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Keeping it Reel Part 2

Half of my term is over and there were many highlights but as you all know there were some lowlights. We pray for the families of those injured or lost and offer them our support as they navigate through their pain, suffering and recovery.

May this New Year 2025 be kind to you and your family and I trust that you will come back strong to continue our Lions work to support the community.





Dear Lions and Leos of District 4-A3,

As we celebrate this special season, I want to thank each of you for your incredible dedication and service. This year has been a remarkable chapter, filled with the achievements and unity that come from hearts committed to making a difference.

Your spirit of collaboration and compassion has left a legacy of hope and growth in our communities, and for that, I am profoundly grateful.

May this holiday season bring you and your loved ones the warmth of joy, the peace of the season, and the blessings of cherished memories. As we step into a new year, let us continue to serve with purpose, passion, and pride.

Tara and Ben join me in wishing you all happy holidays and a very happy New Year to make the world a better place.

Kindly,

Jason Laird
Governor, Multiple District 4-A3

PV Lions Calendar 1/1/2025

- Jan 11 **Melvin Jones Luncheon**
- Jan 14 **Regular Meeting - B&G Club**
- Jan 18 **Farmers Market (tentative)**
- Jan 21 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Jan 28 **Regular Meeting - B&G Club**
- Feb 11 **Regular Meeting - B&G Club**
- Feb 15 **Farmers Market (tentative)**
- Feb 18 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Feb 21-23 **MD4 convention**
- Feb 25 **Regular Meeting - B&G Club**
- Mar 11 **Regular Meeting - B&G Club**
- Mar 15 **Farmers Market (tentative)**
- Mar 18 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Mar 25 **Regular Meeting - B&G Club**
- Apr 8 **Regular Meeting - B&G Club**
- Apr 15 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Apr 19 **Farmers Market (tentative)**
- Apr 22 **Regular Meeting - B&G Club**
- May 13 **Regular Meeting - B&G Club**
- May 17 **Farmers Market (tentative)**
- May 20 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- May 27 **Regular Meeting - B&G Club**
- Jun 10 **Regular Meeting - B&G Club**
- Jun 17 **Board Meeting - B&G Club**
- Jun 21 **Farmers Market (tentative)**
- Jun 24 **Installation - B&G Club**



Happy New Year 2025

New Year's Day, 1848

by Walt Whitman

*A morning fair: A noontide dubious:
Then gathering clouds obscure the Sun:
Then rain in torrents falls, subsiding soon
Into a gentle dropping. By eve the sun
Sinks into a cloudless west; and a mild breeze
With pleasant motion stirs the atmosphere.
Next in the blue vault above do moon and stars
Vie in bright emulation to destroy the gloom of night.*

*Such was our New Year's Day, and eventide!
Was it not an index of each passing Year,
Within whose seasons circumstance and change
Ever with Hope and Happiness war?
One now superior: anon the other:
And as succeeds pleasure or pain or joy or sorrow,
Clouding the firmament of each heart,
Raindrops of melancholy dim the eyes,
To shortly dry, hiding the Past and Present
'Neath bright starry thoughts—
Suggestive of a Future aye serene.*

*Day of a coming year promising change,
Yet full of promises, we need but watch
And pray for guardianship to come
Over caprices and all foolish ways!
So shall bright sunshine in advancing days
And starry invitations lead to Heavenly praise.*

Pop-up shop in Camarillo offers necessities to Mountain Fire victims

Ernesto Centeno Araujo
Ventura County Star
December 10, 2024

Victims of the Mountain Fire found a bit of relief on Friday as a nonprofit's pop-up shop in Camarillo helped distribute necessities like clothes, blankets, and more to people who lost their homes.

"My house was one of the first to burn up in Camarillo Heights," said David Geise, 47.

He recounted how he only had time to escape with his family and help a disabled relative into his car. Geise said he drove off that Nov. 6 morning as his garage was consumed by flames and a helicopter's speakers blasted orders to evacuate.

Geise arrived at the Local Love Project's shop to pick up items like laundry detergent, clothes and toiletries. He had heard about the shop through a Facebook group for Mountain Fire survivors.

"I wish I had something like this during the Thomas Fire," said Kat Merrick, CEO of Totally Local VC, the nonprofit that runs the Local Love Project and the Camarillo shop.

