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Reflections From the Desk of Lion Victor

We were blessed this month as we celebrated our 78th Charter Night on October 24, 2023! Lion's Neale Mc Nutt, Ken Anderson, Jack Eberts, and Llvod Christie all shared history and events that made our club what it is today. We thank and honor these four men for all their efforts and contributions.

I want to take a moment to share part of Lion Lloyds speech that night.

"The PV Lions Club was founded October 8, 1945, with 53 Charter members, *Ojai Lions Club being our sponsor. Club membership changed from the low of 12* to the present membership of 72, with high of 130 in the early 2,000's.

Over the years the PVLC has participated in a large variety of events including the Camarillo Christmas parade, 5K and 1K runs, Fourth of July Fireworks, Road cleanup, Cancer and Diabetes walks, Fiesta Days, High School Wrestling, Flag Day, Flea Market, and many others.

Our Club has gained strength, not only because of participation in community events, but in District activities as well. Many of our members have been Region and Zone Chairs with six District 4-A3 Governors, as well as Districts Committee positions. We have had three members recognized as District Lions of the Year. We have 100 Melvin Jones Award recipients (14 progressive), 22 of 61 Club Long Tails and 60 of 307 Individual Long Tails Awards.

We are currently recognized as a Model Club and in 2011 we received the GINK-BO AWARD for donating the largest sum of monies to Lions International Foundation.

Seventy-Eight Years of service to the community and our Lionism has given our members a sense of pride and belonging. We believe our community is a better place in which to live because of the Pleasant Valley Lions Club. We know we are better citizens having served our friends and neighbors.

Our Club looks forward to many more years of service to mankind, living the motto of Lions Worldwide --- WE SERVE!"

Llyod Christie, The Big Red One!

Yours in service, Victor Martinez, President



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TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

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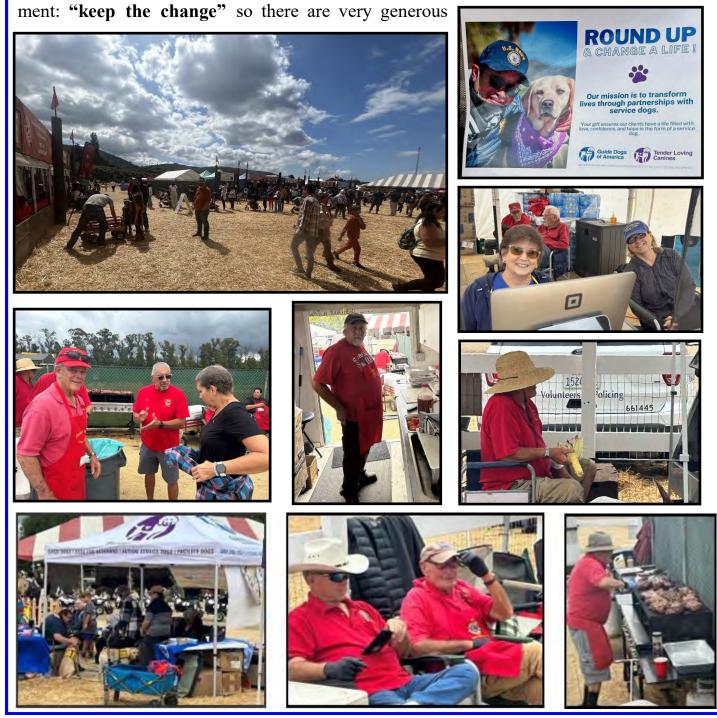
1 Oct - Harvest Festival 1/2

Day 1 of the festival was hastily presented in the Oct bulletin and I missed a few photos from that day so they are included below with those from Day 2.

Day 2 was almost twice as busy as day 1 and we were a little understaffed to it was a difficult day for most. Nonetheless we survived and are ready for next week. We had 4 Santa Paula Leos at the window and 1 of their instructors making burgers. Couldn't do it without them!



We had a donation line item on our menu year — **Guide Dogs and Tender Loving Canines**. We received a \$100 and a \$50 bill for payments of less than half those values with the com-



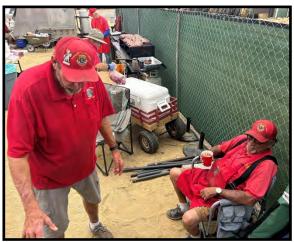
1 Oct - Harvest Festival 2/2

This was the first time that I caught Lion Mike taking a break. He was a very busy guy this Sunday as was Bruce trying to keep everything moving along.

Lion Ray from Santa Paula started the day at 0800 and finished at 1800 and he didn't take a break either from cleaning the BBQ or cooking burgers all day.

Our PV Lion billboard was a hit. I saw many folks reading about our club and then asking for more info.

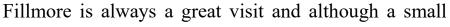
Conejo Valley provided several workers, even a tritip cooker, and it was nice to see them step up.





2 October - Visitation (#6) to Fillmore 1/2

Six PV Lions plus DG Rich made our 6th visitation of the year. It coincided with a District Governor visitation so we got to listen to DG Rich again but it is always a little different and he does a nice job of engaging the crowd. PV Lions included Lions Schulze, Christie, DeBardas, R. Taylor, Flores and Graham.



club they are a very busy club in their community and are quite profitable because of fireworks and enchilada sales.

They decorated with baseball paraphernalia







and DG Rich and 1DG Jason tried out the bats.

The 4A3 cabinet is shown in force at right. Both zone 5 and 6 chairs are shown at the ends. Zone 5 chair, Lee Shapiro is from Castaic and Zone 6 chair Mary Ann Novak is from Ambers Light.



2 October - Visitation (#6) to Fillmore 2/2

Zone 5 chair Shapiro should be a stand up comic. He introduced 1DG Laird who introduced DG Rich per tradition. Rich always encourages all to: *have fun, be proactive and be kind*. He introduced all PV and Ambers Lions to the Fillmore club and then when he found out that one Fillmore Lion had not been officially inducted he proceeded to induct 6 month old lion Brandy Hollis. Since she was a walk in, she didn't





have a sponsor so Josh Overton volunteered to be her sponsor. Then DG Rich challenged both to pursue a Proud Lion award. Fillmore provided a nice gift to Rich (CERVANTES).

The entire group of PVr's is shown below. Fillmore always does a nice job of feeding the folks with a combination of home cooked entrees. The chief cook is all duded out.



7-8 Oct - Harvest Festival 1/2

We expected a much larger weekend then we got primarily because of the heat. We should have been prepared because it was 100 deg on Friday when we shopped and loaded up our tent. Normally Friday's are quite busy but there were only 3 people in the pumpkin field while we were unloading at 2pm. While it was a little cooler the rest of the weekend people still stayed away. Saturday was half what we expected and Sunday was down about a third.

