governor Rich, Pleasant Valley had five lions at the second district meeting. They included President Victor, district treasurer George, Lloyd and Bill Schulze.

DG Rich thought that this was the best meeting that he has been to in a long time. It all started with the beach party and morphed into a great meeting. In particular he liked the training sessions and leadership activities. We haven't done much training in a while due to Covid so it was missing and clearly needed if we are to grow and improve our district

PDG Juanita Nichola had a lot of roles at the meeting. She discussed global membership, which is of primary concern to LCI and our district of course. Also, she discussed new member orientation and later introduced PDG Mark Piva who is a candidate for International Director. Our last International Director Howard Hudson from Santa Barbara gave an update on LCIF.



I didn't get a photo of Santa Paula Glenda Learn from the meeting so I used one from Underwoods cleanup. She attended to discuss Leos and I can't think of a better lion for this topic. She coordinates over 50 Leos at Santa Paula and managed to get 26 of them to our Harvest Festival. She must be doing something right so it was appropriate to share her Leo wisdom to the district.



Bottom left we have Lion Cheryl Taylor from Conejo Valley who you may recognize from our Halloween party; she changed her hair and outfit for the meeting. Cheryl is our district representative for the City of Hope and has been involved with them for 25 years.



The peace poster contest was voted on but we will have to wait so see the winner because PV has entrants. Tom Berry discussed Disaster Relief and PDG Margaret Dunleavy handled the service project, SLO Food Bank.



Eye Screening 2023

The first three screenings in November were all for Ocean View school district. The first was at Mar Vista and the good news is that Lloyd did not offer one kid a doggy or kitty treat to keep them in line. .

Next up was Ocean View JHS and it took till 12:30 because the kids came from gym class. We had the honor of our DG taking a few hours off from his district duties to join us lowly lions.

We had four lions at Briggs and Olive Lands (Bill, Russ, Jan and BobT). We completed both schools in 2 1/2 hours with 231 screenings - broke a speed record!! Russ, Lloyd and Bill completed Ocean View district with 250 screenings in time for two of them to join us at the Camarillo PD BBQ.

DG Rich with Russ and Tom made it to another screening in Oak Park. They are shown with nurse Allie and Jennie. The biggest school, Medea Creek is next in line. Medea Creek, bottom right took four lions till 2:30pm to screen 384 kids.

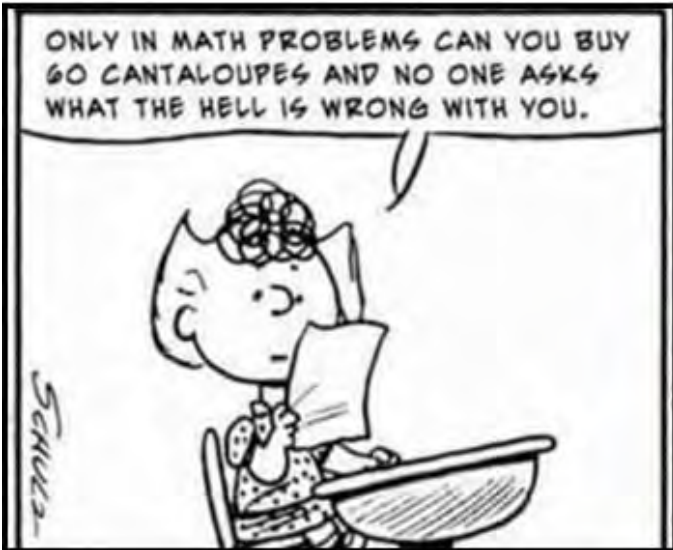
2329 Screenings this year!



EYE SCREENING SCHEDULE FOR 2023-2024

#	DATE	SCHOOL	CITY	SCREENED	Total	CREW
1	28-Sep-23	Oak Hills Elem.	Oak Park	263	263	Russ, Tom, BobT
2	2-Oct-23	Brookside Elem.	Oak Park	240	503	Russ, Tom, BobL
3	30-Oct-23	Oak Park H.S.	Oak Park	104	607	Russ, Tom, BobT
4	1-Nov-23	Laguna Vista Elem	Oxnard	157	764	Russ, Lloyd, Bills
5	2-Nov-23	Mar Vista Elem	Oxnard	230	994	Russ, Lloyd, BobT
6	6-Nov-23	Ocean View J.H.	Oxnard	204	1198	Russ, Rich, BobT
7	7-Nov-23	Olive Land	Santa Paula	107	1215	Russ, BobT, Bill, Jan
8	7-Nov-23	Briggs	Santa Paula	124	1429	Russ, BobT, Bill, Jan
9	8-Nov-23	Tierra Vista Elem.	Oxnard	250	1679	Russ, Lloyd, Bills
10	9-Nov-23	Red Oak Elem.	Oak Park	266	1945	Russ, Tom, Rich
11	14-Nov-23	Medea Creek M.S.	Oak Park	384	2329	BobT, BobL, Bill, Tom

Funnies from Lloyd



**Just before I die,
I am going to
swallow a bag
of popcorn
kernels.
My cremation is
going to be epic!**



I WENT BY THE HOUSE I GREW UP IN, AND ASKED IF I COULD GO IN AND LOOK AROUND. THEY SAID NO AND SLAMMED THE DOOR.



8 Nov - BBQ for Camarillo Police Dept. 1/3

Lion Bob Larson coordinated with the Camarillo PD to organize an appreciation day for the Camarillo Police for all they do to keep our city safe.

We had a lunch of tri-tip, chicken, beans, salad and garlic bread for about 45 sheriffs and staff. We left a lot of food for the late shift. Lions Mike, Kerry and Chet bought all the fixins. As you can see we had a lot of help cooking and serving including Chet, Kerry, Victor, Jan, BobL, BobT and MikeM.

The Shadow brought a friend to watch over the event.



8 Nov - BBQ for Camarillo Police Dept. 2/3

Lion Chet had a training session on how to make garlic bread and Pres. Victor was the trainee for the day *with five lion observers/instructors*. Lion Kerry documented the session so I had to give Victor his own page for posterity.

Victor is now fully certified on garlic bread!!



8 Nov - BBQ for Camarillo Police Dept. 3/3

Lions Chet and Kerry cooked the tri-tip and chicken to perfection. Jan made the salad, Victor and Bob L. made the bread and the Bulletin made the chili. Lion Mike M. helped serve and clean up with the rest of us.

Lions Lloyd and Russ finished up eye screening in Oxnard and stopped by for a bowl of chili. By the time they got there we had already wrapped up all the leftovers and given them to the PD for the later shift so only chili remained. Lion John K. stopped by and he even had a bowl of chili.

Chief Eric Tennesen took the photo below.

The sheriffs were very appreciative.



Special Days of Remembrance

9 Nov - Berlin Wall Falls

“Today is a historic day in many ways: On This Day 1989, Berlin Wall fell, marking the beginning of a new era for Germany, Europe & the world; paving the way for German reunification. We celebrate this happy day in our history & remember those who lost their lives. during division.” Christina Beinhoff



10 Nov - Marine Corps Birthday

The United States Marine Corps Birthday is an American holiday celebrated every year on **10 November** with a traditional ball and cake-cutting ceremony. On that day in **1775**, the Continental Marines were established.

On November 10, 2023, U.S. Marines around the globe will celebrate 248 years of success on the battlefield and reaffirm their commitment to our Corps' proud legacy of honor, courage and commitment. This year, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Eric M. Smith and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Carlos A. Ruiz remind us all that Marines are professional warfighters who have earned their reputation of discipline and lethality in the crucible of combat.



11Nov - Veterans Day

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, D.C., became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m.,

November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all wars,"

November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

Armistice Day Changed To Honor All Veterans.

The first celebration using the term Veterans Day occurred in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947. Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized "National Veterans Day," which included a parade and other festivities, to honor all veterans. The event was held on November 11, then designated Armistice Day. Later, U.S. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, Congress passed the bill that President Eisenhower signed proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

On Memorial Day 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought from overseas and interred in the plaza beside the unknown soldier of World War I. One was killed in World War II, the other in the Korean War. In 1984, an unknown serviceman from the Vietnam War was placed alongside the others. The remains from Vietnam were exhumed May 14, 1998, identified as Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, and removed for burial. To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil



Meeting

The meeting started out on a somber note when Pres. Victor asked for a moment of silent prayer for Lion Ken Anderson. Lion Ken was a long time and extremely valuable member of Lions and our community and he will be missed. There will be a memorial service for Past President Ken on 2 Dec at Conejo Valley followed by lunch cooked by PV Lions.



Although several of our members attended a DG visitation in Castaic we still had a reasonably sized crowd at the meeting. Conejo Valley Lions had an official visit and managed to find Lion Hillary's camera lens. They all should look familiar from Underwoods where they were a great help. Also, the lady lions at the ends attended our Charter night Halloween party.