She started the project three days after the Thomas Fire in 2017 after she had lost everything. Merrick said she sprang into action to help with disaster relief. Now, the project continues its mission helping distribute aid to others who lost their homes.

The project is made possible through public grants to help get clothes and other specific items for victims of wildfires, Merrick said. Other organizations like Conejo Compassion Coalition and **civic groups like the Lion's Club** help with funding and organizing.

Mountain Fire — Lions Support Fire Victims

District 4-A3 Received a \$15,000 Disaster Relief Grant from LCIF

Dear Lions of District 4-A3,



I am writing to share important news regarding the Mountain Fire that began on November 7, 2024, in Ventura County. While the fire is 100% contained, the impact has been catastrophic. According to Cal Fire:

- 19,904 acres have been burned
- 127 structures have been damaged and 243 structures (residential, commercial, and others) have been destroyed
- More than 250 families have been directly impacted as survivors
- Tragically, there have been 6 confirmed injuries among fire personnel and civilians

In response to this devastation, I am pleased to announce that Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded an Emergency Grant of \$15,000 to assist the Lions of District 4-A3 in providing wildfire relief to those affected. This grant will enable us to offer critical support to survivors and help our communities begin the process of rebuilding. I encourage all Lions in our district to unite in service during this time of need.

Together, we can make a difference, showcasing the strength of our motto, "We Serve." Thank you for your dedication and compassion as Lions.

Palmdale Lions Club Answered the Call

In times of great challenge, it is the spirit of service and unity that shines the brightest. I want to extend heartfelt gratitude to the Palmdale Lions Club for their extraordinary generosity in contributing \$1,000 toward disaster relief for the Mountain Fire that began on November 7, 2024, in Ventura County.

Pleasant Valley Lions Provides \$10,000 to Fire Victims

Totally Local VC recently received over \$10,000 in gift cards from the Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club to distribute to 100 fire victims in critical need. The nonprofits plan to distribute those gift cards to people in the next several weeks, said Dick Bellman, a Lions Club member and spokesperson.



Kat Merrick, CEO of nonprofit Totally Local VC, center stands with Rich Cervantes and Dick Bellman, members of the Camarillo/Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club, who present over \$10,000 in gift cards to be distributed to victims of the Mountain Fire Friday, Dec. 6, 2024. Totally Local VC opened a pop-up shop in Camarillo for fire survivors.

ERNESTO CENTENO ARAUJO/THE STAR



After the gift cards and refrigerator were delivered a few of those who attended finished up at Cronies.

PV Delivers for Mountain Fire Victims 2/2

Here is a follow up on our gift card donation and the desire to promote our act of kindness. I just spoke with my contact at Local Love. They will use our logo on the emails and messages that go out to a lengthy list of their contacts. Additionally they anticipate media appearances at the Pop Up Store. Some media schedule their appearance and if so she will let me know when that will be so we can make sure we are there at that time. If any media show up unannounced and there is a Lion present she will "grab that Lion" to be part of it. She will, in the near future, send me a schedule so that we can schedule work times. Also a **BIG Thanks** to Lion GK who is donating a refrigerator to the recovery effort. They will use it to store drinks, etc for those working the Pop Up Store and if anyone comes in needing a refrigerator they will remove drinks etc and provide it to the client. Thanks GK. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Lion Dick Bellman



Mountain Fire - Pop-up Store Needs Help

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

As you all know, we had a disastrous wildfire in our community. In addition to receiving the LCIF Emergency Grant, we have teamed up with the [Local Love Project](#) (a 501(c)3). They created a "pop-up" store where fire survivor families can come and shop for new items such as blankets, pillows, clothing, and hygiene products. We are distributing gift cards at this location, but ...

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The hours of operation are Fridays from 12 to 7 p.m. (12-3:30 p.m. and 3:30 to 7 p.m.) and Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 5 p.m.).

We first opened on Saturday, November 30th, but we could still use help. We would like to have 2-3 Lions per day helping with the pop-up store. This will include restocking shelves, walking families back to their cars with their items, and other duties. All of these families have been vetted with 211 as they lost everything during the fire.

If you and/or your club are available to help with those hours, it would be greatly appreciated. I am the on-site director, so please contact me if you have any questions or to sign up for a shift. You can email me at limorcakes@yahoo.com or phone/text me at 805-216-7471.

