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Reflections: From the desk of Victor,

As I step into the role of President of our Lions Club, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude and responsibility. It is an honor to serve as the torchbearer for this esteemed organization, rooted in the values of service, compassion, and community. With each new day, I am reminded of the incredible potential we possess as Lions to make a lasting impact on the lives of those in need.

In the coming year my vision is simple: to deepen our impact within the community we serve and inspire a ripple effect of positive change. We will forge partnerships, both within our Lions Club and beyond, that foster collaboration and innovation. Together, we will identify emerging needs and adapt to the changing landscape.

As President, I encourage each and every Lion to bring their unique talents, perspectives, and passions to the forefront. Our strength lies in our diversity, and it is through our collective efforts that we can transform lives and create a better tomorrow. Together, we will amplify our voice, strengthen our initiatives, and leave an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals.

To achieve this, I invite you, my fellow Lions, to embark on a journey of service and personal growth. Let us rally around the core values that define us, infusing every endeavor with compassion, integrity, and inclusivity. By doing so, we will not only enrich the lives of those we serve but also nourish our own souls with the knowledge that we have made a meaningful difference.

In the weeks and months ahead, I have no doubt that our Lions Club will continue to be a beacon of hope, shining brightly in the darkest corners of our society. I am humbled and honored to lead this remarkable organization and look forward to the transformative journey we will undertake together. Let us embrace our role as agents of change and rise to the challenge, for it is through our unwavering dedication that we will create a world filled with kindness, compassion, and a renewed sense of hope.

Yours in service,

Agents of Change!



Victor Martinez, President

12 June - Lions Play BumbleBee Golf

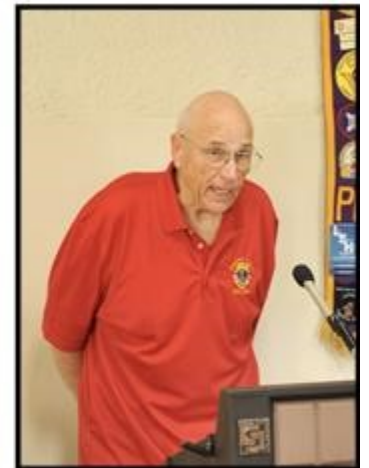
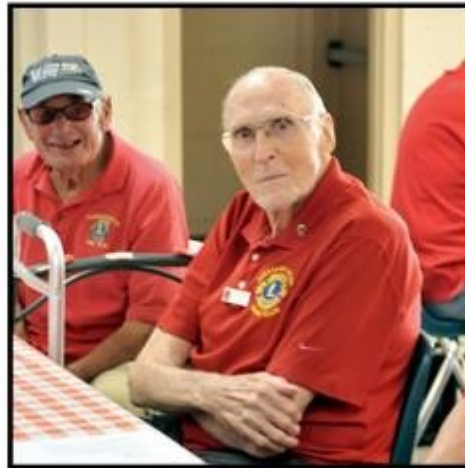
Pleasant Valley Lions donated \$100 each for 6 golfers to play in the BumbleBee Foundation Golf Tournament. Each of the golfers came up with another \$100 to reach the \$200 entry fee.

The photos of the three golfers were provided by the Lion who yelled “fire” after falling into the vat of chocolate because after hitting a long drive he had to wait for the “*old geezers*” to find their **balls** in the creek. Well, at least two of them found one.



I sure missed a busy meeting but thanks to Lion Hillary I have lots of photos to show you, now I just have to interpret them! This is the final regular meeting for President Mike Morgan who has been in this position for 1 1/2 years and we thank him for his service to Lions and to our club.

As you know there have been some health issues in the club and it is great to see members back and healthy again. We missed Lions John, Lloyd, Richard and Bill who were home recovering from a variety of illnesses and operations. The photo of Richard is the first I have seen since his procedure and it is obvious that he is going to need some smaller shirts.



Although Bill has been home recovering he has not been idle as you can all tell from the email requests asking for signups to **Fair Parking**. Bill is having difficulty getting signups for Fair Parking, which is our largest fund raiser of the year.

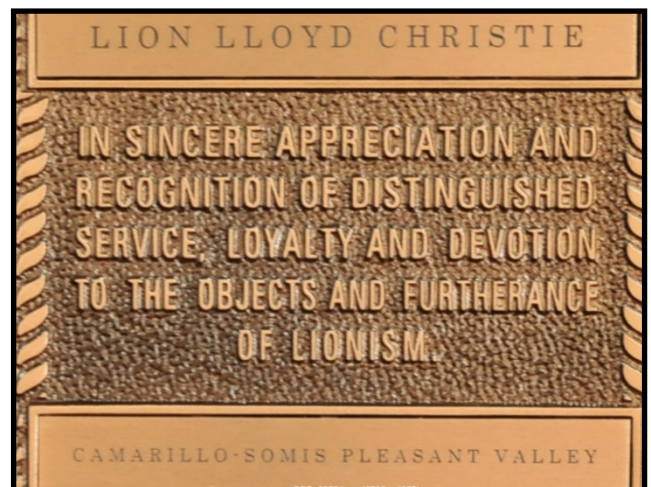
PLEASE CONTACT BILL TO SIGN UP FOR FAIR PARKING.



Lion Lloyd Christie honored by PV Lions

I sure wish that I could have been there to see this award presentation. The award is for Lloyd's dedication to Lions for almost 50 years and he ain't done yet!!

Congratulations Lloyd.



PV Lions Scholarship

Lion Richard Baker is our scholarship chair and tonight he had the honor of awarding a \$2000 scholarship to **Leslie Michelle Barragan** who is a graduate from Camarillo High School who was enrolled in the school's A.V.I.D. Program. Leslie is shown with Richard while her very proud family watches. Leslie's A.V.I.D. instructor, Miguel Sanchez, was the guest speaker tonight.

