



DISTRICT 4 A-2

**2nd Quarter
2010 - 2011**

SECOND CABINET MEETING Nov. 5-6 Visalia

**Hotel
Registration
on Web Page
& Cabinet
Registration
Form**

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FOR GOLF
Friday
Nov. 5th**



“ROAR OF THE LION”

DISTRICT 4 A-2 DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2010—2011

To the great Lions of District 4-A2. The new Lions' year got off to a great start with our first District meeting in Lemoore, July 30th and 31st. Much thanks to the Lemoore Lions for preparing and serving dinner on Friday night. Also, to the Hanford Breakfast Lions for preparing and serving breakfast and lunch on Saturday (plus some of the Lemoore Lions who also helped on Saturday).



We had over 90 people for dinner and over 100 for each of the Saturday meals. Friday evening was the Installation of the Cabinet officers, done excellently by PIP Bill Biggs. Saturday was the business meeting part, and two guest speakers (visiting DG Marcia Newyear of L-1 and PDG Bill Newyear).

This wasn't easy to decide, but I believe we will try this newsletter being distributed electronically. I would ask club members to please print a

copy for those who don't have access to the web-site, particularly if that happens to be your president and/or secretary. We will see how this works and make changes the next time if we need to.

As I write this article, I have visited 6 Lions clubs. I have 38 scheduled, 2 partly scheduled (definite date not set yet, but January or later), 14 still to be scheduled, plus one club I did their Installation in June that they said I could consider my official visit. It has been great so far, my biggest regret is Lion David has been unable to go with me because of his afternoon work schedule. I look forward to the rest of the visits and do hope I can at least get them all scheduled soon, even if the visit isn't until sometime in 2011.

Before our next District meeting, Lion David and I will have gone to the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I am excited that we have many from A-2 that will also be there.

Some of the rest of our events are: New Members Night on October 21st in Caruthers. I hope as many of our new members (from last October) will be able to attend and be recognized; the 2nd District/Cabinet meeting on November 5th & 6th in Visalia at the Lampliter (the registration form has been e-mailed out to several people, and is available on our District web site); the 3rd District/Cabinet meeting on February 25th and 26th in Dinuba. The District Convention will be May 13th to 15th, at the Radisson in Fresno.

We all have a lot of work to do to keep our District strong. Yes, we do need to bring in new members. But, we also have to work hard on keeping the members we have. We have to make them feel like they are needed and vital to their Lion's club. We have two great Vice-District Governors and a great MERL team to help if you want them.

Thank You to Lion Ben Fregoso, for his excellent work doing the Registration forms for our District meetings. A very big Thank You to Lion Shirley Welch for all her hard work in selling Directory ads. She did an incredible job selling so many ads. Also, Thank You to Lion Jim Copner for his outstanding work with our District Newsletters, District Directory, and our District web-site. This very hard-working Lion has been doing a lot of work in these three areas for at least four years now.

“Be A Bee-liever in Service.”





From the District 4-A2 Cabinet Secretary:

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Greetings to all the Lions of District 4-A2! Many clubs reduced their activities during the summer months to give everyone a well deserved break from their hectic schedules. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is ready to hit the ground running for the remainder of the Lion Year 2010-2011. Opportunities abound for our District 4-A2 Lions Clubs to truly make a difference in our communities, our valley, and our nation and around world.

After this brief pause for rest, it is important for clubs to ramp up quickly on the activity level—both in fund raisers and service projects. A very active club leads to energized members who are excited about what their club is doing. Not only does it energize your members, it opens up great opportunities to recruit new members into your club. As I said in my first article, there is no better advertisement for Lionism than to see dedicated, hard-working Lions performing community service projects for their local towns and schools. Also, don't accept status quo—we will never grow without pushing our boundaries and stepping out into new projects and activities. Let's strive to make this a banner year for Lionism in 2010-2011.

