

TALES FROM THE LIONS DEN

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Reflections From the Desk of Lion Victor

As March rolls in, adorned with the festivities of St. Patrick's Day and the cherished tradition of Easter Sunday let's embrace the spirit of renewal and celebration that this vibrant month brings.

Fresh off the heels of a triumphant MD4 Convention in Riverside, it is with immense pleasure that we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Liz Crooke, hailing from District 4-L2, on her recent election as International Director. Liz's dedication and vision promise to invigorate our Lions community and lead us towards even greater achievements.

Our recent retreat marked the completion of phase two, signaling significant strides in our journey towards revitalizing our club. With a focus on implementing innovative ideas and charting a new course, we are excited about the positive changes ahead. A special note of gratitude goes out to Lion Bill Schultz for graciously offering his charming



home as the venue for our retreat. Stay tuned as we continue to share updates on our progress.

On March 12th, the MD4-A3 3rd District Meeting will convene in Orcutt, presenting us with an opportunity to stand in solidarity with District Governor Rich Cervantes as he leads with distinction and dedication.

As the season blossoms, we are reminded that it's time for our annual Spring Festival at Underwood Ranch. Let's rally together, each offering our unique talents and support to make this fundraiser a resounding success. By uniting in service, we not only enrich our community but also strengthen the bonds that define us as Lions.

Yours in service, Victor Martinez, President

Agents of Change!



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PV Lions Calendar 2024

- Mar 9 Lion Burgers—Miracle of the 805
- Mar 9 MD4-A3 3rd District Meeting- Orcutt
- Mar 12 Regular Meeting O-Club
- Mar 16 Apr 7 Easter Festival Weekends plus Good Friday
- Mar 19 Board Meeting B&G Club
- Mar 26 Regular Meeting O-Club
- Apr 9 Regular Meeting O-Club
- Apr 16 Board Meeting B&G Club
- Apr 20 Farmers Market
- Apr 23 Regular Meeting O-Club
- May 3-5 District Convention -Buellton, CA
- May 14 Regular Meeting O-Club
- May 18 Farmers Market
- May 21 Board Meeting B&G Club
- May 28 Regular Meeting O-Club
- June 11 Regular Meeting O-Club
- June 15 Farmers Market
- June 18 Board Meeting B&G Club
- June 25 PV Lions Installation O-Club







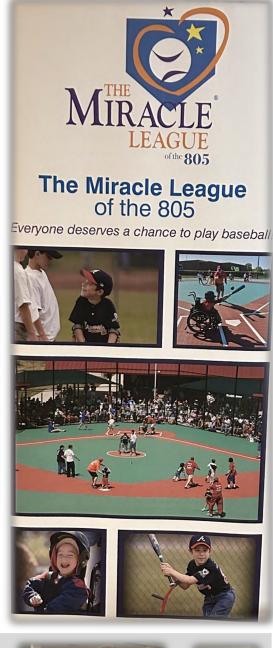
1 Feb - Miracle League of the 805 Gala 1/2

It was a fun and profitable night for the Miracle League at the Los Posas Country Club. The room was full of generous folks from the community including the 10 Pleasant Valley Lions shown below, two of whom bought at the live auction. PV bought one table and 4 other PV Lions paid their own way.

Rick Pena (Founder/CEO), Jodie Pena (Founder/VP/Ambers Light) and Randy Churchill (Board Member) moderated the show and conducted the live auction. We were privileged to see a video of the entire 7 year construction process that will be brought to fruition when the field officially opens next month. Jodie and Rich Pena should be proud of their accomplishment.



You are all invited to the opening where PV will be cooking Lion Burgers while enjoying a game or two. The field is right next to the O-club so you won't have any trouble finding it. You can also see our PV logo on their golf cart sponsored by PV and Ambers Light.







1 Feb - Miracle League of the 805 Gala 2/2

The Gala started at 6pm right at the time the rain came so some of us waited in our cars for a respite but we still got a little wet "running" into the Club.

DG Rich came with his nicely attired chauffer. Lion Kim is waving to all her fans and voters *on March 5th*.

The Bulletin was definitely out of place with a necktie but someone had to add a little class to our table.

Lion George bid on two auction items with Dodger tickets. He just missed out on the first when Randy Churchill missed George's bid at \$2100 but







George came back for the second item and won 4 tickets at half the price. Lion Dave also won a dinner auction item but I wasn't quick enough to capture the winning bid.





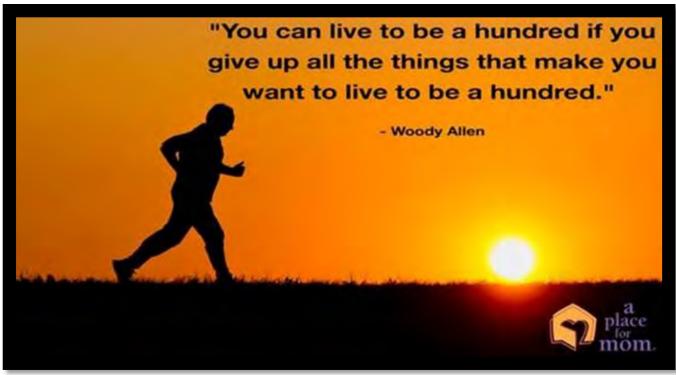


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Cal State Channel Islands Food Pantry Donation

Lions GK Smith and Jan and Mike (the photographer) Nunez purchased about \$500 worth of food from Smart & Final for the Dolphin Pantry. They have another \$500 available for more food. The food was delivered to CSCI who was very appreciative.





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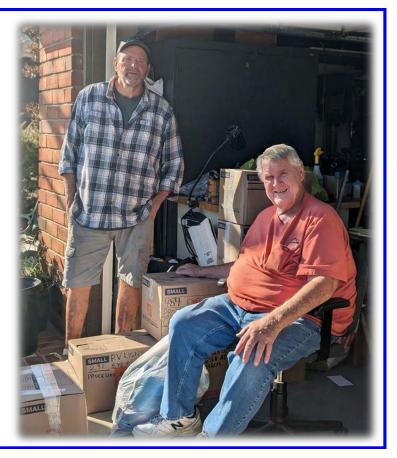
Eye Glasses for Friends in Sight

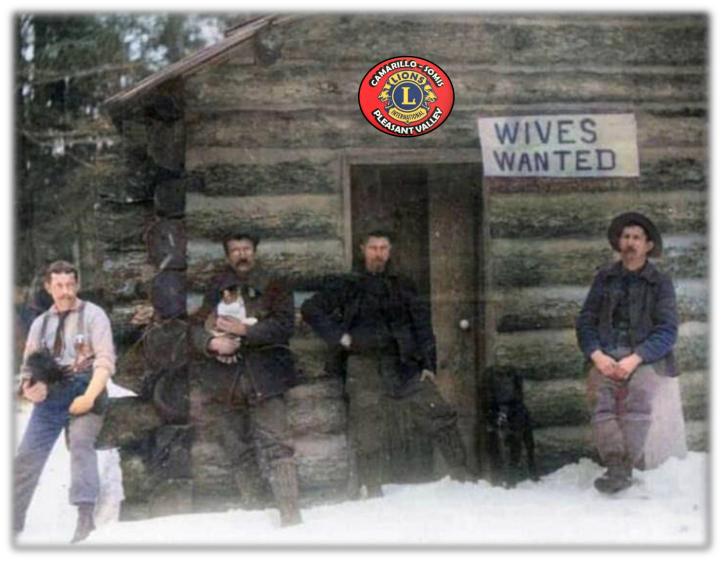
Lion John stores all our collected eye glasses and boxes them for Lions Friends in Sight.