Although Saturday was down it was somewhat of a blessing because we were understaffed and only had one Leo to help at the window. It was a lot better on Sunday where we had 5 Leos for the first shift but only two in the afternoon that fortunately slowed down.



We introduced a new item to our menu on Saturday. Bruce bought 100 Bratz for each day and they sold out early. Due to our staff we were only to sell about 90 because they were all eager to try this new item. The sign *lied* because it said the same thing on both Sat and Sun but it worked. Lion Brenda Brand was our burger maker on Sunday morning and she was complaining that we were only selling Bratz and no cheese burgers. At one point we sold 2 burgers and 20 Bratz but it all worked out when we sold out the Bratz. We don't plan on increasing the number of Bratz per day because it makes it more difficult to plan but it was a success.

The photo below was taken on Friday and although beautiful it gave us forewarning that there we were in for a slow day Saturday.



7-8 Oct - Harvest Festival 2/2

This page just shows some of the workers who suffered the heat this weekend. It starts with Santa Paula Ken being watched by the Shadow who is very happy to see Ken back at the corn cooker after surviving a very serious health scare.

Since we were a limited in staff Sunday afternoon Lion Bill spent 15 seconds instructing two Leos on how to cashier. I'm really not joking about the time it took to train these youngsters on how to take an order since they grew up on these devices.



At right you see Lion Kerry on Bratz. On Sunday he did double and triple duty on tri-tip, hot dogs and browning Bratz. The remaining photos are a collage of the crew on Sat and Sun.







9 October - Visitation (#7) to Conejo Valley 1/2

Nine PV Lions including DG Rich went over the hill to visit Conejo Valley Lions. It was another DG visit so they must really love to listen to our DG. Ambers Light was also well represented. Seated in front with DG Rich to his immediate left is a Past District Governor from India and her husband, both of whom are doctors. Neither Sec. John nor Lion Bill made this picture unless they are standing behind 1VDG Jason or Pres. Victor.

Our short tail is almost complete given the requirement is way down to only 5 clubs visited from two regions. I received many photos from Lions Victor, Tom and Lloyd so I am compelled to include many here so that they keep up the good work.







9 October - Visitation (#7) to Conejo Valley 2/2

Just to prove that John and Bill made it to Conejo, her they are below. You probably will recognize some of the Conejo Lions because they are prevalent at Underwood Farms.











10 Oct Regular Meeting 1/4

It was an good meeting with two interesting speakers.

Amy Towner, CEO Health Care Foundation of Ventura County.

We have heard Amy many times and she is well on her way towards her goal of \$100K from MD4-A3 to receive a matching grant from LCIF to purchase health screening equipment. At



present she is over \$30K thanks primarily to two \$15K donations from Pleasant Valley and Ojai Valley Lions. Ojai donated \$2 more than us so they would be on top. Let's see what we can do about that at our next board meeting.

Lion Jack Berry is shown in black just behind Jan. He has been away for 8 months so welcome back Jack. Also, note that Lion Don Seidler is shown in the back row by Larson. I promised him that he would get into the photo. Lion Bob Larson suggested that Amy put together a flyer that we can give out at Farmers Market and she thought that was a great idea and already provided one shown previously. Amy wanted a group photo so she could use it for her marketing and here it is, without the cooking crew.



Lion Victor presented these flyers as reminders of upcoming events. He also showed off his Black/Red PV Lions shirt.





10 Oct Regular Meeting 2/4

Bruce Kanegai, Motivational Speaker

Mr. Kanegai primarily gave his life story and what a story it was. He may be small in stature but his life story is very large. He has been all over the world giving motivational speeches, trains wilderness survival techniques, was a semifinalist on the Survivor TV show and is a Karate master and a long time teacher. He talked about his parents and grandparents and it is obvious where he developed his motivation to serve. Note the Samurai tattoo on his arm. We learned that the word Samurai means "to serve", which interestingly is the Lion motto — how fitting. The following is a short profile.

Bruce Kanegai is a third generation Japanese American who grew up in Los Angeles. During the 1960's, he received the Boy Scout rank of Eagle Scout and the rank of

Black Belt from the Shotokan Karate School. Kanegai received his Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Northridge. He also received his teaching credentials for the State of California.

For the past 34 years, Kanegai has been teaching art at Simi Valley High School, where he has taught over 10,000 students. He had been awarded "Teacher of the Year" from The International Rotary Club, The Bravo Award from the Los Angeles Music Center, The Amgen Cor-





poration, The Pasadena Art Center College of Design and the Otis/Parsons Art School.

Kanegai is a fifth-degree black belt in karate and has taught more than 7,000 students over about 40 years. In 1967, he was a member of the first US karate team to visit Japan. In 2000, Kanegai was promoted to the highest ranking black belt in the Shotokan Karate of America. In 2004, he was a judge at Shotokan's 40th Anniversary celebration in France. Kanegai is currently in the process of finishing a book on the 50-year history of the Shotokan Karate of America.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Kanegai was a top backpacking instructor for Moorpark Community College, the Yosemite Institute and many private organizations. Some of his backpacking highlights include hiking the entire state of Oregon and, in 1980, setting a new record of running the 220-mile John Muir Trail from Mount Whitney to Yosemite National Park.

From 1978-1992, Kanegai was a POST (Police Officer Survival Training) Instructor in California. Under the Downey-Roth System, Kanegai assisted in teaching police instructors arrest and control techniques, weapon retention and the side-handle baton.

10 Oct Regular Meeting 3/4

The meeting actually starts at the bar where Lions Artie and Joe serve the crowd and discuss world events like: what's going on with the Dodgers?

Tail Twisting

Birthday boys Bill, Eric and Dick paid up although Bill prepaid last month but decided to put in again.

Lions John, Walt and Sherri donated but no clue why - but Admin appreciates it. Lion Missy said that WYO is about to graduate to her next phase. Lion Don donated because he is the oldest Lion in the club.

Lion Jan donated to keep Bambi safe from Lion Mike who is on a deer hunt up North.

Lion Hillary is proud of his granddaughter who is an accomplished medical illustrator. Lion Joe put money in the box to hon-

or Lions Bill S. and Lloyd. Lloyd's first reaction is as shown but his second reaction is vintage Lloyd, he put money in the pot..

Lion Victor always donates and this was prior to his bean pot win; yeah Victor!.