In reviewing the reports for the District, two areas are immediately highlighted that we need to be aware of. The first is critical for our Clubs and District. In the first two full reporting months (Jul/Aug) and the reports received thus far for Sep, our gain versus loss in our membership is troubling. Gains (New, Transfer, and Reinstated) total 35 members, which are good for the 1st Qtr, but our Losses, are almost double at 66 members. This roughly equates to a loss of 2 Lions for every new Lion we bring in. Active and robust recruiting efforts by the Membership Chairman/Committee are the lifeblood for the local clubs. Without growth our clubs will stagnate and eventually die. Lions Clubs are too important to our communities to allow this to happen. It is incumbent upon each and every Lion to constantly be alert for opportunities to invite an individual to become a member of the world's greatest service organization. Secondly, the information noted above is based upon data available to me from the membership reports submitted to LCI. Our submission rate for the District is standing at about 49% of the clubs submitting reports, which means that the trends noted above could be somewhat more encouraging or much worse if we had more complete data to analyze. Either way, the trend for the District is not going in the right direction.

Our second Cabinet Meeting will be held in Visalia, Ca. on November 5-6. If you missed the first Cabinet Meeting, please make every effort to have your club represented. Your participation is what makes our District Meetings great.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion John Burns
Cabinet Secretary



"BE A BEE - LIEVER IN SERVICE THROUGHT LIONS"



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Let's Go To Ensenada!

*By El Leon Limpio
(aka Lion Anthony Martinez)*



Official meeting:

Member of the Ensenada Visitation Committee meet with members of the Ensenada Lions Club at the Santa Isabel Hotel, the host hotel of the visitation. Some of the March activities are held poolside at this very location.

of the rural school areas around the City. Over the years, various school sites have been selected as the recipient of donations and some schools have literally grown from nothing to formal school sites, with the help of the Lions. Presently, money is raised for targeted schools, Lion Dr. Jeff Garcia (Lemoore Lions) conducts eye exams and distributes eyeglasses, while Lion Sophia Aguilar (Lemoore Lions) provides dental cleanings and supplies tooth brushes to all the children at the school site. Also, in years past, any adults who live in the surrounding rural areas have also been provided vision treatment. Additionally, a formal Lion meeting is held on Saturday and any monies or donations presented as part of the project are identified by club. There is traditionally a guest speaker or the President of the Ensenada Lions, who addresses the group. The history of the project and examples of its accomplishments are usually mentioned during the meeting; it can be very eye-opening when you hear how much our help through this project has impacted others.

There are some additional things in the works right now. We discussed sites and visited a new school while we were there. We also went over some potential fundraisers. Each of the committee members has a DVD, with pictures and information from prior Ensenada visitations. If your club is interested, please contact one of them and arrange for a presentation at your club's meeting.

The Committee is getting excited about next March; we hope that each of you is able

to join us for what has always been a great time. We know you will have fun, we know it will be an experience you won't forget and we know our efforts impact hundreds of children who are forever grateful. I have seen fellow Lions breakdown in tears, grow silent and humble, and display many different emotions when they see some of the conditions these children endure. Things like running water, new books, pencils and snacks, things we all take for granted in the United States, are sometimes difficult or near-impossible to come by, without some Lion help.



Estofado:

Lion Adrian tries some soup 'Estofado'. It is a specialty of the house at a place called Los Primos, a few blocks off the common tourist portion of downtown Ensenada. The dish is one of Lion Anthony's favorites.



Lion Angel (Ensenada Lions), Lion Anthony (Parlier Lions) and Lion Simone (Delano Lions) stop for a picture at El Mirador, a lookout point the locals visit. From there, one can see the entire Port of Ensenada; the view by night is breathtaking.

In November, the Committee will be going back down, for final arrangements and price crunching. We hope to keep costs close to what we had this year. At that time, we will have a solid agenda prepared, what the final cost to you will be and any new details established. So hurry up, mark your calendar, start planning and packing, get your passport, it's never too early to get ready. Contact a Committee member, make arrangements for them to visit your club and show you the Ensenada presentation. Yo te prometo (I promise you) the trip will be an experience you won't soon forget.



