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**News from your “humble” President Rich**

Fellow Lions:

As we close out a very busy summer and fall we now are entering into the holiday season.

Thanks to all that participated in the Underwood Farms Fall Festival. I know the work is hard but the benefits are worth it. We are able to support our community, our other lion clubs and the world with the money we earn. Special thanks to our Underwood committee which included Bill Schulze, Bob Taylor, Russ White, Art Mansfield, Lloyd Christi and Mike Nunez (ed note: *and Rich Cervantes*). Without these lions this great project would not have been possible. I would also like to recognize the great support of the Santa Paula Lions and Santa Paula Leos.

I would also like to thank everyone that shared our very special night celebrating our 74<sup>th</sup> year of Charter. Special thanks to Lion Chet Price and his cooking crew which consisted of Bruce Jochums, Frank Taylor, Mike Nunez, Gino Dellanina and Bob and Evie Moore. Also thanks to all who helped arrange and set up this very special night.

As we approach the holiday season our first meeting in November will have a visit from our District Governor Juanita Nichols. Our menu will be a Thanksgiving menu. I invite our lions wives and husbands to share this special night. Please let me know by email if you are bringing your significant other so we can get a count for our cooking crew. As a special gesture there will be no charge for your guest.

Finally, as Christmas is quickly approaching I did send out a save the date for our annual Christmas party for December 20, 2019 at the Los Posas Country Club. We will be sharing this night with our sister club Ambers Light. An evite will be set up to make your reservations. The evite will be sent out to you by November 10, 2019.

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**Camarillo - Somis - Pleasant Valley Lions Club is now meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays (instead of 7 p.m.) at the same location (Freedom Center at Camarillo Airport).**

## Regular Meeting - 8 October 2019

We had a better crowd than last meeting with about 40 people but we are still down from our typical 50-55 so let's keep it going in the UP direction. President Rich introduced our guest speaker Stephen Watson from the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation who gave a very compelling talk featuring his daughter Alanna's successful battle with childhood cancer, more on this to follow.

Out 2nd VP Bill Schulze gave a rundown on the Harvest Festival and thanked all who participated. The next few weekends will be BIG so he encouraged all who might have a few hours to spare to come to Underwoods.

As usual, Lions Bellman and Debardas gathered lots of happy bucks and thanks to Lion Ted Rains for bringing in lots of bucks in support of the bulletin. They also generated lots of birthday bucks for Admin.



The 50/50 raffle was pretty sparse because most folks put their money into the bean pot raffle that grew to \$465. The 50/50 raffle winners were Lion Scott Vreeland from Channel Island and Mark Davis's son who wanted to put all his winnings back into the tail twister's box but the crowd made him take his winnings.

We have a new member, Lion Kim Marra Stephenson (sponsor Dick Bellman), former principal of Camarillo High who is running for County Supervisor for District 3 that includes Camarillo; the election is March 3rd, 2020. I wish Dr. Stephenson lots of luck.



## Regular Meeting - 8 October 2019 (con't)

### Guest Speaker: Dr. Stephen Watson, Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation

Stephen started by stating that his talk would focus more on humanities than statistics and he did just that to the very silent crowd. While there are many foundations focusing on childhood cancer he chose to work at Teddy Bear because of the terrific and continual support to his family while his daughter Alanna successfully battled brain cancer. He graciously provided a couple of pictures of Alanna as she thrives and gains weight and strength after her ordeal.

*You are all invited to the 3rd annual Little Heroes Luncheon at the Pacific View Tower Club on November 7 from 12—1:30 pm. You can reserve your seat by calling Pres. Rich.*

**Addendum:** At our board meeting the club donated \$2500 to the Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation and purchased a \$1500 table for 8-10 at their Nov. 7 luncheon; way to go PV Lions!

# OUR THREE PROGRAMS ARE THE HEART OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

There are many hardships a family experiences after a pediatric cancer diagnosis. For the child with cancer, it can be physically painful and scary. Many children also struggle in school due to the side effects of treatment. For parents, it is the most frightening and emotionally exhausting experience of their lives. Many families lose income while seeing their child through treatment, causing significant financial stress. Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation addresses all of these issues.

We offer programs to lessen the immediate financial, emotional, and educational challenges, while providing ongoing opportunities for families to connect with each other in a safe space.

**THE FAMILY FUND: FINANCIAL STABILITY PROGRAM**

**HELP FOR THE HEART: EMOTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM**

**TOOLS FOR SCHOOL: EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM**



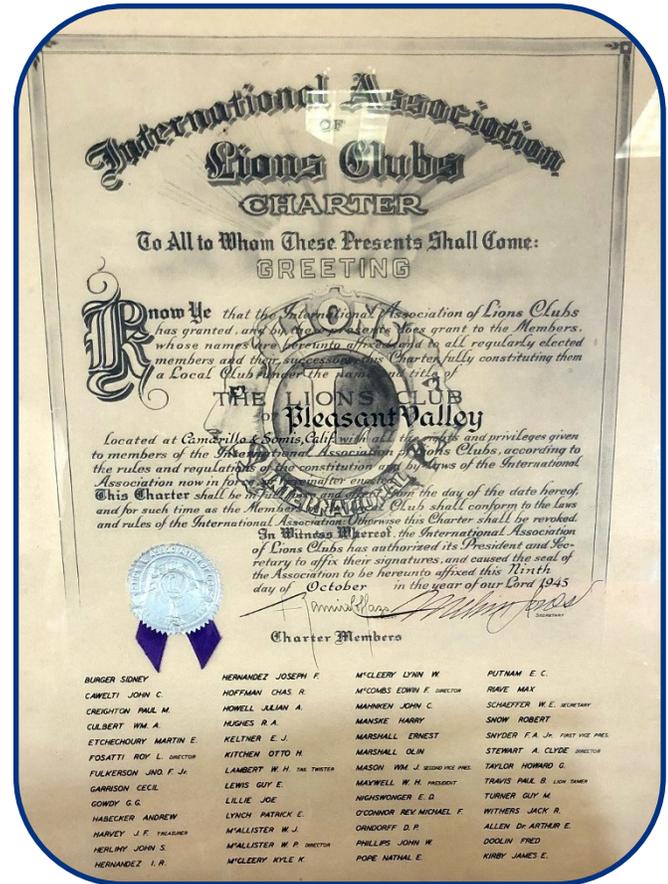
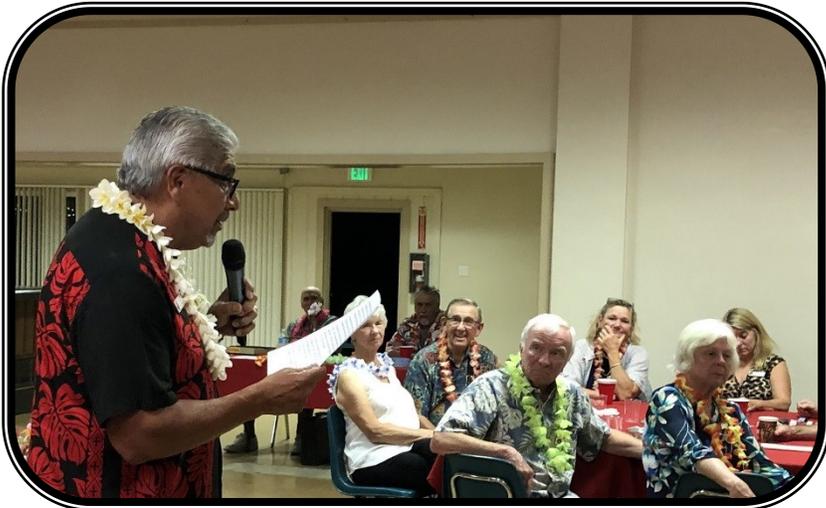
# Charter Night - 22 October 2019

We always celebrate our original Charter date, which was originally signed on 9 October, 1945 and first celebrated on 26 October 1945 by 53 Charter members. Our sponsor was the Ojai Lions Club.