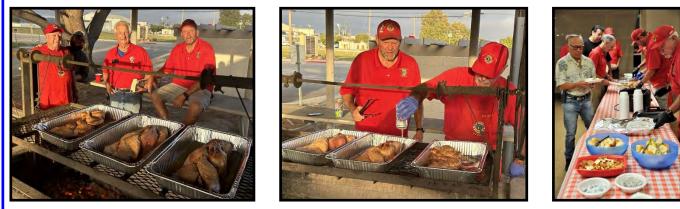






Dinner

Twisted pork loin that must have looked a little thirsty was the main course. Lion Chet leads the crew this quarter with help from stalwarts Bruce, Kerry and Anthony.



Raffles

We had 3 50/50 winners this evening, Lions Missy, Don S, (picked up by Dave) and Don Mingay who also won last meeting and repeated tossing his winnings back into the pot.



And the **WINNER** of the **\$230+** bean pot is President Victor. He looks very pleased to see the clear marble in George's hand. As soon as he won the tail twister vultures

pounced but they didn't need to because Victor donated it all back to benefit the Walk for Diabetes in a couple of months. — He Cares!!!







Lion Richard Visits Oregon Lion Clubs

Shari and I attended a meeting of the Mapleton, Oregon Lions Club while we were vacationing. Luckily it was the District Governor's Official Visitation, which we enjoyed. Pictured is D.G. Lynn Coon (District 36 R) and the Mapleton Lions Club President, Carl Halverson.

D.G. Lynn and his wife were very appreciative of receiving our Club's Banner and that we had traveled so far to hear his presentation. He now thinks he holds the record of a Lion traveling the greatest distance.

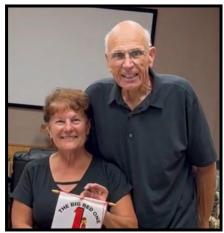
Great Guy, Shari and I both enjoyed meeting him, a dedicated Lion!



We attended the Siuslaw Florence, Oregon Lions Club meeting on the 1st Tuesday of October. They are a club of 20+ members that are very active in Florence. They were very friendly and made us feel at home.

Near the end of their meeting I was pleased to present our Club's Banner to their Club's President, Jan Wilbur .

We are planning to attend their upcoming meeting this next Tuesday. Nice Lions !!



Lion Richard

fion Richard

Thought you might enjoy

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing and stopped at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman behind him was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer.

The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects. He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, giving the guy in front of you the finger and cursing at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, so naturally I assumed you had stolen the car." *Priceless*.

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN



CAMARILLO BOYS' CLUB member Wayne Beck thanks Pleasant Valley Lions Club president Rick Nicholl for sports equipment his group recently donated to the Boys' Club, including two footballs and two basketballs. To date, the Lions Club has donated \$1,909 in money and equipment to the club, Nicholl said. Wayne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Beck of 276 Genieve Circle.

Just had to include this photo of Lion Hillary taken at his church. This is just a reminder that Hillary is still looking for the remainder of our club members to take photos for our

updated booklet.

I don't think that the fox was happy to sit for Hillary.





14-15 Oct - Harvest Festival 1/3

This was our best weekend so far and we had lots of help. We had a large contingent from Conejo Valley this weekend as a result of our visit to their club. All we had to do is ask and they complied. Also had lots of SP Leos and we couldn't do without them. Here is a collage of some of those working hard this weekend.



14-15 Oct - Harvest Festival 2/3

I love taking photos early when folks are just starting to wander the pumpkin patch; it is a very peaceful environment.

District 4L-3 first VDG visited us on Sunday and he was impressed with our setup. Both DG Rich and Bill gave him a rundown on the event.

Lion Cindy came by for a visit. Cindy-Happy@ always cheers everyone up.

I took a few photos of Merleen so she could send them to her son who is a member of a lions club by Palm Springs just to show him that we were a very active club in contrast to his club (rub it in Merleen).

At right we have a couple of hot dogs (I meant *hot dog makers*).

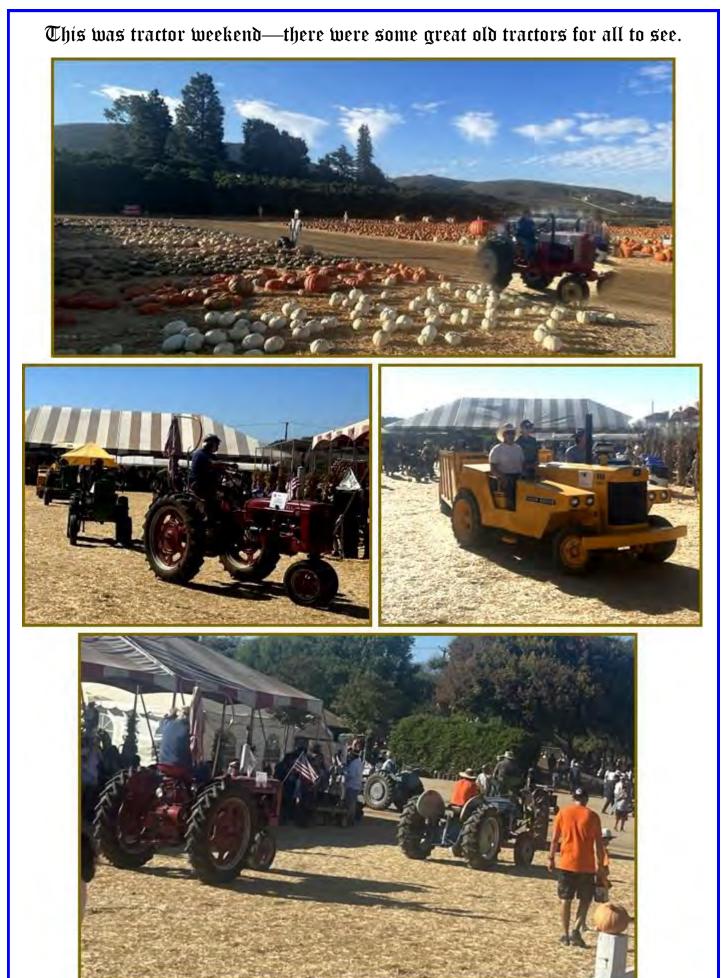
At bottom we have mother and smiling daughter from Conejo Valley Lions who







14-15 Oct - Harvest Festival 3/3



17 Oct - Board Meeting

Including the photographer we had 14 board members present. Fortunately Tom Mix left his horse at the barn. It was the shortest board meeting that I can recall because there were only a few items on the agenda.

