



“ROAR OF THE LION”

Lions
District
4-A2
1st Quarter
2013-2014



Register
NOW!
2013-2014

1st Cabinet
Meeting
Lamp Litter
Visalia
August 9 & 10
Registration
Pages 2 & 3

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District 4A2 Governor Walt Juarez 2013-2014

Hello Lions, Lioness and Leos. It is indeed an honor to serve as your District 4A 2 Governor for 2013/14.

I want to thank Governor Dean for his leadership and guidance this year and for all he has done to make our District one of the best Districts in California for 2012/13.

My motto this year is “Proud to be a Lion, Proud to Serve.” I am Proud to have served my country, my state and I am Proud to serve as your District Governor this year.

I have met with First Vice District Governor Anthony Martinez and Second Vice District Governor Craig Cooper and have agreed that we will work as a team to build our membership, work hard to make our district stronger and to have fun accomplishing our goals. Let us work and have fun this year volunteering in our communities and at our fund raisers. Let us have fun at our Clubs, our District Cabinet Meetings and at the District Convention in Cayucos. I want our members to remain proud that our District 4A2 is one of the largest in the state of California and that we belong to the greatest and biggest service organization in the world.

This year, my goals are to increase our membership and add new clubs in our district. We can accomplish this by showing others that we are proud of our clubs, our district and that we are proud to be lions.

I have set my Installation, Cabinet Meeting and Convention dates for this year. Please join me for my Installation of Officers Dinner on Friday August 9, 2013 at the Lamp Litter Inn in Visalia followed by the District Cabinet Meeting on Saturday August 10, 2013. My Second Cabinet Meeting will be on November 1&2, 2013 in Lemoore, Friday night will be a Halloween Costume affair. My third Cabinet Meeting will be in Selma (TBA) and our District Convention will be in Cayucos on May 2-4, 2014.

I hope you enjoy your District Directory. With the help of my daughter Lion Victoria Bacho we have attempted to publish a quality Directory in which I could have not published without her help. I want to thank Lion Jim Copner for his guidance in helping me and Lion Victoria in the preparation of the District Directory.

I look forward to visiting all of our district clubs this year and I look forward to serving all of you as your District Governor.

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Register for Installation of Officers and 1st District Cabinet Meeting Visalia, CA

Please join me and my fellow Cabinet Members in celebration of our Installation of Officers Dinner on Friday August 9, 2013 at the Lamp liter Inn and the District Cabinet Meeting at the Lamp Liter Inn on Saturday August 10, 2013. 3300 West Mineral King Ave. Visalia, CA 93291

NAME OF LION OR LEO		EMAIL ADDRESS			
ADDRESS		CITY		ZIP CODE	CELL PHONE
CLUB NAME		REGION:	ZONE	DISTRICT OR CLUB OFFICE HELD	
NAME OF GUESTS OR OTHER LIONS					
		LIONS & GUESTS REGISTRATION \$10.00		LEO REGISTRATION \$0.00	
PACKAGE PLAN: INCLUDES: REGISTRATION, DG WALT'S PIN, FRIDAY DINNER AND SATURDAY LUNCH			POST MARKED BEFORE August 3rd	POST MARKED AFTER August 3rd	\$
			\$58.00	\$68.00	
FRIDAY Dinner 7 PM	Beef Fajitas, Rice & Beans, Beef or Chicken Enchiladas & Dessert Buffet	ATTIRE: BUSINESS SUIT & TIE	\$28.00	33.00	\$
SATURDAY Breakfast	Breakfast is on your own.				
SATURDAY Lunch 12 PM	Cold Deli Buffet, Three Bean Salad, Spring Salad, Potato Salad, Carrot Cake	CABINET DRESS uniform	\$20.00	\$25.00	
EXTRAS: EXTRA TRADING PINS (Each)				\$3.00 EA	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT: INCLUDING: REGISTRATION					\$

PDG Meeting 5:00 PM Friday at the Lamp liter
 Friday: Hospitality & Fellowship 6-7 PM at the Lamp liter ; Dinner 7:00 PM at the Lamp liter
 Saturday: Cabinet Meeting 8:00 AM at the Lamp liter; District Meeting 9:00 AM—2 PM at the Lamp liter; Lunch 12 PM at the Lamp liter

CABINET MEETING REGISTRATION

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO
 DISTRICT 4-A2
 Cabinet Treasurer - Jan Beatty-Taylor
 710 North Vista, Visalia CA 93292
 559-802- 3345 or 559-909-1817



HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

The Lamp liter Inn
 3300 W. Mineral King Ave., Visalia, CA 93291

TOLL FREE: 800-662-6692

PHONE: 559-732-4511

FAX: 559-732-1840

www.lampliter.net

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 MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH HOTEL
 Rooms \$74 plus tax @ Lions District 4-A2 rate

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District 4-A2 1st Cabinet Meeting Golf Tourney

WHERE: *Tulare Golf Club*
5320 S. Laspina
Tulare, CA. 93274

WHEN 10 AM, Friday, August 9, 2013

FEE: \$46.00 per player includes golf cart

DEADLINE: August 5, 2013 – (*Golf Course requires
a guarantee*)

Shirts and soft spikes are required, cut offs and tank tops are not allowed.