We have collection boxes all over the county and also collect at Farmers Market once a month.

Lion Bruce will get the boxed glasses to Lions Friends I Sight in Beaumont for recycling.







10 Feb - Vision Screening - Lions Friends in Sight 1/3

Five Pleasant Valley Lions helped Santa Paula Lions and Lions Friends in Sight test 310 patients and provide or purchase eye glasses for all. Santa Paula always does a great job of advertising and coordinating this event and we are privileged to help.

It starts very early for Lions Friends in Sight who drive up from Beaumont to set up by







7:45am. The event runs from 8am until 2pm and is consistently busy right to the end. Lion Glenda Learn is the organizer and brings in many of her Leos to help as guides and translators. Clients are registered and asked about health and offered diabetes screening prior to testing and fitting for eye glasses.

All children from 3 to mid teens are screened using our spot vision. Sixty eight children and one stuffed bear were screened — the bear passed with flying colors in case you were wondering. Of the 68 children screened with the spot vision, about 70% required additional



screening. This is an extremely high percentage based on our work at local schools. Many of the very young children just came with their parents while they got glasses but we always suggested a spot vision check for the kids, and parents complied even though typically they said that "the kids were fine". Two children aged 3 and 5 were flagged with extremely poor vision so we recommended that they register for more professional testing. Without this spot vision check these two young children's eyesight issues would not have been identified until much later provided that they were checked at school. The young Leo sitting at the registration desk above was happy to register these children and we all had smiles on our faces for identifying problems that might be resolved early. **Spot vision equipment is expensive but its value is immeasurable.**

10 Feb - Vision Screening - Lions Friends in Sight 2/3

The five PV Lions who participated included District Governor Rich Cervantes, Lions Friends in Sight coordinator Bill Schulze, President Victor, Lions Lloyd and BobT.

After registering, the clients wait in the pews until heading to the machines at front for eye glass prescriptions and Glaucoma testing. Lloyd and Victor worked the Glaucoma machines, the Bulletin prescreened all the kids starting with the love bear and Rich and Bill









spent much of the day sorting hundreds of eye glasses. PCC Bill and PDG Margaret Dunleavy helped everywhere and always show up at these events.

The number of eye glasses was daunting and it didn't seem possible that they would finish before 2pm but they succeeded.



10 Feb - Vision Screening - Lions Friends in Sight 3/3

It takes a lot of people to run this event and we see some of our Santa Paula friends (Gloria, Glenda, Judy) who signed in all the volunteers.

All of the boxes of eye glasses came out of the two Friends in Sight Vans. They are extremely well organized and somehow manage to complete the entire setup in 30 minutes.



Once the clients complete all their testing and get their eye glass prescription they move from the main church to the fitting room to get their glasses.



Lion Bill is shown heading for lunch or perhaps some emotional and spiritual care.

The Salvation Army provided a very nice lunch for all the volunteers.





Update on PV Sponsored Puppy - WYO

From: Judy A. Reilly < JAReilly@guidedogsofamerica.org >

Hello Pleasant Valley Lions,

I wanted to let you know that Wyo, your sponsored puppy, is off to college!

As you know, we assimilated Tender Loving Canines under our GDA umbrella and are now known as GDA|TLC. TLC's mission was to raise service dogs for veterans with PTSD and mobility issues, children with autism and also facility dogs, which operate out of an institutional type setting, such as helping people in courtroom settings where they have undergone trauma due to a crime. So now, we have several service tracks at our disposal: guide dogs for the blind, service dogs for PTSD and autism as well as the facility pups. This is a wonderful addition to our school because it enables us to service a much larger swath of the community and provide services to many more people. It also allows our pups to have different ways to provide this service according to their abilities.

The first part of our training process is the puppy raising stage, where the pups grow up, learn basic obedience, are socialized and we get them ready for more specialized training. At around 18 months, they are now full grown and ready to go to "college". This is when we evaluate each pup and determine which of the various service tracks will suit each dog best. Some will return to the kennel to begin formal guide dog training and some will begin training as a service dog. The formal training for the service dog track does not take place on our campus, like the guide dog training does. Rather, these pups receive their formal training in a prison setting where they are assigned to a specific inmate trainer and that person, under staff supervision, of course, will teach the pups all sorts of commands that a service dog must have to be successful. This is an extraordinary program that not only rovides the pup with one on one training but also provides the qualified inmates that have been carefully screened to do this work, the opportunity to give back to the community as well as learn a skill that they can put to use when they are released. It is a wonderful program and produces some amazing pups.

The determination has been made by the trainers that your sponsored puppy, Wyo, is better suited for the service dog track so starting immediately, the pup will enter one of the two participating prisons and begin working with a qualified inmate trainer. As times goes by, the trainers will send us reports on how the pup is doing and I will share those with you. They are amazing and ever so interesting.

Many thanks for your sponsorship of Wyo. Stay tuned for future notifications from me and let's wish Wyo the best of luck!

Judy Reilly

Sponsorships/Tours/Speaker Program



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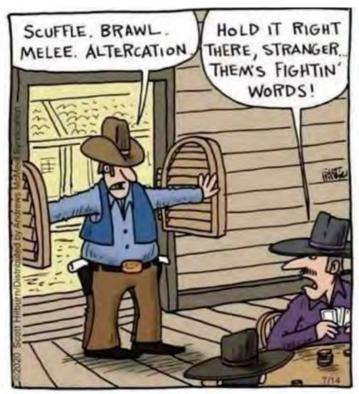
9 Feb Planting Day

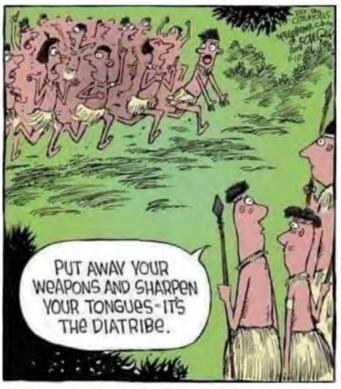
Sterling Hills golf course agreed to create a pollinator habitat for **Monarch Butterflies**. One Pleasant Valley Lion answered the call to plant and it was our 2VP Bob Larson who is our Environment Global Cause leader. Unfortunately he forgot his phone/camera, either that or it is now buried with a milkweed plant. Bob said that it was a well attended event so we can expect lots of butterflies in Camarillo next year.