Donations:

- Health Care Foundation of Ventura County: \$100 raising our total for the year to \$15,100. As you may recall Amy Towner, Foundation CEO noted that Ojai donated \$2 more than PV to take the #1 spot *so we are now back on TOP*.
- Marine Corp Toys for Tots: \$500. 2VP Bob will deliver a very large-size check to one of his favorite charities. *Lion Bill will help if he can fit into his old uniform!!*

International Flag replacement: \$226 to replace all the flags in front of our podium.



Upcoming Events:

- Tree planting at Oak Grove Park: This supports our Environment Global Cause.
- Charter Night/Halloween night: We expect some from other clubs come Scary!
- Trunk or Treat: 1VP Bruce organized this event at the Cam Police Station
- Cam Police Dept. BBQ: Nov 8 we will provide a Santa Maria Style BBQ to Cam. PD
- City of Hope Diabetes Walk: Pres. Victor is our Diabetes Chair and the walk is on at Constitution Park. Come join and enjoy a Lion Burger.
- **DG Visit**: Lion Bill will organize a gift and Pres. Victor will decorate Dodger Blue.
- Christmas Party: Lots of fun at Los Posas Country Club and other clubs including CI and Ambers Light will join.

Thank You:

• LCIF: \$100 per member award for 2022-2023



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Dear Club President:

Congratulations to you and each of your club members on earning the enclosed \$100 Per Member Average banner patch, recognizing your club's cumulative support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in 2022-2023. As you know, Lions are increasingly called upon to meet the needs of vulnerable populations in communities both near and far. The support given from your club will help provide Lions the ability to reach these populations and improve the lives of individuals both young and old.

LCIF supports critical humanitarian needs in 208 countries and geographic areas around the world, with initiatives as diverse as the communities being served. Donations from your club, along with thousands from around the world, may help provide a vaccination to a child in the developing world or give food and shelter to the homeless after a disaster strikes their community. Where there is a need, there is a Lion – and LCIF.

Display this banner patch with pride and remember that it is a symbol of your dedication to serving the world community.

Yours in Service,

Douglas K. Alexander

Douglas X. Alexander Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



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18 Oct Tree Planting at Oak Grove Park

Eight Pleasant Valley Lions planted trees at Oak Grove Park. 2VP Bob Larson is responsible for our Environment Global Cause and has managed to fulfill the need this year. More to come later when the Monarch Butterfly habitat fencing is completed later this year. PV Lions included DG Rich, Larson, Goldberg, Morgan, Conn, Seidler, and Fraser who brought Charley to water the trees.







On this day in history, October 18, 1867, United States purchases Alaska from Russia for cool \$7.2 million

Alaska treaty first widely criticized in US, but Russian nationalists said to regret massive American land grab today



The United States made the deal of the centuries — securing the <u>vast Alaska territory</u> from Russia for \$7.2 million — on this day in history, Oct. 18, 1867.

The transfer of 665,000 square miles of land between future rivals for global hegemony had a profound impact on the geopolitical balance of power still felt today.

"The purchase of Alaska in 1867 marked the end of Russian efforts to expand trade and settlements to the Pacific coast of North America, and became an important step in the United States rise as a great power in the Asia-Pacific region," writes the Office of the Historian of the <u>United States</u> <u>Department of State</u>.

After months of international negotiations and political wrangling <u>in Washington, D.C.</u>, the deal was ceremoniously cemented with the lowering of the Russian flag on Castle Hill in Sitka and the raising of the American flag.

October 18 is celebrated each year in the Last Frontier as Alaska Day, an official state holiday.

The land steal works out to a meager 1.7 cents per acre for a territory more than twice the size of Texas and more than three times the size of California.

Secretary of State William Seward and Russian minister Edouard de Stoeckl negotiated the agreement.

The treaty created a geographic curiosity. The United States and Russia today are next-door neighbors. The two nations are separated by just 2.4 miles of ocean in the Bering Strait between the islands of Big Diomede (part of Russia) and Little Diomede (part of Alaska).

<u>Russian nationalists</u> today are said to lament even now the loss of such a vast treasure of natural resources. *Seward's Folly was no Folly at all!!!*

21-22 Oct - Harvest Festival

This turned out to be our busiest weekend and Sunday so far. The proceeds from Sunday were just shy of our all time high last year, and from talking with Lion Mike they were short staffed but made it through the weekend. Thankfully DG Rich managed to get some life saving help from Camarillo H.S. Leos. I had this weekend off to attend a wedding up north and asked some Lions to send me some photos. Well, I received one photo of pumpkins from Sec. John of pumpkins and one from DG Rich of the Cam. H.S. Leos. John explained that *he didn't want to provide any photos of the lions for the FBI to use*.



For the weekend we sold:

- Corn 2557
- Hot dogs 1124
- Tri-tip 1103
- Cheese burgers 650
- Hamburgers 186
- Veggie burgers 109
- Water 973

One more weekend to go!



9 October - Visitation (#8) to Ambers Light 1/2

We completed visitation #8 with a visit to Ambers Light Lions and it was another District Governor visitation so we got to hear DG Rich again. As mentioned previously Rich does a nice job of spreading the district's word, engaging the crowd and encouraging them to grow.

Lion Dale White is the current Ambers president and managed to keep all the rowdy lions in line. Pleasant Valley was represented by Lions Victor, Lloyd, Tom, Walt, Bill, Bob T., John and DG Rich. Lion Walt came disguised as a pale pumpkin.





Ambers Light provided a dinner in honor of our District Governor and a Past District Governor and husband from India. She was also at Conejo Valley and may visit other clubs with DG Rich.

It was Mexican night with Chili Verde. We even had a soda stacking contest and Tom and Lloyd won.





9 October - Visitation (#8) to Ambers Light 2/2

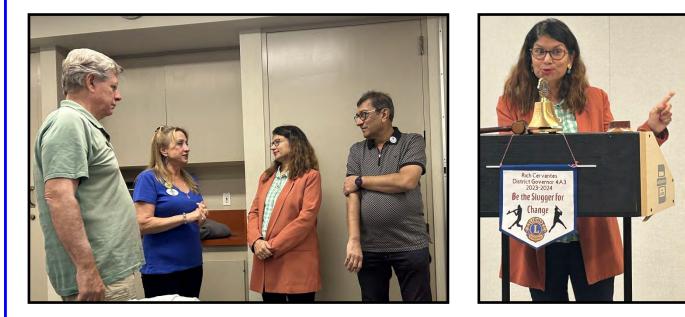
Lion Mary Ann Novak, Region N, Zone 6 chair introduced DG Rich since 1DG Jason wasn't there. Neither were George and Chris Graham who were in Europe.