The Pleasant Valley Lions Club has been active in District 4A3 producing 6 District Governors. Since the District Number One Contest started in 1969 the **Big Red One** has been selected for that honor 16 times.

President Rich is shown providing a history of our club provided by Sec. Lloyd. ***“PV Lions has been fortunate to have members with leadership and organizational talents, which have made us leading fundraisers to contribute to many worthwhile causes, from Lions Clubs International to California Lions Foundation to worldwide and local funding for Sight, Hearing, Diabetes, Environment and Childhood Cancer.***

***We have reason to be proud of our club.”***



The meeting was well attended and we had a very special guest who is about to head off to college. Our sponsored guide dog Ezra graduated from puppy school and is heading to the next phase of education before becoming an official Guide Dog. Trainer Debbie Cross has done a wonderful job with Ezra. I'm sure that she will suffer some empty-nest loneliness for a while but is proud that Ezra qualified for the next step. Perhaps we will see Ezra at graduation (see article at back). Sec. Lloyd and a few members brought a treasure-trove of plaques, photos and scrapbooks for all to see.



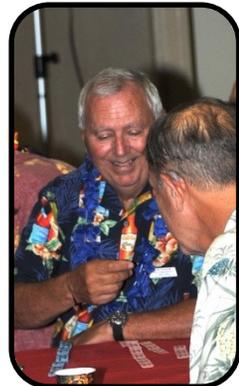
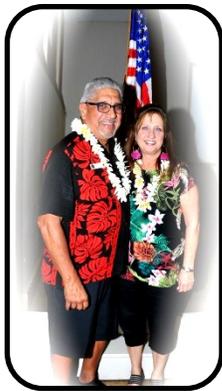
## Charter Night - 22 October 2019 (con't)

As usual Lion Tom Blattel greets the guests and takes some cash. Then its on to Sec. Lloyd and Lion Art selling drink tickets and guarding the bar. We had a terrific meal orchestrated by Lion Chet with help from Lions Jochums who stuffed the pork roast and prepared the salmon, Nunez, F. Taylor, Dellanina and Bob and Evie Moore who handled the hors d'oeuvres. We had a nice array of raffle gifts, partially shown below. Lion Bellman walked away with the large bottle of Makers Mark Bourbon donated by Lion Sherri. Let's hope he waits to open it till after our last weekend at Underwoods. Special thanks to our kitchen helpers and to the Frontier Leos who, along with advisor Kim Dallape came to help serve and clean up. Frontier Leos are always smiling.



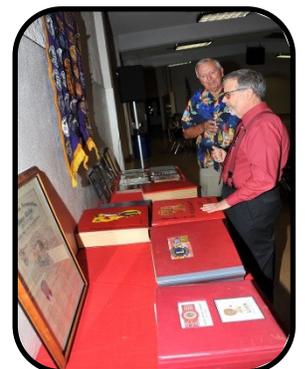
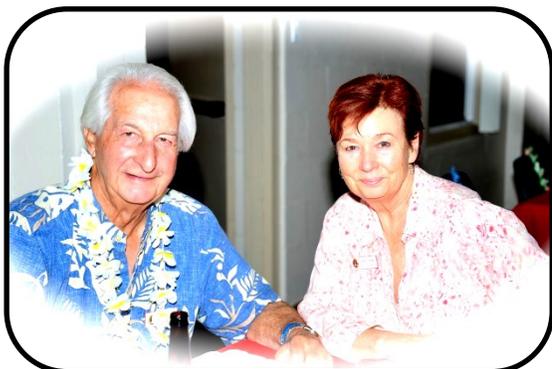
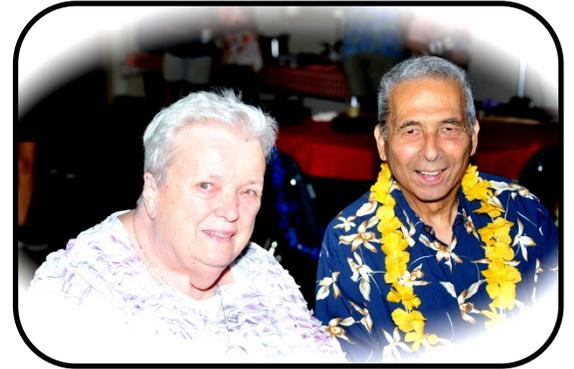
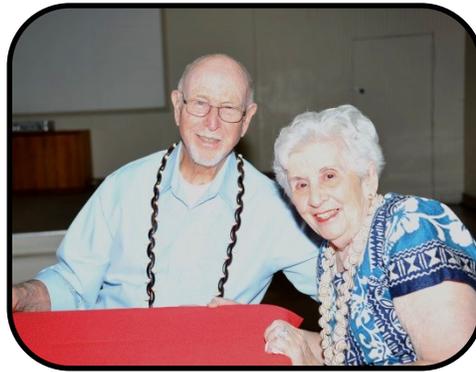
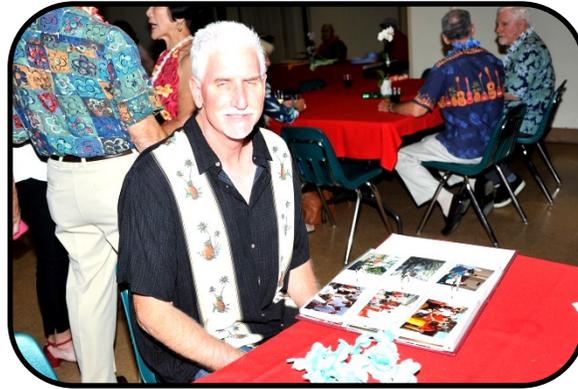
# Charter Night - 22 October 2019 (con't)

Just received many photos from Lion Hillary and had to include them for posterity. What a good looking group of Lions and family members. Thanks Hillary.



# Charter Night - 22 October 2019 (con't)

More from Lion Hillary Ling:



## Harvest Festival - Weekend 2

It was a busy weekend and we had just about the right number of Lion and Leo helpers. Sales increased by 44% from the first weekend and we continued to sell right up to our closing time of 5pm. Santa Paula along with our PV Lions were again out in force. On Saturday the Santa Paula Leos showed up unexpectedly at 1pm and pulled our bacon out of the fire; we sure needed their help and they were great.

We have some pictures of the key makers and cookers below, starting with Santa Paula on corn, Santa Paula Leos at the window, Lions Forsythe and McNutt on burgers, Knittle on corn, Mansfield on onions, Jochums on Tri-tip, Graham on veggie burgers and Debardas on buns. Our leader Lion Schulze is shown manning the cashier window at closing time and there is still a long line. President Cervantes and 1st VP Nunez were all over the place filling in as needed. Yours truly, Bulletin/Hot Dog Bob kept the doggies rollin, rollin, rollin. We also had great help from Conejo Valley and Ambers Light Lions.

*The good and bad news is that the next three weekends should be even bigger.*



## Harvest Festival - Weekend 3

It was tractor weekend at the Farm, with Saturday being a down day because of air quality, heavy freeway traffic and the lingering affects of the fire down south. Fortunately Sunday turned out to be a good day with a large and hungry crowd. Lion Art was visited by his family; his 7 mo. old grandson certainly was curios about Lion Lloyd. Nice to see Lions Merleen, Jan and Lucy making burgers. Things always move smoothly with them as the makers. Lion Bill was a stand-up guy keeping our wind blown canopy in place. Not sure what can be said about Lion Chet's tri-tip cooking style. Have you ever seen so many tri-tips being cooked at the same time? "Pile Em High Chet"! Can't say enough about the Santa Paula Leos; they are incredibly hard workers.



# Harvest Festival - Weekend 4

Received the photo of the guide dogs from Lion Missy. The weekend was very, very busy so this was a good opportunity to expose the dogs in training to large crowds. Thanks to all who showed up to help.

There is a whole lot more going on at Underwoods Farm than just a Pleasant Valley Lions food festival. There are many other food vendors and a whole lot of pumpkins in all shapes and sizes. There are plenty of tractors for kids to enjoy and of course the Pig Races.



