

Lions District 4-A2 1st Quarter 2014-2015

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Let me begin by thanking everyone for a great Lion Year! I know our Immediate Past District Governor Walt Juarez was happy with how his year as Governor went and he had a lot to be happy about. One thing you hear your Governors emphasize is membership growth; our District was positive in membership growth from the start and, although the final end-of-year totals aren't in yet, I am confident 4-A2 will finish strong. But we weren't just positive in membership increases, the District came together on a few things that were 'firsts' for us. For example, our response to the Yosemite Rim Fire; as recently as



this past weekend, I still heard compliments about how our district responded so quickly to assist 4-A1 with victims from one of the largest fires ever experienced in the United States. We also took on a new District Project, Bearskin Meadow; this is a youth diabetic camp that we have been supporting for a few years and have now recognized it as a formal District Project and have asked LCI for some financial assistance in the form of grant funding. Although this next one isn't a 'first', it is something our district hasn't done in quite some time and is a huge undertaking; the clubs from the Visalia area have teamed to host the upcoming Multiple District-4 (MD-4) convention. In February, 2015, 4-A2 will host visiting lions from all 15 districts in the multiple who will be joining us in Visalia for the annual state convention.

Why do I mention these things, because I want everyone to think about just a few examples of the power of teamwork. I started by saying Gov Walt had a great year, but he didn't fight the fire alone, he isn't building Bearskin Meadow alone and he surely isn't hosting the upcoming MD-4 convention alone. These are things that simply would not have been possible if not for the hard work and dedication of all the lions of 4-A2. For that, I thank each and every one of you! Job well-done!

Our incoming International President, Lion Joe Preston's motto is 'Strengthen the Pride'. My motto this year is 'Growing Stronger Together'. Each of these statements stresses the importance of good teamwork. Nothing that was mentioned above would be possible without our lions working together.

I am excited about the start of my Governor year. The time has flown by quickly. I still remember driving around with some of my fellow Parlier Lions Club members as I campaigned for 2nd Vice District Governor as if it just happened. Now, my campaign year has passed, my year as 2nd VDG has passed, as has my year as 1st VDG. I leave for Toronto, Canada, soon, where I will proudly represent all of the lions of the great 4-A2. Yes, I have been bragging about you all along.

I am looking forward to a great Lion Year. I am counting on your continued support. I really hope this is a year with many more accomplishments. I would love to see our district continue to grow in membership and strive to remain above 2,000 lions all year. But more than anything else, I just want our lions to work as a team and have fun doing whatever project, fundraiser or activity each of your clubs has planned for 2014-2015. I thank you for all you have done and I wish you many more successes. You simply will never see nor know just how many people are impacted by your good deeds.

Once this year's International Convention in Toronto, Canada, is over, Lion Ben Fregoso and Lion Lydia Martinez will start contacting you so that 1VDG Craig Cooper, 2VDG Al Kroell and I can start visiting each of your clubs in the district. I am looking forward to seeing and hearing from you, many more examples of how 4-A2 has always been ready and willing to 'Strengthen the Pride' and 'Grow Stronger Together'. Semper Fidelis,

Lion Anthony

Hello to all of my Lion Family

To all of my brothers and sisters that share the same common value of helping out others throughout their communities. I am quite honored to be serving as your Second Vice District Governor in such a wonderful district as ours. I know that I have a lot to learn in the next three years so I am very excited to start following Gov. Anthony around when he makes his visits to our district. I remember when my mom PDG Judy Arribere Woolley started her visitations as Governor. I was amazed of all of the different ways your clubs helped to change the lives of others. Sometimes with fundraisers, sometimes with hard work, other times with just a single



word. Right now both my wife, Christy and I have been on a road trip for the past week and a half. We traveled by car to Maryland with a little stop in Tennessee to see Graceland. My son who has been serving in the Air Force is being deployed to Tel Aviv Israel for his last three years in a 20 year career. We are here right now saying our goodbyes to our three granddaughters, my son and our daughter-inlaw. It has been a long trip just to Maryland and the goodbyes this time are quite painful but, I know that my son and his family will be safe while he performs his job on embassy duty. Next, we will be traveling to Niagara Falls for a quick stop and picture taking and then to the International Convention in Toronto, Canada to support Gov. Anthony. I can not wait to start helping out in anyway possible to help build our clubs up in members. Whatever I am able to do to help your club out please, let me know I am more than willing to roll up my sleeves and get to work for you. I hope to see you all at our first cabinet meeting in Fresno. My Home Club, Fresno Host Lions Club has been working hard in sponsoring the first cabinet meeting. I encourage all clubs to come out and support our district so that we might know how to better support your clubs. Like a great thinker once said, the rays of a sun can shine down on a piece of wood for thousands of years and never have any affect on it. But if you were to focus the energy of the same raise, and pointed them in one direction, it will burn right through that piece of wood in a matter of a couple minutes. Focused energy has a big effect on things, just imagine what our clubs can do if we focused on a single point such as membership. Congratulations to Gov. Anthony and First Vice District Gov. Craig Cooper, I know this year will be a fun one. Second Vice District Governor Al Kroell