Cartoons for Intellectuals (Lions available to explain)













MINUTE AND MINUTE
SHOULDN'T BE SPELLED THE SAME.

I'M NOT CONTENT WITH THIS CONTENT.

I OBJECT TO THAT OBJECT.

I NEED TO READ WHAT I READ AGAIN.

EXCUSE ME BUT THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR THIS.

13 Feb - Valentines Day Party 1/3

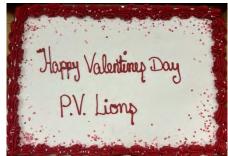




The Valentine's Day Party wouldn't have been possible without Lions Mike and Jan who arranged for appetizers and dinner from Ottavios Restaurant, cake from Vons, Red Roses from an Oxnard supplier and our bartender, Grace. Lion Jan created the

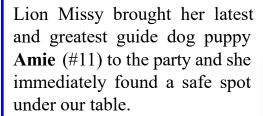
bouquets.







1VP Bruce moderated the event because Victor couldn't attend.



Missy also brought along Joe and this turned out to be the biggest news of the evening - JOE is BACK. I know that this sounds like Schwarzenegger but nonetheless Joe has rejoined PV Lions!!!









13 Feb - Valentines Party 2/3

Here are some random photos of most of the guests. Lion Hillary couldn't be at the party so random is what you get. The photo at right shows an "almost" smiling Lion Lloyd. I didn't want to ruin his image but just had to do it. Bill is encouraging all to sign up for the Easter Fest and Mike is asking if we enjoyed the meal (we did).





13 Feb - Valentines Party 3/3

The MD4-A3 convention is this month so DG Rich prodded all the delegates to make sure that they register prior to the event and he provided some guidance on the ballot measures. He asked us all to read and understand them so we could make informed decisions.

Lion Dick talked about the student speakers con-

test that will happen next week, which normally would be a board meeting but it will be a combination meeting to accommodate the contest schedule requirements.

We did something a little different this time. At Lion Mike's suggestion, Lion Bruce asked one lion at each table to introduce their table. It was interesting and often funny to see names flubbed.









Ventura County Lions Clubs Diabetes Care Collaboration Grant

This is an update on the LCIF grant process for the Ventura County Lions Clubs Diabetes Collaborative. The info below is excerpted from Amy Towner's letter and the LCIF grant.

Pleasant Valley Lions definitely stepped up to the plate.

Thrilled to share that our District 4-A3 submitted the LCIF grant attached ahead of time this Monday, Jan 29th. DG Rich Cervantes, PDG Norm McDaniel and I have received a confirmation from LCIF that they are in receipt of our grant application for consideration.

Know that any club can still participate if you want to extend a letter of support or a donation so you are included in this worthy mission centered endeavor.

Next steps will be awaiting response with any fedback from LCIF. The LCIF Board meets in May. I will continue to keep you and your clubs updated as this grant process proceeds.

A sincere thank you to the many clubs that participated. A big thank you to Camarillo Pleasant Valley Lions who gave \$30,100 and Ojai Valley Lions who gave \$15,002 to kick off this District 4-A3 Collaborative Project for diabetes.

In philanthropy,

Amy Towner, Ventura Downtown Lions Club Member



Lions' Club International Foundation (LCIF) Matching Grant Application

Date: January 29, 2024

Project name/title: Ventura County Lions Clubs Diabetes Care Collaborative

Amount of funding requested from LCIF in US \$: \$100,000

The Ventura County Lions Club Collaborative has raised \$100,000 towards the \$200,000 project cost to procure the needed diabetes diagnostic equipment. The remaining balance will be covered by the requested and secured matching grant of \$100,000. This collaborative funding approach underscores our local commitment to enhancing healthcare capabilities in the region.

Our primary objective is to expedite the acquisition, delivery, and installation of the diabetic equipment, ensuring a swift response to the pressing healthcare needs in Ventura County. Once the equipment is successfully installed and in active use across the designated clinics, we will consider our goals achieved. This initiative reflects our shared commitment and dedication to advancing healthcare services and positively impacting the well-being of the community we serve.

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15 Feb - Visitation (almost) to Ventura Downtown Lions

Lion Lloyd is trying hard to complete short tails in Regions O and N but we had a hiccup today in Ventura. Eight PV Lions told Lloyd that they would attend, which was twice that required for an official visitation. Well, one by one Lloyd was told that a lion couldn't attend. Turned out that

only three PV Lions, Lloyd, Richard and BobT managed to show up. Oh Well, we will find a way to complete unless we can count a virtual visitor.

We were surprised

that Ventura was having their student speaker contest but we did get to listen to two speakers and learn all about what we would change for a better world. Both girls, one sophomore and one senior shared their visions and enlightened us. The senior shown in white at center was the









17 Feb - Farmers Market

It was a cold and gloomy morning at Farmers Market (this is not a fairy tail) but we had a great haul of eye glasses, batteries, hearing aids and even a couple of phones.

Charlie always brings Sec. John to visit and we had a surprise visit from Lion Cindy. Not one of the 4 lions under the tent recognized Cindy at first until she started hugging the crew.











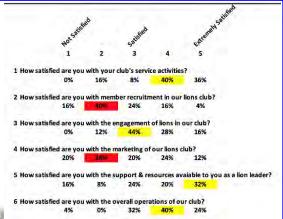
A Pelican Befriended A
Stray Dog Who Was
Often Spotted Hanging
Out All Alone Along The
Boat Docks. The Man
Who Photographed This
Has Adopted Him But
Brings Him Back Every
Day To See His Friend,
Petey The Pelican



17 Feb - Global Membership Approach Meeting

Fifteen club members showed up a Lion Bill S's home on a Saturday afternoon to discuss our club's Strengths and Weaknesses and to identify Opportunities (for growth) and Threats (to our survival as a viable club).

President Victor sent out forms to the club asking about our satisfaction levels for various issues and the results are shown (**in mini form**) at right. You each received this via email as well as the comments and suggestions on the following page. This meeting was just the start of the process.





Global Membership Approach

What are our district's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats?

Strengths and Weaknesses

Strengths and weaknesses are internal—what we have control over and can change. For example:

- Leaders in our district know how / do not know how to start new clubs
- It's not difficult / it's difficult to fill our leadership positions each year
- Our clubs do / do not make a special effort to make new members feel welcome
- Our clubs use / do not use social media well

Opportunities and Threats

Opportunities and threats are external—what's happening in the larger community that impacts our clubs. For example:

- Business are starting up or closing
- There are demographic shifts, like people retiring earlier or young families moving in
- Other humanitarian organizations can be gaining visibility or fading
- People can be growing more or less connected to their communities

Often, external factors that appear to be threats can be converted into opportunities. For example, other humanitarian organizations can become valuable partners in service.