Thank you!!

We Serve,
Lisa Morris
1st Vice President Ventura Downtown Lions
Disaster Relief Coordinator, District 4-A3

6 Dec - Barbeque for Dial Security 1/2

Four PV Lions did a 60-person barbeque for Dial Security. It's a money making event (over \$1000) that we have been doing for many years. We start at about 4:30 pm when light but it gets dark quickly and gets challenging. This year Lion Mike bought a box of Underwood's corn so I had to relive Underwood's corn shucking but muscle memory kicked in.

Dial Security is a great host for their employees as well as the Lion helpers. They even treated us to desert and Black Jack where we won and then promptly lost all the chips they provided.



6 Dec - Barbeque for Dial Security 2/2

We served our (almost) traditional Santa Maria style BBQ that included orange chicken, tri-tip, corn, salad and garlic bread. We had plenty of food and many availed themselves of seconds. The owner's son somehow managed to balance three plates and cups of beans for a few inside workers without a spill. As mentioned they are great hosts and provided us with anything we wanted to drink including their famous Bailys — *with a little coffee added*.

We finished up around 9 pm after losing all our chips and packing up.



On Dec. 7, 1941, Japan launched a surprise attack on the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The assault killed or wounded more than 3,500 American troops and civilians; severely damaged the fleet; and shocked the nation. The next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed Congress and the nation, declaring the "American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory." The U.S. entered World War II within hours.

Battleship Row

Before dawn on Dec. 7, 1941, seven of the U.S. Pacific Fleet's nine battleships rested on "Battleship Row" along the east side of Ford Island. Along with an eighth dry-docked nearby, they constituted Japan's priority target.



USS Arizona



USS California



USS Maryland



USS Nevada



USS Oklahoma



USS Pennsylvania



USS Tennessee



USS West Virginia

Uh Oh! — Where's Mom??



10 Dec - Regular Meeting 1/3

Our 1VP Bob Larson led tonight's meeting. It was good training for next year.

After the flag salute, prayer and moment of silence for PP Mike Morgan Bob introduced two guests. Dave Silverman in black below right has been at prior meetings and is joining soon. Rod Kurtz in brown next to Dave was brought in by Bob Larson and expressed interest in joining.



Guest Speaker: DG Jason Laird

PDG Rich introduced DG Jason as a good friend and great lion. Jason started with his condolences for the loss of PP Mike Morgan. Growth of the district is DG Jason's primary focus for the year. Currently we are at 1057 members and 30 clubs. I missed the location but apparently there are 5 new clubs on the district horizon; let's hope this comes to fruition. DG Jason complimented our club and its work for the community. He specifically mentioned our hard work at Underwoods and its benefit to ours and other clubs in the district. In March there will be a district wide thank you dinner in Orcutt that he will personally fund and we are all invited.

PDG Rich gave DG Laird both a banner and a cup as a thank you, then DG Laird passed on a \$1K check from Palmdale for the Mountain Fire victims. Add this to the \$15K from LCIF and \$10K from PV Lions to get a total Lions donation of \$26K.



Lion Daniel is our peace poster chairperson and he brought the two posters shown in last months bulletin. He had many posters in the making but as you know the Mountain Fire disrupted the process and none made it to the district contest. — Wait till next year !!! ***Can't say this about the Dodgers!!***



Dinner

It was a catered affair with fish and chips, coleslaw and a salad from Spencer Mackenzie's. Per tradition our three guests were at the head of the line. The meal was followed by a couple of cakes one of which was a birthday cake.



I just had to include a photo of Amie who always gets lots of attention and no, the drink was not for her.

The group photo was taken at DG Jason's request and Mike thinks that he is back on the wrestling mat- ***a few lbs. heavier.***



1VP Larson

- We present a \$1000 check to Toys for Tots tomorrow at Constitution Park. We only had 4 Lions last year so he encouraged more to attend. ***Hooray — eight attended!!***
- On Saturday Dec 14 we will present a check for \$1500 to Wreaths across America at Conejo Mountain Cemetery.



PDG Cervantes

- Provided an update on Lion Bill and encouraged us to visit him in room 188 at Alta Healthcare on Santa Rosa Road.