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REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE: Grizzlies Game and Dinner Night Friday, July18, 2014 & Installation of Officers and 1st Cabinet Meeting Saturday, July 19, 2014



Please join me and my fellow Cabinet Members on Friday, July 18, 2014, at Chukchansi Park for a fun filled night with the Grizzlies!! Installation of District Officers will be 9:00 am Saturday morning, July 19, 2014, followed by the 1st Cabinet Meeting at the Fresno Hotel & Conference Center, 2233 Ventura St, Fresno, CA 93721

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FRIDAY: CHUKCHANSI PARK AT THE FRESNO GRIZZLIES GAME - START TIME IS 7:05 PM SATURDAY: PDG MEETING 8:00 - 9:00AM AT THE FRESNO HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER SATURDAY: INSTALLATION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS / CABINET MEETING 9:00 AM-2 PM (LUNCH 12 PM) FRESNO HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

CABINET MEETING REGISTRATION

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE **TO: DISTRICT 4-A2**

Mail to: Cabinet Treasurer Jan Beatty-Taylor 710 North Vista, Visalia CA 93292 559-802-3345 or 559-909-1817

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RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE - FRESNO

District 4A2 Lions 1st Cabinet Meeting Golf Tourney

WHERE:	Riverside Golf Course
	7492 N. Bryan, Fresno, CA
TELEPHONE:	559-275-5900, Ext. 20
WHEN:	10 AM Friday, July 18, 2014
FEE:	\$45 and includes Golf Cart, practice balls
DEADLINE:	July 10, 2014 (Golf Course <u>requires</u>
	a guarantee)



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As you can see, Riverside Golf Course is another beautiful course built to challenge any golfer. The game is scramble so everyone has fun. Also a great place to bring a friend and introduce them to Lions!

Come join in the fun.

IMPORTANT - NOTICE

IPDG Walt has announced that the PDG meeting will take place in Visalia on a date separate from the Cabinet Meeting & after the International Convention. Please plan on attending as plans for the year will take place. While refreshments may be present, there will be no meal. As of this date, I do not know the date or time.. Think about what we/you can do to assist the district become stronger & increase membership. Thank you for your help!

Since our last Leo News Page, our District Leos got to go to the Youth Lead-



ership Institute at Camp Teresita Pines. There were 132 Leos from all over state and 28 came from our Dist. 4-A2. The experience was great for all the Leos. They were able to learn some valuable tools for their future. Also they were able to share fellowship and lionism with each other. This is one of the Leos first, the camp. Definitely 2nd annual coming up.

Another project was our 3rd Annual Leo Fun Day .

It was held on April 26th, at Hickey Park by Hanford.

The host club plans the events for the day, there were

54 Leos and 14 advisors and chaperones present. It is

free to all that come. This year was host by Riverdale

Leos. The object is to have our Leos to meet each other and be able to share time and do something for fun because they do work so hard on all our Lions and Leos

projects. Next year will be hosted by McFarland Leos and co-host by Lemoore Leos.

I am so proud of all our Leos from Dist. 4-A2. They will make great Lions.

Lion Bev Cho, District Leo Advisor





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Hello Lions!



Serving this past year as your District Governor has been absolutely phenomenal. I truly enjoyed visiting all of the clubs in our District and making a lot of new friends with each club that I visited.