17 Feb - Global Membership Approach Meeting 2/2

President Victor is very engaged in improving our club. He started the process and introduced 1VDG Jason Laird as our moderator; Victor was our scribe. It was a very productive meeting and everyone had good suggestions on how to strengthen our club. Stay tuned for the results and don't hesitate to offer added comments and to participate in follow-up meetings.

We all owe our thanks to Lion Bill for offering his house as the venue for this initial meeting. A follow-up meeting will occur at another location after Victor organizes and prioritizes the data. We must follow through with this approach if we are to grow and prosper.



Comments from Camarillo/PV/Somis Lions 2023 GMA Survey:

- Provide printed agendas and minutes.
- Create a ride share for members to get to and from meetings/events.
- 3. For our members to exercise better behavior at our meetings and events.
- 4. Train our new officers/leaders on Club/District/MD4/LCI procedures/Bylaws/constitution.
- Move club meetings to inner Camarillo. Better access for new members.
- Keep member contact information current. Some members out of the communication loop.
- 7. New club direction. Times have changed.
- 8. Train members on how to recruit.
- More projects visible and hands on for our community.
- 10. Mentor our new members.
- 11. More involvement from all members. Not the same few doing all the work.
- 12. Attract/engage younger members.
- Make more lion wear and gear available to advertise our club.
- Improve marketing and advertising.
- 15. Meet-Up events and invite new prospects.
- More retreats
- 17. Promote our website and social media.
- Address senior health issues for our senior members.
- Get all receipts to treasurer asap.
- 20. Have fun events for members outside regular club business.
- 21. Members must change seating at every meeting. To get to know on another better.
- 22. Collaborate with City, County and other local organizations.

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Gotta Love the Irish

Patton staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking buddy, Paddy. He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife, Kathleen. He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful. Managing not to yell, Patton sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of Band-Aids and began putting a Band-Aid as best he could on each place he saw blood. He then hid the now almost empty Band-Aid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed. In the morning, Patton woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Kathleen staring at him from across the room. She said, 'You were drunk again last night weren't you?' Patton said, 'Why you say such a mean thing?' 'Well,' Kathleen said, 'it could be the open front door, it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs, it could be the drops of blood trailing through the house, it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly it's all those Band-Aids stuck on the hall mirror.



20 Feb Board Meeting

We doubled up on a board meeting and a regular meeting to accommodate the schedule requirements of the Student Speakers Contest.

Old Business

- Bingo- Lion Bill has done a lot of work researching requirements and equipment for us to run Bingo at the Fair amongst other places. The board gave approval to continue his effort short of purchasing any equipment until we have confidence in our approach and the County Fair's participation. It does look to be a promising fund raiser.
- Club Survey/Retreat- Pres. Victor is summarizing the results from our retreat and will distribute shortly.





Donations

- District 4A3 full page add for 4A3 convention: \$230
- Boys and Girls Club:
 - ⇒ Barbeque for 40 for auction at upcoming Gala
 - ⇒ \$5000 annual donation; includes table at their Gala
- Many Mansions: \$400

Upcoming Events

- MD4 convention. We have 7 delegates attending during 2/23-25
- Spring Festival. Lion Bruce sent out our sign up sheet to other clubs after responses from our club.
- Farmers Market. None in March due to the Spring Festival, then 4/20; 5/18; 6/15

Thank You:

GiGi's Playhouse, Food Share of Ventura County, MD4 Student Speakers Foundation, Health Care Foundation of Ventura County.

Thanks from: GiGi's Playhouse



January 25, 2024

Graham Household PO Box 157 Camarillo, CA 93011-0157

Dear Friends of GiGi's Playhouse Simi Valley,

Thank you for believing in GiGi's Playhouse!

We thank you for your very generous donation of \$5,260.70. Your donation for our Playhouse means that you understand the value of our mission to change the way the world views individuals with Down syndrome. Your donation will support therapeutic, educational, wellness and career programs for many children and adults with Down syndrome, while helping us change perceptions, educate, and support new parents, and positively impact the surrounding community.

Thanks to you, we provide a place to celebrate Down syndrome and reinforce the social and academic skills individuals with Down syndrome need in order to reach their full potential and contribute to society. At GiGi's Playhouse, families find a community in which to share their experiences of raising children with Down syndrome and gain invaluable support. All our programs are designed to empower individuals with Down syndrome to be their own best advocates. We build friendships, community, and understanding through free classes in literacy, math, music, art, computer skills, cooking and so much more. Because of your generosity, GiGi's Playhouse will be able to deliver these programs to individuals with Down syndrome, and at no charge to their families! Miracles happen at GiGi's where with your help - we turn belief into achievement.

Please email simivalley@gigisplayhouse.org if you need further information on your donations.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Kirsten Riddick President, Simi Valley Board of Managers

Thanks from: Food Share



January 15, 2024

Pleasant Valley Lions Club PO Box 157 Camarillo, CA 93011

Dear Friends of Food Share,

On behalf of our team, Board of Directors and Executive Chairman, Drew West, I am writing to express our heartfelt appreciation for your generous gift of \$4,000.00 on 12/20/2023 to Food Share.

The most profound thanks come from the individuals whose lives your contribution supports. People like Stacy, a young mom who shared this moving comment about the challenges of trying to provide for her family.

"The Food Share program absolutely gives people the opportunity to create a better life. It gives us that sense that we matter, that people take the time to build these food boxes for families. They're going to people that could use that support. And sometimes it takes other people to believe in us so we can believe in ourselves."

Join me at a Food for Thought event:

I'd like to extend a special invitation to you to join me at one of our **Food for Thought** events. I would be thrilled to personally show you how Food Share transforms your generosity into hope for thousands more people like Stacy.

To RSVP for one of these free events, please visit foodshare.com/food-for-thought/ to sign up today.

You support makes a difference!

Once again, thank you for your support.

Monica White

With gratitude,

Monica White President & CEO

Thanks from: Student Speakers Foundation



Lions Fourth District

STUDENT SPEAKERS FOUNDATION, INC.

(A California Non-Profit Corporation)

January 22, 2024

Pleasant Valley Lions Club District 4-A3 P. O. Box 157 Camarillo, CA 93011

Dear Lions:

The Lions Fourth District Student Speakers Foundation acknowledges receiving your contribution of \$2,000.00 (check #2112). I have placed the amount in your account and will wait until I receive notice from you of your wishes for the donation.

Your generosity is appreciated.

Financial donations assist our Foundation in providing for the yearly student speakers contest scholarships. This is a statewide contest involving high school students in grades 9-12. The speaking topic for our 2023-2024 contest is "For a Better World, What would You Change?"

Our Foundation exists because of supporters like you.