"BE A BEE - LIEVER IN SERVICE THROUGH LIONS"



"Hands Across the Border"

This year Lions District 4-A2 and District 4-C1 will be participating the 47th annual "Operation Friendship Visitation" also known as "Hands Across the Border" to the Ensenada Lions in District B-1. hands

*"The purpose of this visitation shall be for the Lions of California and the Lions of Ensenada, Baja California to work together under the banner **"We Serve"** in helping the people in and around Ensenada with services that Lions working together are able to provide.*

*The **"Operation Friendship Visitation"** shall be a voluntary visit of Lion members from various clubs and districts. The visitation shall be self supporting with each attending, paying their own expense.*



The only revenue source shall be from the sale of raffle tickets, and these funds shall be held by the Ensenada Lions Club to be used for the "School Building Fund". The operation Friendship committee shall be responsible for paying any and all of their personal expenses."



"The visitation shall be a group of Lion members from California and Mexico, meeting and working together for the betterment of Lions.

(item) 4. An additional project will be in the area of vision. This will include eye glasses and vision exams furnished for the Ensenada and/or other areas."

The main project for the visitation is to build & furnish schools in the Ensenada area and/or any area of Baja Mexico; our vision clinics are held at the school site(s). The schools to date all have been for elementary grades, children from 4 years to about 12 years old.

For the past 11 years, Dr. Jeff Garcia (Lemoore Lions Club) has served as the lead Optometrist and some years he has had assistance from PDG Dr. Andy Zografos (District 4-C1) and Dr. Lou Blechman (District 4-A2, Visalia Breakfast Lions).

This next visitation, March 17 – 20, 2011, we will be visiting two (2) school sites.

I am asking our clubs in our district to try to collect as many children's glasses as we can. Please ask your family members, your neighbors, people at your work place and church for these much needed glasses. Children's glasses placed in a dresser drawer or night stand are most of the time obsolete when new prescriptions are written by your optometrist.

We need approximately 800 pairs of children's glasses. It is very important to us to continue to serve the children in this region of Ensenada. We have made a huge impact in this area, and each year when we return for our annual visitation, we witness our dedication and see for ourselves all the progress that we the Lions of 4-A2 have made in the schools and how we have changed the lives of these children.

Our district Ensenada Friendship Committee members will truly appreciate your help in reaching our goal of 800 pairs of children's glasses so that we can continue *in helping the people in and around Ensenada with services that Lions working together are able to provide.*

As you collect and sort your clubs' glasses, place the children's glasses in a separate box or bag and label "Ensenada"; give to Lion Lillette or Dr. Jeff Garcia. We will be at all cabinet meetings and at our New Members' recognition night in Caruthers. If you have any questions, please ask any committee member or either Dr. Jeff or Lion Lillette.



*Submitted by Lion Lillette,
Used eyeglass chairperson, District 4-A2*



LIONS DISTRICT 4-A2 CELEBRATION



District 4-A2 2nd District Meeting
Lampliter Inn - Visalia, CA - Friday & Saturday, November 5-6, 2010
Theme: Patriotic, the Red, White & Blue



NO REFUNDS AFTER 10/30/10	LIONS & GUESTS	LEO's		
Registration (no meals)	\$5.00	\$5.00		\$
2nd District Meeting Total Package: Registration, Pin, Friday's Dinner, and Saturday's Lunch		Before Oct. 22, 2010	After Oct. 22, 2010	\$
		\$50.00	\$60.00	
Friday: First Nighters Dinner: Buffet - Baked Chicken and Deep Pit Barbeque Beef		\$28.00	\$35.00	\$
Saturday: Lunch- Deli Sandwich Buffet		\$17.00	\$20.00	\$
Golf: Friday at 9 AM (Separate Registration)			TOTAL	\$

Friday: Hospitality & Fellowship.....: 5:30 - 6:30 pm
 Friday: PDG Meeting: 6:00 pm
 Friday: District 4-A2 Dinner "Patriotic Night": 7:00 pm
 Sat. : Breakfast On Your Own: 8:00 - 9:00 am
 Sat. : Board Meeting & MERLO Meeting: 8:00 am - 9:00 am
 Registration: 8:30 am
 Cabinet Meeting (Uniform Dress): 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Sat. : Lunch Will Be Served At: 11:30 am



We Serve

NOTICE: Meal Pre-Registration MUST be postmarked NO LATER THAN, October 22, 2010

Make checks payable to "Lions District 4-A-2" and mail with this registration form to:

District Treasurer: Barb Barry • 1055 West Northstar Drive, Hanford • CA 93230
Cell (970) 381-8102 • lion.barb.4a2@comcast.net

Rooms are available at the Lampliter Inn at a special rate for those Lions that want to stay on Friday night

3300 W. Mineral King Ave. • Visalia, CA 93291 • 559-732-4511 or 1-800-662-6692

Mention: "Lions District 4-A2": for special rate of \$69 plus tax available only until
October 22, 2010, then after this date it's \$79 plus tax.