Dinner

We had lots of left over tri-tip rolls from the Harvest Festival so Lion Chet decided to fill them with pulled port for our dinner. Chet's cooking crew included lions Bruce, Jan and Kerry and Anthony. Desert was pumpkin pie with lots of whipped cream.



Guest Speaker:

Laurie Samaan

GIGI's Playhouse.

Our Mission and Purpose:

To change the way the world views Down syndrome and to send a global message of acceptance for all.

Our Vision:

To see a world where individuals with Down syndrome are accepted and embraced in their families, schools, and communities.

Our Niche:

We change lives through the consistent delivery of free educational, therapeutic-based, and career development programs for individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and the community, through a replicable playhouse model.

Our Promise:

A lifetime commitment to families.

With over 57+ brick-and-mortar locations across the United States and Mexico and 200 inquiries to start new locations all over the world, GiGi's Playhouse is the ONLY network of Down Syndrome Achievement Centers. Every day, we provide FREE, life-changing therapeutic, educational, and career training programs for 30,000+ individuals of all ages.

Laurie Samaan was a terrific speaker who engaged the crowd and educated us all on children with Down syndrome who can and do grow into productive members of our society.

Gigi's Playhouse provides opportunities to help children and their families and it deserves our support.



Our Simi Valley playhouse will be opening in late 2023! We invite you to scan the QR code and sign up for our newsletter to stay updated on our ongoing events and grand opening date. We look forward to welcoming your family. (Note: if Ventura County is too far for you, there are GiGi's Playhouses open now in Orange County, San Diego & Sacramento.)

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 Phone: (818) 469-6261 (Laurie)*



Peace Poster Contest

Lion Dan Goldberg took the reigns of our peace poster contest and had 5 drawings that were presented at the meeting. All five are shown on the following page. This was the first peace poster contest we've entered for a while. Pres. Victor thanked him for his effort.

The winner is shown directly below. I showed these to my artist wife and she agreed with our selection for a variety of reasons that are beyond my engineer's brain. Daniel submitted the drawing to the district on the last day possible for consideration.

Neither Hillary nor I got a photo of Lion Victor putting some cash in the tail twister box thanking Lion Dan for his effort but it definitely happened; *thanks Victor and Dan!*



Oxnard Fire Dept/Red Cross. Smoke Alarms

Lion Dick Bellman wears **two Red Shirts**, one for Lions and one for the Red Cross. He was on stage to encourage us to help install some of the 3000 smoke alarms by February in Oxnard homes of community members in need.

Installation will require several 3 person teams and training will be provided. I know that you all understand how to install a smoke alarm but we will get educated on the best locations and the proper way of interacting with the community members. We will need to volunteer with the Red Cross for insurance reasons and Lion Dick will help in that process.

Contact Lion Dick if you can help.



Upcoming Events

Lion Tom Berman invited us to participate in the Magic Yarn Project that they are sponsoring. There are 3 spots open and one was immediately filled by Lion Jan.

Lion Dick thanked Lion Cheryl Taylor from Conejo for her work with the City of Hope. She has been doing this for 25 years and is now the district rep for the City of Hope.

Lion Bob Larson invited all veterans and other lions to attend our check donation to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program in two days at the memorial by City Hall. Lion Victor invited all to the Walk for Diabetes this Saturday.

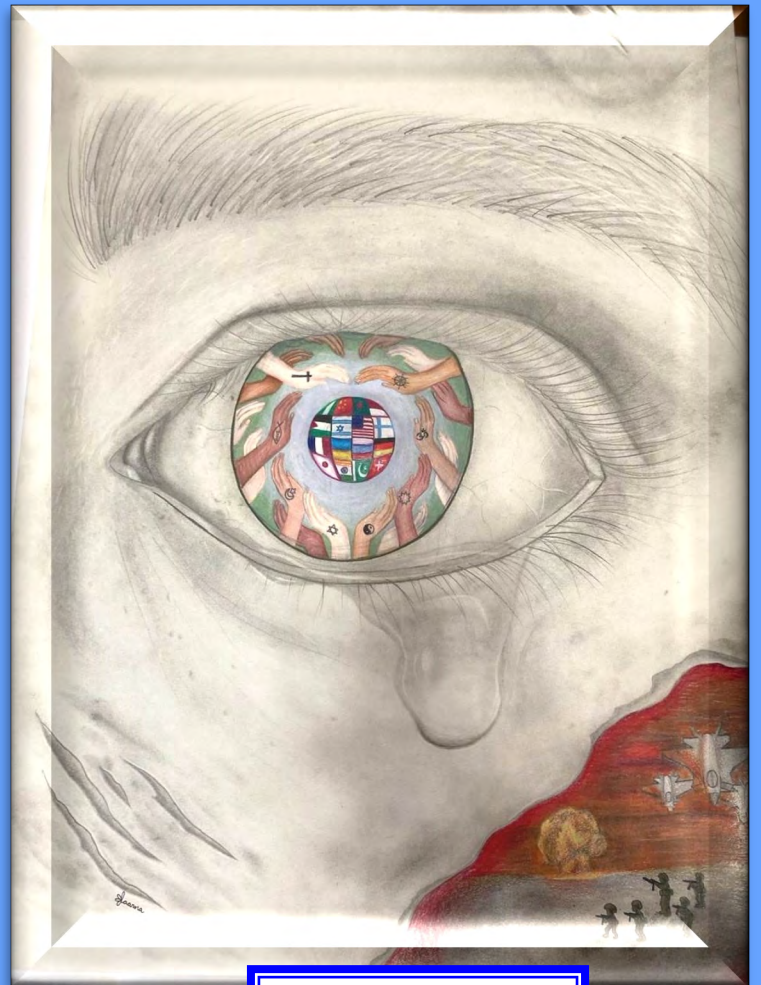
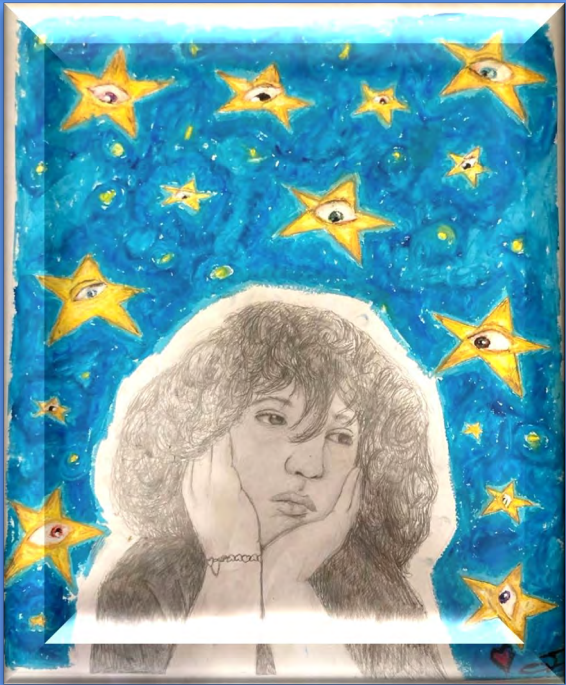
Tail Twisting

Lion Joe tossed in some cash for Gigi's Playhouse. Lion Dick asked all who partook in refreshments sans ticket since nobody sold them. He got about a dozen donations. Lion Bob tossed in a few times for our Trunk or Treat participation, completion of eye screening thanking all who participated, particularly Lion Russ who coordinated the effort and for a "free" drink. Lion George paid up for missing Charter Night although he didn't miss it that much because he was enjoying himself elsewhere. Lion Dick visited an Oregon Lions club that only had a few members and tossed in cash recognizing our great club.

Bruce is leading us to the Pumpkin Pie with whipped cream.



Peace Poster Contest Entries 2023 "Dare to Dream"



Winner

Oxnard FD/Red Cross - Free Smoke Alarm Installation Opportunity



Just one day of your life can change someone else's forever.



Join our growing movement.

Together, the American Red Cross, Oxnard Fire Department and partners are aiming to install 3000 *FREE* smoke alarms by the end of February in the Oxnard community and we need your help to do it.

Working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death from home fires in half. That's why we're rallying volunteers to *Sound the Alarm*. You and your fellow team members will be installing smoke alarms and providing home fire education to community members in need (all training will be provided!).

Experience rewarding days connecting with other volunteers and the families you'll help.

Saturday, November 18th

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Oxnard, TBD

Saturday, December 2

7:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Oxnard, TBD

Saturday, January 13

7:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Oxnard, TBD

Saturday, January 27

7:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Oxnard, TBD

Saturday, February 10

7:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Oxnard, TBD

Saturday, February 24

7:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Oxnard, TBD

Register by scanning the QR Code

(Find the event you would like to sign-up for within the calendar list.)