Lion Baker has done a terrific job as scholarship chair for many years but he is looking for a replacement. **It is time for another lion to step up as scholarship chair.**



Guest Speaker

Miguel Sanchez: Camarillo High School A.V.I.D instructor

A.V.I.D Is an International Program helping students get ready for College or other Fields. The program can be started in Junior High thru High School. It is an Elective Class but the program requires those enrolled must comply with a contract.



Student Speaker Contest Winners

Two of the three contest winners and family came to the meeting. Our student speaker contest chair, Lion Dick Bellman awarded certificates to Carlos Valencia from Camarillo High School who received a first place award and to Johanna Martinez from Oxnard Middle College High School.



Tail Twisting

It seems that our tail twisters were not very busy with only 4 twisted tails. I can only speculate but Missy is happy that Tom was twisted and not her, John is happy to be back, Mike is thankful that his 1 1/2 year term is almost over and John F. is thankful that Denver is NBA champ instead of the Dodgers (he is confused!).



Raffles

It seems that there was only one 50/50 winner. Clearly WYO wasn't that interested in Lion Missy's winning ticket.



Lion Paul Clementi had the winning bean pot ticket but joined in the long line of bean pot *Losers* since he is holding up a blue marble.

Dinner

Lion Kerry leads the cooking crew this quarter and he and his crew had a lot of folks to feed our traditional Santa Maria Style Dinner because of all the guests. The crew consisted of Lions Kerry, Chet, Mike, F. Taylor, and Wim and Anthony. A few of our hungry and happy guests are shown enjoying the meal.



Extra

1stVP Victor reinforced lion Bill's request for help at the SummerPalooza in two weeks. We have enough ABC certified folks so you don't need certification to participate.

Afatia Lefee from Samoa and Ed Cristobal at bottom right are prospective new members brought in by President Mike Morgan. He has definitely done his job bringing in new prospects to the club and should be commended for his effort!!



13 June Regular Meeting 5/5

Extra, Extra

There is no rhyme nor reason for my inclusion of these photos other than that they provide a little more context to the meeting, show more smiling faces of lions and guests and to thank Hillary for the photos. Plus, I get to vicariously enjoy the meeting while practicing my nursing skills for a knee replacement spouse.



17 June (1885) - Statue of Liberty Makes Its Way To America

Lion Bill S. arrived at the same time the statue arrived - “He remembers it well”

The Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, made its way to America on June 17, 1885. The French people, in honor of the alliance between the two countries during the American Revolution, presented the statue to recognize America as a champion of liberty and encourage the French to support the same ideals.



Statue of Liberty, formally **Liberty Enlightening the World**, colossal statue on Liberty Island in the Upper New York Bay, U.S., commemorating the friendship of the peoples of the United States and France. Standing 305 feet (93 meters) high including its pedestal, it represents a woman holding a torch in her raised right hand and a tablet bearing the adoption date of the Declaration of Independence (July 4, 1776) in her left. The torch, which measures 29 feet (8.8 meters) from the flame tip to the bottom of the handle, is accessible via a 42-foot (12.8-metre) service ladder inside the arm (this ascent was open to the public from 1886 to 1916). An elevator carries visitors to the observation deck in the pedestal, which may also be reached by stairway, and a spiral staircase leads to an observation platform in the figure’s crown. A plaque at the pedestal’s entrance is inscribed with a sonnet,

“The New Colossus” (1883) by Emma Lazarus.

17 June - Farmers Market

Four of our PV Lions worked the Farmers Market booth on a very slow Market day. Nonetheless, they were able to show the Flag, talk to a few folks and most importantly collect some glasses and batteries. It only takes about 4 hours of your time at Farmers Market so consider helping out next month. **Let Lion Russ know if you can participate.**



The picture below is an example of where it all comes from!!



Proud to be a be a Lion

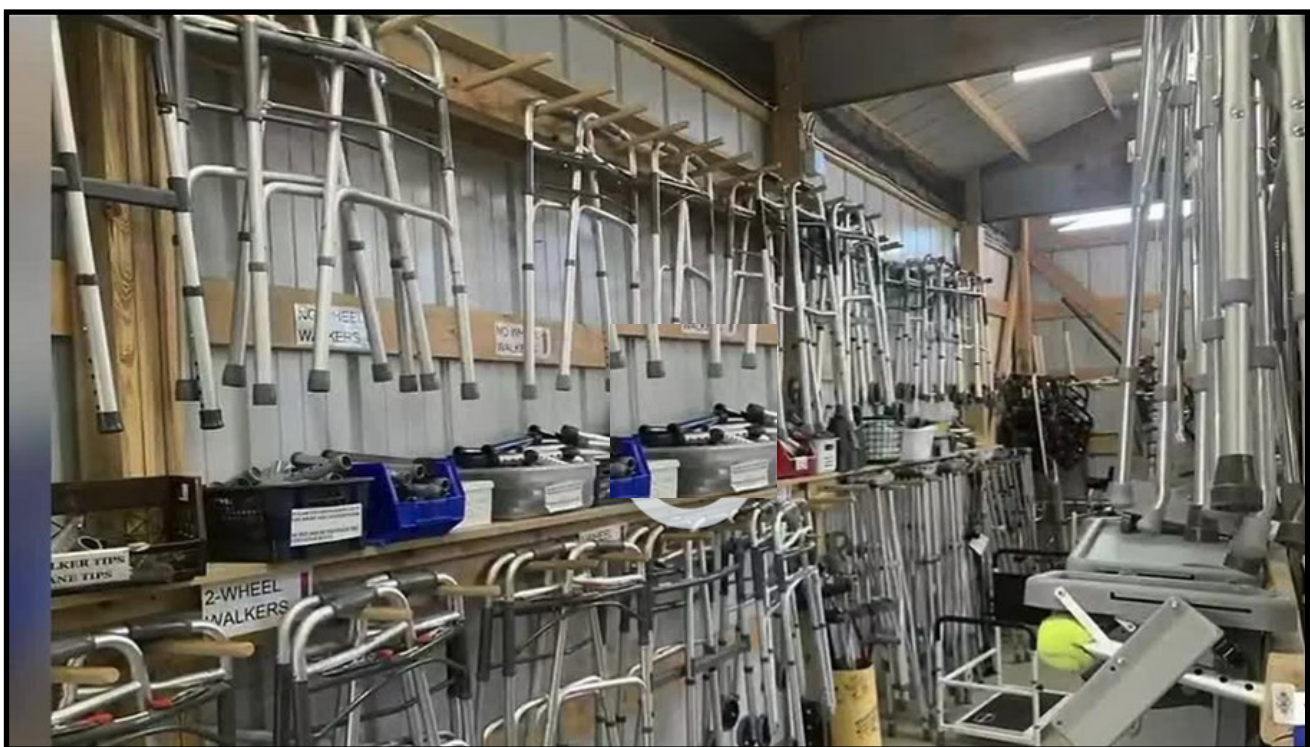
Lions Clubs help bring down medical expenses for people in need