Chris Ohrmund

PDG Chris Ohrmund

President

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Thanks from: Health Care Foundation for Ventura County



January 10, 2024

Pleasant Valley Lions Club PO Box 157 Camarillo, CA 93011

Reference: 2024 Phase 2 LCIF Matching Grant Donation

Dear Pleasant Valley Lions Club,

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

Your club's gift of \$10,000.00 via check #2104, identifies you an advocate for advancing the Lions Club mission in Ventura County, and a model for generous giving for others to follow. These funds will be utilized for medical equipment related to vision and diabetes for the vulnerable population in the public safety net health and hospital system in Ventura County. Our unified Lions effort as "Knights of the Blind" leads the way for all clubs to unify this fight against the disease of diabetes.

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

In philanthropic spirit,

Amy Towner

Amy Towner

Chief Executive Officer

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











Please retain this letter for tax files. HCFVC Tax Exempt ID# 47-1535937. This letter confirms that no goods or services were exchanged for all contributions received. For non-cash contributions of \$500 or more, the IRS requires filing of Form 8283, a statement from the charitable organization acknowledging the contribution listing property donated, cost basis, how and when the property was acquired. In addition to the above, non-cash donations of \$5000 or more also require a qualified appraisal for tax filing purposes.

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20 Feb - Student Speaker Contest 1/2

Lion Dick Bellman is our student speaker chair and does a great job of moderating the contest. The topic was "for a better world what would you change" We had three speakers as follows:

- 1. Chantel Tapta: Senior at Oxnard Middle College
- 2. Phu Tran: Junior at Rancho Campana
- 3. Jesselyn Banos: Sophomore at Oxnard Middle College

The speakers and families below them are shown in order.

Chantel Tapta was the winner.















All three were entertaining to watch and listen to likely because they were coached by Lion Kim Dallape from Ambers Light. Lion Kim Stephenson was also busy finding speakers.

We were fortunate to have four judges. They included:

- Steve Worthington: Educator
- Brian Fitzgerald: Educator
- Bob Burrow: City Planner
- Terry Lisagor: Educator ++



20 Feb - Student Speaker Contest 2/2

We had about 20 PV Lions show up for the contest, which matched the number of speakers, family members, judges and Ambers Lions so we had about 40 hungry folks to feed.

Lion Chet and his crew of Mike, Bruce, Kerry, John and Anthony provided our traditional Santa Maria Style dinner.

Our guests thoroughly enjoyed the meal. Lion Mike was very engaged with the speakers and their families.

Guide Dog Puppy Amie came after the contest. Lion Joe puppy sat during the contest.













22 Feb — A Great Day for America

• George Washington (Feb 22, 1732). An American Founding Father, military officer, and politician who served as the first president of the United States from 1789 to 1797. Appointed by the Second Continental Congress as commander of the Continental Army in 1775, Washington led Patriot forces to victory in the American Revolutionary War and then served as president of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, which drafted and ratified the Constitution of the United States and established the U.S. federal government. Washington has thus been known as the "Father of his Country".



- Bulletin is born (Feb 22, 1943) Nothing more needs be said!
- The Miracle on Ice. (Feb 22, 1980). The United States men's hockey team, mostly amateur college stars, shocked the fearsomely talented Soviet Union 4-3 in the Winter Olympics on this day in history,



Lake Placid, New York, 1980: The United States team vs. the Russian team, competing in the Men's ice hockey tournament, the "Miracle on Ice," at the 1980 Winter Olympics /

XIII Olympic Winter Games, Olympic Fieldhouse. (Steve Fenn/Disney General Entertainment Content via Getty Images)

23 Feb — US Marines raise American flag on Iwo Jima

Six <u>United States Marines</u> raised the American flag atop Mount Suribachi amid horrific combat on Iwo Jima, the intense wartime scene captured in perfect angle and frame by photographer Joseph Rosenthal, on this day in history, Feb. 23, 1945.

The raw power of the image instantly gripped a nation at war with Nazi Germany in Europe and imperial Japan in the Pacific — young American fighting men unfurling the Stars and Stripes on a remote island far from home in <u>World War II</u>.

Its power endures today.







23-25 Feb - MD4 Convention 1/7

PV Lions DG Cervantes, Martinez, White, Schulze, Mike and Jan Nunez, B. Taylor, Fraser and Graham attended the Convention and 6 voted on Sunday for 8 ballot measures, budget and an International Director (Liz Crooke won). You can visit the MD4 website for details of the convention.

District MD4 lions have been active in California



for the past 100 years with **over 730** clubs and 20,000 members united to support the needy in virtually every local community. I have no idea how many of these 730 clubs attended but we sure saw lots of lion club logos on the participants representing clubs from San Diego to Crescent City.

Lion Mike provided the photo from the Saturday evening Gala. Notice District Governor to the right of International Second Vice President Singh.



23-25 Feb - MD4 Convention 2/7

The group photo was taken just prior to certification and voting on Sunday morning. Caught George and Chris just after voting. Victor and John were peeking in!

Lion Russ chauffeured Bill and Bob on Sunday to vote departing 0600 and returning home by 1130 after voting and breakfast so its was a very quick 250 mile trip.







23-25 Feb - MD4 Convention 3/7

Pres. Victor provided lots of photos so I feel compelled to show most of them to encourage others to do the same..

International Second Vice President A.P Singh is shown with our next generation of Lions. There were many awards given out at the convention but most were to district clubs south of us. Victor attended several training sessions so we can expect to hear about them.



23-25 Feb - MD4 Convention 4/7

The convention always starts with an impressive parade of flags, which is always appreciated by the large crowd at the convention. In addition to the selfie with Lion Mary Jo, Pres. Victor is shown enjoying himself by the Lions inflatable and in the photo bottom right with second Int. Vice President A.P. Singh. 1VDG Jason Laird seems to be enjoying himself.

The guy at center sure has a rather unique ornament atop his hat!!



23-25 Feb - MD4 Convention 5/7

Sec. John attended the convention on Saturday and then did some meandering around downtown Riverside...actually parked in front of the Cheech Marin Center...have seen the commercials on the tube lately. In case you forgot, Cheech is on the left!

The photo below shows the convention at the end of the day (provided to prove he was there because he doesn't selfie—Yea).