Lion Fraser

- Bell Ringers for Salvation Army. Saturday, December 21 we will be in front of the Ralphs in Camarillo (Las Posas Rd), from 10am to 6pm. The game plan is to have enough Lions (+ friends, spouses, parole officers, other Lions) sign up to fill **one-hour shifts** from 10 to 6.
- George - Attended Bumble Bee childhood cancer event



Tail Twisting: It was all happy bucks tonight.

- MikeN - leaving for Florida to visit family and celebrate Jan's Bday. Also, delivering 35 boxes of glasses to Lions Friends in Sight.
- GK - B-day boy
- Dan - Son is 4 yrs old
- Lloyd - B-day boy celebrated by Lion Jack who is just a tad older.
- Bulletin - Lloyd's 90th and added cash for Baker who forgot to invite me to the party—shame, shame!
- Sherri - Thanks to DG for not having gray hair.
- Joe - Couldn't read my scribbles but thanks for the donation anyway.
- BobL - Grandson #3 on the way



Lion Lloyd Turned 90



Lion Lloyd celebrated his 90th birthday at El Tecolote Restaurant with a few of his past employees, neighbors and Lion friends.



MARINE CORPS RESERVE



MISSION: The basic mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Program is to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to economically disadvantaged children at Christmas.

GOAL: The primary goal of Marine Toys for Tots is, through the gift of a new toy, help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's economically disadvantaged children.

OVERVIEW: In order to better execute the Program, in 1991 the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation was created at the behest of the Marine Corps.

Eight Pleasant Valley Lions showed up at 11am at Constitution Park to deliver a \$1000 check to Toys for Tots. This was both twice the number of Lions and the size of the donation as last year. Unfortunately the Toys for Tots representative had the meeting time scheduled for noon. She was in Ventura and gave us the option of waiting or sending her the check. We chose the latter option although:
that's a big check for the USPS!!.



If stupid could fly,

you'd be a jet



IT'S NOT MY
AGE THAT
BOTHERS ME.
IT'S THE SIDE
EFFECTS.

I'M NOT ADDING
THIS YEAR
TO MY AGE,
I DIDN'T
USE IT.



**Struggling to get
your wife's
attention?**

**Just sit down and
look comfortable.**

**I'm gonna quit my
job and travel the
world until I run
out of money!**

**I estimate I'll be
home again
around 10 PM
this evening...**

**The closest I
ever got to a 4.0
in High School
was my blood
alcohol content.**

**As I've got older,
I thought I was starting
to get lazy, but it
turns out I am
just being more
energy efficient.**



**THERE IS NO SUCH THING
AS A GROUCHY OLD
PERSON. THE TRUTH IS,
ONCE YOU GET OLD, YOU
STOP BEING POLITE AND
START BEING HONEST.**



Bless me, Father,
for I have sinned.
Last night I killed
a politician...

My daughter,
I'm here to listen
to your sins, not
your community
service work...

**I've come to the conclusion
that I'm a reasonably
intelligent person
who does
moderately
stupid things
on a semi
regular basis.**



www.facebook.com/SpicedLife

Wyo's November Report update.

She spent a lot of November showing her skills in Las Vegas for GDA/TLC fundraiser. She also travelled with a couple of trainers on trips outside of California in November. They really like her.

Lion Missy

Dear Family,

I am writing to update you on my progress in service dog training. This month, I primarily focused on learning...

I was learning "tug" & "push", but ended up going on a vacation to show off the program & the good work we do.

Some other things that I am learning include...

Still working my impulse control

I am good at...

I am getting the hang of tugging to open doors and pulling things across the ground.

I am still struggling with...

Staying on my bed (stimulus control). I want to be busy and active

I have the most fun when...

playing with other dogs my size!

My favorite toy is...

Benelones & the Westpaw "Bumi"

Wags & Kisses,

Wyo



Guide Dogs
of America





REMEMBER ★ HONOR ★ TEACH

Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom. It's the mission of Wreaths Across America. You can join us by sponsoring a wreath, volunteering or partnering with us on National Wreaths Across America Day and every day.

2024 THEME: LIVE WITH PURPOSE

"Over the course of the last year, and then especially on the escort to Arlington last December, I listened to people who had gone through great adversity, and they'd taken that adversity and turned it around as a call to action to spend the rest of their lives making sure that every day was meaningful and that they lived with purpose."