APPLETON, Wis. (WBAY) - Walkers, cranes, and crutches can be expensive. To lighten the burden for families, the Lions Clubs in the Fox Valley are coming together to create a 'loan locker'.

Dawn Fisher is an Appleton Lions Club member. One of ten Fox Valley clubs teaming up to create a medical equipment loan locker. They are gathering things like canes, crutches, boots, and scooters so that people in need can have access to them for free. "It is amazing for people that need to have this type of equipment," said Fisher. She knows firsthand how important the loan locker is to families, saying her own loved ones have been blessed to use it. "Oh, he was so thankful, grateful to be able to have that and it got him through," said Fisher. She has also seen busy loan locker donation days in action. She says the Larsen-Winchester Club realized 60 percent of donations were going to people in Appleton, so they decided it was a must to open doors right here. The shelves are empty, but the hope is they will be full of items for people to use.

"I've been putting an inventory system together and I have 81 items on that list and I'm sure there's going to be more than that when all is said and done," said Fisher. "We encourage folks to look at their basements, look in the garage and bring us their gently used medical equipment," said John Franger. John Franger is with the Neenah Lions Club. He says all ten Fox Valley clubs pledged donations to turn this dream into a reality. Now he explains that all they need is for the public to reach out. "This is a very great example of people working together and accomplishing something that one particular group could not do for themselves," said Franger. Clubs invite the public to bring donations to the new location in Appleton. They hope to open two days a week in July. "It's very heartwarming to be able to do it," said Fisher. The club is holding a donation day this Saturday from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 312 W Northland Avenue in Appleton. Items needed are wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, knee scooters, ice machines, incontinence supplies, toilet risers and commodes, transfer benches, gait belts, grabbers, travel chairs, bed rails, shoehorns, and rollators.

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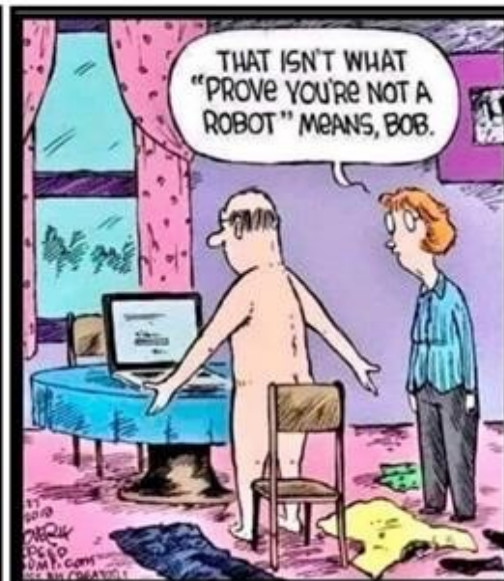
19 June - Donated Boys and Girls Club BBQ

This was the first of two Santa Maria Style barbeques auctioned off at the recent Boys and Girls Club gala. It sold for \$3500 for 40 people but it turned out to be 60 people. PV Lions covered the small additional cost to feed the extra 20 people.

Lions Bruce, Chet, Neil, Kerry and Russ cooked, sat and served the dinner. The winner of the auction, Jeanne Adams donated it to staff at El Descanso Elementary, now Pleasant Valley School of Engineering and Arts. Next up on 1 July is the second barbeque sold for \$7000 for 85 people. ***In total we donated another \$10,500 to the B&G Club!!!***



Thanks Russ



20 June - Board Meeting

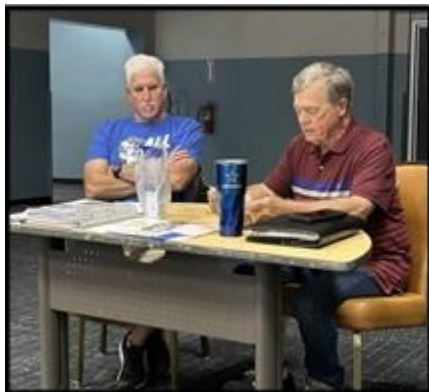
The final board meeting of the year was very well attended with some even sitting in the bleachers. WYO also attended with Lion Missy who was sitting behind the chair I vacated for the photo. The group applauded Lion Mike for his work over his 1 1/2 year term. We started with two guest speakers:

Gina Cosio - Reginal Mgr. Braille Inst. Santa Barbara. For many years we funded a bus to take locals to school one day a week in Santa Barbara but stopped due to COVID. They are not looking for a donation but are looking for drivers to take people to Santa Barbara and they will pay for gas.



PDG Norm McDaniel and Amy Towner, CEO Ventura Co. Healthcare Foundation.