Learn more at SoundTheAlarm.org



14 Nov - Visitation to Castaic and LA Mid-Valley Lions

On 14 November, DG Rich Cervantes made his official visitation to the combined CASTAIC-SANTA CLARITA and MID-VALLEY Lions Clubs. Accompanying him were Lions 1st Vice District Governor Jason Laird, Pleasant Valley Lions Bill Schulze, Richard Baker, and Lloyd Christie, and Ambers Light Lions Zone 6 Chair Mary Ann Novak and Kim Dallape.

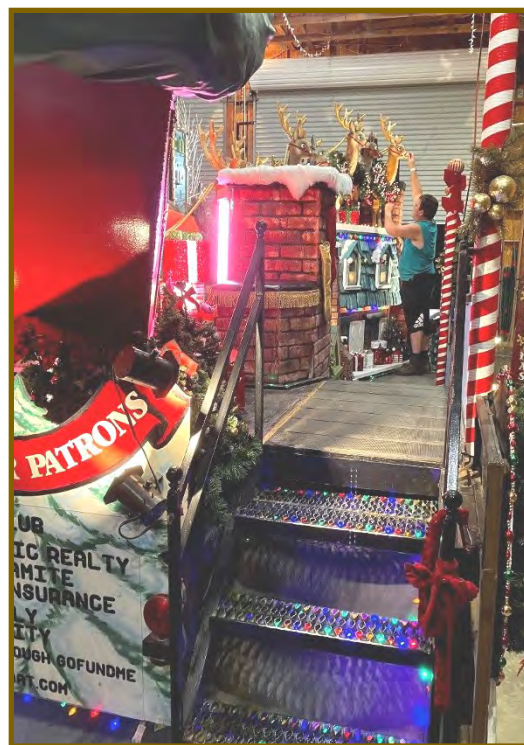
The meeting was held in a “barn” resembling an aircraft hangar in which the finishing touches **were being applied to their Christmas float by a BLIND Lion**. This float is dispatched to various locations during the season and also functions as a depository for non-perishable food items which are distributed to the needy. The Castaic-Santa Clarita Lions were chartered in 1954 and have 22 current members coming from the Castaic, Santa Clarita, Saugus, and Valencia areas. Other than the float, this club sponsors a Thanksgiving dinner at the Senior Center, a Spartan Race, and a Golf Tournament. They make considerable use of the Boy Scouts, much as we do the Leo Clubs. They also do Spot Vision testing.

The Mid-Valley Lions Club was chartered in 2007 and currently has 17 members coming from the Reseda, Northridge, and West Hills areas.

DG Rich gave his usual upbeat presentation and pointed out that District 4A3 now represents 4 county areas; Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and part of Los Angeles county. He stressed the fact that he works for the club members and membership does not work for him, and he is available, along with the other District officers to help the clubs with any problems. The Big Red One should be proud to have Lion Rich representing us, and I would like to point out that it is customary for the audience to stand when the District Governor is introduced and I hope his home club could show him this respect when he makes his official visitation — **hint**.

The meal was delicious, and the Lions were friendly, as expected. We have added some good clubs to our district.

Lion Lloyd



16 Nov - Marine Corps Reserve - Toys for Tots

Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions donated \$500 to the **Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program**. Four Lions including Bob Larson, Jack Eberts, Don Mingay and Bob Taylor showed up at the Veterans Memorial at City Hall to give the check to **Local Toys for Tots Campaign Coordinator Jenn Lemonnier**. The Acorn even showed up to take a photo.

MISSION: The mission of Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is to assist the U. S. Marine Corps in providing a tangible sign of hope to economically disadvantaged children at Christmas. This assistance includes supporting the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program by raising funds to provide toys to supplement the collections of local Toys for Tots campaigns, to provide promotional and support material and defray the costs of conducting annual Toys for Tots campaigns. Other Foundation support includes providing administrative, advisory, financial, logistic and promotional support to local Toys for Tots Coordinators; managing funds raised and monies donated based on the use of Toys for Tots name or logo; providing other support the Marine Corps, as a federal agency, cannot provide; and conducting public education and information programs about Toys for Tots that call the general public to action in support of this patriotic community action program.

GOAL: The primary goal of the Foundation is the same as that of the overall Toys for Tots Program: i.e. – to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them into becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.



Lions Victor, MikeN, Jan and George helped make wigs for juvenile cancer patients in Conejo Valley.

This project organized initially by Ambers Light Lions has prospered and grown to a district approved project and likely to an LCIF approved project.

Lion Mike was the photographer so that is why he isn't shown and he graciously didn't provide any selfies.

This is a special project and we are proud to support it.

CONEJO VALLEY LIONS CLUB



Invites you to join us for a workshop for

The Magic Yarn Project



19 Nov Magic Yarn Project 2/2

Sec. George was there to support the project originated by Lion Chris, bottom center and has become a wig making pro.

PDG Dr. Sodani from India has been on a 4A3 District tour and likely will take this project idea back home.



21 Nov - Board Meeting

We had a full house including our district governor who must have had a day off from his club visits. I think that I patched the entire group together; trust that I didn't miss anyone. Rich and his entourage will be at our next regular meeting and he already requested Dodger Dogs for dinner. Chet needs to find those huge dogs we had at Orcutt a few months ago. I never saw a dog that large unless it was attached to four legs.



New Business

- **Harvest Festival.** Lion Bill provided an overview of sales at the event. PV Lions provided almost half of the total manpower with 36 Lions at the event. As a result our payroll to other clubs dropped from last year. Bill complimented Bruce on the signup genius and "himself" on our new number system for food pickup.
- **Smoke Alarm install.** Lion Bellman wasn't in attendance but we are looking for several teams of 3 to install alarms in Oxnard via an Oxnard FD grant. We will try to get teams established at the next meeting to start install in Dec.
- **Lion Ken Anderson's Memorial BBQ.** Lion Bruce is coordinating with the family to cook our traditional Santa Maria BBQ at the service on 2 Dec for as many as 500 people. It will be done at cost.
- **BBQ for 50 on 1 Dec for Dial Security.** Lion MikeN will be seeking help.

Donations

- **GiGi's Playhouse.** \$5000 towards a new playhouse in Simi Valley for Down Syndrome children.
- **Holiday Balls.** \$3500 to purchase 150 balls for the Woody Woodburn annual holiday ball program. Lion John Knittle will purchase but will need help buying them.
- **Peace Poster Contest.** \$500 to be distributed by Lion Dan Goldberg to the 5 contest entrants. The funds will be used for cash awards as well as drawing materials.
- **Red Kettle - Salvation Army.** \$1000 to be distributed. It did not require a vote because it was preapproved.
- **Guide Dog Puppy.** \$5000 for a new puppy for Lion Missy. It did not require a vote because it was preapproved.

Thank You Letters.

- Camarillo PD for BBQ
- Lions Camps at Terresita Pines
- Conejo Valley Lions
- Guide Dogs of America..



CAMARILLO POLICE DEPARTMENT



3701 E. LAS POSAS ROAD, CAMARILLO, CA 93010

October 31, 2023

Dear Pleasant Valley Lions Team,

On behalf of the Camarillo Police Department, I wanted to thank you and your team at the Pleasant Valley Lions Club for participating in our first Trunk or Treat event on October 26th.

Our goal was to provide a safe place for families to take their children to trick or treat and interact with local organizations and deputies from our station. The Camarillo Police Department Community Resources Unit reached out for assistance in making this event happen and you all responded with overwhelming support!

Your team's willingness to come out after hours to support and partner with us made our first trunk or treat a resounding success. As your team experienced, this event was attended by hundreds and hundreds of children from our local community. The turnout was larger than we expected and we could not have been successful in this venture without your support and participation.

Camarillo is a special place to live and work. This was evident with many of the interactions I had and witnessed among the various families, children, deputies, and volunteers from your organization.

We hope to make this an annual event and hope that we can count on you to return next year to make our next Trunk or Treat even better!

Thank you again for your support!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ET", written over a horizontal line.

Eric Tennesen – Chief of Police

Camarillo Police Department

THANKS FOR THE
CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Thanks from: Lions Camps at Teresita Pines



LIONS CAMPS at Teresita Pines



David Garry, Camp Manager • 22801 Big Pines Highway, PO Box 98, Wrightwood, CA 92397-0098
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November 9, 2023

Camarillo / PV Lions Club
PO Box 157
Camarillo CA 93011

Federal ID #33-0818008
California ID #2117383

Dear Camarillo-Somis / Pleasant Valley Lions Club:

The Lions Camps at Teresita Pines would like to thank you for your support of our mission:
"To provide a beautiful mountain facility for group camping, emphasizing the needs of the disabled"

We wish to let you know that we had received your generous donation of a total of **\$1000.00** towards our brand new 'Gel Blaster' program, which are toy guns that fires small water-absorbent gel balls. It's fun and safe for kids. This will add to and enhance the experience of our campers, and we have your club to thank!