Rich was effusive in his praise of Ambers Light and rightly so. They have been district #1 club for 5 years in a row. Rich introduced Lloyd who was their Guiding Lion and the Bulletin who





signed their charter when he was president in 2011.



Induction of New Member: This is one of DG Rich's favorite things to do and this was a particular pleasure because it was Ana Blattel whom we have all known and appreciated for many years. For those youngsters out there she was Past Pres. Tom Blattel's wife and a ter-



rific help to me and my wife when I became president in 2010 and to many others over the years.



24 Oct - Charter Night 1/7



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Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions was officially elected to the International Association of Lions Clubs on 24 August 1945 but wasn't officially chartered until 9 October 1945. We were sponsored by the Ojai Valley Lions Club.

You can see that the crowd was small but they did have a good time.



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Be it known to all men that no. 7. Tulkerson Ju

is a duty elected LIONS CLUB MEMBER in accordance with the Constitution and By-Eaws of the International Association & of Eions Clubs & in witness whereof this CERTIFICATE / MEMBERSHIP & has been issued & this 24 day of Augusto 45





24 Oct - Charter Night 2/7

The first thing you saw was the drink and ticket table run by Lions Lloyd and Geno. After that many lions perused the table with all the yearbooks, photos and banners. This certainly brought back many memories.

One of the first things that I noticed was Lion Missy with WYO. I wasn't at Underwoods last weekend so was unaware of how many burgers she must have eaten to gain that much



weight in a day. I'll be there next weekend so perhaps I can help control the burger urge.

The hats on Mr. and Mrs. bulletin were made 12 years ago by Mrs. bulletin for our first Halloween party and they got dusted off for our second. My hat even fit Patti True.

The winners of the costume contest are on this page but you will have to wait a bit to find out.













24 Oct - Charter Night 3/7

Club History. One of the evening's highlights occurred when several of our longest serving lions went on stage to reminisce their time in lions. They have been lions since the stone age but let's not digress. Lion Lloyd started it off with a detailed history lesson about our club's origins and accomplishments. Lloyd also provided the historical documents on the table for all to see. Then we heard from Lions Ken, Jack and, Neil. It was fascinating hearing from all of them. Mike went up to reinforce our appreciation for all their efforts. The Bulletin jumped in at the end to provide a little history on our club winning the prestigious GINKBO award from Lions International 13 yeas ago. Our *little ole club in Camarillo* beat out all lions clubs in North and South America for the largest donation to LCIF in 2010. Just thought it appropriate to remind the club that they do great things that are recognized. We received a commendation from the Camarillo City Council signed by non other than Mayor and Vice Mayor Lions Kevin Kildee and Mike Morgan plus other members of the council.





Dinner.

Lions Mike and Jan and Anthony handled all dinner duties. We had beef, chicken and cheese enchiladas, rice, beans and salad and it was finished off with lots of cookies, cupcakes and candy.



24 Oct - Charter Night 4/7

Thanks to Hillary we have some great photos of four lions who have and will continue to contribute so much to or club.



Halloween Costume Contest

- Couples contest: John and Karen Fraser. This was John's coming out party.
- Single contest: Mike Nunez as the "tooth" fairy.





Lion Kim drew two winning tickets for the fruit and nuts pack. The first was to page 34 Tom and the second was to Cheryl Taylor from Conejo Valley. She and Victor matched in black and white.





24 Oct - **Charter Night** 6/7 A few extras from Hillary for your viewing pleasure.



24 Oct - Charter Night 7/7 A few more for your viewing pleasure.



Lion Tom's Page 34

Interesting tidbits



26 Oct - Trunk or Treat 1/3

Camarillo PD organized the "first annual" Trunk or Treat event located in the lot behind the police station. Chief Tennessen, below was very surprised, but immensely pleased at the turnout. Although Lion Bruce bought many bags of candy we and many others ran out early due to huge crowds so the Chief sent a deputy into town to buy everything he could find. The deputy then went to each table and loaded everyone up. We actu-



ally had to be loaded again several times before the evening was done.







26 Oct - Trunk or Treat 2/3

Originally we ran out of candy at 7pm and had another hour to go. Lions Bill and Rich managed to get us candy from the Food Share booth and we had our first of several visits from a deputy dumping candy on our table. We had no idea that there were that many kids in Ventura County but they kept on coming in all shapes and sizes. The deputy said that the event got noticed on social media and it took off. Undoubtedly this event will be the start of an annual event. Based on all the candy we gave out I'm guessing that we had way over two thousand visitors. It seemed like Underwoods on steroids.

We were not the only lions at the event. Ambers Light had a table close by managed by Lion Kim who brazenly dressed as a thief. Apparently she had less than \$950 in the bag so the sheriffs left her alone.

We even had a visit from Lion Russ *back* from back surgery.

I took dozens of photos of all our visitors

and show a few of them here and on the following page without comment.







26 Oct - Trunk or Treat 3/3



28-29 Oct - Harvest Festival 1/3

The final weekend of the Harvest Festival 2023 reminded me of the Spaghetti Western "The Good the Bad and the Ugly".

- Good: We beat last year's final weekend's sales by over \$5,000, we had lots of help from many clubs, we survived the heat and wind, we had a great time with great friends, we proved a new and improved serving method by Bill S., added a new item (Bratz) to our menu by Bruce and finally, it is over till Easter.
- Bad: heat, wind and lost tri-tip. While there was a brief attempt to recover a dropped tri-tip it didn't happen because people were watching the tail twister will deal with this issue.



- Ugly: On Sunday, 29 October it all started when we couldn't get the most gliger to work (worked eventually), the
- the meat slicer to work (worked eventually), the hot dog grill refused to heat (never did), the corn roaster motor broke and eventually fixed after a couple of hours with no corn sales then stopped working, eventually we realized that we had a power outage and switched to the generator. Finally the corn roaster with its new motor and power ran twice as fast as the previous one so corn had to be roasted twice and Lion Al Learn sure had to move to keep up.

Lots of Leos from Santa Paula and some other interesting folks this weekend.





28-29 Oct - Harvest Festival 2/3



28-29 Oct - Harvest Festival 3/3

The last day was predicted to be very busy with gusts to 50mph so it started out slow



After all was done we had a celebratory sip of champagne or lemonade. This was Lion Bruce's first year at the helm after taking over from Lion Bill and he did great. Next year will be easier because there are no more daughters weddings in October.



Eye Screening

2 Oct. Brookside elementary

Bob Larson, Tom DeBardas and team lead Russ White did **240** students. This was Bob's second outing and he handled it like a pro.