#	NAME	ADDRESS	TOWN	ZIP	TELPHONE
1					
2					
3					
4					

GOLFERS --- MAKE UP YOUR OWN FOURSOME OR WE CAN ASSIST!

Make Checks Payable to: Lion Bill Diltz, Golf Chair

And mail it with this form to: 4314 W. Nicholas Ave. Visalia, 93291

559-732-6897 or 559-288-2933 Email: wbdiltz@yahoo.com

1st VDG Anthony Martinez

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Hello Lions, Lionesses and Leos,

Let me begin by thanking everyone for a great Lion Year! Our District was continuously complimented at the State Council of Governors' (COG) meetings for being one of only four Districts who showed positive growth in membership for the year.

I want to congratulate Governor Dean for a successful year. He led the way in his constant request for membership growth and his efforts paid off. He also walked away from the annual MD4 convention with a couple of arms full of trophies and plaques for individual efforts and accomplishments from our Lions.



I have already had the opportunity to meet and plan with our incoming Governor and know that Gov. Walt has a lot of goals and plans for the District this coming year. Good luck Gov. Walt, we have your back.

Everyone in our District has really been doing a lot of good work. Some of it is seen at the District-level or larger; other clubs quietly get a lot of stuff done at the local level, within their own community. Whatever the project, the fundraiser or personal/financial assistance given, I want to thank you for everything accomplished this past Lion year. Governor Dean couldn't have kept us "in the black" with membership if not for your efforts. Governor Walt will have a tough year if we don't jump on board and get things done together. I am looking forward to a great Lion Year when I am your Governor next year, and I know that is only possible with your help. You are the heart and soul of our District. Please keep those fires burning strong.

I can't believe my 2VDG year is over, it flew by. I got the chance to witness some pretty cool stuff that Lions are getting done all across the state. The first that immediately comes to mind is something I encourage all of you to visit, the Folsom Prison Lions Braille Project. The work being done there in Braille translation by inmates is amazing. Another was watching the Student Speaker Contest Finals at our last COG in Torrance, Ca. The level of talent and competition is incredible. I also encourage anyone to attend the June COG if only to catch the Student Speaker competition. There was so much more I was blessed to catch this year, so many more Lion stories and adventures.

Our convention in Cambria was a huge hit, my compliments to Governor Betty Morris and Lion Janet McClintock, they worked hard. I know there are already plans being made for our District convention in Cayucos next year. This is probably sounding like a broken record (or a scratched CD for you younger Lions), but I encourage everyone to try attending this too.

I promise to do my best this next Lion year for you and, also, to support Gov. Walt with his vision for the District. I will be making my rounds and visiting as many clubs as I can. I may even wear my shorts on a visit or two, looking forward to many more talks with my fellow Lions. The work you all do is truly a blessing.

Semper Fidelis,

Lion Anthony

2nd VDG Craig A Cooper

1179 Ackers Lane

Squaw Valley, CA 93675

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Lion Jan Beatty-Taylor, Cabinet Treasurer

It is once again my privilege to serve as Cabinet Treasurer. Thank you DG Walt for allowing me to serve on your cabinet.

One of the items that I stressed at the Officers training was that we need to be diligent in filing our informational returns with the IRS and the Franchise Tax Board. If your club does not bring in more than \$50,000.00 in **GROSS** income from both your administrative and project accounts for the fiscal year you can file the 990N (or E-Postcard) with the Internal Revenue Service and the 199 N with the Franchise Tax Board . Below is the information that was handed out at the training.

Criteria for filing with the Internal Revenue Service and the Franchise Tax Board for Lion's Years ending June 30, 2013 and forward

Gross Income:

Internal Revenue Service: form 990 and electronic Form 990-N



Most small tax-exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally **\$50,000** or less are required to electronically submit

Form 990-N, also known as the e-Postcard, unless they choose to file a complete form 990 or Form 990-EZ instead.

Website for
990-N

<http://epostcard.form990.org>

Register as a New User and proceed

California: Form 199 and electronic Form 199N (Franchise Tax Board)

Exempt under all R&TC 23701 Sections except R&TC Section 23701r		Form 199	Form 199N
Tax year 2012 and future	Gross receipts normally equal to or less than \$50,000	No	Yes
July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012	Gross receipts greater than \$50,000	Yes	No
Tax year 2011 and prior	Gross receipts greater than \$25,000	Yes	No
Tax year 2010 and 2011	Gross receipts normally equal to or less than \$25,000	No	Yes
Tax year 2009 and prior	Gross receipts normally equal to or less than \$25,000	No requirement to file	

Nonprofit unincorporated associations

All unincorporated associations, even if organized on a nonprofit basis, are subject to California income tax, until Franchise Tax Board grants tax-exempt status. So apply early to avoid paying California income tax.