Over the years, the Lions have sponsored numerous improvement projects ensuring the facility is not only a safe and clean operation, but also a fun place for children with programs we provide. We proudly serve campers with disabilities (that are blind, deaf, with autism, or diabetes).

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and the people who use our facilities, please allow me to express our gratitude for your contribution.

It takes caring people to help carry out our goals and it is only through the support from donors like you that we can continue to provide a beautiful, safe facility and fun program to our campers. Your efforts in aiding us are greatly appreciated. Your donation will go far in bettering the camp and improving the entire camp experience for campers.

With Warm Regards,

David Garry
Camp Manager

Per IRS guidelines, no goods or services were provided in exchange for your donation of \$1000.00, making it tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. This statement is specifically given to meet the donor substantiation requirements of Sec. 170 IRC



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Thanks from: Conejo Valley Lions



DATE: October 27, 2023

TO: Victor Martinez, President
Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club
P.O. Box 157
Camarillo, CA 93011

FROM: Kathy Wagner, President
Conejo Valley Lions Club
5675 Medeabrook Place
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

REFERENCE: A Heartfelt Thank You!

Dear Victor,

I am writing to on behalf of our club to thank you for the generous support from PV Lions as our club provided Lion Burgers to 200 participants at the Thousand Oaks Police Charitable Foundation (TOPCF) Golf Tournament on Thursday October 12th at Moorpark Country Club.

Proceeds from this tournament provide much of the financial support for Safe Passage Youth Foundation, which advocates on behalf of Thousand Oaks youth who are at risk of influence from gangs. Safe Passage has had a major impact on our community, and our club places a priority on supporting their efforts. Providing food and enjoyment to the golfers is our in-kind donation to enhance the success of this fundraising effort.

This was our fourth effort at this event. In prior years, we brought backyard barbeques from home. Transportation to and from the event was hard on the equipment – the wrong tool for the job – and we don't want to do that again.

This year, we decided it was time to accept the many offers of help your club has provided over the years. We approached Bruce Jochums while working at Fair Parking in August and he assured us PV Lions could help.

Your charcoal barbeque trailer was the *RIGHT* tool for the job! It was a windy day, and the side doors kept out the sand and grit that was in the air. We deeply appreciated Bruce towing the trailer and spending the day with us cooking all the burgers. He demonstrated true Lions spirit!

Please accept our heartfelt thanks to all your PV Lions, and especially to Lion Bruce. Not only did you help our club (once again), but you helped raise funds for a worthy cause in our community. We are deeply appreciative!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathy Wagner'.

Kathy Wagner, President
Conejo Valley Lions Club

Thanks from: Guide Dogs of America



Guide Dogs
of America



Tender Loving
Canines

October 19, 2023

Mr. John Fraser
Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club
P. O. Box 157
Camarillo, CA 93011

Dear John,

Enclosed is the next update on Wyo, your sponsored puppy. I am also emailing it to you so you can share with your members.

Thank you so much again for your support of our puppy sponsor program! Your next report will arrive in January.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

Warm regards and appreciation,

Judy Reilly



AGAIN WYO WANTS TO
THANK THE PLEASANT
VALLEY-CAMARILLO
SOMIS LIONS CLUB FOR
THEIR SPONSORSHIP



TO MY FELLOW LIONS,

THIS WAS A PRETTY CRAZY THREE MONTHS. WYO WAS IN HEAT AND AT GUIDE DOGS KENNEL FROM AUGUST 6- SEPTEMBER 5 DUE TO GOING INTO HEAT. WHILE SHE SPENT THE MONTH THERE SHE WAS WELL TAKEN CARE OF BY THE KENNEL TECHS. SHE GETS A LOT OF ENRICHMENT WHILE THERE AND GET A LOT OF ONE ON ONE IN THE PLAY YARD. AS MUCH AS I MISSED HER I KNEW SHE WAS IN GOOD HANDS.

IN JULY WYO STAYED WITH ANOTHER PUPPY RAISER, THE TROMANS, WHILE I HELPED GDA/TLC TRANSPORT DOGS UP TO MULE CREEK IN SACRAMENTO FOR THE TLC SERVICE PROGRAM. WYO LOVES THE TROMANS AND THEY SO LOVE WATCHING HER AND TAKING HER TO A LOT OF DIFFERENT PLACES AS YOU WILL SEE IN THE PICTURES.

WE HAD A SIMI/VENTURA GDA POOL PARTY AT OUR HOUSE FOR SEVERAL OF THE PUPPIES IN TRAINING THAT WYO HOSTED. WE TAKE THE TIME FOR THE DOGS TO GET USED TO A POOL AND USE A LOT OF POOL SAFETY AND ONLY TAKE THE DOGS INTO THE POOL IF THEY ARE INTERESTED AND SHOW THEM THE SAFE AREA TO EXIT THE POOL. THEY LOVE IT.

AUGUST WAS VERY BUSY WITH A LOT OF FAIR PARKING. WYO LOVES ALL THE ATTENTION SHE GETS FROM THE LION MEMBERS AND IS THANKFUL FOR LION JAN AND LION MERLEEN WATCHING OVER HER WHILE LION MISSY WORKS THE PARKING LINE.

WYO ALSO HELPED RAISE SOME MONEY FOR THE PINOT, PUPPIES AND PIZZA FUNDRAISER IN THE VALLEY. FROM THIS EVENT THEY USUALLY RAISE ENOUGH MONEY TO SPONSOR A PUPPY.

WYO AND I ALSO DID THE SHOPPING SPREE AT TARGET. AFTER A WHILE FINALLY THE LITTLE GIRL WARMED UP TO WYO AND HELPED ME WITH WYO IN TARGET.

WYO, JOE AND I HAD A BLAST AND SPENT A WEEK IN PISMO AND TOOK OUR RZR OUT ON THE SAND AND HAD SOME FUN WITH WYO ON THE SAND AND SHOWING HER THE OCEAN.

ON SEPTEMBER 30TH A GROUP OF US FROM THE SIMI/VENTURA GDA PUPPY GROUP SET UP AN EZ-UP AT UNDERWOOD FARMS TO GET THE WORD OUT OF OUR MISSION AND TRIED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC OF WHAT WE DO WITH OUR PUPPIES AND WHAT THEIR FUTURE SERVICE WILL BE TO SERVE OTHERS.

I CAN'T THANK THE LIONS ENOUGH AGAIN AND AGAIN OF THEIR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORTING GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA. NOT ONLY ARE YOU SPONSORING WYO YOU GRACIOUSLY HELPED US OUT AT THE FARM TO RAISE MORE MONEY FOR THE CLUB BY ASKING PEOPLE IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO ROUND OUT THEIR BILL TOWARDS THE GUIDE DOG PROGRAM. I AM SO PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH YOU GUYS,

SEE YOU AROUND.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



**ROUND UP
& CHANGE A LIFE!**



Our mission is to transform lives through partnerships with service dogs.

Your gift ensures our clients have a life filled with love, confidence, and hope in the form of a service dog.



Guide Dog WYO Training 2/3

A few examples of what WYO gets exposed to while training with Lion Missy and the staff at Guide Dogs of America.



Guide Dog WYO Training 3/3



MORE TRAINING EXERCISES FOR WYO



SPOOKY THINGS AT HOME DEPOT



ADA DOING BASIC TRAINING WITH WYO WITH STAIRS AND AN ANTIQUE STORE



ADA WITH WYO AT THE PARK



SKILLS TRAINING

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

Pot Pourri from Sec. John

We're going to visit new clubs in Castaic and Mid-Valley next Tuesday (part of Lions Region N). Do not attempt to follow the road signs on your own.

While we do appreciate your efforts and interest, there will be **No Diabetes Walk tomorrow** -- due to expected rain.

If you show up you will be detained, questioned, and fitted with an electronic ankle bracelet so we can track your activities throughout the remainder of the day.

For your own piece of mind, we recommend walking only to and from your own kitchen -- at least until you hear updates from the authorities.



Finally I understand why cars have these things...



I wonder why we are so so obsessed with trying to find intelligent life on other planets, when we can't even find intelligent life here?



I MIGHT WAKE UP EARLY AND GO RUNNING. I ALSO MIGHT WAKE UP AND WIN THE LOTTERY. THE ODDS ARE ABOUT THE SAME.

