LIONS DISTRICT 4A-2

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Roar of the Lion





Governor Judy says...

Do something - Make a difference...and that means, "Don't wait for the other guy or gal..."

"It Starts With YOU!





Hello To 4 A2!

I hope to see all of you at our next Cabinet meeting... Who should be there and why: Cabinet meetings are for all Lions... young or old president and general member. It is for all of us.

Items to remember for this meeting:

- Club Banner
- Favorite dessert
- Family meeting, please bring them all
- Warm blankets, coats and sleeping bags for the homeless

In my travels while visiting so many clubs, I have met so many wonderful Lions. Our web page gives a closer look at other clubs and there is a calendar of events. Please send your club information to our webmaster so you too can have a profile of your club activities.

Did you know that in Bakersfield you can eat a meal Blindfolded, send small lions to see our injured military and I met Lions who cook the homeless? A Turkey shoot is coming up at several clubs and fair booths are busy throughout our district. Attend the fair and have a PDG and so much more. No one can say that District 4 A2 Lions

are slowing down; no not at all, they are alive and are moving. I am so proud to be your District Governor. "Thank you" for all your kindnesses offered to me and my team as we visit your clubs.

The Wilderness camp work party worked very hard cutting down berry bushes, edging and painting. We ate good food, too and had great fellowship in the evening. 'Thank You" to those who were there and to those who could not make this trip, there is much, much more that needs to be done.

Club Presidents are the No. 1 persons in our district. They keep our clubs together and bring the district information to their club members. The oath of office states that they will attend District functions and let you, the club members, know of them. 28 Club presidents attended the Friday night installation to show their support for the District. Were you there? Will you be at our second Cabinet meeting on Nov 2-3 in Three Rivers? There is no District without our Club Presidents. I want to leave you with this

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Lions Are People Like You

Lions take chances. Like everyone else, they fear failing

But they refuse to let fear control them.

Lions don't give up. When life gets rough, they hang in Until the going gets better. Lions know they are not perfect They respect their weaknesses while making the most of their strengths.

Lions fall, but they don't stay down. They stubbornly refuse to let a fall keep them from climbing... Lions don't blame fate for their

failures nor luck for their successes. Lions accept responsibility for their lives

Lions are positive thinkers who see good in all things.

From the ordinary, they make the extraordinary

Lions believe in the path they have chosen

even when it's hard, even when others can't see where

they are going. Lions are patient. They know a goal is only as worthy as the effort that's required to

achieve it. Lions are people like you. They make this world a better place to be.

You're District Governor

Lion Judy Arribere



4A-2 Lions **Highlights:**

Governor

Vice Gov 2

Swords

Selling Lemonade

Dates

Thanksgiving dinner for seniors and feeling of pride for all the hard work these Lions do. Pancake Breakfast, fashion show, golf tournament for a

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From Your Vice District Governor...

This year is just flying by and I find myself thinking about this time next year when I will be even busier. I am beginning to put my retirement package together and I vacillate between excitement and terror. As the saying goes, it is the best of times and the worst, but I am optimistic that it will turn out to be the best of times.

I am excited about all of our upcoming events and look forward to seeing you all. Being a Lion is a huge part of my life and I feel so blessed to also be able to share it with my wonderful husband Dean. We have a fabulous district and I am so proud of all of you and what you accomplish. The Lion logo may mean Liberty In Our Nations Safety but it also stands for Leaders In Our Neighborhoods. Lions are some of the very best volunteers, giving so much to others. Our International Presidents' challenge is for change and our District Governor Judy has some exciting ones that are making a huge difference in our district. So come to the next cabinet meeting and catch the excitement to share with your club.



Lion Betty Morris
Vice District Governor

We All Do "It"! . . .

Do You Know What "It" is? "It" is "Words"... in a Word!

"Words" are the most powerful tool that we humans have . . . and they can be "Constructive". They also can be "Destructive". Like a sword, they have two edges . . they can create the most beautiful dream and happiness and they can destroy everything around you. Human beings carry these "Swords" from birth until they die...

The misuse of "Words" is a living Hell. But on the other hand, they become "Gifts" that can create happiness, brotherhood, fraternalism, warmth and caring and above all, love.

Cruel words are so hurtful and can inflict damage beyond repair. They are a SERIOUS ETHICAL PROBLEM. "Cruel words" or "Gossip" is the "misuse of the word" which is a pure poison that spreads, often gaining power to hurt more, by every generation of transmission, from one to another. It hurts those who are the target of the "Gossip" and it hurts the listener who believes the "Gossip". There are NO WINNERS here.

What Can We Do to STOP this very SERIOUS ETHICAL PROBLEM?