File form 3500 with the Franchise Tax Board. Form available on line at www.ftb.ca.gov. You will need to apply prior to filing form 199N.

Informational returns are due on or before November 15, 2013 so get your exemption request in for exemption as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please send me an email and I will be glad to help.

Looking forward to another great year for District 4-A2.

CT Lion Jan B. Taylor

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Lions Leadership Institute

Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at the club, zone, region and district levels. There is a focus on applying many of the leadership skills long recognized in business and government to working with volunteers and the community.

Qualified candidates are Lions in good standing who have are active in their club or district leadership.

Cost of the Institute

The cost to the attendee is \$250 for the weekend. The rest of the cost of the Institute is picked up by Lions Clubs International and Multiple District Four. This covers the meals, materials and a shared room at the hotel.

Applications

Lions who meet the qualifications may apply. If you are interested in attending, applications are available from your district governor or you may download an application from the MD-4 web site.

Requirements

All attendees agree to do the pre assignments and to attend all of the classes.



2013 MD-4 Leadership Institute Application Sacramento

November 9-11 2013
Red Lion Woodlake
Sacramento, California

Cost: \$250
Double Occupancy
An extra \$120 as a single

*Please register early as there is a pre-assignment - to be completed.
Deadline October 25, 2013*

Convention in Cambria



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Areas of Emphasis

Some of the areas covered in the course work are Change Leadership, Presentation Skills, Diversity, Conflict Resolution, Supporting Teams, Project Management, LCIF, Communications and Technology & Lions.

Dress

The dress is casual. Please wear comfortable clothes to the classes. Business attire is appropriate for the graduation dinner on Sunday evening.

Starting Time

We start training at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. Some students may want to come in on Friday evening. You can do that at your own expense. We have a group rate of \$120 per night that you may use. Meals start with the Saturday Continental Breakfast at 9 a.m. All sessions start on time. Training ends Monday at noon. You must attend all sessions.



Lions Leadership Institute application Sacramento CA

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

Lions Club _____

District _____ Date _____

Highest office held _____ Check # _____

Please make checks payable to Lions Multiple District Four.

When completed send to: Chris Morris

2198 Casa Mia Drive

San Jose, CA 95124

408-371-6866

Or email to: cdmsr@pacbell.net

Convention in Cambria



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

The need for the work of LCIF never stops. There always seems to be something in the news where a natural disaster has occurred. Besides the emergency grants, LCIF gives grants for projects – such as Habitat for Humanity house building, vision care needs, playgrounds for physically handicapped children, plus many other things. All of the money LCIF gives comes from the donations to LCIF. I want to thank all the clubs and individuals who have given to LCIF this year. As of June 5th, our district has given \$123,050. I don't have the latest numbers for MD-4's donations, but back in February, it was a little over \$306,000. So I know with money having been given in February through May, those numbers are higher.

I also want to thank the clubs who asked me to give a program for LCIF. I want to keep talking about LCIF, so please contact me if you would like a program.

Thanks for DG Dean letting the Saturday lunch at the District Convention be a Melvin Jones lunch. Unfortunately, there weren't any clubs ready to give a Melvin Jones award at the Convention. I appreciated our visiting ID's contributing remarks about LCIF. DGE Walt has already said we can have a LCIF lunch at our 2014 District Convention. That gives our 4-A2 clubs time to plan on having that a Melvin Jones Fellowship ordered to be presented at the Convention.

We also have several clubs that have money with LCIF that could either be used for a Melvin Jones Fellowship, or have money added to what is already there for a MJF. If any club wants to know how much money they have in undesignated, just ask me.

During this coming Lions year, I will continue my MJF “jar”. For every donation of \$10, the person giving the money will have their name go into the jar. When there is \$1,000 collected, a name will be drawn and a MJF presented. So, for every \$10, your name will go in – for \$20, it will go in twice. I will have my MJF jar at each District meeting, and any time I visit a club. By the end of the Convention, I have collected \$210 dollars. Now I only need to get \$790 more and we can have the drawing for a MJF. I am hoping there will be enough money collected so a Melvin Jones Fellowship can be given at the 2014 Convention. ---

PDG Vicki Beeman

lion90vicki@yahoo.com

559-584-2911 (home) or 559-212-5016 (cell)

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District 4-A2 Leo Clubs

2013-2014

1. Central Valley Leo-Selma Members 15

Meeting Place: Cho’s Kitchen 2030 E. Front St. Selma

Date and Time: 3rd Tuesday monthly – 6:00pm

President: Wendee Cruz - wendecakes96@aol.com

Secretary: Skye Edwards - musican7edwards@gmail.com

Advisor: Beverly Cho - chotennis@gmail.com 559-970-4092

2030 E. Front St. Selma, Ca. 93662

Advisor: Maxine Abe – memaxabe@att.net- 559-977-8192



2. McFarland Roaring Leo Members 23

Meeting Place: McFarland Community Hall 101 W. Sherwood Ave.