I'M AT THAT DELUSIONAL AGE WHERE I THINK EVERYONE MY AGE LOOKS WAY OLDER THAN I DO

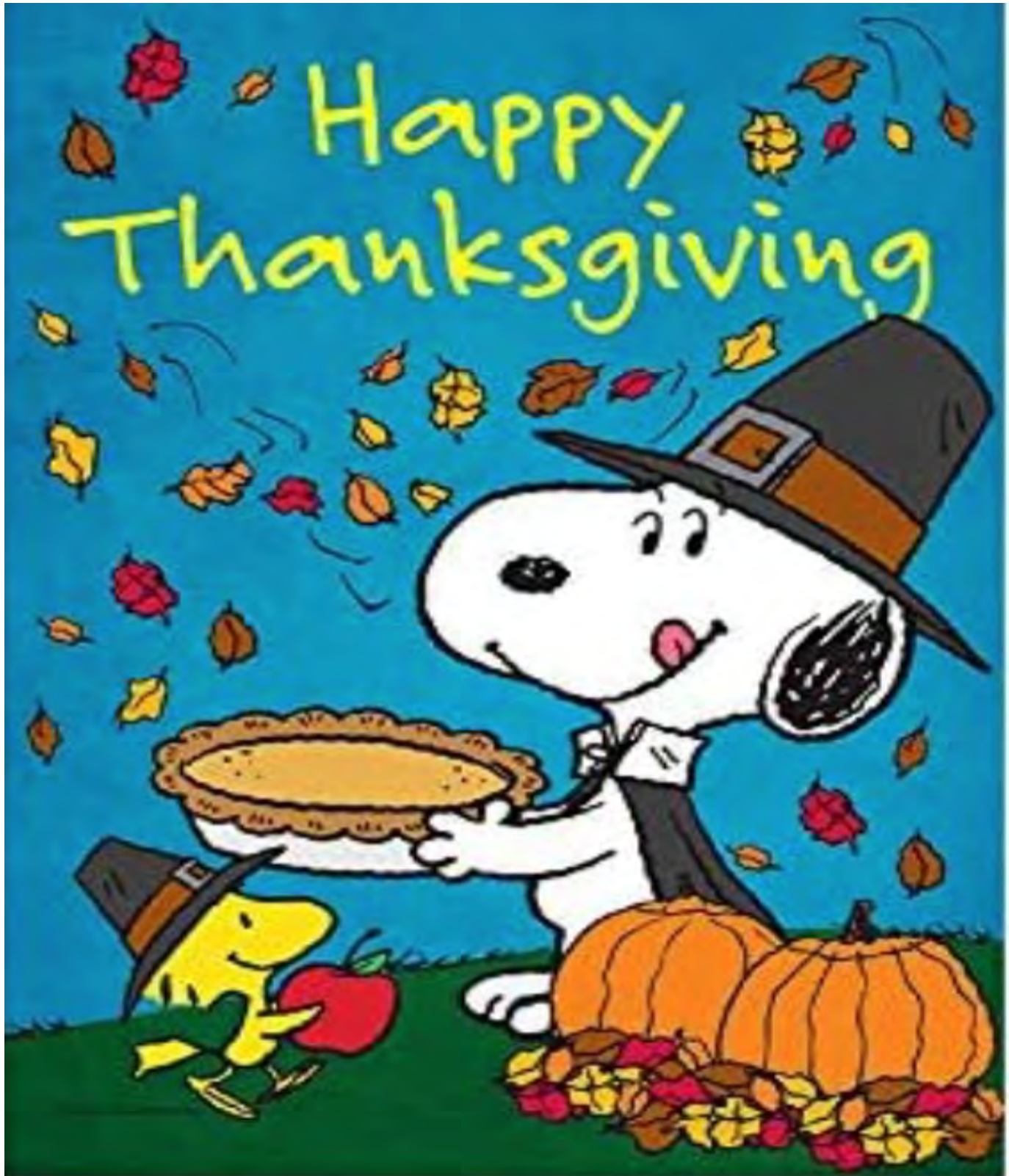
22 Nov - Thanksgiving Day

I am very Thankful for all of your support and friendship. It is my pleasure serving all of you.

Please take this time to enjoy family, friends and yummy food.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Lion Victor :-)



Tom's recommendation for new menu item at Easter Fest: Corn Dog!!!



Tom's First Search Engine



Tommy (note from Tom's dad)

UNLOAD + RELOAD THE DISHWASHER. THEN TAKE A PIC OF IT.

THEN WALK THE DOG AND TAKE A PIC OF IT.

THEN SEND ME BOTH PICTURES AND I'LL

TELL YOU WHERE THE POWER CORD FOR YOUR XBOX IS.

THANKS!
Love you, DAD

What's the difference between ignorance and apathy?

I don't know and I don't care!



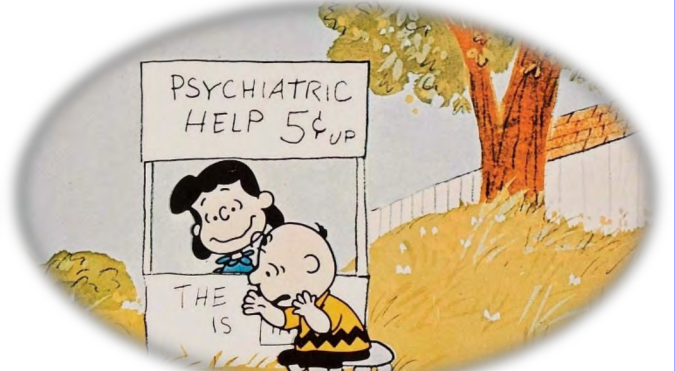
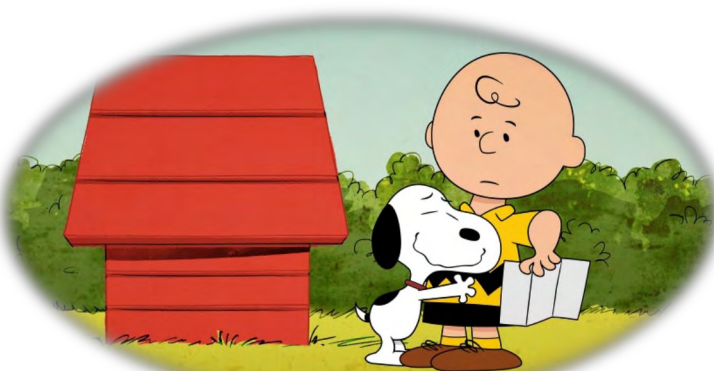
Train Left Overnight in Chicago



My coworker just told me instead of coffee she runs a mile in the morning to wake up and not to be dramatic but I think she's a serial killer

26 Nov - Charles Schulz is Born

Charles M. Schulz was born in Minnesota on this day in history, Nov. 26, 1922, and would go on to create Charlie Brown, Lucy, Snoopy and the rest of the "Peanuts" gang of cartoon characters.



It was a very special day today for PV Lions! Why was it a very special day? Well — our 2X Past President and current District Governor with First Lady Mary Jo and his Cabinet came for their Official Visitation and it was Dodger baseball season all over again. It started off with free parking, free Dodger Dogs and \$3 beer so because hope springs eternal we all hope for a better outcome “this season”.

You won't get this deal at Dodger stadium!

District Governor Rich was the star of the evening and delivered thoughtful and very complimentary words about Pleasant Valley Lions. Three members of his cabinet came for support including 1VDG Jason Laird, Zone chair Mary Ann Novak and treasurer George graham who are all center stage below with WYO.

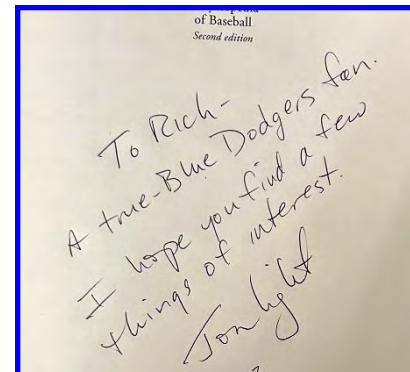
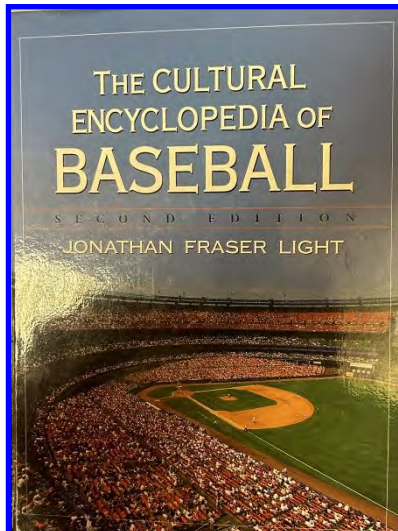
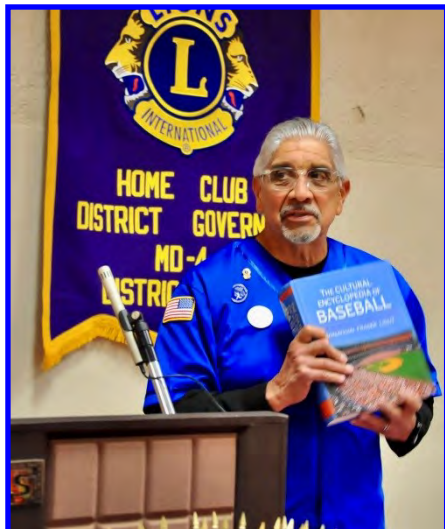
Jason introduced DG Rich and clearly he was enthusiastic about our DG and his positive influence on the district. We all know how hard Rich has worked and will continue to work to grow the district.