They are seeking support and donations to help Ventura County Ambulatory Care Clinics to purchase 8 Retinal Cameras, 9 AIC Diabetic Screeners and Vital Sign Machines. Several years ago we donated \$25K for a similar purpose. They are striving for \$100K with a matching \$100K from LCI. We discussed our participation later in the meeting.



Global Causes:

- **Environment:** Lion Larson discussed his work with the Monarch Butterfly habitat in Oxnard and future plant and tree planting opportunities.
- **Vision:** Lion Russ has some vision screenings lined up and requested \$1536 for a 5 yr warranty on one of our spot vision cameras; it was approved.

Donations:

- **Many Mansions** - \$1,000 donated for their annual camp
- **Health Care Foundation of V.C.** - \$15,000 donated raising their total to over \$30K.

Thanks:

- **Boy Scouts of America**—Donated BBQ for 40

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June 13, 2023

Bruce Jochums
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“...to make ethical and moral decisions over their lifetimes, by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.”

Dear Bruce,

On behalf of the Ventura County Council's 2,000+ youth we serve, thank you for your support of our "Venturing On Together" Annual Dinner & Auction held Saturday, May 13, 2023.

Your support matters! Without the help of our partners and supporters like **YOU** the work of our local BSA Council would not be possible. We want you to know that with your donation of a **Lions BBQ for 40 people**, you helped us raise over \$69,000 to directly support those that benefit from our Council's proven programs and services.

The future starts with our community's youth and with **YOU!** Thanks again for your generous support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George Villalobos".

George Villalobos
Scout Executive/C.E.O.

The Ventura County Council, Boy Scouts of America is a non-profit organization.
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Barbeque Upgrade

Ten years ago Lion Chet built a barbeque with Bill Lynch welding to make our lives easier at events like the Fests at Underwood Farms. Our old barbeque was getting very old-in-the-tooth and wasn't really large enough for our growing needs. It is time for refurbishment and some grill replacements so Chet is working with Lynch welding to get it back in shape in time for Wings over Camarillo in August and October Fest.

The photos at top below tell the tale of why it needs work. The photos at bottom are after steam cleaning and some hard scrubbing by Chet but it needs some more TLC from a few lion scrubbers before it heads to Lynch.

Thank Chet for handling this again.



Ventura County area Lions!
Exciting opportunity to be honored ~
view in person or virtually!!!



It is exciting to share this email below from the office of Ventura County District 1 Supervisor Matt LaVere. All local Lions members are cordially invited to attend the "Moment of Inspiration" at the Board of Supervisors meeting on **Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Hall of Administration Board of Supervisors Chambers. You will be publicly thanked, and this meeting will be recorded and documented in our County history.

From the office of Matt LaVere, 1st District Supervisor:

In honor of Helen Keller's birthday (June 27, 1880), we would like to invite you and all Lions Club members to Board of Supervisors' Moment of Inspiration on Tuesday June 27th at 8:30 a.m. We would like to highlight the Lions Clubs, our local Knights of the Blind, for their continued commitment of service to those challenged with sight and the ongoing fight against the fastest growing disease, diabetes.

The January 6th Lions District 4-A3 Ribbon Cutting with the Lions Club International President was a testament to our local Lions Clubs significant contribution. Helen Keller's birthday is a perfect time for us to publicly thank our local Lions members for the impact they have made in our community and especially for the most vulnerable in our region.

District 1 Supervisor Matt LaVere

27 June Board of Supervisors Moment of Inspiration for Lions

We had a great turnout at the board of supervisors moment of inspiration for Lions on the same day of our installation. Seven PV lions including DG Rich, President Mike and Lions Bill, Mike N, Russ, Joe and Daniel all made the trek to the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room to be recognized by 1st District Supervisor Matt LaVere on the anniversary of Helen Keller's birthday. Our newly refurbished banner by Lion Mike N. hung on the back wall for all to appreciate.




Lion Lloyd is at it again — too good not to pass on!!



Apparently there's a third option between burial and cremation.



John Wayne.. His 5 Rules to Life..



1. Money cannot buy happiness but its more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than on a bicycle.
2. Forgive your enemy but remember the bastard's name.
3. Help someone when they are in trouble and they will remember you when they're in trouble again.
4. Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them.
5. Alcohol does not solve any problems, but then again, neither does milk.





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**INSTALLATION OF
2023-2024 OFFICERS**

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023
6:00 p.m.
At the "O" Club Freedom Park**



Honored Guests

PDG Norm McDaniel agreed to do the installation and all those in attendance know that he thoroughly enjoys the installation process and does a great job.



PCC Bill Dunleavy and PDG Margaret Dunleavy attended and it is always great to see them. DG Bill and Margaret prior to becoming DG did my installation and were incredibly gracious. I recall Margaret bringing gifts for all the board members.



DG Rich Cervantes with first lady Mary Jo and past president of Ambers Light and 1VDG Jason Laird and family also attended.

I would be remiss if I didn't include incoming Ambers Light President Dale White and past Ambers Light President Ellen Jochums as honored guests.



Both outgoing and incoming Pleasant Valley Lions Presidents Mike Morgan with Donna and Victor Martinez with Sheryl Taylor from Conejo Valley Lions are also shown as is Past President and incoming 1stVP president Bruce Jochums and incoming 2ndVP Bob Larson.

Sheri Clarke was a surprise attendee after her motorcycle crash in Greece where bones were broken only a month ago. Four broken ribs and a broken bone in her foot didn't keep her away although she did move rather gingerly.



Dinner

Dinner by Ottavios was a treat. I don't think that Lion Mike expected to be all by his lonesome at the serving table but he was, and survived and we thank him. He and Jan



were also the last to leave. We had a nice appetizer table and dinner of veggies (Sheri's favorite), pasta, salmon and chicken parmesan.