McFarland Date and Time: 1st and 3rd Wednesday – 2:15 pm

President: Ruby Campos – 661-706-7050

Secretary: Tania Salazar - tantiasalazar77@gmail.com

Advisor: Mike Elliott – melliott2@bak.rr.com 661-706-7050

10104 Manhattan Dr. Bakersfield, Ca. 93312

3. Riverdale High Leo Members 60

Meeting Place: Riverdale High School

Date and Time: Every other Tuesday during lunch hour on campus

President: Jose Duenaz - joseduvenaz31@gmail.com

Secretary: Estefany Gomez – 101157@rjUSD.org

Advisor: Roland Reina – rrreina@comcast.net 559-433-5907

4244 W. Palo Alto, Fresno, Ca. 93722

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4. Parlier Leo

Members 30

Meeting Place: Parlier High School

Date and Time: 2nd & 4th Thurs 12:30pm In Room 44

President: Jada Vasquez – Jada.davone@yahoo.com

Secretary: Jose Salinas

Advisor: Gloria Gomez-Alvarez – ggomez@parlierk12.ca.us

559- 646-2731 ext. 1003

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Advisor: Frank Andrade – 559-646-7404

P.O. Box 431, Parlier, Ca. 93648



5. Sierra High Leo

Members 13

Meeting Place: Sierra High School

Date and Time: Last Wed. of the month – 12:25

President: Christene Hinson - sierrahighleos@gmail.com

Secretary: Joseph Mengoni – sierrahighleos@gmail.com

Advisor: Jeannie Sa – campbell61@yahoo.com 559-855-8266

P.O. 414 Prather, Ca. 93651

6. University High Leo Club

Members 75

Meeting Place: Choir Room at University High School

Date and Time: Every Fridays - 12:15

President: Esther Wong – starryesther101@gmail.com

Secretary: Ariana Bartsch-Green – crazywackyyellowmonkey@gmail.com

Advisor: Peter Johnson – pejohnson@csufresno.edu 559-278-5741

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7. Reedley Leo Members 25
Meeting Place: Reedley High School - Room E-3
Date and Time: Tuesday-Twice a month
President: Nick Dobbins – ndobbins777@gmail.com
Secretary: Layla Walker – layla.roxanne13@gmail.com
Advisor: Andrea Donaghe – donaghe-a@kcsd.com 559-248-6412
7542 N. Tellis Circle, Fresno, Ca. 93720
Chartered 2013



8. Lemoore Leo Club Members 23
Meeting Place: Hall at 411 “D” St. Lemoore
Date and Time: 2nd Monday – 6:00 pm
President: Forrest Zenone - foxtrotzombie@gmail.com
Secretary: Jennifer Lopez – jennya.lopez@hotmail.com
Advisor: Rosendo Casas Jr – rosendo_casas@msn.com 559-273-6613
1450 Almond Court, Lemoore, Ca. 93245
Advisor: Daniel Torres – detorres@yahoo.com 559-924-9638
Chartered 2013

4-A2 District Advisor

Beverly Cho

chotennis@gmail.com

559-970-4092

2030 E. Front St. Selma, Ca. 93662

Highly Qualified Club Secretaries

Thank you and congratulations to the following club secretaries who completed the club secretary session at District 4-A2 Club Officer School of Instruction on Saturday 8 June 2013 in Visalia.

Nerissa Richardson	Calwa Lions Club
Anna Herrera	Parlier Lions Club
Barbara J Herron	Fresno Unlimited Lions Club
Betty Alves	Selma Central Valley Lioness Lions Club
Crystal Diaz	Hanford Breakfast Lions Club
Rosendo “Bob” Casas	Lemoore Lions Club
Lorena Maldonado	Richgrove Lions Club
Craig Austin	Bakersfield Sports Lions Club
John Ross	Bakersfield Host Lions Club
Dawn Piepenburg	Visalia Sunset Lions Club
Mary Andrade	Three Rivers Lions Club
Norm Carpenter	Porterville Breakfast Lions Club
Georgia Souza	Visalia Charter Oak Lions Club

We also received help and advice from Cabinet Secretary John Burns and PDG Jim Bartleson.

John Burns	Riverdale Lions Club	jmburns11@sbcglobal.net
Jim Bartleson	Delano Lions Club	jimbart@pacbell.net

Lion David Beeman, Cabinet Secretary

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

CLUB ACTIVITY REPORT

For the Month of

Month just completed



ALL CLUB ACTIVITY MUST BE REPORTED EACH MONTH ON THIS FORM AND MAILED BY THE 2nd OF THE MONTH
TOP DISTRICT CLUB WILL BE DETERMINED ONLY FROM INFORMATION REPORTED ON THIS FORM.