Make checks payable to "Lions District 4 A-2" & mail with this registration form to:

1055 West Northstar Drive, Hanford • CA 93230

PHOTO COPY THIS FORM AND MAIL IN THE ENTIRE REGISTRATION

President & Secretary, please make as many **ADDITIONAL COPIES** for members of your club.

EACH MEMBER ATTENDING, Lion, Lioness, Leo or Guest **MUST** fill out an individual registration form

PLEASE PRINT AND FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Club Name: _____ Region: _____

- ☐ Central
- ☐ Northern
- ☐ Southern
- ☐ Western

Address _____ City: _____ State/Zip Code: _____ Phone () _____

Email Address: _____

OFFICE IN LIONISM: Please check your highest position and First Timer or Melvin Jones Fellow

___ International Officer (Past or Present) ___ District Governor ___ Past Council Chairman ___ Vice District Governor
 ___ Past District Governor ___ Cabinet Member ___ 10-11 Club President ___ Lion ___ Lioness
 ___ Leo ___ Guest ___ First Timer ___ Melvin Jones Fellow



LIONS GOLF—FUN IN THE SUN

Open to all Lions and Guests

“Invite a Prospective Member”



Where: Valley Oaks Golf Course
 When: 10:00 AM Friday, November 5, 2010
 Fee: Only \$40 & includes golf cart
 Deadline: Reg. Deadline By Oct. 28, 2010

Format: 2 Person Best Ball - Men & Women
Team Prizes for: 1st, 2nd 3rd Place
Closest to the Hole Contest - Front & Back Nine

Registration Form

Name: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ State and Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Comment: _____

NO	NAME	ADDRESS	TOWN	ZIP	TELEPHONE
1					
2					
3					
4					

“ENTRANTS: MAKE UP YOUR OWN FOUR-SOME OR WE CAN ASSIST”

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO “LIONS DISTRICT 4 A-2”
MAIL “CHECK” & “REGISTRATION” TO CHAIRMAN LION DON CORNET
5609 CYPRESS POINT DRIVE • BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309 • 661-398-0506

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*What Do These Lions
Have in Common?*





Lions New Member Recognition Night!

Caruthers Fairgrounds Commercial Building Caruthers California

October 21, 2010

Social Hour (No Host Bar) 5:30 P.M.

Dinner 7:00 P.M.

Cost: \$12.00 Per Person

Choices:

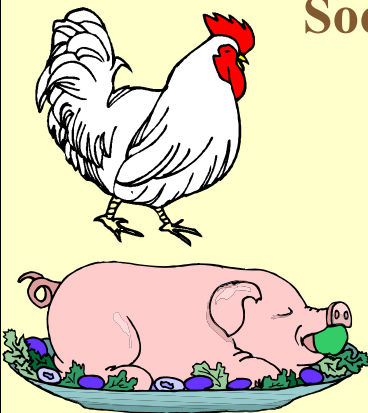
Barbequed Pork Loin or Chicken

Host: Caruthers Lions Club

***RSVP (Call or email)
by October 14th***

Call Tim Rodrigues at [559-970-2212](tel:559-970-2212)

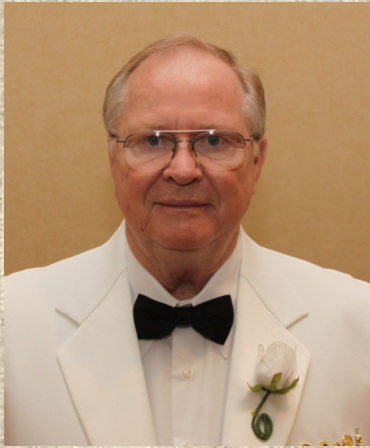
Email Tim Rodrigues at owlbox47@aol.com





From the Second Vice District Vice Governor...