Our District stood tall and we have a lot to be proud of this year. We provided emergency food and comfort to the families that were evacuated from California's third worst fire in its history "The Rim Fire." Our District endorsed The Bearskin Meadow Children's Diabetic Youth Camp this year and I want to personally thank all of the clubs who have endorsed supporting the children's Diabetic Camp. My main priority this year will be to continue to oversee the Bearskin Meadow Project. Our District Grant application has been resubmitted to LCIF as a Matching Grant and it is now being reviewed by LCIF. LCIF normally requires all Grant Money to be expended on a Project within a year after the funds are dispersed. In our applica-

tion, we are asking for a three year window to complete the project due it's the camps location and accessibility during the winter months which makes it impossible to work in. LCIF has processed our Grant application and is awaiting the International Board of Directors approval which will take place in Toronto at the International Convention in July. We have as of now completed the new Children's Amphitheatre and it will be in use this summer by the children at Bearskin Meadow, you truly have to see it to believe it. I am very proud of our District's work to make this dream to become a reality.

I am very proud that our District membership volunteered thousands of hours to work in their communities and to provide support to the needy and the disabled. As of today LCI shows our District membership volunteering over 25,776 volunteer hours in 2013-14 and 124,091 is the total people our district has served so far this year. That is truly amazing and I want to thank all of you and say how proud I am of all of you for your hard work and dedication to make this happen.

One area that still needs to be addressed by the incoming District Cabinet is the Revising of the Convention Manual. For whatever reason, in our attempt to revise the Convention Manual this year, issues that should have been clarified and revised only became more confusing. The revision of the Convention Manual should remain a top priority of the incoming District Cabinet and once it has finally been completely revised and in print, it needs to be adhered to. Bylaws mean "By the Law" and should not be open to interpretation.

As the 2014-15 Immediate Past District Governor, my prime area of responsibility will be to chair the Past District Governors meeting each quarter prior to the District Cabinet meetings. My goal this year will be to have the Past District Governors working together on a District Project or working on a Governors project that he may have as one of his goals this coming year. It is my hope that we can do just that.

Lion Rebecca and I have enjoyed traveling up and down the state of California and around the world representing our great district for the past three years. District Governors, incoming District Governors, Lions from all around California, Past International Directors and Past International Presidents have seen our District in videos on the Rim fire and our endorsed District Project, the Children's Diabetic Youth Camp at Bearskin Meadow. Some District Governors and incoming Governors from other Districts have said that they

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would endorse Bearskin Meadow as a Statewide Multiple District Project. That would be absolutely great if that in fact became a reality.

I am proud to report that our three District Cabinet meetings this year netted nearly \$4,000.00 and together with the funds raised at the District Convention in Cayucos (\$2,900.00) we successfully raised close to \$7,000.00 for our next years District Budget. I am happy to report that all District functions this year showed a profit. I want to thank all of you Lions for supporting the District this year to make this possible.

Lion Rebecca and I still have two trips remaining in July. The first will be to Toronto for the International Convention.

After that, we will be heading back up to Canada in mid July, this time we will be travelling to the State of Washington to visit my Son, daughter in law and my not so new Grand daughter of three years. After that we will head up North to Vernon, British Columbia for a long overdue visit with my foster brother.

Lion Rebecca and I were looking forward to attending Governor Anthony's first Cabinet meeting, that was originally scheduled in August and now rescheduled for July. Our itinerary has been previously set to attend the District Cabinet meeting in August, so therefore, with our preplanned travel schedule in July, it is highly unlikely that will be here to attend the rescheduled District Cabinet meeting on July 18th & 19th.

I am very proud and thankful that my home club the Visalia Host Lions has supported me these past three years. They have supported me at our District Cabinet meetings, District 4 A2 Conventions, the State Multiple District 4 Conventions and at the International Conventions as well.

Thank you Visalia Host Lions!

I wish Governor Anthony all the best. He has proven over and over again that he is a good leader. I am confident that under his leadership, our great District will continue to grow and be better and stronger.

I want to wish our Vice District Governors Craig and Al all the best and good luck.

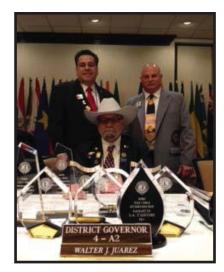
Thank you Lions. It has truly been a great year. See you around the District.

Walter "Walt" Juarez

District Governor

2013-14

"Proud to be a Lion, proud to Serve."



Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos of District 4-A2

I offer my appreciation to the many members who worked diligently to make Governor Walt's year a tremendous success. During these difficult times, it is not easy to step to the plate as District Governor and leave the position twelve months later with District better than you found it. Good job Governor Walt.

We are looking at a new year with a new leader, DGE Anthony Martinez, who will need our support if our success is to continue. Our State's current financial constraints, the drought conditions in our valley and the Nation's economy is going to offer us even greater challenges. I am of the opinion that there has not been a greater need for healthy Lions Clubs will-

ing and able to serve their respective communities.