Club Identification No. _____	Club Name: _____	Date: _____
District 4-A2		Region: _____ Zone: _____

Service Projects*				Fund Raising Projects*			
Date of Project	Number of Members Participating in Project	Number of Man Hours	Money Expended on Project	Date of Project	Amount Raised	Number of Members Participating in Project	Number of Man Hours
			\$		\$		
			\$		\$		
			\$		\$		
Number of Club Officers attending a Zone Advisory Meeting this month			Number of Members as of July 1		Participated in Flag Day this month		Check
Number of Non-Officer Members attending a Zone Advisory Meeting this month			Number of members at end of this period		Participated in White Cane Day this month		Check
Number of Club Officers attending a District Cabinet Meeting this month			Number of new members gained this month		Participated in Student Speaker Contest this month		Check
Number of Non-Officer Members attending a District Cabinet Meeting this month			Number of members dropped due to death		Published a Newsletter or Bulletin this month		Check
Number of Certified Delegates attending the MD-4 Convention this month			Number of members dropped due to transfer to another club		Sponsored a New Lions Club this month		Check
Number of Non-Delegate Members attending the MD-4 Convention this month			Number of members dropped for any reason other than death or transfer		Sponsored a New Leo Club this month		Check
Number of Certified Delegates attending the District 4-A2 Convention this month			Average percentage of active member attendance this month		This Club is a Member of the Lions Eye Foundation		Check
Number of Non-Delegate Members attending the 4-A2 Convention this month			Number of Youth Exchange Students Sponsored		This Club is a Member of the Lions Ear Foundation		Check
Number of Members attending the Ensenada Operation Friendship trip			Number of Proud Lions Awarded this month				
Number of official club visitations this month			Membership and Activity Reports mailed by the 2 nd of the month		Date Mailed: _____		
Visited all of the clubs in the Zone since July 1			Semi-Annual Dues paid to International - (9/1) & (3/1)		Date Paid: _____		
Number of times club was published in newspaper or other media (Attach Articles)			Semi-Annual Dues paid to MD-4 - (11/1) & (4/1)		Date Paid: _____		
			Amount of money donated by the club this month		\$ _____		
			List names of each Donee in section below.				

* In the section below, describe all service and fund raising projects. Keep accurate records of the following service projects for a required annual report: **Sight Services – Diabetes Awareness and Education – Hearing Services – International Relations – Environment – Youth Services – Health and Community Services.** Also, report below any special activities, awards and coming events, etc.

Continue additional information on separate sheets

Signature of Club President: _____	Signature of Club Secretary: _____
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Retain a copy of this report for your records. Mail a copy to: District Governor, Cabinet Secretary and Zone Chair.

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camkroell@yahoo.com.ph H: 559-338-0275

CR Zone 1 Chair Richard “Dick” Piepenburg
dpiepen@pacbell.net H: 559-627-5653

CR Zone 2 Chair Christine Burns
casheepmom@yahoo.com

CR Zone 3 Chair - Linda Dawyot 1
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WR Zone 1 Chair Chiragkumar “Kevin” Patel
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SR Zone 2 Chair Nancy Pelton
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SR Zone 3 Chair Steve Stratton

NEWS FOR YOU, CLUB SECRETARY OLD and NEW

1. Please send your monthly Membership and Activities reports (Page 14) for June to both your old and new Zone Chair. The new ones are listed in this newsletter. Also send a copy to your old and new cabinet secretary.
2. Please send your monthly Membership and Activities reports for July to your new Zone Chair (listed on page 15) and new cabinet secretary.

Hi, I'm Lion David Paul Beeman, your new cabinet secretary for 2013-14. When you mail your report to me, please use 942 Birchwood Ct Hanford, CA 93230.

But I prefer e-mail. Please use

dpbeeman@yahoo.com.

In your new directory it will have another e-mail address for me. That's okay, too, but this one's much easier.

What to report? See the article about Top Club Award

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HOW TO EARN TOP CLUB AWARD PART 1

You are a great Lions Club. You should be recognized for it. But five out of the past six years, the District has recognized the same club as its Top Club! What is the secret? Cabinet Secretary John Burns said the secret had two parts. One was reporting the number of Lions and Lion-hours on all projects, and the other was using the official reporting form. It provides a great guide to what to report to earn recognition as Top Club in District 4-A2.

The form is on page 14 of this newsletter in a ready-to-fill-in format.

HOW TO EARN TOP CLUB AWARD PART 2

You are a great Lions Club, doing great things for your community and world. And your members like being appreciated for their volunteer work.

You can help them get recognized! **If you are chairing a club project**, have one volunteer keep track of who was there to help, Lions and non-Lions. *(1),(2),(3) Ask that person to keep a rough record of hours elapsed, not so much for individuals, but to come up with a total for that project. If your project had planning meetings, you get to add those to the total.

Next, get another Lion to figure out how many people are being helped by your project. International loves this figure. If your project is a fundraiser, just do net money raised instead.

Then give those totals to your club secretary. That's it.

Now your secretary already has the job of reporting monthly to zone, district and International, and needs those figures. If your project crosses a month, the secretary should wait until all the results are in and report the project as a whole.

*(1) Lion-hours are the hours each Lion worked. If ten Lions do a two-hour project, report twenty Lion-hours.

*(2) for non-Lions, get their phone number, so you can call them again. Give it to your club's Membership chair, because they might make good Lions!