- Karen Worcester, Executive Director

The four Pleasant Valley Lions at left in the group photo with the Rolling Thunder Motorcycle group and Ventura County Sheriff Jim Frydoff at right attended the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Conejo Mountain Cemetery to deliver a \$1500 check. John Short leads the local chapter of Rolling Thunder who organizes the Wreaths Across America County effort.



1VP Bob Larson had the honor of handing over the check at the end of the ceremony, shown in more detail later.

John Short noted that it was fortuitous that we provided the check now because Wreaths Across America will double any donation received before late January 2025 so this translates to a \$3000 donation.



14 Dec. - Wreaths across America 2/3

John Short led the ceremony that started with the presentation of colors by the local **Civil Air Patrol (CAP)**. Fourteen hundred and thirty wreaths will be placed today, which is over 600 more than last year but short of the 3300 veterans at this cemetery. John is busy seeking donations form many organizations in our community and clearly by the number of people at the ceremony and dignitaries who came to the event he does an excellent job promoting **Wreaths Across America**.

We can expect to hear from both the **Rolling Thunder** and the **CAP** at a regular meeting in the near future. I was surprised when I heard my name from CAP Major Kunsmiller when I first arrived because I didn't recognize him in his uniform and it's been 18 years since we worked at the same Navy Lab for many years.

Major Kunsmiller described the CAP and its benefits to teenagers and the community and is an organization that we should know more about.

Sheriff Frydoff and Congresswoman **Julia Brownly** gave thoughtful talks celebrating all the veterans at this and other cemeteries.

Ambers Light came out in force to help place the wreaths.



14 Dec. - Wreaths Across America 3/3

There was a large crowd at the event with the largest single group from Rolling Thunder; it looked like a Harley Davidson Motorcycle Rally. These members do a lot of good in the community.

After all the talking was done it was time to lay some wreaths. The veteran's graves were marked and the wreaths were staged around the cemetery. At bottom right **PDG Rich** is shown walking up the hill with a few wreaths.



Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club
Holiday Party

Saturday, December 14th, 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Yolanda's Mexican Restaurant Out-Door Patio

86 Daily Drive, Camarillo CA

It was a festive night at Yolanda's Mexican Restaurant organized by **Lions Pres. Bruce and Ellen**. **Pres. Bruce** got well just in time for the event and was in good spirits.

It was hard to get a full group shot of the guests but most are shown below with a few stragglers on the following pages. I don't have the exact number but it was on the order of 50 lions, spouses and friends.



14 Dec - Lions Holiday Party 2/3

Lion Ellen sent me a few photos and they are sprinkled throughout. Lion Lloyd even got me from across the table so I didn't need a selfie to prove I was there. We had lots of raffle gifts and Ellen did her best to sell tickets. I didn't get all the winners but two are shown below. Lion Sherri is a double dipper having also won the Left-Center-Right game described on the following page.



We played a new game during dinner called Left-Center-Right. The only implement used in the game are three dice with the markings shown at right. You start with 3 dollar bills, roll the dice and see where your money goes. The person with any money left at the end of the game takes the pot.

I don't know who won at the other tables but we had two winners shown below. The pot is about \$40 so it paid for one dinner. Sherri played for herself and Lion Bills. She claimed that it was her dollar remaining and not Bill's and *she seemed believable Bill*.

Left Center Right (LCR)

Everyone starts with three one-dollar bills in front of them.

On the first round, each roller will roll three LCR dice. Based on their roll, they will do the following for each of the three dice

“L” – pass a dollar to the left

“R” – pass a dollar to the right
– put a dollar in the center

“Dot” – player keeps dollar

Once your turn is over, you will pass the dice to the left and game proceeds around the table.

Note – you may only roll the number of dice for the number of dollars you have. For example:

3 or more dollars – roll all three dice

2 dollars – roll 2 dice

1 dollar – roll 1 dice

no dollars – you are skipped in the round until hopefully the player to the left or right passes a dollar back to you.

The game ends when there is only one person left with a dollar(s). They win the game and all the money in the center of the table belongs to them.

The game goes fast, is exciting, and everyone has a fair shot of staying in the game until the very end.

GOOD LUCK and HAVE FUN!



13 Dec - Eye Glasses to Lions Friends in Sight

Lions Mike and Jan made the long trip to Beaumont CA to deliver 35 boxes of eye glasses. The boxes were almost equally divided from Pleasant Valley and Conejo Valley Lions.