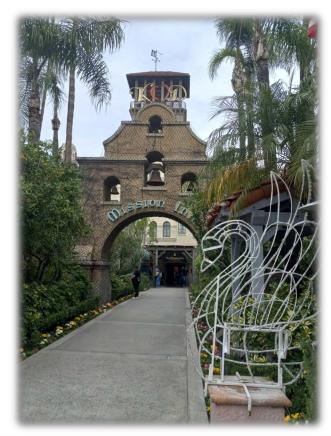
Here's a few photos of the Mission Inn...founded in 1876 (very cool)







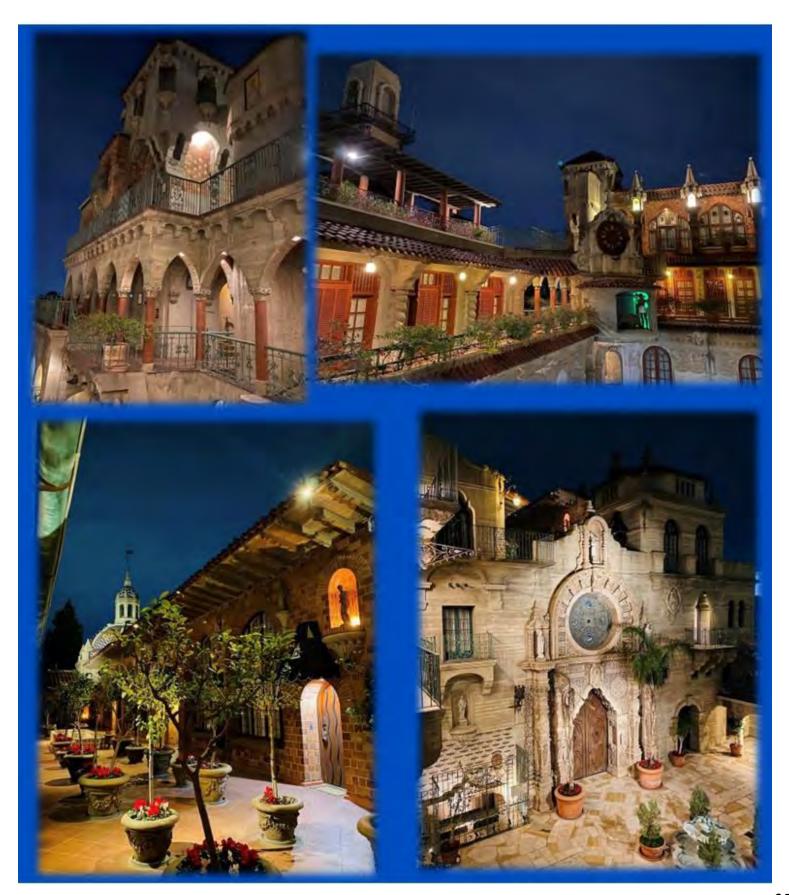






23-25 Feb - MD4 Convention 6/7

Victor provided lots of night photos of the Mission Inn. I selected a few for your viewing pleasure. Very artistic photos.



23-25 Feb - MD4 Convention 7/7

Each time I thought that I was finished I received a new set of photos from Lion Victor. Had to include this batch because it shows our 4-A3 district leadership and the contingent from Ventura Downtown Lions. PV also had 9 lions show up but I don't have a group photo although we have a photo collage on page 33.



23-25 Feb - MD4 Convention Extra, Extra

Lion George and Ambers Light's Magic Yarn Project made the big time at the MD4 Convention.

George maned the Magic Yarn Project booth while Chris Graham was in the workshop. George greeted 2nd Vice International President Arvinder Pal Singh and was included in his Facebook post.

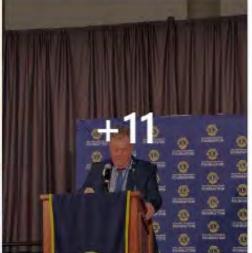
This is a wonderful project for Lions, Ambers Light and Childhood Cancer and it is now recognized at LCI. *Congratulations Lion Chris and Ambers Light*.







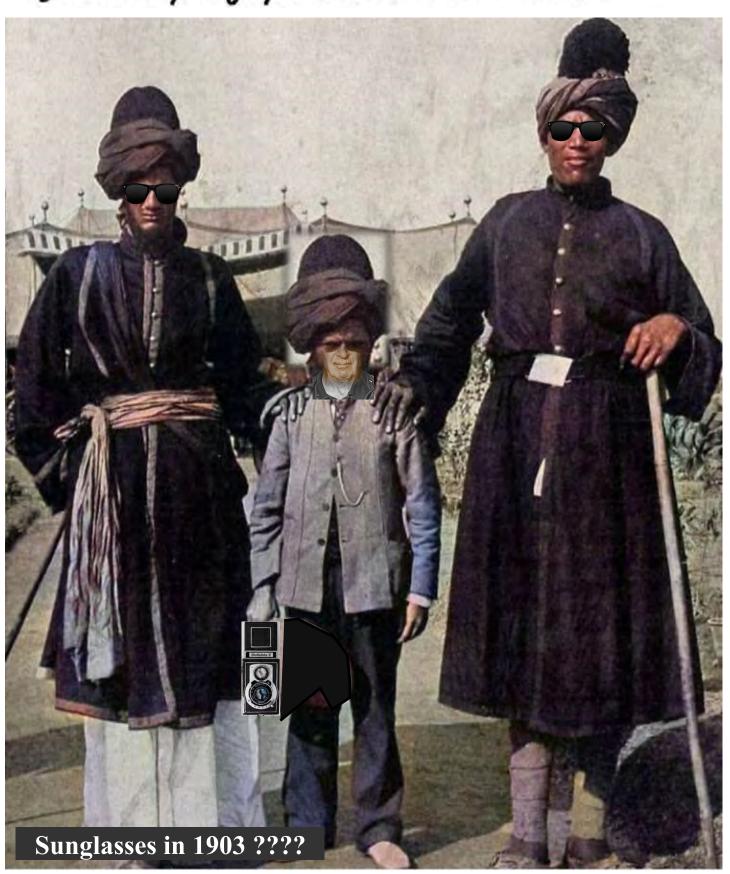






Lion Tom's long-lost great, great grandad — Remarkable resemblance!!! (Also note the resemblance to the "shorter" guard.)

Two guards from Delhi Durbar with James Ricalton, an American photographer who visited India. - 1903



Pot Pourri from Sec John

Good morning in PV Lionville,

Two things to call to your attention...first, though long dormant, Conejo Peak finally erupted this morning.

February 9 is **Pollinator Planting Day** at Sterling Hills Golf Course.

The game plan is to meet and create a pollinator habitat for Monarch Butter-flies (and other flying creatures that pollinate). Any humans wishing to pollinate must do so on their own time...

Again, no meeting...none, nada, nyet,

empty set...do not come to the O-Club or an electronic tail will be placed on your vehicle or scooter. You won't be able to sleep, and you'll be staring out from behind your curtains all night.

Who knows, when you awake the following morning your car or truck may be up on cinder blocks...where will it all end?





<u>Common entertainment included playing cards.</u> However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the 'Ace of Spades.' To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because: <u>'they weren't playing with a full deck.'</u>

29 Feb - Happy Leap Day

Leap days regulate things, corrects the discrepancy in the solar year, with an extra day added to keep us in sync with the seasons.