DG Rich only has 4 more clubs to visit this year so he is very aware of what our and other clubs do for Lions. PV is the largest fundraiser in the district and we are well known in the district and beyond for our hard work.



DG Rich gets gifts from clubs he visits but I imagine that the gift from our club organized by Lion Bill is at the top of the list.

As we all know Rich is a huge baseball fan and his cabinet is dressed accordingly in support of Dodgers Baseball. Bill presented Rich a signed second edition copy of "The Cultural Encyclopedia of BASEBALL" by Jonathan Light.



Dinner

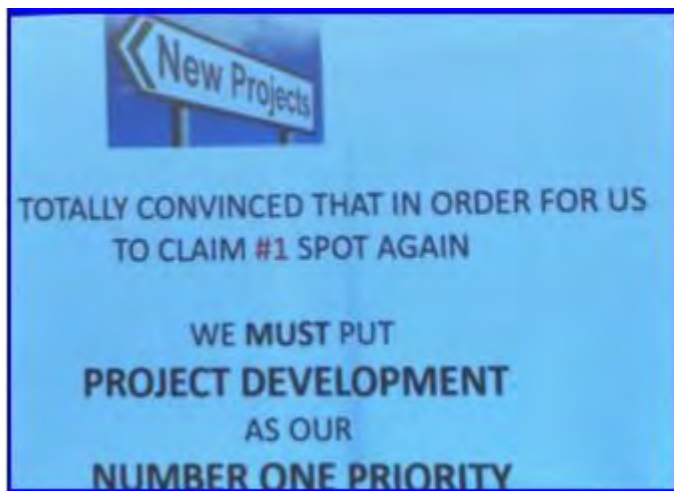
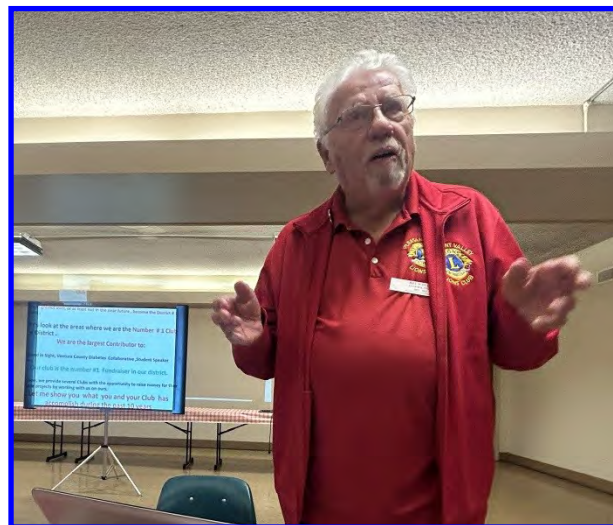
DG Rich requested Dodger Dogs for dinner. Lions Chet, Mike, and Kerry and Anthony cooked mini Dogs and burgers in case some were not Dodger fans and Chet said *never again*. I think that it offended Chet's chef sensibilities to cook hot dogs. At least the dogs came with infinite types of toppings and condiments so they were well disguised.

Upper right you see our new PV Lions table clothes organized by Lion Mike. They add a lot of class to our meeting venue.



Lion Bill Schulze put together a briefing on the life of the club and offered suggestions on what we need to do to remain viable and to grow. His brief was brutally honest about our growing age and our prime focus on burgers and barbeques.

We work extremely hard at what we do and have made a lot of money for Lions and the district but we can't keep up this pace. Unless we expand our repertoire to include other less physically demanding activities and bring in new members we will continue to shrink. The slides below tell the story.



Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions has been district #1 club 15 times over its 76 year history and lost this distinction several times because a criterion required for this honor is positive club growth. As you can see that has not been the trend. We need to do something to reverse that trend by making our club more visible in the community. Bill suggested a working group to discuss means to increase our visibility and to identify projects. Lion Victor is the district marketing chair and enthusiastically supports this endeavor.

To use a baseball analogy PV Lions needs to step to the plate. We have the talent and drive to make this happen.

FAIR PARKING 2014-2023

GROSS INCOME
\$691,000.

NET PROFIT
\$416,000.

1 CLUB

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LONG LIVE THE
"BIG RED ONE"**

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UNDERWOOD PROJECTS 2014-2023

GROSS SALES
\$1,200,000.

NET PROFIT
\$500,000.

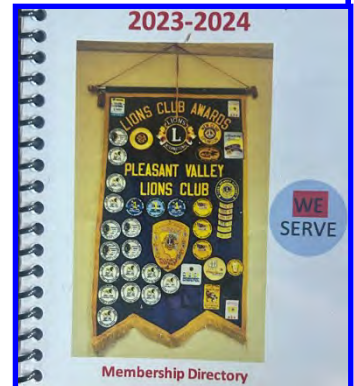
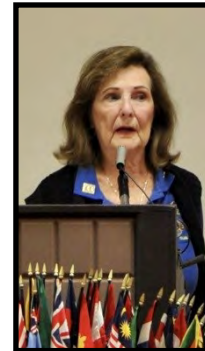
1 CLUB

A district governor visitation draws a nice crowd. They came for the District Governor and also for the peanuts, cracker jacks (with secret prize) and Dodger dogs.



Speakers

- Pres. Dale White: Dale was selling tickets for their Christmas wreath fundraiser. From the look of all the ticket stubs on her table she did quite well. Final drawing will be at the Christmas party.
- Loin Dick Bellman: He will be sending out info on the smoke alarm program shortly. Looking for 3-4 teams of 3 to install in Jan and Feb.
- Lion Hillary: He and Lion Wim handed out the 2023-2024 membership directory. They donated 100 directories to the club so give them a big thank you with you see them.



Raffles

- **50/50** Three winners at \$5 and Lions Larson, Clarke and Erwin all donated it to Admin.
- **Bean Pot** Since Lion Victor took home the big prize last meeting there was only \$9 in the pot along with 19 blue marbles. Lion John Erwin chose to take \$10, which proves that he understands odds.



Tail Twisting

Lion Dick started it off with our only real twisting of the evening. The rest were happy bucks. Dick mentioned a title 9 infraction (not sure it applies but who cared) because we weren't sitting with the ladies. Lion Dave T jumped up and ran to the back of the room to avoid a fine but note that there are lots of bucks coming out at right from those who didn't move. Lion Bill put up \$30 to tell a joke after Lion Dave put in \$20 for him not to tell it — Bill won.



Lion Sherri tossed in \$20 to shut them all up but it didn't work either. The real winner was Lion Neil who has 60 years in Lions. I don't think he was holding up a \$60 bill though.

The rest of the happy bucks came in support of District Governor Rich Cervantes. It is clear just how fond the club is of Rich and appreciative of all he has done and continues to do for Lions and our club.





Convenient Napkin Dispenser Lets You Grab Either A Handful Of 50 Napkins Or Tear A Small Corner Off 1 Napkin



DO WOMAN SHAKE THE PETROL PUMP AFTER FILLING UP



Nicknames for coworkers

KITKAT: Always having a break.

BUTTER KNIFE: Not the sharpest tool in the box.

JUSTIN: Does justinuff to not get fired.

MOTION LIGHT: Only works when someone walks past

BIRTHDAY CAKE: Cuz everyone got a piece

ET: Just wants to go home.





Obituaries



Kenneth Neal Anderson

CAMARILLO - 1936 - 2023

Ken was born in North Dakota to Arthur and Orris Anderson, the third of five children. He was raised on a small farm in Christine, ND where three generations gathered around the table for meals, everyone worked hard, and Sunday was honored as the Lord's Day. No matter what the weather, the family went to church; a lifelong commitment which was reflected in his love for his family, devotion to God, and his profound desire to serve others.



While still in grade school, Ken met Janice L. Nellermeoe and determined, even at that young age, to make her his bride. They married and had four daughters: Toni Lynne (deceased), Rebecca, Rochelle, and Tamalyn.