## Harvest Festival - Weekend 5

The Harvest Festival ended with a huge weekend of sales thanks to lots of folks. We did over \$18,500 in sales on Sunday and everyone was scurrying to keep up but we all survived. We had help from our district photographer, Page Smith and zone chair, Joe Knudson,. They asked that their salaries be provided directly to 4A3 rather than their clubs.

*The shirt on an SP Leo symbolizes the Manta of Lions and Leos.*



## Harvest Festival - Weekend 5 (con't)

I promise that this is the last photo page of the Festival but I received so many photos from Lion Page Smith that I just had to do it.

The success of the Festival is due in large part to our Leaders 2nd VP Bill Schulze who spent countless hours dealing with the Festival permit and all us wayward Lions (*No excuse Bill*) and President Cervantes who managed to staff the entire event and keep things moving along even when the lines were daunting. Of course we had great help from many in the club and from other Lions and Leos clubs to accomplish this most difficult of our fundraisers.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS ON ANOTHER TERRIFIC YEAR**

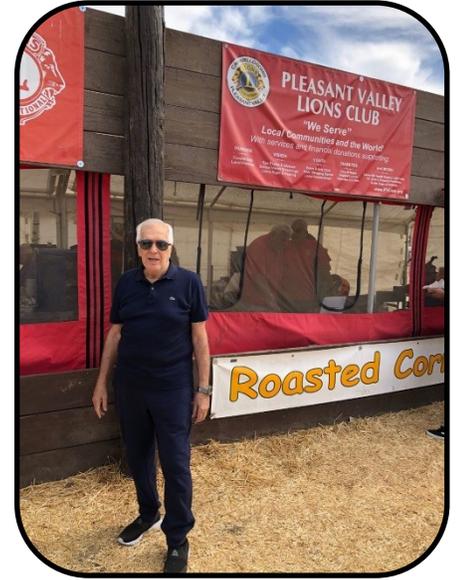


## Kind Note from an Italian Lion Member

Dear Rich,

I'm Aristide, Lions Club of Locri (Italy). I'm here in California to visit my son, He lives with his wife and his sons in Westlake Village. It was a pleasure to meet you last weekend at the Lion's stand at Underwood Family Farms.

I wanted to follow up with you. I really appreciated the sign and the message you deliver to your community from your Club. I wish you all the best for your activities and I'm really thankful for your hospitality and if you ever want to visit Italy, you have a Lion's Club friend to welcome you.



*Lion Aristide Bava*

## Special Santa Maria Style Barbeque

We donated a barbeque for 40 to the Channel Islands Art Studio and Lions Bruce Jochums and Chet Price handled the job. All I got were pictures with Chet because "*Bruce doesn't do selfies*", although his arms are long enough to preclude nose shots.

The barbeque happened on 27 October while many of our PV Lions were at Underwoods Farm for our final day. Nice to be a large club.



## Lion Bill Burgos and Susan Burgos Philanthropy

This reception occurred a week ago but I wanted to bring the philanthropy of our former member and his wife to your attention. Providing facilities for training and vocational education helps Casa Pacifica children tremendously towards a path of self reliance. We, as Lions should be extremely proud of Lion Bill and Susan Burgos.

Susan Burgos is shown cutting the red ribbon to open the new facilities. President Cervantes, Past Presidents White and Anderson and Secretary Christie proudly represented PV Lions.; AT EASE Lion Lloyd!!! Pres. Rich said that Susan was extremely pleased to see PV Lions at the event.

You're invited to the

# RIBBON CUTTING

AND UNVEILING OF THE  
THE FOUNDERS' &  
DR. WILLIAM AND SUSAN BURGOS  
BUILDINGS



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019**  
from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

CASA PACIFICA  
1722 S. Lewis Road  
Camarillo, CA 93012

*Light refreshments and tours of the Training Institute  
and Vocational Education Center will be offered*

Please RSVP to Morgan at (805)366-4022  
or [mpiehn@casapacifica.org](mailto:mpiehn@casapacifica.org)



# Vision Screening

EYE SCREENING SCHEDULE FOR 2019-2020						
#	DATE	SCHOOL	CITY	# CREW NEEDED	# SCREENED	CREW
1	4-Sep-19	Rio Vista	250 edgewood Dr. Fillmore	4	227	Rich, Bill S, Russ, Bill C
2	5-Sep-19	Piru	3811 Center St. Piru	4	157	Rich, Tom, Lloyd, Bob
3	11-Sep-19	Mountain Vista	918 Fifth St. Fillmore	4	312	Russ, Bill S, Lloyd, Bob
4	12-Sep-19	San Cayetano	514 Mountain View St. Fillmore	4	201	Russ, Bill C, Baker, Tom
5	19-Sep-19	Los Posas	77 Calle Laguerra. Cam.	4	233	Rich, Lloyd, Bob, Baker
6	23-Sep-19	La Mariposa	4800 Corte Olivas. Cam.	4	304	Rich, Russ, Bill S, Tom
7	25-Sep-19	Rancho Rosal	3535 Village at the Park. Cam.	4	349	Rich, Bob, Baker, Bill Conn
8	27-Sep-19	Tierra Linda	1201 Woodcreek Rd. Cam.	4	292	Russ, Rich, Tom, Bill S
9	30-Sep-19	Camarillo Heights	35 Catalina Dr. Cam.	4	195	Russ, Baker, Bob, Tom
10	2-Oct-19	Dos Caminos	3635 Appian Way. Cam.	4	172	Russ, Bill C, Bill S, Bob
11	3-Oct-19	Las Primeros	1555 Kendall Ave. Cam.	4	241	Rich, Russ, Tom, Baker
12	4-Oct-19	University Prep Chart	1099 Bedford Dr. Cam.	4	308	Rich, Bob, Bill S, Baker
13	10-Oct-19	Santa Rosa	13282 Santa Rosa Rd. Cam.	4	235	Russ, Bill C, Bob, Tom
14	11-Oct-19	PVSEA	700 Temple Asve. Cam	4	236	Rich, Bill S, Lloyd, Bob
15	16-Oct-19	Monte Vista Middle	888 N. Lantana St. Cam.	4	137	Rich, Lloyd, Russ, Baker
16	17-Oct-19	Monte Vista Middle	888 N. Lantana St. Cam.	4	141	Russ, Tom, Lloyd, Bill S
17	18-Oct-19	Las Colinas	5750 Fieldcrest Dr. Cam.	4	355	Rich, Bill S, Lloyd, Tom
18	24-Oct-19	Mesa School	3901 Mesa School Rd. Somis	4	xxx	Bill C, Russ, Bill S, Baker
19	29-Oct-19	Olive Lands	12465 Foothill Rd. Santa Paula	3	126	Russ, Bob, Tom
20	4-Nov-19	Tierra Vista (0810)	2001 Sanford St. Oxnard	2		Bob, Lloyd
21	6-Nov-19	Laguna Vista (0840)	5084 Etting Rd. Oxnard	2		Rich, Bill S
22	7-Nov-19	Briggs	14438 W Telegraph Rd. Santa Paula	2		Russ, Bob
23	7-Nov-19	Mar Vista (0820)	2382 Etting Rd. Oxnard	2		Rich, Bill S
24	12-Nov-19	Somis	5268 North St. Somis	2		Russ, Bill S
25	13-Nov-19	Ocean View Middle (0840)	4300 Olds Rd. Oxnard	2		Rich, Lloyd
26	22-Nov-19	Fillmore Middle	543 A. St. Fillmore.	4		Rich, Russ, Baker, Tom
26	3-Dec-19	Oak Hills	1010 N. Kanan Rd. Oak Park	4		Rich, Bill S, Tom, Lloyd
27	5-Dec-19	Medea Creek Middle	1002 Doubletree Rd. Oak Park	4		Russ, Bill S, Lloyd, Baker
28	11-Dec-19	PEEP	550 Temple Dr. Cam	0		Cindie Cole
29	12-Dec-19	PEEP	550 Temple Dr. Cam	0		Cindie Cole
33	16-Dec-19	Red Oak	4857 Rockfield St. Oak Park	4		Rich, Tom, Bob
<b>TOTAL SCREENED</b>					<b>4221</b>	



**Pumpkin head kindergartners**

## An Opportunity to Serve

On **November 18** you have an opportunity to help pack boxes of goodies for our troops. Spend a few hours to fill boxes with goodies such as those on the wish list below.