Since the 16th century, leap years was an invention of the Gregorian calendar, to address a discrepancy in the solar year. Bearing in mind it takes around 365.2422 days each year for the Earth to revolve around the sun, the extra snippet (around six hours a year) adds up over time. Leap days regulate things -- without them we would fall out of sync with the seasons, causing havoc for farmers and their crops as well as school holidays. But, do you know, cultures around the world hold difference significance of this day as some consider leap year as opportunity while some consider leap days, months whereas the whole year as bad luck.



March 2024 Birthdays



Certificate

Happy Birthday Month

Good for ONE drink at the bar

Graham Jr	George	3/20
Knittle	John	3/7
Scherer	Karl	3/1
Seidler	Donald	3/6
Zwinkels	Wim	3/31



Horoscope: Pisces - Aries

- Pisceans cry over dead animals in the road but feel no remorse about mowing down humans you don't like.
- You have no sense of direction. The people you find going in reverse at 70 m.p.h. on the expressway are usually Pisceans.
- Pisceans are most likely to die by falling out of a window or getting run over by a truck. That is, of course, unless they live with a Cancer.
- Aries have ram-like eyebrows and smug expressions. They should not be quite so smug because they are constantly clunking themselves in the skull.
- Cat Stevens' "Hard Headed Woman" was probably an Aries. Aries rarely say one thing and do another. They usually do the wrong thing and don't discuss it.
- Never point this out to an Aries unless you want your kidneys pulled out through your sinuses. Aries folks love Pisceans because Pisces people make them feel well-grounded.
- Aries love to laugh at the funny moon-people who suck their thumbs at age 35.





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

Dear Lions,

This incredible planet is our home and taking care of this earth starts with each of us. As we celebrate Earth Day on April 22, I encourage you to inspire others to join you in an environmental service project, such as planting trees, reducing waste or cleaning up a beach. There are so many ways that you and your club can make a real impact on our planet, and we have great resources on our website that can help you get started.

Caring for our environment is one of the most important issues that we're facing, so let's all work to ensure the health of our planet and of our communities so we can look forward to a brighter tomorrow.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill International President



Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,

A while back, I heard some great advice that changed the way I look at life. First, get better at everything you do; second, help others; third, get better at helping others get better. That's exactly what Lions and Leos do every day. LCIF enhances our service impact in both our local and global communities, empowering us to help people when they need us most. When you support LCIF, you are playing an important part in increasing our collective impact in the world. As you read this month's newsletter, I hope you are inspired to continue supporting our foundation through both your service and generosity. And, remember to continue sharing your LCIF stories with us, so we can celebrate your grant-funded service projects together.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Serving Families Facing Childhood Cancer

Lions in Brazil used a Childhood Cancer Grant from LCIF to expand a Children with Cancer Support Group facility, enabling more family members to stay with hospitalized children receiving treatment and giving the family more time together.



A message from:
Patricia Vannett
Past International Director,
GAT Constitutional Area 1
Leader



MISSION 1.5 is our association's objective to increase our service impact worldwide.

Constitutional Area 1's goal is to end our Lion year with a growth of 354-plus members. As of January 30, 2024, our membership growth is behind schedule at -1,971. But we won't stop now. Too many people need Lions to change their world.

I am asking everyone to focus on the tasks needed to achieve our goals. It takes everyone. Here's how you can help!

Benefits of Being a Lion

Share the joy of being a Lion with your friends, neighbors and family. When your friends join Lions, they will help us make a bigger difference.





1 March 24 - LDUN Convention



We want to see you in New York.

Join us for LDUN New York on Friday, March 1, 2024. This event and supporting materials will be offered in English only.



Register O

https://web.cvent.com/event/384a9b2b-66bf-42ae-8ffb-8e3a5346e719/regProcessStep1?

Don't miss your chance to see how Lions and Leos are working together with the U.N. to achieve world peace through environmental stewardship. Secure your spot to hear what Lions and Leos are doing to strengthen communities and celebrate our partnership with the U.N.

Your LDUN New York registration includes:

- Ticket to the LDUN program
- Printed souvenir program
- Lions International padfolio and pin
- Dynamic speakers, panel discussions and networking opportunities
- Exciting entertainment

REMINDER! REGISTER FOR THE 3RD DISTRICT MEETING!



MD4-A3 Third District Meeting



SATURDAY March 9, 2024

Orcutt Lions Den 126 S Broadway St, Old Orcutt

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

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

District Service Project:
Children's Book Drive —— See Next Page

Benefitting Zone 3 Libraries (watch for separate email with details)

Be the slugger for change!

We are asking each club to PLEASE bring a raffle prize!

Serving tri-tip sandwiches, macaroni salad, beans, & cookies! Lunch is \$20 (includes registration & continental breakfast) Registration & breakfast only (no lunch) is \$10.

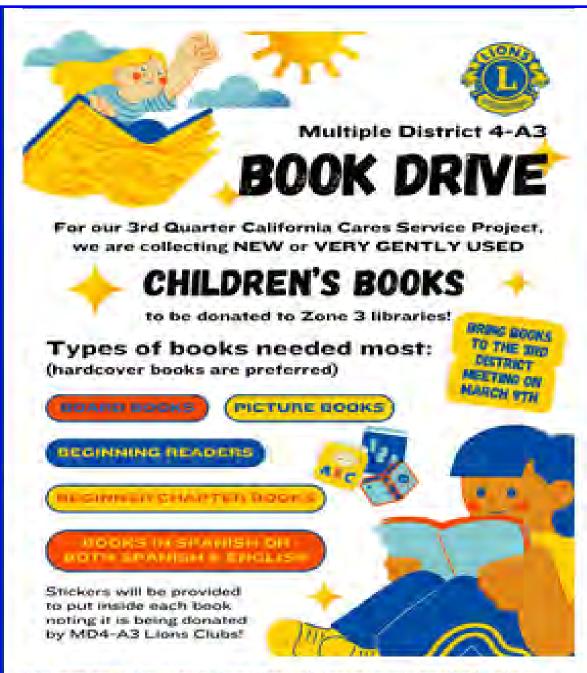
Please send your registration form and check payable to "District 4-A3" to Lion Chris Graham, Cabinet Secretary 368 Via De La Mesa

Newbury Park, CA 91320

Or register and pay online: square.link/u/NCq4hNfs

RSVP no later than March 4, 2024 (registration after this date will not guarantee a lunch)

PLEASE REGISTER for the Third District 4-A3 Meeting! It will be held in Orcutt (just South of Santa Maria) on Saturday, March 9, 2024.



As a reminder, California Lions Project Care has designated the third quarter of this Lions year (January - March) for an emphasis on Youth & Vision.

For the Third District Meeting, we will be supporting local library branches in Zone 3 with donations of new or nearly new CHILDREN'S books. We are asking ALL Clubs to participate and bring your donations to the District Meeting. You can set up a book drive in your community and/or have club members donate books. You may want to include eyeglass collecting to the project.