We have to thank Calavo for the transportation vehicle. I think Mike left three boxes in his back seat so we have a start on the next delivery. Mike expected a large facility in Beaumont but it was a garage. I suppose that is fine since they spend so much time each week in their vans travelling to sites throughout southern California.



Buttes in Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, Navajo Nation

17 Dec - Board Meeting

(Notes from Sec. Rich's Minutes)

Lion Bruce is back and led the meeting.

Membership Report: Lion MikeN was voted in as the membership chair to replace Lion Mike Morgan.

Unfinished Business:

- Melvin Jones awards luncheon is Jan 11 2025 in Carpinteria
- Need volunteer bell ringers by Ralphs for Dec 21 for *Salvation Army*
- 1VP Larson reported on the \$1000 donation to *Toys for Tots*
- 1VP Larson reported on the \$1500 donation to *Wreaths across America*
- 1VP Larson reported that we may get speakers from the *Civil Air Patrol and Rolling Thunder*.

New Business: PV Lions received an anonymous **\$2000 donation** for the purpose of supporting kids eye exams and eye glasses.

Solicitations: Approved a donation to *For the Troops* for a table of 10 at the gala to be held at the Reagan Library on 8 March 2025

Thanks

- *Guide Dogs of America, Tender Loving Canines:* **\$5000**
- *The Miracle League of the 805* - **\$4000**
- *Lions Camps at Teresita Pines* - **\$1000**



Thanks from: Guide Dogs of America & Tender Loving Canines



Guide Dogs
of America



Tender Loving
Canines

November 7, 2024

Pleasant Valley Lions Club
PO Box 157
Camarillo, CA 93011-0157

Dear Pleasant Valley Lions Club:

We can't begin to thank you enough for your thoughtful donation of \$5,000.00 received on 11/1/2024 towards a Puppy Sponsorship! This Puppy Sponsorship covers necessary expenses associated with maintaining the good health and happy spirit of our puppies for their first 18-22 months.

We invite you to have a guided tour of our campus or attend a guide dog graduation ceremony – free and open to the public! Volunteer opportunities are also available.

Thank you again for your support, which has made it possible for our graduate students to lead more enriched, confident, and independent lives with the assistance of remarkable service dogs. To get involved from wherever you are, please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or TikTok.

With Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell A. Gittlen".

Russell A. Gittlen
President

No goods or services were, or will be, provided in exchange for this donation.

Thanks from: The Miracle League of the 805



December 2, 2024

Pleasant Valley Lions Club
P.O. Box 157
Camarillo, Ca 93011

Dear PV Lions Club

On behalf of The Miracle League of the 805, thank you for your generous donation.

Your support makes it possible for our athletes, parents, and volunteers to share in the joy of an inclusive and unforgettable experience.

Our field truly provides a "level playing field" for individuals with physical and cognitive disabilities, offering them a safe and welcoming environment. Contributions like yours enable us to maintain the first-class experience that our athletes deserve.

The Miracle League of the 805 thrives because of donors like you. Thank you again for your thoughtful gift and for being an essential part of our mission.

Most sincerely,

Rick Pena
Founder/CEO
The Miracle League of the 805
www.MI805.org

10/14/2024 - Check # 2203- \$4,000

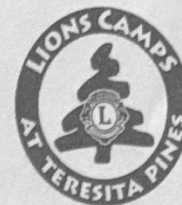
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Thanks from: Lions Camps at Teresita Pines



LIONS CAMPS at Teresita Pines

David Garry, Camp Manager • 22801 Big Pines Highway, PO Box 98, Wrightwood, CA 92397-0098
1-800-585-3245 • 1-760-249-3580 • Fax 1-760-249-1063



December 6, 2024

Pleasant Valley Lions Club
P.O. Box 157
Camarillo CA 93011

Federal ID #33-0818008
California ID #2117383

Dear Pleasant Valley Lions Club,

On behalf of Lions Camps at Teresita Pines: We wish to let you know that we have received your generous donation of \$1000.00 in support of our Campership program benefitting campers making memories that last a lifetime in the Great Outdoors.

Over the years, the Lions have sponsored many campers to attend non-profit programs hosted by our facility. We proudly serve campers with disabilities (that are blind, deaf, with autism, or diabetes).