Contact 1st VP Mike Nunez to sign up for the event. [MikeN@calavo.com](mailto:MikeN@calavo.com)

# FOR THE TROOPS. TROOPS WISH LIST

Baby Wipes, Hand Sanitizers	Beef Jerky (no pork), snack size
Granola Power Bars, Oatmeal	Trailmix, PopTarts, snack items
Dried Fruit, Raisins, Nuts	Applesauce, Fruit Cups, snack size
Tuna, Chicken, Chili, Stew	Peanut Butter and Jelly, small jars
Gum, Candy, Hard Candy	Dried Asian Noodles, Soup
Chocolate Candy (Sept.-April)	DVDs, CDs, Crossword, Puzzlebooks
Presweetened Powdered Drink Mix, individual size	Magazines, Newspaper Comics
Coffee or Tea, individual sizes	Stationery Items, Pens, Greeting Cards
Cotton Swabs, Loofahs	Hygiene Products / Feminine Hygiene Products, tubes of Sunblock, Toothpaste

Athletic Socks, Black, Brown or White

Letters of Appreciation to the Troops From Children and Adults  
Tax Deductible Monetary Donations for Postage

### Also

Non-prescription medication such as aspirin/ibuprofen,  
eye drops, foot powder, cold/allergy medications.

Due to postal regulations, no batteries or aerosol containers can be mailed.

## For The Troops

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 12, Simi Valley, CA 93062

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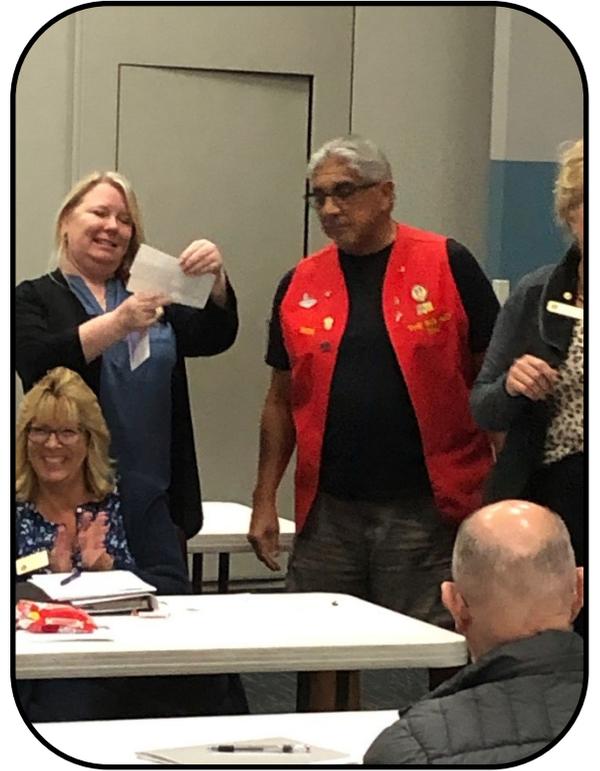
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## Visitation

### #8 Ambers Light

We are well on our way to a couple of short tails for the year. Four PV Lions visited Ambers Light and gave checks to both Ambers Light and Conejo Valley for their tremendous help at the Underwoods Harvest Festival.



## Silly Halloween Q & A

- Q. What do goblins and ghosts drink when they're hot and thirsty on Halloween?  
A. Ghou-aid!!!
- Q. Who was the most famous witch detective?  
A. Warlock Holmes
- Q. Where do most werewolves live?  
A. In Howl-y-wood, CA.
- Q. Why can't a Skeleton Lift Weights?  
A. He's all bones & no muscle.
- Q. Where does a ghost go on vacation?  
A. Mali-boo.
- Q: What happens when a flying witch breaks the sound barrier?  
A: You hear the broom boom.
- Q. Why did the vampire go to the orthodontist?  
A. To improve his bite...!
- Q: Which story do all little witches love to hear at bedtime?  
A: "Ghoul Deluxe and the Three Scares."
- Q. Why did the skeleton climb a tree?  
A. Because a dog was after its bones...
- Q. Which building does Dracula visit in New York?  
A. The Vampire State Building.
- Q. Why did the headless horseman go into business?  
A. He wanted to get ahead in life.



## Lion Halloween Party

Looks like the Lions had a fun and scary time at Lion Bruce and Ellen's home.

You will have to guess which one of them is missing a brain, or from the look of the group perhaps all provided a piece.



## Secretary Lloyd goes to Scotland

Secretary Lloyd is doing his very best to alter the US—Europe trade balance in favor of Europe with his recent trips. However, I think he got more than he bargained for on this trip because he had a former Highlander drill sergeant as his tour guide. Lloyd definitely got the miles in during “forced marches” through the highlands. Although tired and achy enough to forgo dinner and head to bed early it put him in great shape for his return to “the Underwoods Harvest Festival”.

Starting at top and then progressing left to right Lion Lloyd provided the following guide.

### Eilean Donan Castle.

**Pictish carving.** Picts occupied northern Scotland until around 900 AD. No written language. Developed agriculture, fine metal working and crafts. Painted faces blue for battle.

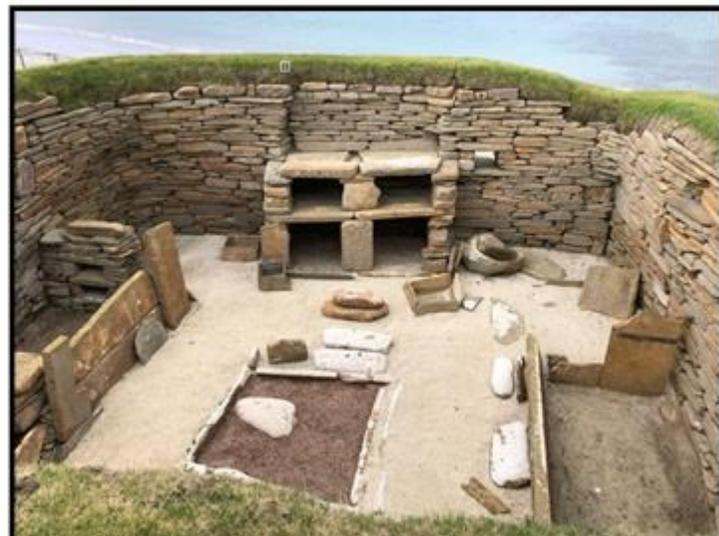
**Callanish Standing Stones.** West coast of Lewis in Outer Hebrides. Erected in Neolithic era and used for ritual activity during the Bronze age..

**Broch of Gurness.** Orkney coast. Central structure with several smaller surrounding built into deep ditches. Double walled dome-shaped structure with stairs between walls. Multi storied structure with two or more floors, with animals kept on bottom and people above. Iron age structure built for Viking defense.

**Iona Abbey.** On an island in the Outer Hebrides, founded by St Columba in 563. Beginning of conversion of the Picts to Christianity. Site of production of the famous Book of Kells, and burial place of 48 Scottish, 8 Norwegian, and 4 Irish kings.

**Old Scatness.** Shetland coast. Iron age Broch uncovered when building airport. Several thousand years of building over previous structures, including Picts and Vikings..

**Skara Brae.** Coast of Orkney Island. Uncovered in severe storm and known as “Scottish Pompeii”. Occupied in Neolithic times – 3,180-2500 BC – by around 50 people. Stone furniture, sophisticated drainage and toilet system..



## Bulletin on Vacation (sort of!)

Spent 14-16 October helping to set up CATHARSIS at the Tucson Botanical Garden. Actually learned how to hang paintings from a Professional. The show miraculously opened on schedule on 16 Oct and we will be returning for the reception on 14 Nov. Just a couple of samples below from a Lion proud of the artistic talent of wife and daughter.