Fellow Lions, Lioness' and Leos of District 4 A-2



I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you as your 2010-2011 Second Vice District Governor. I am sure that under Governor Vicki's lead and our support the District will experience an exciting and successful year.

I am about to celebrate my forth anniversary with the Lions and a member of the *Ponderosa Lions Club*. I have learned that Lionism truly means "We Serve" because we have kept ourselves busy doing something for the benefit of others. Sometimes we all forget the reason that most of us joined Lions and that is to serve others not ourselves. My favorite rewards are hugs and smiles, they are always more valuable to me than money or gold stars.

Some of our biggest challenges again this year are the declining membership in a number of our clubs and clubs that are considering shutting their doors because they no longer have the support needed to serve their community with the same gusto as they have in the past. Hopefully, we never see another 30, 40, 50 year old club go away for the lack of interest. We all should be willing to step forward and support our clubs and our fellow Lions.

Some ideas to consider: 1. Club officers, analyze your club activities and change the clubs direction if needed by omitting the negatives and emphasize the things that are positive. 2. Take a good look at your community events, are they boring, well organized, fun, etc. Does your club have a "dinosaur" fundraiser event that no longer returns the income that your club needs? Retire the dinosaur, and replace it with a new exciting program that will stimulate public attention and improve your member's enthusiasm.

Unity within the clubs, zones, regions and the district is paramount for all to be successful. Therefore, we should be willing to assist our Lion brothers and sisters with training, membership development, fundraisers, etc. Call your neighbor clubs and ask what you can do to help them. Conversely, if your club needs assistance don't be afraid to ask for help. We need our seasoned members to attend the district, region and zone meetings to share their best practices as well as our new members to share their fresh ideas.

Let's have a fun exciting year.

Lion Dean Church

2nd VDG, District 4-A2



TERRY'S HOUSE—DISTRICT 4 A-2 PROJECT!!!



The following **Lions Clubs** have supported the **TERRY'S HOUSE** project across the street from **Community Regional Medical Center**

Caruthers Lions Club-\$500
Central Valley Lioness Lions Club-\$200
Fresno Host Lions Club-\$750
Kings River Ambassadors Lions Club-\$250
Ponderosa Lions Club-\$200
Riverdale Lions Club-\$500
Squaw Valley Mountain Lions - \$150
Fresno Unlimited Lions-\$200
(ADD YOUR CLUB NAME HERE...NOW!!!)

District Project!!!

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The district voted to make this a project and so far we have had a nominal start which is a good start. Won't you talk to your officers and other members and consider supporting this wonderful humanitarian project.

This is an exciting project which will benefit the RESIDENTS OF THE ENTIRE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY. This is a "REGIONAL CENTER" for all in need.

Let's make this a DISTRICT LIONS PROJECT! Won't you help us get the ball rolling. This is a WIN for EVERYONE! EVERYONE WINS!

Terry's House District Representative

Happy Van Caster, PDG

Van Van Caster, PDG



SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

International Convention Dates & Locations:

2010 - June 28	July 2 - Sydney, Australia
2011 - July 4-8	Seattle, Washington, USA
2012 - June 22-26	Busan, Korea
2013 - July 5-9	Hamburg, Germany

MD 4 Convention Dates & Locations:

2011 - Feb 4-6 Primm NV

District 4 A-2 Meetings Dates & Locations:

2010 — Jul 30-31	1st District Cabinet Meeting	Lemoore
2010 — Nov 5-6	2nd District Cabinet Meeting	Visalia
2010 — (Unset)	3rd District Cabinet Meeting	????
2011 — May 13-15	4 A-2 Convention	Fresno

Council of Governors (COG) Dates & Locations:

2010 — August 6-8 4 A-3 Santa Maria

Student Speaker Contest Dates

Region Contest	By Apr 12, 2010
District Contest	By May 3, 2010
Area Contest	By May 24, 2010
MD 4 Final Contest	June 5, 2010

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Happy Lions!