Patriotic Cupcakes and cookies were dessert and Lloyd obviously enjoyed the blue frosting. I think that he was saving some to lick off later.

Katy from Cronies repeated her bartending duties from our Valentines Day Party so neither Artie nor Joe needed to work the bar.



District Governor Award Presentation

District Governor Rich presented our club with an award for being recognized as an LCIF Model Club level 1 with a \$35K donation over a few years. Model club is based on a formula that LCIF computes as to the # of members to \$ required. According to DG Rich our club gives the most money out of any club in our district. We are also committed to reaching model club level 2. **All we need is another \$7K this year — piece of cake!!**



Awards

Student Speaker Fellowship

- Mike Nunez — Donald E. Snyder
- Jan Nunez — Dwight E. Standford
- Victor Martinez — Harry J. Aslan
- Bruce Jochums — Fred W. Smith



Kay Fukushima Fellowship

- Bob Larson
- Kim Stephenson
- Richard Baker
- Dick Bellman



Certificates of Appreciation for 2022-23 Board Members



President Appreciation

- Mike Morgan — Melvin Jones Fellowship
- Mike Morgan — Certificate for President Services



Lions of the year

- Bill Schulze
- Bob Taylor



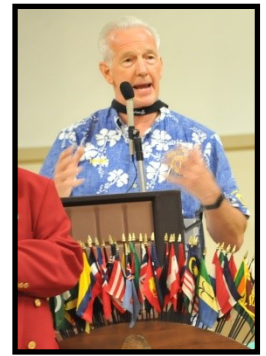
California Lions Friends in Sight Award

- Bill Schulze



Past President Chet Price was our master of ceremonies and Chief Lion Comic for the evening. He is always up to the challenge and does a great job.

PDG Norm McDaniel from Ventura Downtown installed the Officers and Board for 2023-24. It starts with thanking the old board, welcoming and inducting the new board and providing guidance and incentive to the new board. After all this, the entire new slate of officers and board were treated to gifts of all types of



sodas from President Mike son's company.

I actually scored two bottles with the last labeled Big Red. It's not clear what Bellman thinks he is supposed to do with the bottle; there's no opener up there!!



Lion Neal went to the podium to give a special gift to Lion Bruce. Only Neal knows why!! Nonetheless, Bruce accepted the *“I Love My Wife”* plaque with grace. I expect that Ellen will sew it on the back of Bruce’s Lion shirt.



Next up was President elect Victor with a bouquet of flowers for Donna Morgan.

Finally we hear from our next president and his vision is clear. He wants more community involvement.

One paragraph from his introductory column on page 1 of this bulletin says it all:



“In the coming year, my vision is simple: to deepen our impact within the community we serve and inspire a ripple effect of positive change. We will forge partnerships, both within our Lions Club and beyond, that foster collaboration and innovation. Together, we will identify emerging needs, adapt to the changing landscape.”

27 June - Installation of Officers and Board 7/8

Throughout the evening Lion Bruce pulled clothes pins and DG McDaniel called them out to the dismay of many. About 110 pins were sold so there was \$275 awaiting a winner. The last few pins were picked by Jason Laird's son. There were two left standing, Joe Stayton and Walt Brand and they elected to go all in rather than splitting the pot. Lion Walt Brand finally became a **Winner** after suffering bean pot defeat in three consecutive drawings. Walt took home \$225 after dropping \$50 back into the pot.



The last event of the evening was the auction and none other than our Steer Auctioneer Lion Mike with Vanna White's (aka Lion Jan) help stepped up to auction off three donated items.

First up was Pinocchio and it was won by Ken Anderson. Next up was a serpent-like glass container filled with Napoleon Brandy. The winner was our regular bartender Joe Flores for \$80 and Maria is wondering how much time Joe spent at the bar before the bidding started.

The last item up for auction was a carved wooden bear that Mike is carrying around like a baby in a papoose. Lion Victor donated this \$250 carving but there were no takers until the price dropped all the way to \$80 and none other than Lion Jan got the winning bid.



27 June - Installation of Officers and Board 8/8



2023-24 PV Lions President Victor Martinez — Biography



Ventura County native real estate professional Victor Martinez is a lifelong resident of Camarillo. Joining Century 21, he brings a wealth of experience from the education, agriculture, and construction fields.

At the age of 11, Victor worked the summers, holidays, and weekends in the local lemon orchards as a tree pruner. This taught him to develop a good work ethic at an early age. Graduated High School at Camarillo High. He then went on to earn two California State Certificates, one being a Journeyman Sheet Metal Worker, and the other, a Journeyman HVAC Service Technician.

Victor's relentless pursuit for excellence on the job was recognized when he advanced to Mechanical Construction Project Manager. Completing such projects as LAX Control Tower, LA County Jail, P&G expansions 1&2, Los Robles Hospital addition, several classified buildings at Point Mugu Naval Base and many more.

Victor's thirst for knowledge drove him to attain a Dual Bachelor's degree in Labor Studies and Science at the University of Maryland. Continuing to further his education at The Ohio State University working towards his master's degree. He decided to combine his love for construction and education. This led him to pursue a career combining the two as Apprenticeship Administrator for the Central Coast.

He served several years on the Ventura County School to Career Executive Board. Chaired and Served on the Santa Barbara County Workforce Investment Board. Victor's next step was to pursue a career in Real Estate. His reason for choosing this field is to help families to attain their dreams by owning their own homes.

Victor enjoys family, traveling, mountain biking, being outdoors, basketball, football, golf (learning), badminton, socializing. Victor was afforded the opportunity to join the PV-Camarillo Lions Organization about five years ago. This gave Victor the opportunity to give back to the community. Chair for Diabetes in his Club and putting on various events to facilitate community awareness for this cause has been a great experience.