## *CATHARSIS*

RACHEL IVANYI & JOANNA TAYLOR



## **EZRA**

**Hi PV Lions,**

Attached is the last update on **Ezra**, your sponsored pup. She returned to school to begin formal training last weekend, so now, it is up to Ezra!

Many thanks to all of you for your sponsorship of this lovely puppy – I will keep you updated on her progress.

**Judy A. Reilly**

**Sponsorships**

**Tour/Speaker Program**

**Guide Dogs of America**

Final Chapter: 1 year until turn in  
October 26th then off to college!!!

One last beach day



**As told to Debbie Cross**

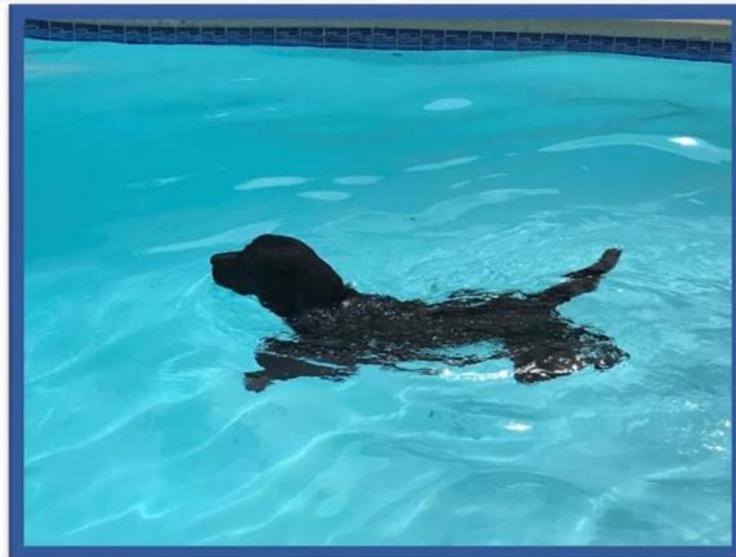
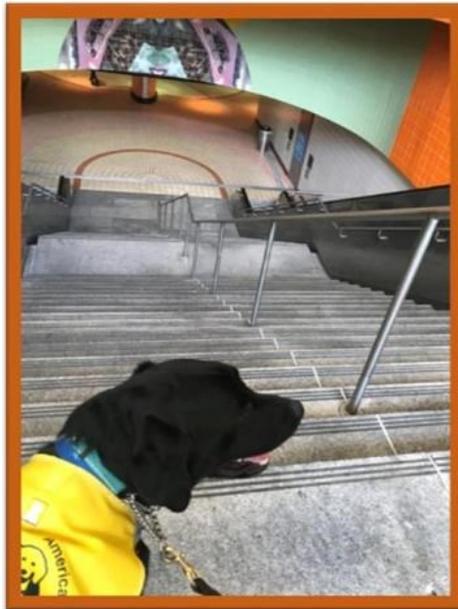
## EZRA

Hi, everyone at The Pleasant Valley Lions Club, I'm going off to start Guide dog college soon, this will be my last puppy report. (If I can I'll send an update to my puppy raiser so she can fill you in).

July started out a bit usual but then got pretty interesting. I went to stay with other puppy raisers. You wouldn't even believe how many places we went.

It started with the Metro, I'm looking forward to doing that again. Then we had to go down very steep stairs.

Then I discovered the pool, it was there for a while but I didn't realize how much fun it could be. I wouldn't stay out and I have loved it ever since. When I see a pool I need to go in. Good thing they only have small pools at GDA College.

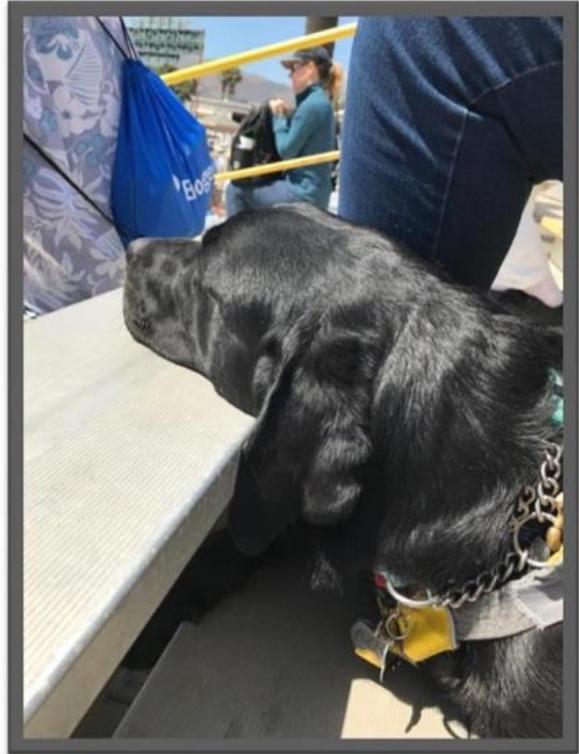
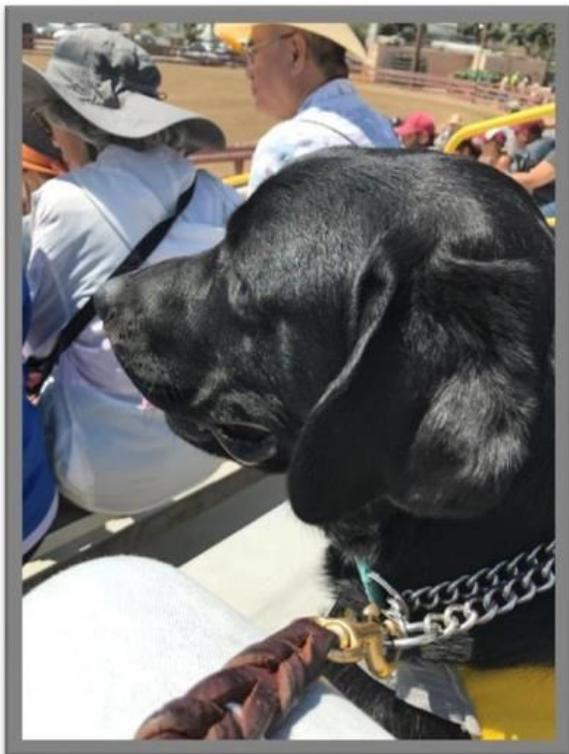


## EZRA

We took a drive to Big Bear and the "Bear" was very big he "kinda" scared me a bit. Luckily the Highway Patrol was not very far away.



The next thing we hopped over to a fair, I got a bit tired and settled nicely which guide dogs do.

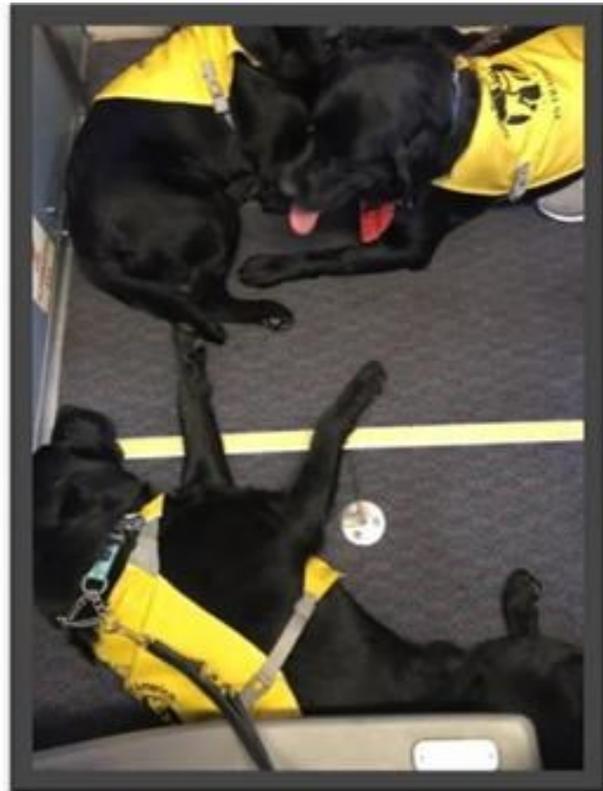


## EZRA

In August my puppy raisers were back. I was very glad to see them and we got back into our routine. We went with our Ventura group on an outing on a train to Santa Barbara. I was glad I already had experience on the Metro. We walked in town and had lunch before heading back home.