Thanks to our Lions Families and Friends, like you, The Lions Camps will still provide memorable camp experiences for the children we support in our mission; *"to provide beautiful mountain facilities for group camping, emphasizing the needs of the disabled."*

Thank You

David Garry

Camp Manager

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!
We appreciate you and look forward to
seeing you in the New Year!



Your Friends at
Lions Camps at Teresita Pines

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

Light Show at San Diego Botanical Gardens 1/3

Saw a spectacular light show at the San Diego Botanical Gardens. Thousands of people filled the paths to view their amazing creations.



21 March - Farmers Market

Four PV Lions plus the Shadow “manned” the Farmers Market Booth and had a good collection day.

Just had to show the shirt below!!



Venus next to Full Moon (after Holiday Party)

Light Show at San Diego Botanical Gardens 2/3



21 March - Salvation Army Bell Ringers 1/2

Lion John Fraser arranged for volunteers to ring the bell for the Salvation Army at Ralphs in Camarillo. When I arrived for the 1pm shift PDG Rich was finishing up his 1 hr. shift. Two students from Oxnard Middle College followed me at 2pm. The gentlemen, bottom left came back with cash from his car and took my photo after I took his. Karen Fraser had the 3pm shift but came early to shop so I got a photo. I expected a large bell, but a teeny tiny bell I got.



21 March - Salvation Army Bell Ringers 2/2

Thanks mucho to everyone that helped out today ringing the bells for the Salvation Army **Red Kettle** drive.

Our ringers included *Missy (and Amie), Rich, Bob T, Dick, Mike and Jan N, as well as Kim's students: Xitlali, Victoria, and Youstina, and my wife, Karen.*

Monique, from the Salvation Army, was excited when she collected the kettle this evening as, in her words, "It felt pretty heavy." I'll follow-up with the results. **Update: (Took in \$406 from 10am-6pm)**

Lion John Fraser



Light Show at San Diego Botanical Gardens 3/3



January 2025 Birthdays

HAPPY
Birthday



Certificate

Happy Birthday Month

Good for ONE drink at the bar



Baker	Richard	1/23
Feder	Alan	1/18
Forsythe	Kerry	1/26
Larson	Bob	1/??
Mc Nutt	Neale	1/8
Smith	Rochelle	1/4
White	Russell	1/4



Horoscope

Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

- Your ambitious nature will propel you towards success this month. Just make sure to wear your lucky socks to all meetings — you never know when they might tip the scales in your favor. Avoid overthinking your morning coffee choice, it's not a thesis topic.
- I've exhausted all my horoscopes pertaining to you being pregnant, Capricorn. So, here's a riddle: what has four legs, four arms, two sets of eyes, and two mouths—but only for nine months?

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

- Your innovative spirit is on overdrive this month. Whether you're scribbling genius concepts on the back of napkins or discussing quantum physics with the neighbor's cat, lean into your eccentricity and challenge the status quo. Just be sure to touch down to Earth before the aliens recruit you as their new leader.
- I know it's a rough situation, Aquarius. Believe me, I've been there. But you cannot prevent the grilled cheeses from burning on Thursday. No way around it, just order a pizza.



Please mark your calendar for the LCIF Melvin Jones Fellow Appreciation Luncheon to be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at the Carpinteria Lions Clubhouse. We will be honoring our District 4-A3's Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients for the past five years. More details will follow.

Lion Bill Dunlevy
Past Council Chair



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Dear Lions and Leos,

Since 2024 began, Lions and Leos worldwide have served millions of people, improving lives and communities because of your generosity. LCIF grant funding reduced food insecurity for those in need, helped people with vision impairment see more clearly, provided shelter after storms, protected our fragile environment and so much more.

I am pleased to report that we are making excellent strides towards reaching our fundraising goals for this fiscal year, thanks to your individual [gifts](#) and efforts to share the importance of our foundation with others. While there is much work to be done, the donations we have received to date are already making a tremendous impact in communities worldwide.