Attending Advanced Leadership Training and the US/Canada Leadership Forum along with LCIF'S online courses gave Victor the tools and education/training to serve on the MD4 Marketing Committee and Club President this year. Victor looks forward in assisting were ever necessary to help his community.



As we're well into the baseball season, here's some more Yogi Berra quotes to brighten our day:

- When asked why the Yankees lost that day: We made too many wrong mistakes.
- Congratulations. I knew the record would stand until it was broken.
- You better cut the pizza in four pieces because I'm not hungry enough to eat six.
- I usually take a two-hour nap from one to four.
- The future ain't what it used to be.



This week's Thought-provoking Thought:

This week coming to us in the form of a question from Steven Wright:

What's another word for Thesaurus?

A Little help for our Secretary: A **thesaurus**, sometimes called a synonym dictionary or dictionary of synonyms, is a reference work which arranges words by their meanings, sometimes as a hierarchy of broader and narrower terms, sometimes simply as lists of synonyms and antonyms.

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One-time Lion Teddy Roosevelt didn't always drink beer, but when he did he drank Topa Topa Chief eak. OK...don't bother looking that up...it's not true...nope, none of it.



The original patent from 1891 for a toilet paper roll shows the correct rolling direction, in case you ever doubted.



This little guy told his Dad that he wanted to learn how to train his dog and his Dad said there were lots of dog training videos on YouTube. So here he is, showing them to the dog!



Lions George and Chris on Vacation

A Sailing We Did Go

Chris and I along with my son, Andy, her daughters Kellie and Ashley and Ashley's boyfriend Jason headed to Rome on June 14th. We toured several famous sites in the historic city for the next two days before boarding the 2900 passenger ship Celebrity's EDGE. Then it was stops on the island of Corsica, then Positano Italy, Florence, Pisa, Cannes, France and finally Barcelona, Spain. From Cannes, Andy and I went to Nice and Monaco where I placed a bet at James Bond's famous hangout the Monte Carlo casino. I didn't have Bond's luck there but it was a great trip otherwise.



30 June Summer Palooza

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30 June Summer Palooza

It was on again and then off again and then on again due to the generosity of someone who donated \$1000 to purchase the beverages.

The 8 PV Lions below checked every ID even very senior citizens, sold tickets and served one of three beers or white claw. Modelo, the best selling beer in America sold out first followed by the IPA Lagunitas. We didn't finish the Coors Light keg or white claw but tomorrow is expected to be hot so we'll find out.

We sold about 225 drinks and expect Saturday to be a better day.



District Governor's Corner

DG Rich will be a travelling man this year. It started with a Council of Governors meeting in San Diego. This page will keep a log of his travels as a keepsake for his year. Below right is our past district governor Kalani Jose at his shadow box ceremony where he receives the box from his wife Desire. Mary Jo will have the duty next year. We will see Rich and his entourage on 28 Nov.



About 10 years ago we sponsored the Conejo Valley Lions Club and they have always been helpful at our major fund raisers. DG Rich had the honor and pleasure of inducting their 2023-24 Officers and Board, no doubt that this will be the first of many induction ceremonies for Rich.



PV Lions “Doin’s”

Lion GK Smith “Doin” one of his favorite things — Delivering a check to Somis Food Pantry

I delivered the Somis pantry Check to Beth and Julia at the pantry at the Somis Church. They still serve 55 to 60 Families each month. They thanked the Lions for all the support we have given to the pantry and families GK



1st and 2nd PV Lion VP’s attending Ambers Light Installation



These all came from Tom 2 years ago when Covid was in full force but they weren't used so here they are, a little late but better than never.



July 2023 Birthdays

HAPPY
Birthday



Certificate

Happy Birthday Month

Good for ONE drink at the bar



| | | |
|---------|----------------|------|
| Ahara | Jerry | 7/26 |
| Mingay | Donald | 7/21 |
| Schulze | William "Bill" | 7/29 |
| Seidler | David | 7/1 |