Ken began his college career at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. After receiving his degree in dentistry from the University of Minnesota in 1962, Ken served as a dentist in the US Army in Oklahoma from 1962-1964.

When Ken and Jan first set eyes on Camarillo, they fell in love with the area and moved their young family to town in 1964 before Camarillo became a city. Ken's private dental practice grew steadily because of his genuine care and concern for each patient. After nine years in solo practice, Ken joined Dewey Good and Don Arstein and formed the current Rosewood Dental practice.

Even with a booming dental practice, Ken took plenty of time to coach his daughters in various sports, help them with 4-H animals, and teach them to snow/water ski, hike, and fish. Together with Jan, they raised strong, competent, and loving daughters who each realize how blessed they were to have such amazing parents.

Ken had an insatiable curiosity. He could and did spend hours reading the fine print under every museum artifact or painting. He poured over the Smithsonian and National Geographic magazines, took adult classes and asked endless questions of tour guides on trips.

Ken and Jan enjoyed vacations with friends to Holland, China, Bolivia,

South America, Antarctic, New Zealand, and Alaska. For several years Ken volunteered and traveled to Nicaragua to perform dental work on local residents. He was always serving others.

The community was enriched by Ken's participation on the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, PV Lions Club, First Lutheran and then Peace Lutheran Church boards, and Santa Barbara/Ventura County Dental Association. Even in his mid-80's Ken eagerly signed up to pick fruit for Food Share on weekends.

Ken's zest for life and deep appreciation for nature is evident by his hiking much of the Pacific Crest Trail, scaling Mt. Whitney, (several times), traversing the Grand Canyon, and taking numerous hikes within the Smokey Mountains. He was continuously astounded by the beauty of God's creation and captured innumerable sunsets, flowers, and waterfalls in photos.

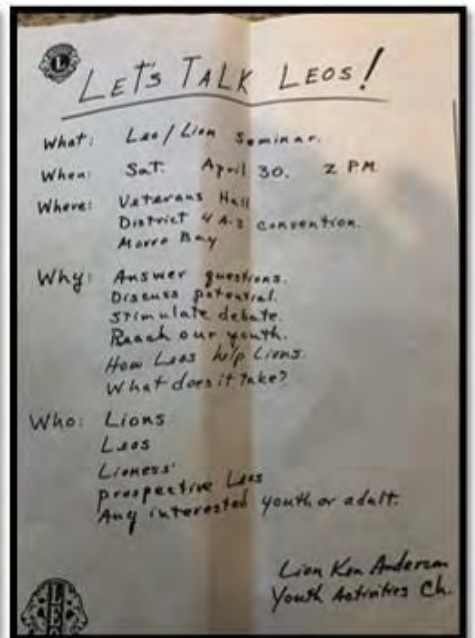
After Ken was widowed in 2016, he found love a second time with Shirley Smithtro whom he married in September, 2018. They shared a deep faith and gratitude for every day of their lives together which included countless trips, golf, cruises, bridge, dancing, concerts, and friendships.

Ken was preceded in death by his wife Jan, brothers, Art (Karen) and Ralph. He is survived by his wife Shirley, daughters Becky Grossman (Scott), Chelle Smith (David), and Tammy Anderson, sister Linda Hestdalen (Gene), brother Loren Anderson (Terri), sister-in-law Vonnie Anderson, seven grandchildren: Lindsay, Garrett (Erin), Mckenzie, Kelsea (David), Katarina, Matthew and Andrew (Casey), and three wonderful great-grandchildren: Ella, Oliver, and Jett.

Ken touched so many people in his 87 years. His brilliant smile and kindness to everyone will not be forgotten.

A family memorial service will be held Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 10:00am at Conejo Mountain Memorial Park, 2052 Howard Road, Camarillo. Internment and a reception will immediately follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Ken's favorite organization which he served for 58 years: PV Lions Club P.O Box 157, Camarillo 93010. Ken never lost his desire to serve others and always felt Lions did incredible work.



TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN



IT SADDENS ME TO INFORM YOU THAT SCOTH HAD TO BE PUT DOWN DUE TO CANCER.

HE WAS BORN ON 2/29/2016 AND CAMARILLO/PLEASANT VALLEY LIONS SPONSORED HIM APPROXIMATLY FROM MARCH 2016 TIL HE WAS TURNED IN FOR HIS FORMAL TRAINING 9/9/2017. HE WAS MATCHED WITH ELIZABETH AND HE SAFELY GUIDED HER FOR 5 YEARS. IT WAS A DIFFICULT DECISION FOR HER TO MAKE TO PUT HIM DOWN ON 11/26/2023.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO GDA/TLC.

Lion Missy Stayton

December 2023 Birthdays

HAPPY
Birthday



Certificate

Happy Birthday Month

Good for ONE drink at the bar



Christie	Lloyd	12/7
Edmonson	Jan	12/12
Eberts	Jack	12/25
Fraser	John	12/28
Smith	Gerald "GK"	12/25



Horoscope: Sagittarius - Capricorn

- Buttons and bumper stickers with rude sayings on them are a trademark of the Sagittarian.
- They throw food at expensive restaurants and ask lots of questions in the middle of church.
- Don't ever bring a Sagittarius home to meet your parents. He or she will tie up your mother and pants your dad.
- The Shriners driving around in the tiny little cars are a very Sagittarian image. Even more so if there's a ridiculously busty woman stuffed into the car as well.
- Capricorns are hardworking, reliable, and dull as hell. They are always on the move, headed to their next delusion of grandeur.
- They are often good at math which explains why they are such pains in the ass. Descartes was a great mathematician and a crappy philosopher, so he must have been a Capricorn.
- Stephen Hawking is even more Capricorn because he's all of the above and a pompous S.O.B. to boot. Sure, he's overcome a lot of obstacles etc. etc., but even in perfect health you can't overcome being a Capricorn.

"We are all born ignorant, but one must work very hard to remain STUPID!" (Emphasis added) ~ Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

PV Lions Calendar 2023-24

- Dec 12 **Children's Xmas party - O-Club**
- Dec 15 **Christmas Party - Los Posas C.C**
- Dec 19 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Jan 9 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Jan 16 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Jan 20 **Farmers Market**
- Jan 23 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Feb 13 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Feb 17 **Farmers Market**
- Feb 20 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Feb 23-24 **MD4 Convention - Riverside**
- Feb 27 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Mar 12 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Mar 16 **Farmers Market**
- Mar 19 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Mar 26 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**

Kids exploring ancient ruins



TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

Be a part of the biggest Lion event of the year at LionsCon in Melbourne 2024!



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

Dear Lion,

You and your fellow Lions serve your community at the local level, but never forget that you are part of an incredible global network of dedicated volunteers who are united in our mission of service. Together, you are changing peoples' lives for the better, every day, all around the world.

From helping to prevent blindness to supporting children and families affected by childhood cancer to protecting our environment, you are delivering care and kindness and bringing hope where it's needed most.

There is no greater calling on earth than to join together to give of our time and our talents to help those in need. That's what Lions do—that's what *you* do. Thank you for your commitment to creating the change that empowers others to achieve their potential.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

With LCIF Support, Lions Always Answer



Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,

It is my sincere pleasure every month to share news about the impact our foundation has on people locally and globally through your service projects and gifts to LCIF. In this edition and in celebration of Diabetes Awareness Month, we highlight how the LCIF Diabetes Grant program empowers Lions to develop large-scale prevention, management, awareness and screening projects that improve health and well-being in communities around the world. Grant funding like this is only possible with the continued support of Lions and others like you.

Thank you to everyone who has already supported LCIF this year. I ask you to join me in adding to your support in 2023. Your end-of-year gift – like your service – matters. With 100% of donations benefiting grants and programs, every donation makes a difference. Don't forget to share with your fellow Lions your reasons for supporting our global foundation by [entering the Melvin Jones Photo Contest](#) in recognition of our founder's 145th birthday.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



As we reflect on the challenges that communities face in the wake of disasters, it is both humbling and inspiring to witness the incredible impact we can make when we come together. Today, we want to share with you the profound difference your support has made through the partnership between the California Lions Foundation and the Lions of Maui in response to recent disasters.

Working hand in hand with the Hawaii Lions Foundation, the Lions of Maui have been on the front lines of disaster response, providing crucial aid and support to those affected. Thanks to your generous contributions, we've been able to make a tangible impact during all phases of their response efforts.