30 Oct. Oak Park High School

Russ White, Tom DeBardas and Bob Taylor did **104** students. This is the only high school that we do and although it takes all morning. We only do new students to the school.



GK Delivers Check to Somis Food Pantry

I delivered the \$1000 check to Somis Pantry. Beth Yale was their to receive it.

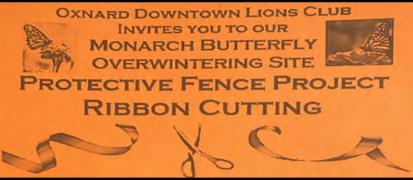
They are feeding 60 plus families of which 12 are large families with 4 or more kids. They also take care of two or more walk-in families. They are staying busy finding food to accumulate for the families.



fion GK

30 Oct - Monarch Butterfly Habitat

Oxnard Downtown Lion Renata Hundley cut the ribbon with the mayor of Oxnard, members of Oxnard Downtown lions, Lion Bob Larson (at back), other dignitaries and several PV Lions watching. PV Lions in attendance included Lions Bob, Victor, DG Rich, Kim and Mike. PDG Margaret Dunleavy also attended.

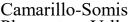


Lion Kim is shown with the mayor of Oxnard who rec-



ognized our own Mike the post-hole -digger Morgan, past mayor of Camarillo

All those participating in the construction were thanked for their help and Lion Bob was recognized by Renata and presented a butterfly pen along with Roberto, the property owner.



Pleasant Valley donated Lions \$1000 toward the purchase of the fencing material, which was stored at our yard. We still have some remaining to finish the fence in the near future.

Initially, several PV Lions visited the site to help lay out the fence

line and Lions Bob and Mike rented a post hole digger and installed lots of posts with Oxnard. Our two dedicated post hole diggers are shown by the butterfly truck at right.

Oxnard Downtown received several commendations from congress, state legislature and the city.

Thanks Lion Bob in organizing PV help to support this environmental cause.

Dedicated for all enjov to the butterbeautiful flies and other that *pollinators* visit and live here while protecting their environment.









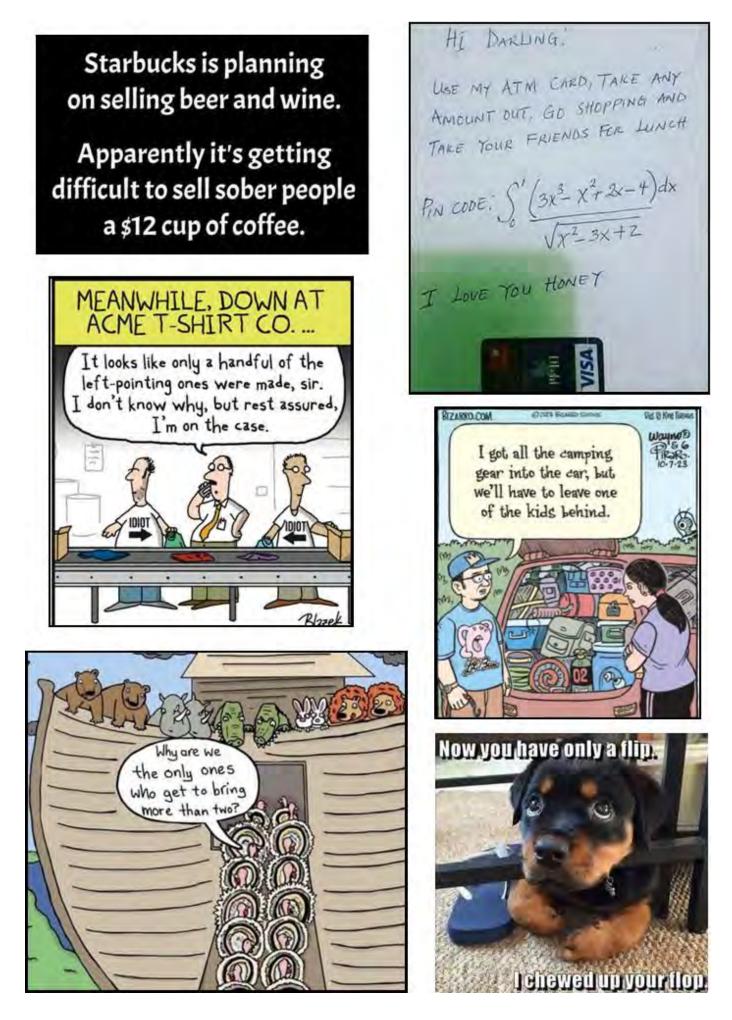








Lloyd Is At It Again



Pot Pourri from Sec John

Attention Please!



Trunk or Treat greets in PV Lionsville:

If, however, there are outstanding warrants with your name on them...and you're a bit shy about making appearances at the PD station...we will take that into consideration. *****

The agenda for tomorrow night's regular meeting is attached. Our guest will be *motivational speaker* **Bruce Kanegai**.

Can someone please explain the need for a motivational speaker (please insert an extended yawn here)...hey, I'm motivated! (insert another yawn + a pronounced stretch and belly rub here).

I'm chomping at the bit to get going on things today....uhhh...right after my nap (until about 3 pm), and then after binge-watching those classic episodes of *TJ Hooker* (if such episodes exist).

While we're on the subject, exactly what IS a bit and why do we wish to chomp on it?

And furthermore...I

uhmmmm.....zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz



As we inch closer to Halloween, I have a rather desperate plea for George...the neighbors are still freaked out by your Ms. Captain America out-fit from last year.

This year, can you please try to tone things down...Ms. Gordon has barely left her house since last Halloween.

History Lesson from Lion Lloyd

During WW2 a ship carrying tons of Mayonnaise to Mexico was sunk by a German U-boat just off the coast and from that day on it became a national holiday:

CINCO de MAYO







Our California Lions and Friends

In this heartfelt tribute, we find ourselves so grateful, as we reflect on the remarkable generosity of our Friends, Lions, and Lions Clubs. Your support is the cornerstone of the operation, reminding us that the journey toward positive change is a collective endeavor. Your contributions have made our newest additions a reality: two 2023 Chevrolet Express 3500 12-Passenger Vans, powered by robust 6.6-liter V8 Engines, with the strongest towing capacity available in a passenger van.

We are reminded that it's through the generosity of the Lions community that we continue on the mission to restore vision and prevent blindness. See the full list of dedicated Lions, clubs, organizations, and community members that helped us reach the finish line.

Even with this goal achieved, your support is always needed to fulfill the mission in your District's vision service projects. Friends in Sight is powered by your continued donations. Thank you to all!