No words needed on the train ride home.



## EZRA

I had an eye exam. We went to the senior center to thank them for letting us have our meeting there. I went on a big hike in Simi with my human friends. Our group had a special trip on a boat to the Ancacapa Islands, we saw dolphins and lots of water. September came and went quickly, we were very busy.



Then came October I enjoyed my visit at the Pleasant Valley Lion Club meeting. I appreciate everything your group has done for me and Guide Dogs of America.



## **EZRA**

I received the heart stealer award 2 years in a row :)



I'm the handsome one far back next to the blond cutie



I'm off to my new adventure, a little worried my folks will be missing me.

**Love,**

**Ezra and His puppy raisers, Debbie and Larry**

P.S. I'll be sure they send you an update. Thank you again!!

## Contributions

- **Back-to-school clothing for 20 additional children (501C3)** **\$3,000**  
*Event to be held on 23 November, 2019.*
- **Teddy Bear Foundation** **\$2,500**
- **Teddy Bear Foundation 7 November luncheon – table for 8-10** **\$1,500**
- **RAINS Transitional Living Center** **\$1,000**  
*Entrance fees and lunch at Harvest Festival for 29 RAINs members and staff*
- **Food Pantries** (3 of the 5 approved donations have been delivered) **\$3000**
  - ◆ **Somis Food Pantry**
  - ◆ **Saint Mary Magdalen Church**
  - ◆ **Cam Community Church**



## Thanks

- **School on Wheels** **\$1,500**
- **Food Share** **Donation**
- **Lions Sight and Hearing** **Hearing aids and eye glasses**
- **The Salvation Army** **\$2,000**
- **Three food pantries shown above** **\$1,000 each**

# Thanks



**school on wheels** inc.  
Tutoring Homeless Children Since 1993

September 27, 2019

George Graham  
Pleasant Valley Lions Club  
John Knittle, Pres.  
1559 Frazier Street  
Camarillo, CA 93012

Dear George,

How fortunate our students are to have supporters like you. Thanks to you and your donation of \$1,500.00 on September 20, 2019, School on Wheels can provide free academic tutoring and mentoring to more students experiencing homelessness more of the time. We can also provide more backpacks, school uniforms and scholarships.

You are helping students like Danny who recently graduated high school with help from his tutor Ronald. Danny has been in eight schools in three years; second grader, Annie, who needed a uniform and backpack so she could go school; and, Jasmine, who received a scholarship to help with tuition fees, allowing her to go to college. A little help goes a long way and with your help we have changed the lives of over 50,000 students without a home in Southern California in the past 26 years.

In these difficult economic times, your contribution helps us continue our mission of providing children experiencing homelessness with one-on-one educational assistance that can equip them with the hope and ability to end this terrible cycle of poverty and homelessness.

With deep appreciation,

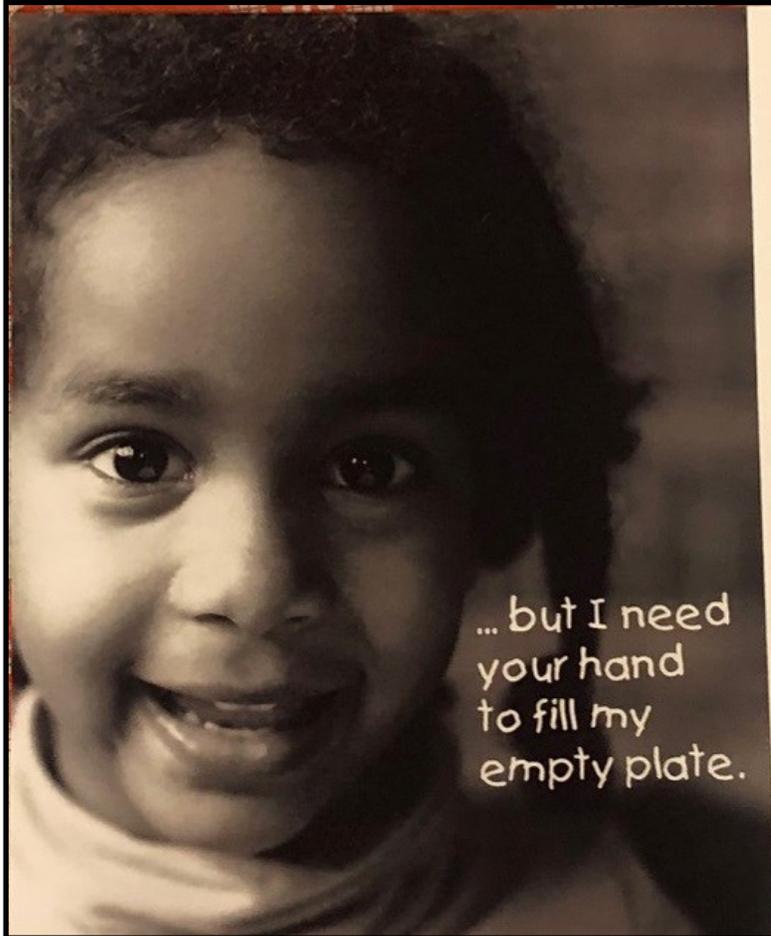
Catherine Meek  
Executive Advisor

*Thank you for  
your wonderful support.*

*Your gift is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. School on Wheels states that no goods or services were received for your contribution. Please retain this letter for your records.*

EIN: 95-2244640

# Thanks from Food Share



...but I need  
your hand  
to fill my  
empty plate.

*Dear Friends of FOOD Share*

With just a few crayons and some imagination, a tiny hand becomes a colorful Thanksgiving turkey. But for many children in our community, a good imagination won't be enough to fill an empty plate this Thanksgiving.

Across Ventura County, thousands of children, seniors, and families will be struggling with hunger this holiday season. **That's why your continued support of Food Share of Ventura County is urgently needed. Your gift will put food in the hands of those who need it most.**

In this season of giving thanks ... give our hungry neighbors something to be thankful for. A hearty meal and a happy holiday should never just be figments of a child's imagination. **Help feed our neighbors in need with your gift today.**

*Your gift today would  
be a tremendous help!*

*Monica White*



# Thanks from Lions Sight and Hearing



**LIONS**  
**SIGHT & HEARING FOUNDATION**  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

3450 East Spring Street | Suite 212 | Long Beach, California 90806  
Phone: 800.647.6638 | Fax: 888.958.7554 | [www.lshf.org](http://www.lshf.org)

September 25, 2019

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

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynzee Browning".

Lynzee Browning,  
Program Administrator

# Thanks from The Salvation Army



## THE SALVATION ARMY

California South Divisional Headquarters  
180 E. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 700  
Long Beach, CA 90802

WILLIAM BOOTH  
*Founder*

BRIAN PEDDLE  
*General*

KENNETH G. HODDER  
*Territorial Commander*

LT. COLONEL JOHN CHAMNESS  
*Divisional Commander*

October 17, 2019

Pleasant Valley Lions Club  
PO Box 157  
Camarillo, CA 93011

Dear Friends,

Fall is upon us and the days are getting shorter. The holidays will be here before we know it. At this time of year, before the hustle and bustle begin, I hope you will pause and reflect on the difference you have made in your community.

Because of your giving spirit, The Salvation Army is able to sustain the programs that provide meals, shelter, and life-changing assistance to so many thousands of people across Southern California.

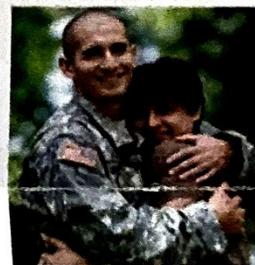
Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$2,000.00. It is truly a blessing that together we are "Doing the Most Good!" Your generosity and compassion will surely bring much-appreciated comfort and hope to others.