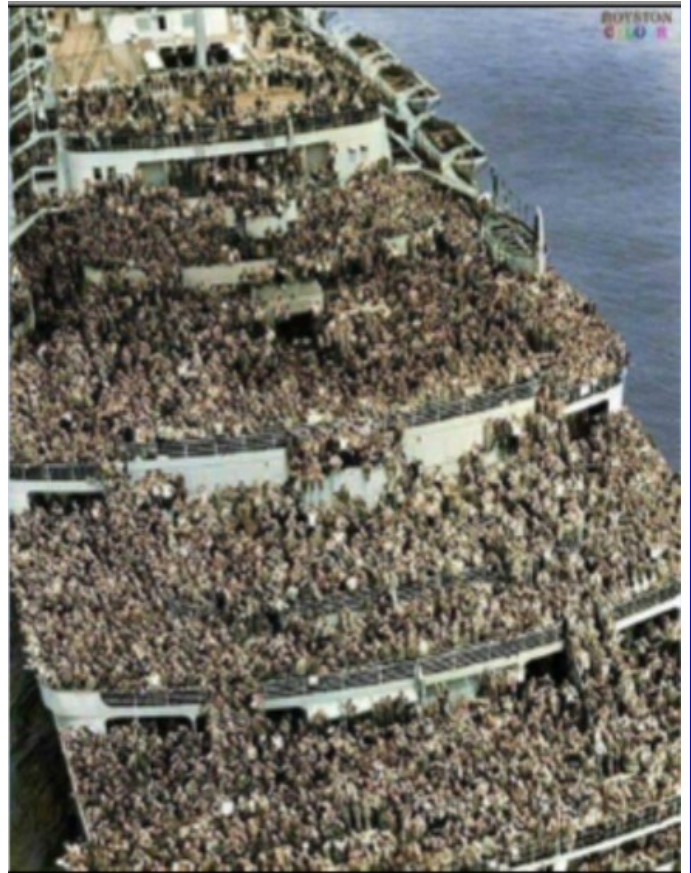


Horoscope: Cancer - Leo

- Despite your need to be everyone's savior, you need no social interaction. SWAT teams often show up, mistakenly thinking there's a hostage situation.
- A Cancer is like a walking Ladies' Home Journal, quick on the draw with shortcake recipes and helpful hints on how to talk to your teen. Whether they know it or not, they are all born with an exceptional talent for cross-stitch.
- So much for buying the world a Coke - they would breast-feed the world if they could. This trait is not gender-specific. You will never excel in sports because you have to rest for fifteen minutes every time you breathe. You do not mind, since you plan to conduct your career from the comfort of your own bed.
- You will grab attention in any way you possibly can. Self-immolation is not out of the question. You like to kiss mirrors a lot.
- Genghis Khan was a Leo, and so is Barney the Dinosaur. People still love Lucy, but less because she was a Leo. Leos will interrupt conversation to talk, and they will place themselves bodily in the way of someone who is trying to leave before the Leo is finished saying what he or she needs to say.
- All Leos want parades on their birthdays. Leos never marry because no one is good enough for them. If they do marry, they keep their spouses locked under the bathroom sink. They need physical affection at all times; but, they can't find any because everyone thinks they are irritating punks.

PV Lions Calendar 2023-24

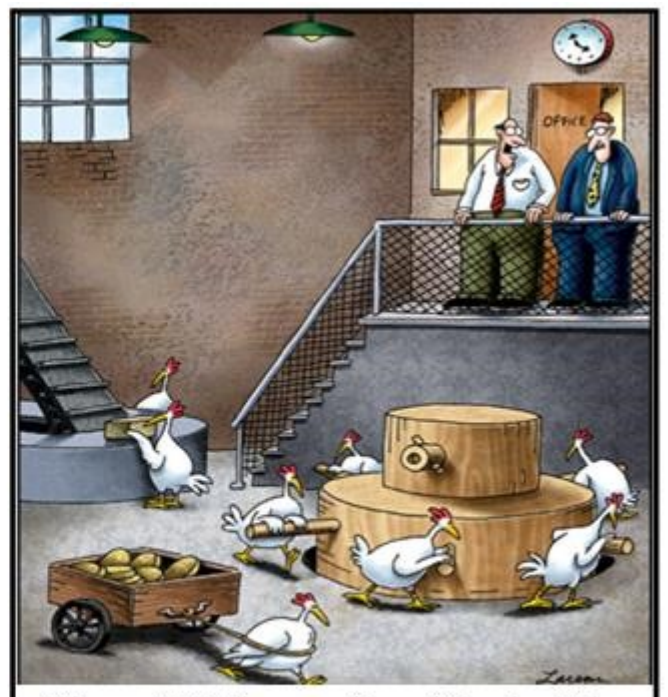
- Jul 1 **SummerPalooza**
- July 8 **Orange Picking at Hillary's**
- Jul 7-11 **LCICon Convention - Boston**
- Jul 11 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Jul 15 **Farmers Market**
- Jul 18 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Jul 25 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Aug 2-13 **Fair Parking**
- Aug 8 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Aug 15 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Aug 18 **Wings over Camarillo BBQ**
- Aug 22 **Family Night -Kildee Park**
- Sep 12 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Sep 19 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Sep 26 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Sep 30-Aug 29 **October Fest (weekends)**
- Oct 10 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Oct 17 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Oct 24 **Charter Night - O-Club**
- Nov 5 **Diabetes Walk - Const. Park**
- Nov 14 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Nov 21 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Nov 28 **Regular Meeting (DG Visit) - O-Club**
- Dec 12 **Regular Meeting - O-Club**
- Dec 15 **Christmas Party - Los Posas C.C.**
- Dec 19 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**



This is the RMS Queen Elizabeth pulling into New York with returning us servicemen in 1945. Finally, WWII is over.



This must be it Jenkins-the legendry Ugliest Place on Earth



"Oh, yeah! They work real hard, all day long, seven days a week! ... And here's the best part—for chicken feed"



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Together we can with International President, Brian Sheehan

Dear Lion,

When you love what you do as much as we do, you can't help but share that joy everywhere you go. And this year, I am so amazed at all the incredible ways that you have shared your service and the joy of being a Lion.

I am so proud to have been a part of this extraordinary year of innovation, optimism and generosity. Your service has made a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world. And I want you to continue to share the joy, the fun and the incredible pride of being a Lion everywhere you go.

Let's make a great day. That's the message I've closed my letters with and those are the words I want you to remember. Because together, we have made a great day for so many people around the world. And Together We Can make a great day for so many more.

It has been an incredible joy and the greatest honor of my life to serve you as international president.

Make a great day,

Brian Sheehan

International President

Celebrate Our Service

Service is more than something we do. It's who we are. And this year we've made a big impact. In fact, over the past year, we have served more than half a billion people around the world. That's a new record for our association! And that's worth celebrating.

Watch a [special video message](#) from President Sheehan about how your kindness, courage and generosity has made this an unforgettable year for so many people around the world.



From LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander

Greetings, Lions and Leos!

It has been my sincere pleasure to serve as chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) this past year. While we continued to face challenges throughout the world, including the ongoing war in Ukraine and natural disasters worldwide, we remained resilient and continued our important work in all of our global foundation's focus areas. Throughout my year as chairperson, I have had the opportunity to travel around the world and hear from many of you about the things you have accomplished this year because of LCIF. I've heard stories of service in communities near and far, as well as stories of generosity as Lions, Leos and others donated to our foundation to support people in need across the globe. Whether you helped your district apply for a grant, participated in a grant project, shared the importance of supporting LCIF or made a donation to our global foundation this year, you played an important part in creating a better world. As I close my year as chairperson of this amazing foundation, I ask you to join me as I continue to be an ambassador for LCIF to ensure people know about LCIF's impact and the importance of continued support. I look forward to serving the world and supporting LCIF alongside you in the years to come.