Thank You to ALL the Donors who Kept the Drive Alive!

Lions Clubs Great Job I	»V!!!
Apple Valley Lions Club	La Habra Host Lions Club
Camarillo-Somis Lions Club	Los Angeles Host Lions Club
Champaign Village Lions Club	North Hollywood Lions Club
Chino Valley Lions Club	Oceanside Sea Lions Club
Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions Club	Orange County Central Lions Club
Corona Lions Club	Pomona Host Lions Club
Crestline Lions Club	San Diego North County Lions Club
Cucamonga District Host Lions Club	Santa Maria Noontimers Lions Club
Jurupa District Lions Club	Seal Beach Lions Club



Clarke	Sheri	11/6
Hellstrom	Richard	11/28
Jochums	Bruce	11/23



Horoscope: Scorpio -Sagittarius

- Scorpios use expletives to describe philosophical concepts.
- It's no wonder that Halloween falls smack in the middle of the Scorpio range. This is the only time of year when fake hauntings, sugar-induced hysteria, and impersonating Dr. Who won't get you arrested.
- Scorpios have strong sex drives, because it gives them yet another opportunity to smoke. It is hard for you to accept that Star Trek is fiction, and you are not a Borg leader.
- Sagittarians are born adventurers. They like smashing spiders with their bare hands and trying to walk to the bathroom in the middle of the night with the lights out.
- They would sooner sustain crippling injury than do anything the easy way. Sagittarians love to entertain their friends, family, and total strangers.
- Sagittarians are loud and have no social graces. They seek to offend. Sagittarians usually have nicknames like Thunderpooper or Vomitus Maximus.
- Animals and small children love Sagittarians. This is unfortunate since adults usually hate them. However, Sagittarians make excellent circus freaks and vagrants.

PV Lions Calendar 2023-24

- Nov 4 2nd District Meeting—Cambria
- Nov 8 Police Dept. BBQ—Cam PD
- Nov 14 Regular Meeting O-Club
- Nov 18 Diabetes Walk Const. Park`
- Nov 21 Board Meeting B&G Club
- Nov 28 Regular Meeting O-Club
- Dec 12 Regular Meeting O-Club
- Dec 15 Christmas Party Los Posas C.C
- Dec 19 Board Meeting B&G Club
- Jan 9 Regular Meeting O-Club
- Jan 16 Board Meeting B&G Club
- Jan 23 Regular Meeting O-Club
- Feb 13 Regular Meeting O-Club
- Feb 20 Board Meeting B&G Club
- Feb 23-24 MD4 Convention Riverside
- Feb 27 Regular Meeting O-Club
- Mar 12 Regular Meeting O-Club
- Mar 19 Board Meeting B&G Club
- Mar 26 Regular Meeting O-Club





Hurricane Devastates Pacific Region

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

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Hurricane Otis made landfall in Acapulco and surrounding areas of Mexico as a Category 5 hurricane, the strongest storm on record to hit the area. The full scope of the devastation is still unclear, with communication systems down, but it is estimated that dozens of people have been killed with several still missing. Homes and other buildings in the path of the storm were destroyed.

Lions in the region are already poised to help and Lions Clubs International Foundation is mobilizing funds, including a US\$50,000 Major Catastrophe Grant and a US\$10,000 Emergency Grant, to empower them as they help their communities recover.

Your donations enable LCIF to respond quickly when disasters occur!

Support the relief effort O

Your generous donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund, specifically reserved for all disaster relief, helps Lions continue to serve!

4 Nov MD4-A3 Second District Meeting

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	MD4-A3 Second District Meeting
	SATURDAY
	November 4, 2023
Po	Joslyn Adult Recreation Center
THEFE	950 Main St, Cambria
840	8-9 a.m. Continental Breakfast
for Chan	Cabinet Meeting 8:30 a.m.
10.	District Meeting 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	District Service Project:
	"Spread the Love"
	Nut & Seed Spread Food Drive Benefitting the SLO Foodbank
	(see separate flyer for details)
B	e the slugger for change!
We are a	sking each club to PLEASE bring a raffle prize!
"South of the Be	order" Lunch is \$20 (includes registration and continental breakfast).
Please send	Registration only (no lunch) is \$10. your registration form and check payable to "District 4-A3" to
	Lion Chris Graham, Cabinet Secretary 368 Via De La Mesa
	Newbury Park, CA 91320 Dr register and pay online: square.link/u/NCg4hNfs
	than November 1, 2023 (registration after this date will not guarantee a lunch)
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Lion	Guest
Club	Office Held:
Phone #	Email:
	& Lunch: \$20.00 per person
C Registration	only: \$10.00 per person Amount Enclosed \$

PLEASE

ALL CLUBS ARE ASKED TO BRING A

RAFFLE ITEM TO THE DISTRICT MEETING!



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

Dear Lion,

You are making such a big difference in people's lives every single day. Now imagine how much more your club could accomplish if everyone in your community knew of all the good they could do as part of your club.

Let's show our pride in our clubs by shining a light on our service every day. We are the global leader in humanitarian service, and we need to make sure that our communities know how we serve and how they can participate. Let's use great marketing and communication to show our communities that we are changing lives—and that they can change the world with us by becoming Lions and Leos.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill International President

With LCIF Support, Lions Always Answer



Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,

The last several weeks, I have had the opportunity to visit with many of you around the world and hear your stories of service made possible by LCIF grants. I was particularly moved by the way Lions in Morocco have used LCIF grant funding to help people who were impacted by the devastating earthquake that struck there. The region will continue to need Lions for many months to come, and I'm proud that our foundation and Lions on the ground can work together to help during this time of great need.

Our foundation truly empowers us to make a difference in the world, thanks to the <u>continued support</u> of Lions, Leos and many others who generously give to LCIF, including our corporate partners. In this month's newsletter, we share the impact made possible through our partnership with Latter-day Saint Charities. I also hope you will learn more about ways to support LCIF and be recognized for your contributions, as well as share your stories of service made possible through our foundation. Thank you for being an ambassador for LCIF.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Thanks Lloyd



4 Nov - MD4-A3 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 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Be the slugger for change!

It's time to REGISTER for the Second District 4-A3 Meeting! It will be held in Cambria on Saturday, November 4, 2023, with dinner and activities for Friday, November 3, being finalized (watch your inbox for details coming soon!). If you plan to come up the night before, we encourage you to make hotel reservations as soon as possible at the location of your choice. <u>CLICK HERE FOR SOME OPTIONS</u>.

You can now register & pay ONLINE with one link!!!