On any given day, The Salvation Army is at the ready to help those in the most need. And, as we look forward to the holidays, we are more thankful than ever for the profound and positive impact you make in the world.

May God continue to bless you,

Major Osei Stewart  
General Secretary  
The Salvation Army  
California South Division  
Phone: 562-264-3606

Thank you so much!  
-Osei



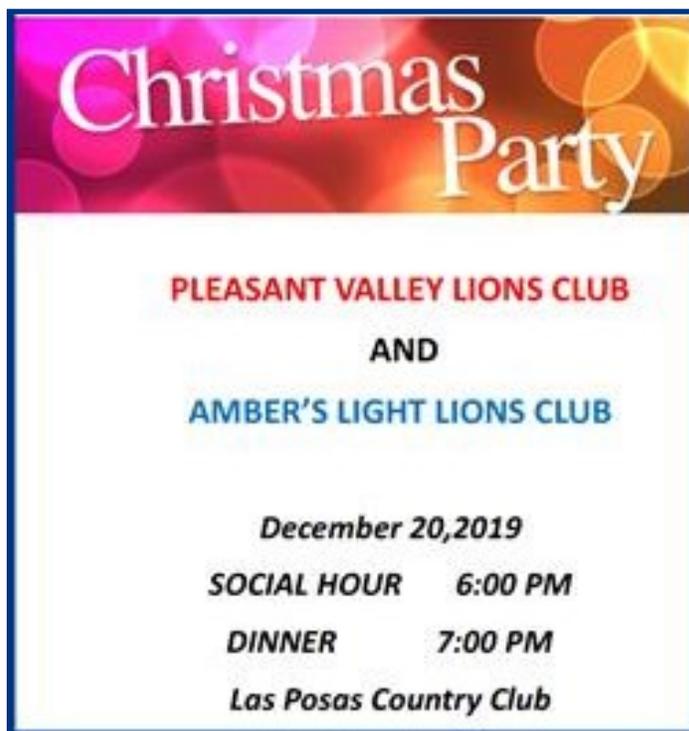
"In everything, give thanks." -1 Thessalonians 5:18

## 2019-2020 PV Lions Calendar

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|-----------------|----|--|
| <b>November</b> | 12 | <i>Regular meeting</i> (District Governor Visit) |
|                 | 19 | Board Meeting                                    |
|                 | 26 | <i>Regular meeting</i>                           |
|                 | 28 | THANKSGIVING                                     |



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| <b>December</b> | 10 | RAINS kids Christmas Party ( <i>Regular meeting</i> )    |
|                 | 14 | Camarillo Christmas Parade                               |
|                 | 17 | Board Meeting  |
|                 | 20 | PV Lions/Ambers Christmas Party (Los Posas Country Club) |



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| 21 | Snowflake BBQ, (community Center) | <b>Operation</b> |
| 24 | <i>Regular meeting</i> (dark)     |                  |
| 25 | CHRISTMAS                         |                  |

## Lion Chet Price's 2nd Quarter Menu

DATE	Dinner Menu	Notes
10/8/2019	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>Santa Maria Style Dinner</b>
	Tri-Tip	
	Chicken	
	Chili	
	Salad	
	Garlic Bread	
10/22/2019	<b>Charter Night at the O Club</b>	<b>Members Free Guests \$10 Choose Entrée</b>
	Appetizers	
	Stuffed Pork Lion	
	Poached Salmon	
	Red Roasted Potatoes	
	Vegetable	
	Salad	
	Roll/Butter	
	Desert	
11/12/2019	<b>Special Thanksgiving Dinner</b>	<b>Members and wives/partners Free</b>
	BBQ Fresh Turkey	
	Mashed Paotatoes and Gravy	
	Stuffing	
	Vegetable	
	Cranberry Sauce	
	Roll/Butter	
	Salad	
	Pumpkin Pie and Whipped Cream	
No Host Bar		
11/26/2019	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>Surprise!</b>
	Mystery Dinner	
12/10/2019	<b>Kids Christmas Dinner at O Club</b>	<b>Includes a vist from Santa and gifts for all the special guests</b>
	Hamburgers and all the Fixins	
	Hot Dogs	
	Chip	
	Potato/Macaroni Salad	
	Ice Cream	
12/20/2019	<b>Lions Annual Christmas Party at Los Posas Country Club</b>	<b>Flyer to be provided Cost to be determined</b>
	Buffet Dinner	

# November Birthdays

HAPPY  
Birthday



**Certificate**

**Happy Birthday Month**

**Good for ONE drink at the bar**



Clarke	Sheri	11/6
Hellstrom	Richard	11/28
Jochums	Bruce	11/23
Maidel	Mark	11/16



# MD4 Lions Convention

Here is your chance to sign up early for the convention. You can all celebrate my birthday on the 22nd in Visalia while I'm in NYC freezing my butt off.



## 2020 101<sup>ST</sup> MD4 Lions Convention- Denim and Diamonds February 21-23, 2020



**Visalia Convention Center/ Marriott Hotel**

Please use ONE Form per person registering for the convention.

**Registration Package:**

- \$260  **BEFORE JAN 15, 2020** Includes: FULL Registration Package: Includes lunch Friday, Saturday Lunch / Dinner Sunday breakfast, all entertainment/ pin.
- \$300  **AFTER JAN 15, 2020** Includes: FULL Registration Package: Includes lunch Friday, Saturday Lunch / Dinner, Sunday breakfast, all entertainment/ pin.

**Convention Registration ONLY (ALL attendees must register for the convention)**

- \$60  Registration **BEFORE JAN 15, 2020**
- \$75  Registration **AFTER JAN 15, 2020**
- \$5  Additional Pins

**Al A Carte** Meal prices will go up by \$5.00 after JAN 15, 2020 (Price are shown before 1.15.2020 / After 1.15.2020)

**Friday Leadership Luncheon** - Served with salad, rolls & butter, water, ice tea, coffee and Carrot Cake.

- \$40/\$45  Chicken Kebob, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Seasonal Vegetable
- \$40/\$45  Beef Kebob with Rice Pilaf, Fresh Seasonal Vegetable
- \$30/\$35  Vegetarian

**Friday Dinner** - Served with salad, rolls & butter, water, ice tea, coffee and Cheesecake.

- \$40/\$45  Pork Loin served with whole grain mustard sauce & garlic mash potatoes
- \$30/\$35  Vegetarian

**Saturday Luncheon** - Served with salad, rolls & butter, water, ice tea, coffee and Tuxedo Truffle Mouse Cake.

- \$40/\$45  Sliced seasoned Tri Tip w/ Jack Daniels sauce & roasted red potatoes
- \$30/\$35  Vegetarian

**Saturday Governors Banquet** – Served w/baked potato, salad, rolls & butter, water, ice tea, coffee and White Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecake.

- \$55/\$60  Salmon w/lemon butter sauce & Bistro Medallions w/red wine reduction demi glaze
- \$30/\$35  Vegetarian Entrée

**Sunday Breakfast**

- \$25/\$30  Plated Breakfast

**Registration Information**

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Club Officer/District or International Position \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Total</b>	<u>LIST ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS HERE</u>
\$ _____	_____
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**Room reservations must be made through the link that will be available after August 1st at 10:00 am on the MD4 web page. Questions please call Nellie Freeborn, Sales Director for Visit Visalia 559-334-0141**

**Check:** Please make check made out to **MD4 Convention 2020** Mail to: 3403 West Perez Ave Visalia CA 93291

**Credit Card:** To pay by credit card please contact Jan Beatty at [janbeatty@gmail.com](mailto:janbeatty@gmail.com). \$5.00 processing fee added to all registrations paid for by credit card.

Thank you for attending the 2020 MD4 Convention at the Visalia Convention Center. If you have any questions, please contact PDG Betty Morris at (559)967-0209 or [morris\\_bl@yahoo.com](mailto:morris_bl@yahoo.com)



# Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

300 W 22ND STREET • OAK BROOK ILLINOIS 60523-8842 USA • 630.571.5466 • WWW.LCIF.ORG

Dear Lions,

The lives of 1.4 million people worldwide will be changed through recently approved LCIF grants. The Board of Trustees approved 98 Lion grant projects, a total of US\$6,153,390. I want to give you just a few examples of what Lions will accomplish with this support from LCIF.