*(3) Keep the volunteer hours for each non-Lion along with that phone number, so your President can recognize their help at a club awards event or pizza party, maybe at the end of the year.

Dear Lion,
At the LCI Convention the Lions
Environmental Photo Contest
photos will be voted on.

MD-4 Lions Environmental Photo
Contest Winner

Eny De Guzman-Grainger -
Photographer Los Angeles New
Millennium

Lions Club District 4-L3





June 1, 2013

Visalia Host Lions Club does vision tests

By Teresa Douglass
tdouglass@visaliatimesdelta.com

Volunteers from the Visalia Host Lions Club are fulfilling part of their service club's mission by screening the vision of children age 5 and younger.

Helen Keller, who was blind and deaf since she was 18 months old due to a fever, challenged the Lions in 1925 to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

Allen Ventling of Visalia took up the cause after attending a convention in Tampa, Fla.

"There are 62 clubs in our district and nobody [else] does it," he said.

Once children get to school, their vision is tested by a school nurse. But by then, a child could be misdiagnosed with a learning disability instead of a vision problem.

"It's good to catch it early," he said.

Thanks to a \$1,000 grant from First 5 Tulare County, the Lions bought a PediaVision spot screening device to screen children's vision before they get to school. Standing a few feet away from the child in a darkened room, a volunteer such as Ventling points the device toward the child's face and waits for the child's eyes to dilate.

The PediaVision reads the child's vision and indicates whether the child needs another exam by an optometrist.

"It's so easy to do," he said. "It only takes five seconds."

It takes more time to fill out the paperwork than it does to screen a young child's vision using this portable, easy-to-use vision-screening system. Issues from near-sightedness to misalignment can be diagnosed quickly by nonprofessional volunteers.

"We are not eye specialists at all," said Carol Jones, Lions Club volunteer. "[We] can only recommend an eye exam."

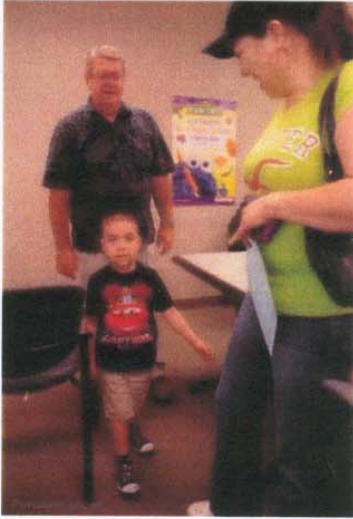
During the first month, Lions Club volunteers screened 160 children at a Family HealthCare Network event and at the Women, Infants and Children offices in Tulare and Visalia.

Any group can contact

Ventling to make arrangements for a vision screening for children age 5 and younger at 625-4522.

Additional Facts

Recognize a volunteer



Lions Club volunteer Dee Baughman, left, looks on as Eddie Lopez, 4, walks toward his mother, Guadalupe Soria, right, following a free eye screening by volunteers from the Visalia Host Lions Club at the Visalia Women, Infants and Children (WIC) office. Volunteers screened 41 children that day and recommended 10 for further exams. / Teresa Douglass



Written by
Teresa Douglass

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Soli Crisosto, left, holds her son Jayden Pena, 15 months, on her lap as Lions Club members Walter Juarez and his wife, Rebecca, right, prepare to check the boy's vision with a hand-held spot vision screening device at the Visalia Women, Infants and Children (WIC) office. Volunteers from the Visalia Host Lions Club do vision screenings for children up to 5 years old. / Teresa Douglass

Recognize a volunteer

We're looking to profile volunteers for nonprofit groups. Contact Teresa Douglass at 735-3289 or email her at [tdouglass@visaliatimesdelta.com](#)

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Volunteers from the Visalia Host Lions Club are fulfilling part of their service club's mission by screening the vision of children age 5 and younger.

Helen Keller, who was blind and deaf since she was 18 months old due to a fever,

challenged the Lions in 1925 to become "knights of the blind

in the crusade against darkness."

Allen Ventling of Visalia took up the cause after attending a convention in Tampa, Fla.

"There are 62 clubs in our district and nobody [else] does it," he said.

Once children get to school, their vision is tested by a school nurse. But by then, a child could be misdiagnosed with a learning disability instead of a vision problem.

"It's good to catch it early," he said.

Thanks to a \$1,000 grant from First 5 Tulare County, the Lions bought a PediaVision spot screening device to screen children's vision before they get to school. Standing a few feet away from the child in a darkened room, a volunteer such as Ventling points the device toward the child's face and waits for the child's eyes to dilate.

The PediaVision reads the child's vision and indicates whether the child needs another exam by an optometrist.

"It's so easy to do," he said. "It only takes five seconds."

It takes more time to fill out the paperwork than it does to screen a young child's vision using this portable, easy-to-use vision-screening system. Issues from near-sightedness to misalignment can be diagnosed quickly by nonprofessional volunteers.