- Not believing it is one step
- Not enhancing it is another
- Not spreading it is another
- Not starting it is another

We <u>do</u> have to communicate with one another so "Words" <u>are</u> necessary. But, we should ask ourselves, *Does what I want to say Serve a purpose? Am I passing useful information? Am I sure it is true? Am I hurting someone else? Is it a positive statement? Would I like what is being said, said about me, whether it is true or not? Why do I need to repeat this?*

Also, something doesn't have to be a lie to make it gossip. Many of us think, "Well, it's true ... so I can tell anyone I want to." Not so! Telling the truth for the wrong motive can be even more destructive than telling a lie. In fact, here's a definition of gossip that's quite revealing: Sharing anything about some one, when the act of sharing it is not part of the solution to that person's problem.

Remember, we get treated the way we invite others to treat us . . . Everything we do including our nonverbal behavior is an invitation to those around us to treat us as we invite them to treat us 95% of the time. A smile is an invitation. So is a frown, so is a sad face, an angry face or a serious face

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We must NEVER FORGET the POWER OF THE WORD. Its misuse is very dangerous. We should "think before we speak" and "choose the words impeccably". We must stop hurting one another and work toward creating beauty and love with the "Word".

"The Lord hates a froward (or perverted) mouth, Proverbs 8:13, "They go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also as gossips and busybodies, talking about things not proper to mention", I Tim. 5:13 and "You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people." (Lev. 19:16)

Use the "Sword" as a symbol of our purpose, "We are the Knights of the Blind" not the slayers of one another.

My Name Is Gossip

By Janet Treadway



My name is Gossip.
I have no respect for justice.
I maim without killing.
I break hearts and ruin lives.
I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age.

The more I am quoted the more I am believed.

I flourish at every level of society.
My victims are helpless.
They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no

name and no face.

To track me down is impossible.
The harder you try, the more
elusive I become.
I am nobody's friend.
Once I tarnish a reputation, it is
never the same.

I topple governments and ruin marriages.

I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartache and indigestion. I spawn suspicion and generate grief.

I make innocent people cry in their pillows.

Even my name hisses.

I AM CALLED GOSSIP.



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New Members Night 2007!

Lampliter Inn, Visalia, California Thursday, October 18, 2007

No Host Cocktails at 6:00 P.M. Dinner: 7:00 P.M.

Keynote Speaker
Past District Governor Chuck Cassey
Tri-Tip or Teriyaki Chicken



Tell a Lion how much you appreciate him or her next time you see one...



together . . . "We Serve"

Right?

Keynote Speaker at 2nd Cabinet Meeting is the author of "Selling Lemonade for FREE"

By Chuck Wall, Ph.D.

Have you read his book? Chuck Wall overcame blindness to earn a Ph.D. in Education Administration and Marketing Management from the *University of California at Los Angeles*. He holds a B.A. in Business Administration and an M.B.A. in Management/Marketing and Group Dynamics, both from *San Francisco State University*. He is currently Professor of Business and Communications at *Cal State Bakersfield*, and resides in Bakersfield with his wife. Dr. Chuck is an internationally known motivational speaker and business consultant. His phrase "*Today*, *I will commit to one random act of 'Senseless Kindness' - Will You?*" is now known worldwide.

He has been featured in the following:

The Bakersfield Californian, October 9, 1993 edition, front page Oprah Winfrey Show 1994,

People Magazine

Front page of over 200 newspapers
TV Show *Hour of Power* with the Rev Robert H Schuller
Guest on 31 radio shows

Chuck raises money for the *Blind Center of Kern County*What started as a simple classroom project became a fund-raising effort benefiting the *Braille Center*

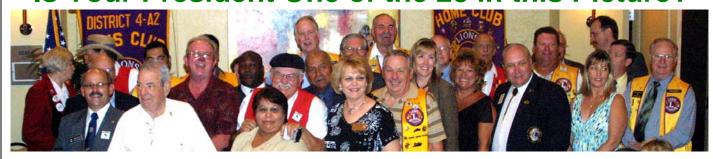
Chuck Wall said, "Hope and Kindness have no expiration date".



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Is Your President One of the 28 in this Picture?



These Leaders were honored at the last 4-A2 Cabinet Meeting. We say, "Thank You – You make it Happen"!

HEALTHY CLUB WORKSHOP AREA 3 Saturday - Oct. 6, 2007

University Square, 2000 K St., Bakersfield, CA

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Attention Lions!
DATES TO
REMEMBER . . .

October 18, 2007...... November 16 – 17, 2007..... February 8 - 9, 2008....... April 11 – 12, 2008..... New Members Night – Lampliter Inn - Visalia 2nd Cabinet Meeting – Vet. Bldg - Three Rivers 3rd Cabinet Meeting – Fresno 4A-2 Convention - Harris Ranch



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