Did you know Lions are updating vital equipment for restoring sight through corneal transplants, continuing the fight against preventable blindness? That we are feeding less fortunate neighbors by creating a food bank? Furnishing a guesthouse for patients and families battling childhood cancer? Providing clean water and sanitation systems in an area where people drink contaminated water? These are real-life projects happening in areas all across the world. More children are gaining access to LCIF's social and emotional learning curriculum, Lions Quest, which is reducing drug and alcohol abuse in children. LCIF's SightFirst program is continuing to work with The Carter Center to eliminate trachoma and river blindness in areas of the world where the diseases are prevalent. This incredible work from Lions is a result of support from LCIF and donations from you!

These projects represent a mere fraction of the tremendous, lasting impact Lions are creating for people, for communities, for the world. With grant funding from LCIF, these Lions are achieving even more than they could on their own. We are repairing more houses, protecting more children, and feeding more hungry people.

How does LCIF generate the funds to support these efforts? *Donations*. So, to those who have given in support of LCIF and Campaign 100, thank you! And for those who have not yet donated, please contribute what you can. Together, we are changing the world.

In friendship,

Gudrun Yngvadottir  
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



## Rising to the Challenge: The Fight against River Blindness



It's hard to fathom people abandoning their homes and fertile land near generously flowing rivers and streams. Yet, sometimes they must. For good reason.

### Onchocerciasis

Commonly known as river blindness, onchocerciasis is an agonizing disease caused by bites from infected blackflies, which make their home near rapidly coursing waters. Men, women, and children are suffering with the pain, itching, and burning sensation that river blindness causes. Everyone is susceptible to the disease. Imagine those parents who lose their vision and their ability to provide for their children.

### LCIF and Lions are *Doing* and *Giving* to Solve this Problem

Thousands of Lions near and far are working together to control river blindness. Since 1993, LCIF — *your* foundation — has awarded nearly \$45 million in grants to support distribution of approximately 293 million Mectizan® sight-saving treatments. In partnership with The Carter Center, we're making a difference. We're seeing hope for the future!

Dear Lion,

I came across an article this week in The New York Times that made me chuckle -- but it also made me think.

It was an opinion piece by Jennifer Finney Boylan, and she asked the question: How come glasses are cool, and hearing aids are not?

When you think about it, there's no logical reason. I admit, for many years, traditional hearing aids haven't been the most attractive accessories. But Ms. Boylan comes up with a couple of hilarious suggestions.

Why not make hearing aids that give you pointy ears like Mr. Spock? Or with flashing twinkly lights? (You can read her article [here](#).)



Seriously, though, we need to work on this. There's still quite a stigma attached to hearing aids -- and then there's the expense. Ms. Boylan also writes about the fact that Medicare doesn't cover them, which is ridiculous, and the thousands of dollars needed to acquire them.

Fortunately, those are things we can help with. But so far, we haven't figured out a way to make them cool -- and that really *is* a problem.

I can tell you from personal experience that there are quite a few Baby Boomers out there with impaired hearing who are too darned vain to wear hearing aids.

Don't worry -- I'm not naming any names.

Sincerely,



Randy Stein, CEO

Dear Lion,

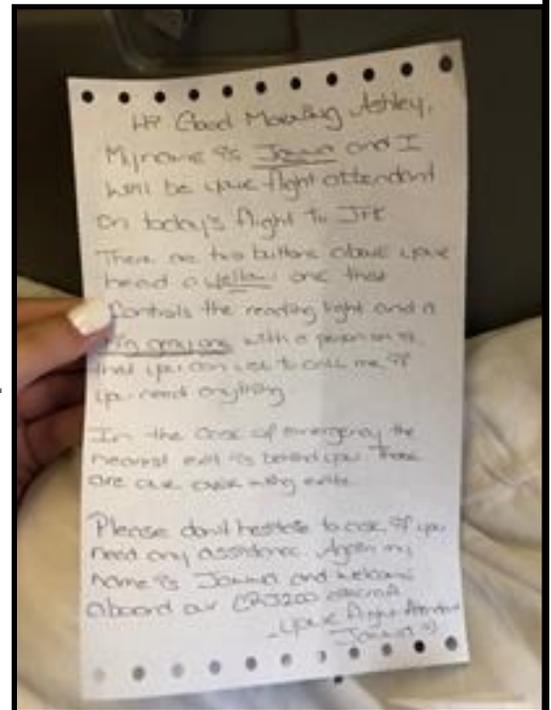
If you're a parent, I bet you can remember the first time you sent your child into the world without grownup assistance. That first step can be scary -- for the parent and for the child.

Now imagine that your child was profoundly deaf. For 16-year-old Ashley Ober, that was the reality.

Both Ashley and her mom, Loretta Ober, were pretty nervous about the flight from Baltimore to Rochester, New York -- especially since there was a layover at JFK, WKYT TV reported.

But Ashley was determined. "I wanted to be independent ... I know I can do it on my own," she said.

After dropping Ashley off, Loretta hung around the terminal, feeling pretty anxious. So imagine her reaction when she received a text from Ashley, who had just gotten on the plane, with a photo of the following note:

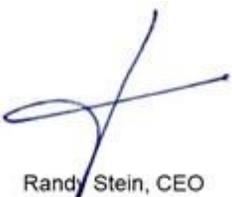


**"I was just thinking it was so nice," she said, not only for her but the deaf community.**

"It's important so they can feel involved and not uncomfortable. Everyone should be involved."

Stories like this give me hope -- that we're getting closer to a world where people take the time to make everyone comfortable, no matter what their abilities.

Sincerely,



Randy Stein, CEO

Dear Lion,

One day Gloria Montoya started seeing spots.

"I began to notice a problem when I would enter a place that had a lot of light, like a store. I would see spots, especially with my right eye," she told us. She couldn't understand what was happening. She would cover one eye, then the other, but the same thing would happen.

Gloria works as a housekeeper, and she started noticing that she couldn't see the small things. As the days and weeks passed, her eyesight worsened. She knew she needed help, but she didn't have health insurance. She decided to go to Walmart Optics, the only alternative she could afford.

The results were sobering: she had cataracts, and would need surgery as soon as possible. But there was no way Gloria could afford the cost.

One of her clients, Terrye Peterson, noticed that something was wrong, and Gloria confided in her. "I never thought that my employer could help me; I just wanted her to advise me and guide me as to what I should do next," Gloria said.

**Terrye did some research and found her way to LSH. She shared Gloria's story, and soon Gloria was scheduled for surgery at the Sall Research Medical Center.**



"I couldn't believe how nice they were," she told us. "They treated me with gentleness and respect."

**Gloria is back at work now, and her vision is excellent. "I feel truly blessed," she says.**

And so do we.

Sincerely,



Randy Stein, CEO

Dear Lion,

Here we go, sliding towards the end of the year. A week from today is Halloween -- soon we'll be turning the clocks back, driving home in the dark, and then Thanksgiving, and then -- oh dear -- Black Friday

I'll come clean: I'm not a big fan. I can't imagine anything worse than fighting a horde of crazed shoppers for a flat-screen TV.

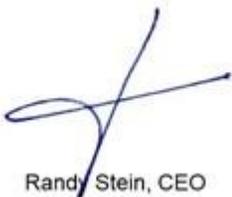
That's one reason why I was so happy, a couple of years back, when I heard about Giving Tuesday. A nice, quiet holiday that's not about acquiring more stuff, but about sharing our good fortune and giving to charities.



So now it goes like this: November 28: Thanksgiving. November 29: Black Friday. December 2: Cyber Monday. December 3: Giving Tuesday.

I know, it's more than a month away, but I just wanted to plant the seed, since the other holidays get so much attention, and this one, I believe deserves more.

Sincerely,



Randy Stein, CEO

## PV Lions VP Committees 2019 - 2020

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

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

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