Most clubs have new officers ready to make their mark on the clubs history. Generally, a club President's success is enhanced when there is a formal plan established at the beginning of his/her year. The plan is shared with the clubs members asking for their buy in and support. The Club's Membership Chair Person also needs to have a plan that is in step with the President's goals. The next step is to work the plans, reviewing them periodically assuring your efforts are being rewarded with successes.

It is difficult for me to understand why so many of our 4-A2 District members fail to attend the District Officer training sessions, the district meetings and the convention. LCI requires that each clubs, PU101, New Club Officer information be entered into the system by May 15th each year. As of this writing, finished on June 23, we still have 8 club that are struggling to enter the data, did they attend the training? No. The meetings offer updated information, training, allows you to share your best practices, pick up some new ideas, promote your up-coming events, and have some fun in the process. We hope to see you at future meeting and training sessions.

I will begin the year, July 1, in a new position with a three year term as the District's GMT Coordinator. I served with the MD-4 Membership Committee for three years, conducted membership related sessions at Leadership Forums, etc., membership development is kind of a passion with me. I welcome the opportunity to help you make a difference in your club. Think about how our District team and I can assist you, I am just phone call away.

Also remember, Club activity creates interest to potential members, therefore, we should always be prepared to have our best recruiters talk to the individuals who express an interest in Lionism. Keep them on the front line at our various events to assure that all membership prospects are given the best opportunity to make the right decision. Further, Multiple District 4 has a team devoted to membership development, this team offers assistance to any District that is interested in membership growth. Let's grow our clubs with new, progressive members that will carry our clubs and our "We Serve" philosophy into the future.

It's a great day to be a Lion! In Lionism Dean Church, IPDG

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

I am very excited to report the total donations to LCIF for our District, as of May 31st, was \$19,320. I want to thank each club and individual who have made donations this past Lions year. There could be more, as this total doesn't include any June donations.

At our District Convention this past May, we had a great Melvin Jones Fellowship Luncheon. It was exciting to present some MJFs and announce some more recipients.

As of May 31st, our District has 352 Melvin Jones Fellowships, and 21 Progressive MJFs.

There is enough in the Unnamed Category for 8 clubs in our District to present 18 Melvin Jones Fellowships. Those same 8 clubs, and several others, can add money to Unnamed donations to present more Fellowships. I would be glad to answer any questions about if your club is one of the ones with Unnamed money, and what the amount is. I tried sending letters to each club last year, but got very few responses back. This coming year, I will try phone calls, or ask to visit the clubs. There is a lot of potential out there to honor club members with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Anyone can make a donation for themselves, but it is more special if the Fellowship comes from the member's club.

I look forward to our upcoming Lions year, and serving another year as your LCIF District Coordinator. I will continue to tell you about LCIF and ask for donations. Every dollar given is very important.

Please continue making your donations to LCIF, and thank you again for being such generous clubs.

Again, please contact me if you would like a program, or want to know the status of your club's donations. --- PDG Vicki Beeman

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Memorial Day Work Weekend at Bearskin Meadow

Once again the call went out to District 4 A2 Lions to help with the Diabetic Camp at Bearskin Meadow. And the Lions came. We also ask for help with their water shortage and the group brought up 42 cases of water.

My hat's off to the Reedley Leos, Lemoore Leos, and Riverdale High Leo, Central Valley Leos. Such hard working young adults! Lemoore Leos came back another day to help finish the work. Our district will continue to grow with these future Lions. Many thanks to the Leo leaders who came to work and play with their Leos. Such decimation should be admired. We thank you.

The amphitheater just needs curtains to complete the stage. We still have work on the seating. Many thanks to all the hard working Lions who help put the endless hours of work in this project.

The deck the students sleep on was ripped out and repaired, kitchen cleaned, and the nurse's stations clean. We had workers from the following clubs: Visalia Sunset, Lemoore Lions, Three Rivers, Riverdale Lions, Fresno Host, Central Valley Lioness Lions, Reedley Lions, Parlier Lions, Rosedale Highway, Hanford Breakfast, and Visalia Host Lions.

The district is still waiting on the grant from LCIF. I am so very proud to be apart of this great project, and many thanks to David Beeman for his countless hours on writing and rewriting it. Thank you Lion David.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as the District 4 A2 chair .