"We are not eye specialists at all," said Carol Jones, Lions Club volunteer. "[We] can only recommend an eye exam."

During the first month, Lions Club volunteers screened 160 children at a Family HealthCare Network event and at the Women, Infants and Children offices in Tulare and Visalia.

Any group can contact

Canine Companions

Greetings to My Lion Brothers and Sisters .I want to share with you a Lion Project that is becoming dear to my heart.I was honored when PDG Don Allen asked me to be a trustee for Canine Companions. I love animals especially dogs. I am also fascinated by the fact that all through history dogs have played a role in the lives of humans. They were working dogs to the shepherds as they herded sheep along rugged terrain and companions to the Egyptian Queen Nefretiti. Today, they continue to gratify us,holding a place in our hearts as a beloved pet or to being a true service animal. Canine Companions are not guide dogs for the blind,. That is another wonderful organization. What they are is a magnificent highly trained animal capable of opening doors, picking up dropped keys, pushing buttons on elevators and even assisting with business transactions by transferring money, receipts and packages! The types of conditions that an individual seeking a service animal of this caliber are people mwith spinal cord injuries, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, etc.To request a service dog you must be at least 18.There are three other

types of service dogs trained at the CCI Northwest Regional Training Center in Santa Rosa. This is a sprawling multi-million dollar facility where highly specialized trainers, vetrinarians, breeders and puppy raisers come together to produce this miracle on four legs. There are some dogs after being observed at the facility, that are chosen for the hearing program .Trained to alert their owner to the doorbell, the phone ringing, a smoke alarm and I am just naming a few. PDG Don Allen told me that by the time these animals have finished their training they have a value of upwards of 35,000! Testimony after testimony of how these animals changed the life of a disabled individual with great challenges into a life that now held possibility, the stories will make you weep. What is the breed of a canine companion dog? Well, he is either a Labrador Retreiver a Golden Retreiver or a cross between thew two breeds . How much would you pay for a dog such as this if it could make such a dramatic impact in the quality of your life? What if I told you it costs the recipient nothing...the dog, the training , the follow-up is free. How can that be? Well, through the contributions of the service oriented. The two legged angels on Earth LIONS! I have just touched the surface of this miracle place. You can volunteer to be a puppy raiser where for 18 months you have the dog in your home, you take him or her to work with you, you socialize this intelligent animal and as you carry on your daily life your puppy is growing and she is in situations with YOU as her guide. When you have had her for 18 months the time comes You must now let her go. Back to the training facility for observation to determine where the best fit is for this particular animal. a heariung dog, a service animal, a facilitator dog? Your sad but you get another puppy and begin again, teaching loving encoraging and all of a sudden you find its you that is is benefitting maybe more than she is! Thats called a heart of service, a Lion's heart. After you leave the facility you wait for one final moment when all of this miracvle comes together. GRADUATION DAY! Yes your baby is graduating. I have heard tell that there is not a dry eye in the training facility that day that emotions and hearts are beating with the sound of a job well done. A Leo can be a puppy raiser under the supervision of an adult. Or how about if an entire club joins hands to raise a pup. Yes he has to be placed with one individual but who's saying he or she can't have lots of aunts and uncles?Google Canine Companions and learn of the miracles. We need to raise a District 4A2 pup . To watch him or her go on to be the ears, the hands,of a child or adult in need. Consider making a generous donation so that this work may continue. Go read the testimonys of the ones helped and as Lions we will know what to do. If you are interested in raising a puppy contact me, I have many informational brochures or go to www.cci.org

In Lionism & With Love

Lion Susan Rogers

“ROAR OF THE LION”



Convention in Cambria 2013



District Four "Proud Lions of California"

Larry Dicus International Director

Multiple District 4 represents the Lions organization in 15 Sub-Districts within the State of California and an Administrative Office in Santa Barbara, California. MD4 is governed by the District Governors and Vice District Governors from these Districts and is known as the Council of Governors. The Council Chairperson is elected from the preceding year District Governors.

We Serve Since 1917, Lions clubs have offered people the opportunity to give something back to their communities. From involving members in projects as local as cleaning up an area park or as far-reaching as bringing sight to the world's blind, Lions clubs have always embraced those committed to building a brighter future for their community.

Today with 1.35 million Lions in 207 countries and geographical areas, Lions have expanded their focus to help meet the ever-increasing needs of our global community.

Our programs are continually changing to meet new needs and greater demands, but our mission has never wavered: 'We Serve.'