As we look forward to 2025, I ask you to continue encouraging your fellow Lions and Leos to support LCIF and explore [grant opportunities](#) to enhance their service. Remember that you play an important role in helping our organization succeed in *MISSION 1.5*, bringing more members to join us in our humanitarian mission and serve more people when they need us most. Working together, we will exceed our goals.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill,
LCIF Chairperson

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Chapada Diamantina in Bahia, Brazil



Calanque d'En Vau in Cassis, France



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PV Lions Committees 2024-25

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

2nd Vice President– OPEN	
Lion Burgers	Russ White & Bob Taylor
Visitations	Lloyd Christie
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Special BBQ's	Bruce Jochums & Mike Nunez

3rd Vice President– OPEN	
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Club Bulletin	Bob Taylor
Harvest Festival	Bruce Jochums
Easter Festival	Bruce Jochums
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Historical Facts in January (*every lion needs to know*)

January 1 New Year's Day - The most celebrated holiday around the world.

January 1, 1892 - Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

January 2, 1960 - In Washington, D.C., Senator John F. Kennedy announced his intention to seek the Democratic presidential nomination.

January 3

January 3, 1959 - Alaska was admitted as the 49th U.S. state with a land mass almost one-fifth the size of the lower 48 states together.

January 4, 1790 - President George Washington delivered the first State of the Union address.

January 5, 1972 - President Richard Nixon signed a bill approving \$5.5 billion over six years to build and test the NASA space shuttle.

January 8, 1987 - The Dow Jones industrial average first topped the 2,000 mark.

January 10, 1776 - *Common Sense*, a fifty page pamphlet by Thomas Paine, was published. It sold over 500,000 copies in America and Europe, influencing, among others, the authors of the Declaration of Independence.

January 11, 1964 - The U.S. Surgeon General declared cigarettes may be hazardous to health, the first such official government report.

January 15, 69 A.D. - Roman Emperor Servius Sulpicius Galba was assassinated by the Praetorian guard in the Roman Forum. He had succeeded Emperor Nero.

January 17, 1773 - The ship *Resolution*, sailing under Captain James Cook, became the first vessel to cross the Antarctic Circle.

January 20, 1945 - Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated to an unprecedented fourth term as president of the United States. He had served since 1933.

January 21, 1954 - The *USS Nautilus*, the world's first nuclear powered submarine, was launched at Groton, Connecticut.

January 21, 1976 - The Concorde supersonic jet began passenger service with flights from London to Bahrain and Paris to Rio de Janeiro, cruising at twice the speed of sound (Mach 2) at an altitude up to 60,000 feet.

January 23, 1968 - The American ship *USS Pueblo* was seized by North Koreans in the Sea of Japan amid claims the Navy ship was spying. The ship was confiscated and its crew held in captivity until Dec, with one fatality.

January 24, 41 AD- Roman Emperor Caligula was assassinated at the Palatine Games by his own guard after a reign of just four years, noted for his madness and cruelty including arbitrary murder.

January 24, 1848 - The California gold rush began with the accidental discovery of the precious metal near Coloma during construction of a Sutter's sawmill. An announcement by President Polk later in the year caused a national sensation and resulted in a flood of "Forty-niners" seeking wealth.

January 25, 1961 - President John F. Kennedy conducted the first live televised presidential news conference, five days after taking office.

January 27, 1967 - Three American astronauts were killed as a fire erupted inside Apollo 1 during a launch simulation test at Cape Kennedy, Florida.

January 27, 1973 - U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War ended as North Vietnamese and American representatives signed an agreement in Paris. The U.S. agreed to remove all remaining troops within 60 days thus ending the longest war in American history. Over 58,000 Americans had been killed, 300,000 wounded and 2,500 declared missing. A total of 566 prisoners-of-war had been held by the North Vietnamese during the war, with 55 reported deaths.

January 28, 1915 - The U.S. Coast Guard was created by an Act of Congress, combining the Life Saving Service and the Revenue Cutter Service.

January 28, 1986 - The U.S. Space Shuttle *Challenger* exploded 74 seconds into its flight, killing seven persons, including Christa McAuliffe, a teacher who was to be the first ordinary citizen in space.

January 29, 1916 - During World War I, the first aerial bombings of Paris by German zeppelins took place.

January 30, 1649 - King Charles I of England was beheaded for treason by order of Parliament under the direction of Oliver Cromwell, leader of the Puritan Revolution.

January 30, 1992 - Argentina allowed access to numerous files of Nazis who had fled to South America from Germany after World War II, thus aiding the hunt for Nazi war criminals.