AS ALWAYS - WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO EAT LUNCH OR NOT, YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE MEETING IN ADVANCE!

As the costs of hosting a District Meeting continue to climb, we must charge all attendees, whether you are eating lunch or not. The continental breakfast is included in both registration fees. We hope you understand and this will will not prevent you from attending.

12 Nov - A little help to our friends at Ventura Downtown Lions





RSVP: Before Friday November 10th to Secretary@ConejoValleyLions.org

We only have 30 openings available

SIGNS

Lion George

A Sign in a Shoe Repair Store

We will heel you We will save your sole We will even dye for you.

Sign over a Gynecologist's Office:

"Dr. Jones, at your cervix."

In a Podiatrist's office:

"Time wounds all heels."

On a Septic Tank Truck:

Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

At an Optometrist's Office:

"If you don't see what you're looking for, You've come to the right place."

On a Plumber's truck:

"We repair what your husband fixed."

On another Plumber's truck:

"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber"

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee:

"Invite us to your next blowout."

On an Electrician's truck:

"Let us remove your shorts."

In a Non-smoking Area:

"If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action."

On a Maternity Room door:

"Push. Push. Push."

At a Car Dealership:

"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

Outside a Muffler Shop:

"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming."

In a Veterinarian's waiting room:

"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

At the Electric Company:

"We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted."

In a Restaurant window:

"Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."

In the front yard of a Funeral Home:

"Drive carefully. We'll wait."







15 Dec - PV Lions Christmas Party

CHRISTMÁS DINNER PARTY

DECEMBER 15, 2023

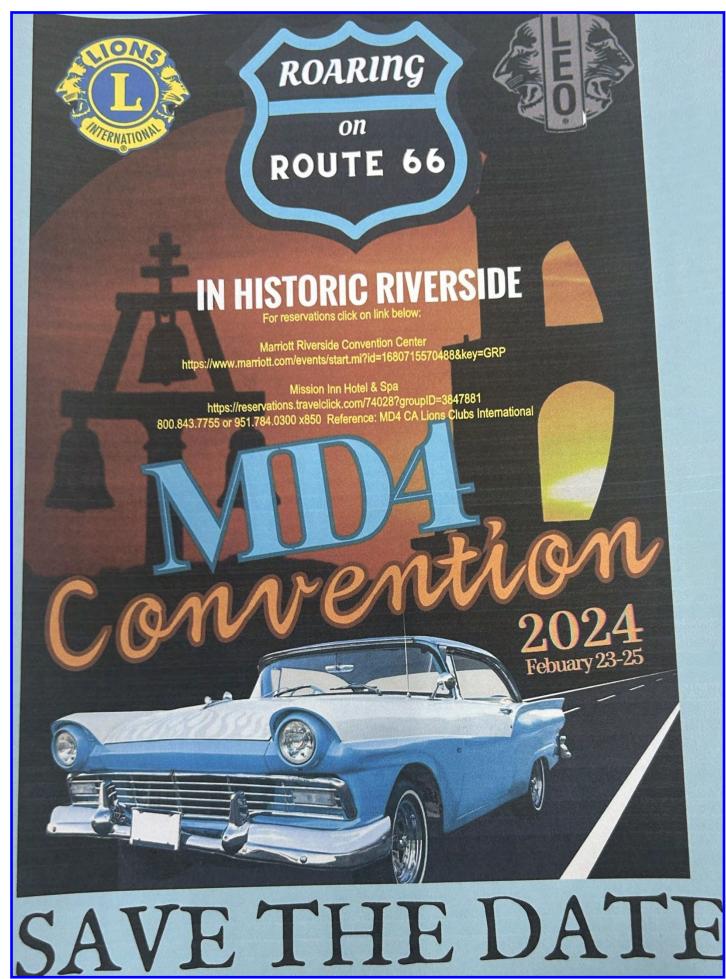
PLEASE JOIN CAMARILLO/PV/SOMIS LIONS CLUB

> HAPPY HOUR LUXURIOUS BUFFET ELEGANT DESERTS DANCING FUN \$65 PER PERSON

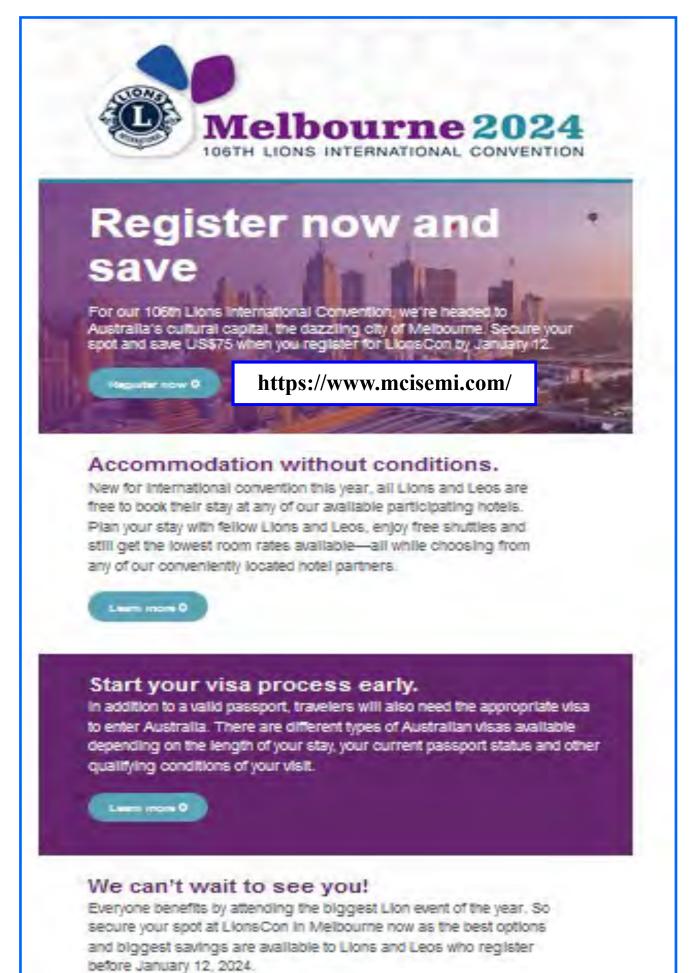
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LAS POSAS COUNTRY CLUB 955 FAIRWAYDRIVE CAMARILLO, CA 93010 PLEASE RSVP TO VICTOR TEXT (805) 340-3262 BY 11/15/2023

23-24 Feb 24 - MD4 Convention



June 21-25, 2024 Lions International Convention



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	

PV Lions Committees 2023-24

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	

Fun Stuff!