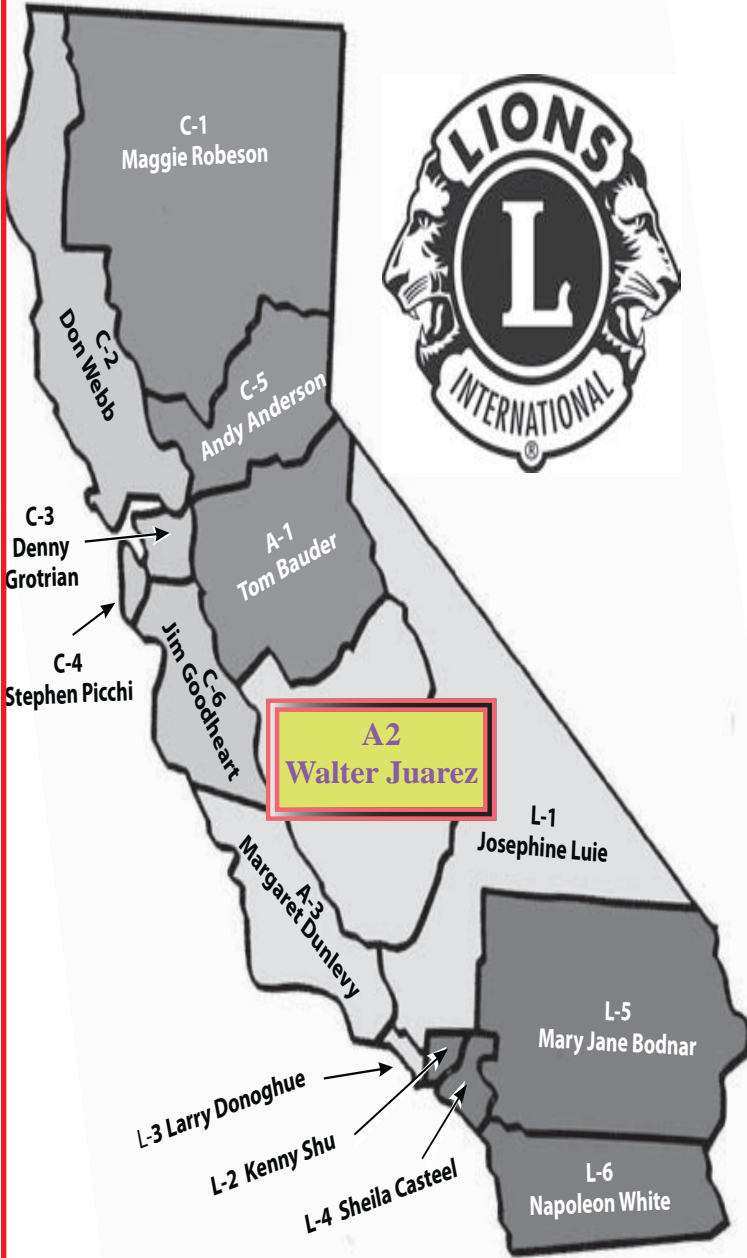
Vision Statement To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

Mission Statement To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs

The Emblem The emblem consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular gold area with two lion profiles at either side facing away from the center. The word "Lions" appears at the top and "international" at the bottom. Symbolically, the lions face both past & future...proud of the past & confident of the future

“ROAR OF THE LION”

2013-2014 MD-4 DISTRICT AREA MAP



Areas Districts				
1	C-1	C-5	A-1	
2	C-2	C-3	C-4	C-6
3	A-2	A-3	L-1	L-3
4	L-2	L-4	L-5	L-6

CALENDAR

COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS 2013-2014

Organizational - August 2 - 4, 2013(Marriott) Walnut Creek, CA; 4-C3
 Fall - October 25 - 27, 2013 (Holiday Inn Bayview) San Diego, CA; 4-L6
 Mid-Winter - February 12 - 13, 2014(Doubletree) Ontario, CA; 4-C5
 Joint - June 5 - 8, 2014.....(Doubletree) Rosemead, CA; 4-L2
 Organizational - August 1 - 3, 2014(Radisson) Santa Maria, CA; 4-A3

MD-4 CONVENTIONS

February 14 - 16, 2014..... (Doubletree) Ontario CA, 4-L4
February 20 - 22, 2015.....(Marriott, Convention Center) Visalia, CA; 4-A2
 February 5 - 7, 2016.....(Doubletree) Modesto, CA, 4-A1

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

February 28, 2014 4-L6 San Diego

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

July 4 - 8, 2014.....Toronto, Canada
 June 26 - 30, 2015.....Honolulu, Hawaii
 June 24 - 28, 2016.....Fukuoka, Japan
 June 30-July 4, 2017Chicago, Illinois, USA

USA/CANADA FORUMS

September 19 - 21, 2013.....Overland Park, Kansas
 September 11 - 13, 2014 San Juan, Puerto Rico
 September 17 -19, 2015.....Grand Rapids, Michigan
 TBDOmaha, Nebraska

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

White Cane Days.....Sat. & Sun., October 5-6, 2012
 Flag Days Fri., Sat., & Sun., February 21-23, 2014
 Lions City of Hope Day..... March 30, 2014

STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST COMPLETION DATES

Club Contest.....by Sunday, February 23, 2014
 Zone Contest..... by Sunday, March 16, 2014
 Region Contest..... by Sunday, April 6, 2014
 District Contest.....by Sunday, May 4, 2014
 Area Contest.....by Sunday, June 1, 2014
 MD4 Final Contest..... on Saturday, June 7, 2014