Building a Vocational School for the Deaf in Brazil

Many people around the world with deafness and other hearing disabilities struggle to access high-quality education and secure jobs to support themselves and their families. Read this blog to learn how an LCIF grant enabled Lions clubs in Brazil to partner with a local organization and build a new facility focused on vocational training for people in the region with hearing disabilities.



We Serve

**Announcing:
2023-2024 California Lions Project Care**

Quarter 1 (July-Sept): **Diabetes/Health/Childhood Cancer**

Quarter 2 (Oct - Dec): **Military/First Responders/Hunger**

Quarter 3 (Jan-Mar): **Youth/Vision**

Quarter 4 (Apr-Jun): **Environment**

The 2023-2024 Council of Governors will collect reports for the entire quarter rather than just one month at a time.

Clubs can do one or all the causes in the quarter if they want.

MD4 will send out the flyers to the districts and clubs.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me!

Rich Cervantes

MD4-A3 District Governor-Elect

rcervan411@aol.com



TOURNAMENT
SPONSORED BY

AMBER'S LIGHT LIONS

JULY 22 11AM-4PM

COME ONE COME ALL

Sign ups are now open come join in on the fun

ENJOY AN AFTERNOON AT THE PARK
COME AND PLAY CORNHOLE
ENJOY MUSIC
FUN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN
50/50 RAFFLE

**\$30 PER PERSON ENTRY FEE
INCLUDES LUNCH
ENTRY CLOSES JULY 8TH**

**Online Registration:
<https://tinyurl.com/lionscornhole>**

CORNHOLE WILL START AT 11:30 SHARP
CASH PRIZE WILL GO TO TOP 2 TEAMS



**MEL VINCENT PARK
CAMARILLO**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT
JUDY GRAY
JUDYSHEGG@GMAIL.COM**

BYO CHAIRS

The Camarillo Amber's Light Lions would love to have other Lions join them for a fun day at the park playing cornhole!

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Gray, Past President, at 805-901-1242 or judyshegg@gmail.com.

LCICon 2023 Boston

The Lions Clubs International Convention is happening July 7-11, 2023. Celebrate service with your fellow Lions and Leos in the city on the hill — historic Boston, Massachusetts!

Dear Club Service Chairperson,

In the upcoming months, many Lions and Leos will be gathering for district and multiple district conventions, as well as the [international convention](#) in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

As a service leader, you know any place where our members gather is a great place to serve others. Here are a few ideas for service projects that work well with meetings:

- Hold a food or clothing drive – ask members to bring items for donation
- Make fleece blankets or [wigs for children](#) with cancer
- Assemble backpacks for school children or care packages for foster children
- Host a fun activity, like a race, game show or talent contest, and donate the funds raised

Another option is to bring your group to a local food pantry, homeless shelter or wildlife area to serve the community directly.

If you know anyone who is planning to attend the international convention, please encourage them to make their convention experience more meaningful by registering for a convention service project. It's a wonderful way to serve alongside Lions and Leos from around the world.

Thank you for your leadership in bringing more service to your local community, as well as the world we share. If you have any questions, contact us by email, serviceactivities@lionsclubs.org.

Yours in Service,

The Service Activities Division Team

BOSTON 20  23

What are YOU doing this summer?

Boston is the place to be when Lions International Convention happens July 7-11. Make the most of your visit with these can't-miss experiences!

- World-class seafood and more. Sample the area's lively and diverse culinary scene
- Visit historic lighthouses, enjoy a whale watch or explore miles of hiking trails and picturesque beaches
- Get to town early and celebrate the Fourth of July with fabulous fireworks and the historic Harborfest

Register for convention today to experience all this and more!



Carpinteria Lions Club Annual Horseshoe Tournament

Thursday, July 27, 2023
Starts at 5 p.m.

Donations to Play:

Small & Medium Lions Clubs ~ \$100
Large Lions Clubs ~ \$250
PLUS \$25/player with 2 players per team

**Please register
in advance!**

All Proceeds Benefit



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Hope™

RSVP to Matt Dawson at
mattndeb1987@yahoo.com
or 805-708-2374

The Carpinteria Lions Club is hosting their annual horseshoe tournament on Thursday, July 27, beginning at 5 p.m. They are inviting all District 4-A3 Lions Clubs to participate! Small and medium clubs are asked to donate \$100 and large clubs are asked to donate \$250 in order to participate. In addition, each player is asked to donate \$25 per person with two people making up one team. **Each club only has to donate once with unlimited teams of two.**



Relay For Life of Ventura

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

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

Help attack cancer in our community.

1.800.227.2345
RelayForLife.org/venturaca



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

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

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

On day two, the Host Committee, led by Lion PDG Linda Wagner-Griffen, joined the Planning Committee. More details were defined. The Host Committee is the "Boots on the Ground" for any Forum. They are already working on their tasks and organizing volunteers. To host a Forum requires 400 plus volunteers. Since no one wants to work the entire Forum, the more volunteers available, the more chance there is for everyone to have some Forum time and volunteer time. If you would like to volunteer contact Manpower Coordinator, PCC Don Gall at dongall95336@gmail.com.

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

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

Jama

PV Lions Committees 2023-24

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

| 2nd Vice President- Bob Larson | |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 |

The Haircut

Blessed are those that can give without remembering and can take without forgetting.

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week' The florist was pleased and left the shop.

When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The cop was happy and left the shop.

The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Then a politician came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The politician was very happy and left the shop.

The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen politicians lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.

As Ronald Reagan said: "Both politicians and diapers need to be changed often and for the same reason."