Each club that participates in collecting donations of new or very gently used children's books can report their donations for their club on MyLlon. VVe plan to donate the books to library branches in Guadajupe, Lompoc, Orcutt, and Santa Maria.

Artists gone wild!





16 Mar - 7 Apr Easter Festival

"Come celebrate with us at our Springtime Easter Festival! With acres to visit and numerous activities, there is plenty of space to get outdoors and enjoy the sunshine with family and friends.

"Activities included with admission at our Springtime Easter Festival event this Easter Weekend include:

- Visits with the Easter Bunny (daily 9:30-5:30),
- Tractor-drawn Wagon Rides around the farm,
- Animal Shows,
- Easter Basket photo op,
- Live Bunny photos
- Easter photo ops and more!





UNDERWOOD FAMILY FARMS SPRINGTIME ON THE FARM – MOORPARK





14April - Lions Camp at Teresita Pines Gala



4 May Search Dog Foundation Open House Event

Juli Osa Fullerton juli@SearchDogFoundation.org 8053178903

Search Dog Foundation Community Service Open House Event - May 4, 2024 I send warm greetings from the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (SDF) and information about a special event happening on May 4. Our 125-acre training facility is nestled in the Ventura Foothills, and we often have regional community service groups that reach out to learn more about our activities. Nothing can quite compare to visiting in person to grasp the scale and unique work of our operations, and they often ask about tours after a presentation.

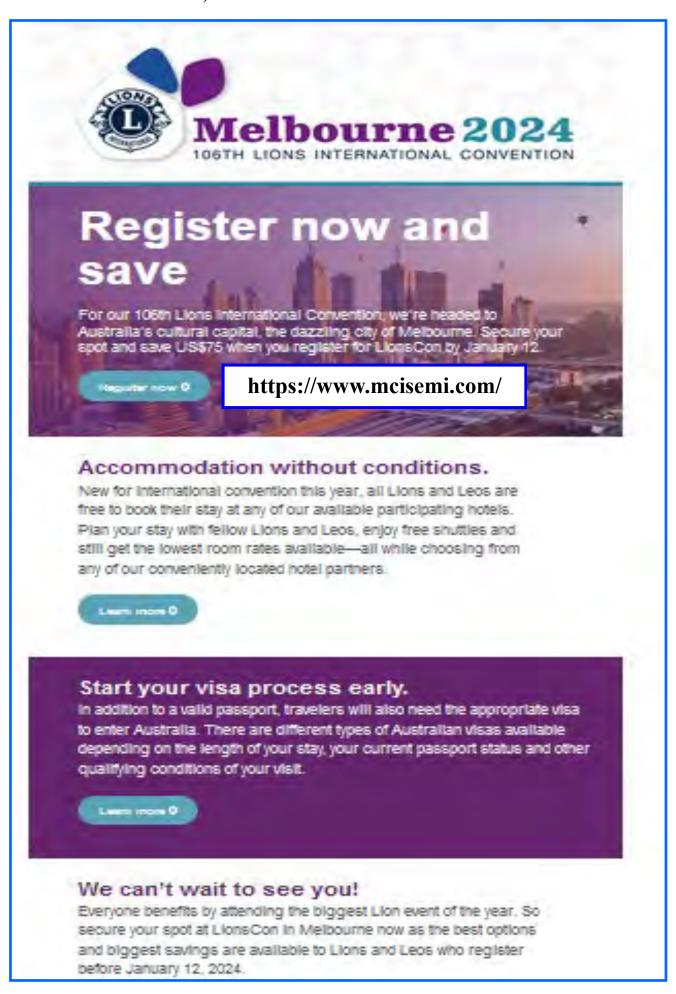
On May 4, we are hosting a Community Service Open House event (no entry fee), exclusively for groups like yours, with the first entry time at 10am and final closing of our gates at 2pm. There are 55 groups on our initial outreach list, and we are trying to determine a group's initial interest before setting the number of reservation spots per group. We need to stay within our physical capacity limitations and anticipate some groups may decline because they are further away or their members will be unable or not interested in attending on the day. Would you and/or any of your members be interested in attending this event?

This link to our event webpage provides more details about the event and includes a short video in the section titled: Things to Know Before you Go. https://www.searchdogfoundation.org/open-house-2024/ If any of your members would like to attend, please email me at juli@searchdogfoundation.org, by February 18 with the name and contact information to whom we should send further information about registering for the event. We look forward to hearing from you and the chance to welcome you to our campus!

Best regards,

JuliJuli Osa FullertonPhilanthropy

June 21-25, 2024 Lions International Convention



We are not aging, we are ripening to perfection.

I like to make lists.

I also like to leave them laying on the kitchen counter and then guess what's on the list while at the store.

Fun game.

Let's all take a moment to appreciate the time and effort this guy spent putting a strap on his dirt so it wouldn't fall off.





Diet tip: If you think you're hungry, you might just be thirsty. Have a bottle of wine first and then see how you feel.

> You come from dust, you will return to dust.

That's why I don't dust. It could be someone I know.

Do you know that awesome feeling when you get into bed, fall right asleep, stay asleep all night and wake up feeling refreshed and ready to take on the day? Yeah, Me Neither!

PV Lions Committees 2023-24

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

2nd Vice President– Bob Larson			
Lion Burgers	Russ White & Jan Edmondson		
Visitations	Lloyd Christie		
BBQ Trailer & Equipment	Bruce Jochums & Mike Nunez		
Raffles	Russ White & Bob Taylor		
5K-1K Race	Mike Brown		
Special BBQ's	Bruce Jochums & Mike Nunez		

3rd Vice President– John Knittle			
Kids Shopping	George Graham		
Club Bulletin	Bob Taylor		
Harvest Festival	Bruce Jochums		
Easter Festival	Bruce Jochums		
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		

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February Historical Facts (every lion needs to know)

Why February has only 28 days?

To make the number of days on the calendar add up to 365 in a year, there would have to be one month with an even number. February was chosen to have 28 days as **this was when the Romans honored their dead**. Presumably they figured you don't get much unluckier than being dead, so what harm could it do?

Who chose February 28 days?

Numa Pompilius753–672 BC; reigned 715–672 BC) was the legendary second king of Rome succeeding Romulus after a one-year interregnum. He was of Sabine origin, and many of Rome's most important religious and political institutions are attributed to him, such as the Roman calendar, Vestal Virgins, the cult of Mars, the cult of Jupiter, the cult of Romulus, and the office of pontifex maximus.



Presidents' Day

Officially **Washington's Birthday** at the federal governmental level, is a holiday in the United States celebrated on the third Monday of February. It *is often celebrated to honor ALL those who served as presidents of the United States* and, since 1879, has been the federal holiday honoring Founding Father George Washington, who led the Continental Army to victory in the American Revolutionary War, presided at the Constitutional Convention of 1787, and was the first U.S. president.