PDG Judy

District 4-A2 Lions Report

June 23, 2014

As I shared at the June Council of Governors meeting in Pasadena, this past year's experience as International Director of our great association has exceeded my expectations. It continues to be an honor to represent California Lions at the LCI level. Jane and I have spoken at 15 Lions conventions and conferences in 15 states, met with congressional leaders in Washington DC, and attended two LCI Board meetings (one in Australia, and the other in San Diego). We are grateful to the MD4 Host committee in San Diego for doing an outstanding job! You make us proud!! We will be off to Toronto next week to attend a LCI Board of Directors meeting and our Lions International Convention. We are excited!

This past week I attended the Special Olympic USA Games in Princeton, New Jersey. It was an inspiring week, surrounded by over 3,500 excited and enthusiastic athletes, families, and over 10,000 volunteers. Lions play a major role in the Healthy Athlete program where we provide free eye care hearing care to the athletes. I learned a great deal about the outstanding difference the Special Olympic movement makes in the lives of thousands of people each year. The Special Olympic World Games will be hosted in Los Angeles in July 2015. I will be encouraging Lions to play a major role during those games.

As a member of our International Board Membership Committee I thank Lions of California for stepping up and growing our membership this year. As of June 23rd, MD4 is 154 net plus in member growth having started 16 new clubs. Ten of our fifteen Districts have positive membership growth, including District 4-A2! Congratulations to District Governor Walt Juarez and your entire District leadership team for starting a new club and having positive membership growth so far this year! Lions Clubs International worldwide is experiencing the highest net membership growth in over 12 years, with over 36,000 net new members, and I'm pleased to see California Lions leading the way!

As we travel, we continue to be impressed with Lions club members commitment to their communities everywhere – Lions with big hearts – meeting the needs of others to make their communities better. I post pictures of these projects on my Facebook page in an effort to keep you informed of our activities. We have witnessed unique and impressive projects, including:

Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind –Lions help fund this outstanding facility, which for nearly 100 years, has provided sight impaired individuals job skills training, and even employs them in their clock factory and in their multiple telephone call centers.

Westmoreland County Blind Association (in western Pennsylvania) – again, Lions help fund and manage this center which provides jobs for sight impaired and intellectually challenged individuals in their paper shredding and garment manufacturing facility. They produce supplies and garments for most branches of our military. These jobs provide hope and dignity to many individuals.

KidSight Screenings – (Iowa, Colorado, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and more). Lions volunteering and conducting on-location sight screenings for pre-school children. A new study from Prevent Blindness America reports that vision disorders in children cost Americans more than \$5.7 billion in direct and indirect costs this past year. Vision loss and blindness come at a tremendous cost. That is why it is important to increase screening efforts for children 2 to 6 years of age. Lions help prevent eyesight problems by early screening for conditions such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism and anisometropia, which can lead to blindness in children if not detected early. I encourage more California Lions to become involved in projects like this.

New Alexandria Lions Demolition Derby (Pennsylvania) – The New Alexandria Lions Club of 70+ members in a community of 400 or so, owns a 10 acre site where they conduct a 'Demolition Derby' for the area 8 times a year and raise nearly \$60,000 for their community and surrounding areas. Jane was particularly impressed with their 'Lawn Mower' class – check out their Facebook page – New Alexandria Lions Demolition Derby.

Owensboro Lions (Kentucky) Soapbox Derby track – In 2001 the Owensboro Lions Club brought the Soap Box Derby back to Owensboro after a 36-year absence. Since that time the Owensboro Soap Box Derby has grown to be one of the most anticipated events in the area and among the top Soap Box Derby races in the central United States. The Owensboro Lions provide young boys and girls the opportunity to spend time with a caring adult as they build their Soap Box Derby racer. They teach sportsmanship and self-confidence and the thrill of competing in a downhill racer they built themselves.

Norwin Lions (Pennsylvania) - 'Reality Tours', an innovative parent & child drug prevention program. The Reality Tour is an evening program for children age 10+, who must be accompanied by their parent. This 3 hour interactive program gives families the tools needed to reduce the risk of substance abuse within the family. This program, conducted by Norwin Lions, has been having positive impact in their community.

The above are just a small sampling of the projects we have visited and observed. We also share our unique and valuable California Lions projects during our visits, including our Lions Float Program, our Student Speaker Program, our California Lions Friends in Sight program, our Special Olympics activities, and many other projects.

Again, thank you for the honor of representing all California Lions!!

Yours in service, Larry Dicus, International Director





District 4-A2 Governor Anthony Martinez