In Phase 1 and 2:

- ***Prepared and delivered 10,000 meals daily for evacuees at shelters initially, transitioning to 5,000 meals daily for those in area hotels.***
- ***Donated 420 sets of P100 respirators and PPE filter refills for Lahaina residents.***
- ***Replaced lost hearing aids, eyeglasses, and wheelchairs for those affected.***
- ***Assisted tenants from 4 senior housing complexes destroyed by the fires in relocating to other facilities and provided support for lost personal items.***
- ***Prepared and delivered lunches and snacks to Kamaaina Kids pre-schoolers affected by the fires.***

In Phase 3:

- ***Packed and provided 200 to 600 bags of produce on Wednesdays and 200 to 600 boxes of food on Thursdays to area families.***
- ***Currently preparing and delivering 200 meals daily for area pre-schools in collaboration with the Maui Community College culinary program.***
- ***Providing household items, baby formula, and personal hygiene products in partnership with Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.***
- ***Restocking area relief aid stations and hubs with items and products as needed.***
- ***Collaborating with Saint Anthony Church and the Family Life Center as they build "Tiny Homes," where the Lions will provide furnishings and linens upon completion.***

Through the words of PDG Joe Pontanilla, head of the Maui Incident Response Team, "We look at the needs on a daily basis and try to avoid duplication of services and supplies. We are filling the gaps and assisting whenever possible."

Your continued support is the driving force behind these impactful initiatives. As we approach Giving Tuesday, we invite you to join us once again in making a difference. Your contribution will help us continue to respond effectively to the evolving needs of communities facing disaster.

While the emergency assistance to Hawaii has been completed, we are returning the foundation's attention to the needs in California.

Donate Now and Amplify Your Impact

Together, we are not only filling gaps but building bridges of hope and resilience. Thank you for being a crucial part of the California Lions Foundation family and for making a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.

Your donations has supported over 200 Lions projects throughout California over the past four years. And we're just getting started! Make a donation today to make a big impact in your community and for Lions everywhere.

Your support is the key to unlocking a brighter future for those who need it most. Thank you for being a vital part of the California Lions Foundation family and for helping us continue our mission of service, compassion, and community.

With gratitude,

California Lions Foundation



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Share the **Warmth.**
Share the **Love.**



Share the warmth this holiday season



Veterans are often faced with many obstacles when they return to civilian life that put them at risk for homelessness including difficulties finding affordable housing, earning a livable income, and affording everyday necessities.

In honor of Veterans Day, we're partnering with *One Warm Coat* to *collect and donate gently worn coats, sweaters, jackets, scarves, hats, and gloves to Veterans in need.* Now through the end of November, visit your local branch to share the warmth and donate.

We will be accepting donations November 1- 30 at your local branch.

Together we can help the veterans in our community.

ONLINE AUCTION *Save the Date!*

Starts Thursday, November 30, 2023

at 6:00 AM PST and ends on

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at

9:00 PM PST

- SM Sunrisers Lions Club



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Items & Services Needed!

Donate Monetarily:

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Donate an Item or a Service:

Email donald.bock@comcast.net prior to 11/28 with a description of the item/service, its value, photo(s), and the quantity donated if more than one.

Mark your calendars! The **Santa Maria Sunrisers Lions Club** online auction is back, and we're thrilled to invite you to join the excitement. Starting **Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 6:00 am, and running until Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 9:00 pm**, we're bringing you a chance to bid on fantastic items and services.

How You Can Contribute:

1. Donate Items or Services: Have a like-new item or service to contribute? We'd love your support! Please email Don at donald.bock@comcast.net by 11/28/23. Include photos, a description, item value, and quantity.
2. Monetary Donations: If you prefer contributing money, you can do so at <https://bit.ly/Sunrisers1123Donate>.
3. Bidding Help: Mark 11/30 at 6:00 am PST on your calendar! Head to YourCharityAuction.com/SantaMariaSunrisers to participate and help us reach our goal of 100 bids!

Your generosity can make a significant impact. Let's come together for a week of giving that will make a lasting difference. Thank you for supporting the Santa Maria Sunrisers!

15 Dec - PV Lions Christmas Party

CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

DECEMBER 15, 2023

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California Lions Clubs

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Announcing the MD4 2023-24 Environmental Photo Contest

In conjunction with Project Care we are announcing the MD4 Lions Environmental Photo Contest. There will be two categories that promote both the environment and club service activities during the 2023-2024 Lion's year. It will provide a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting, and preserv-

ing the environment. The contest begins at home, where every Lion can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings to the MD4 Lions Environmental Photo Contest. It is as easy as snapping a picture of the beach, trees, birds, water, sky, or anything around you as you serve to improve the environment. The photos will be displayed, and the winners will be selected by popular vote at the MD4 Convention in February 2024. There will be one winner in each category.

Contest Rules

The Environmental Photo Contest is open to **LIONS** in MD4.

There are **TWO** categories:

- 1) **The Environment** - Photos depicting a nature theme (such as plants, animals, weather phenomenon, etc.) in California. No people may be included in the photos.
- 2) **Environmental Service in Action** - Photos of your club participating in an environmental service activity during the **current** Lion year. Must include Lions in the photos.



- Photos should be original and **unaltered**.
- Photos should be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10".
- All photographers accept responsibility for the cost of all photos.
- Only **one** submission **per club** will be accepted.
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Cook Lead 3rd qtr.	Mike Nunez
Cook Lead 4th qtr.	Kerry Forsythe
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Meeting Programs	Bruce Jochums
Scholarships	OPEN
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Club Service Chair	Russ White
Peace Poster	Dan Goldberg
Sight & Hearing	Russ White, Bob Taylor
Public Relations	John Fraser
Club Bulletin	Bob Taylor
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Easter Festival	Bill Schulze
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Stuff of Lore!

Early aircraft throttles had a ball on the end of it, in order to go full throttle the pilot had to push the throttle all the way forward into the wall of the instrument panel. Hence "balls to the wall" for going very fast. And now you know the rest of the story.

During WWII, U.S. Airplanes were armed with belts of ammo, which they would shoot during dogfights and on strafing runs. These belts were folded into the wing compartments that fed their machine guns. These belts measure 27 feet and contained hundreds of cartridges. Often times, the pilots would return from their missions having expended all of their bullets on various targets. They would say, "I gave them the whole nine yards," meaning they used up all of their ammunition.

Did you know the saying "God willing and the creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the South, Hawkins was requested by the President to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek" he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington have him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

In the late 1700's, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide bench folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The 'head of the household' always sat in the chair while everyone else ate sitting on the bench. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the 'chair man.' Today in business, we use the expression or title 'Chairman' or 'Chairman of the Board.'

Personal hygiene left much room for improvement. As a result, many women and men had developed acne scars by adulthood. The women would spread bee's wax over their facial skin to smooth out their complexions. When they were speaking to each other, if a woman began to stare at another woman's face she was told, 'mind your own bee's wax.' Should the woman smile, the wax would crack, hence the term 'crack a smile'. In addition, when they sat too close to the fire, the wax would melt. Therefore, the expression 'losing face.'

Ladies wore corsets, which would lace up in the front. A proper and dignified woman, as in 'straight laced' wore a tightly tied corset.

Oldy but Goody!

I AM THANKFUL.....

I AM THANKFUL FOR THE WIFE WHO SAYS IT'S HOT DOGS TONIGHT
BECAUSE SHE IS HOME WITH ME, NOT WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

FOR THE TAXES THAT I PAY, BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT I AM EMPLOYED.

FOR THE MESS TO CLEAN AFTER A PARTY, BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT I
HAVE BEEN SURROUNDED BY FRIENDS.

FOR THE CLOTHES THAT FIT A LITTLE TOO SNUG, BECAUSE IT MEANS I
HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT.

FOR MY SHADOW THAT WATCHES ME WORK, BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM
OUT IN THE SUNSHINE.

FOR A LAWN THAT NEEDS MOWING, WINDOWS THAT NEED CLEANING,
AND GUTTERS THAT NEED FIXING, BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE A HOME.

FOR ALL THE COMPLAINING I HEAR ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT,
BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT WE HAVE FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

FOR THE PARKING SPOT I FIND AT THE FAR END OF THE PARKING LOT,
BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM CAPABLE OF WALKING AND THAT I HAVE BEEN
BLESSED WITH TRANSPORTATION.

FOR MY HUGE HEATING BILL, BECAUSE IT MEANS I AM WARM.

FOR THE LION WHO DISPLAYS HIS WHITE SCRAPPY LEGS EVERY
MEETING, BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT I CAN SEE.

FOR THE PILE OF LAUNDRY AND IRONING, BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE
CLOTHES TO WEAR.

FOR WEARINESS AND ACHING MUSCLES AT THE END OF THE DAY,
BECAUSE IT MEANS I HAVE BEEN CAPABLE OF WORKING HARD.

FOR HAVING TO LISTEN TO THE LONG BORING SPEECHES AT LIONS
CLUB INSTALLATIONS, BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT I CAN HEAR.

FOR THE ALARM THAT GOES OFF IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS,
BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT I AM ALIVE.