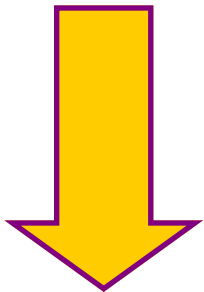




**LIONS
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**REGISTER
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District
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2nd Cabinet
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“ROAR OF THE LION”



Attention Members...

Email Saves Postage! The monthly Newsletter will soon be sent exclusively by email. Out of 1975 members in the district, only 696 (35%) have an email address. **Please get yours today!** They are **FREE at Yahoo, Hotmail, Gmail & more.**

Please contact your **club secretary** and update your contact information in the LCI system to include:

- Email Address
- Telephone Numbers
- **Only Your Club Secretary** can make these entries into the LCI database.
- **Remember: Email is FREE!**

“Lions are the Light of World”

Do you ever wonder if your service to others is making an impact? Is it enough? The prescription glasses given to a needy child, is it making a difference in his life?

I recently watched the movie, “The Miracle Worker.” The talented Anne Bancroft played Annie Sullivan and a young Patty Duke, Helen Keller. I was stunned to learn how true this performance stayed to true life facts. In the days after, I researched Annie Sullivan’s life. It wasn’t a pretty picture. Born into extreme poverty, Annie was left almost completely blind at the tender age of 5 from untreated trachoma. When her mother died two years later, her alcoholic father sent her and her younger brother Jimmie, who had a tubercular hip, to Tewksbury orphanage. This was a deplorable institution. Child predators, criminals, the insane, many with incurable diseases roamed the halls. Annie’s beloved brother Jimmie only lasted three months before dying there. In her autobiography she remembers waking up in the middle of the night to find his bed gone. She ran to the “dead house” to find his cold little body under a dirty sheet. “Jimmie was all I had and I sobbed for days on end but there was no-one to console me”, she writes.

A few more years passed and then a bright ray of hope presented itself. Annie implored a state official who was visiting Tewksbury to help her, saying to him, “I want to go to school!” The official did help her and within several weeks Annie was released from Tewksbury and went on to study and live at *The Perkins School for the Blind*. Annie’s formal education had finally begun and she flourished under the guidance of her teachers. Annie was smart and quickly learned what is called the manual alphabet developed for deaf people. Each letter of the alphabet is formed with a different hand sign.

For a person who is deaf-blind, words are signed into the palm of the hand where the movements of the fingers can be felt.

This learning proved invaluable later on in communicating with Helen Keller.

Annie graduated *Perkins School* as Valedictorian of her class.

I encourage my Lion family to go online and hear her speech... I wept to read it.

Not long after this, a letter arrived at *Perkins School*, it was from Mr. and Mrs. Keller... (The original letter can be viewed online.) They needed a governess and teacher for their 7 year old daughter Helen.

Helen was deaf, blind and mute. Born into a privileged background with parents whom, out of pity for her condition, and to “keep the peace” indulged Helen with every wish and whim she fancied. They did not know how to control nor reach her so they just gave in to her.

The consequences of their indulgence was that Helen had become uncontrollable and when she didn’t get her way all hell broke loose.

I am not going to go further into what happens next as Annie Sullivan, barely 21 years of age herself, enters Helen’s life as her teacher. It is enough to say that it is a story of the utmost triumph over inexplicable



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"MOVIN' ON UP" IN SERVICE THROUGH LIONS"



From the Cabinet Secretary

Hello fellow Lions of District 4-A2. I hope everyone had a nice, relaxing summer and you are ready to hit the ground running. Many opportunities abound for our clubs to embrace and to move forward with a sense of renewed purpose focused on serving others. After all, that is our primary mission. However, this is often easier said than done. I am sure that each year our Lions Clubs enter the new year with a renewed sense

of purpose to accomplish certain goals and objectives, yet each year it seems that we often fail to reach all of the intended goals set at the beginning the year. Have you ever stopped to wonder why we don't reach our fullest potential each year? What sets those clubs that do attain their goals and objects each year apart from those that don't? What sets those clubs that are growing apart from those that are static or in decline?

First of all, I think that the successful clubs are receptive to change—they don't hold on to the past as the only way to operate and function. They recognize that change is healthy and vital to an active club. They see change as a path to a successful future. This is especially true when clubs recognize that the best source for change is new members. New members bring new vitality, new ideas, new methods, and most importantly--other new members.

Secondly, successful clubs have effective, dynamic leadership. Leadership is one of the core components for success. For those of you who have held leadership positions in your club or at the district level you know that good leadership is very hard work. It takes a lot of effort at the individual level to be a successful leader. It is often a very difficult proposition—I am often reminded of the television commercial where the cowboys are trying to herd cats.

Thirdly, successful leaders are successful because they are leading Lions that are committed to their leader's success. They don't stand on the sidelines watching the game—they are actively involved in the success of the club and its leadership. I can't stress how important each and every individual Lion is to the organization. Their participation, their input, their support is a vital cog for the success of the club in meeting and attaining the goals and objectives set forth at the beginning of the year.

Take pride in being a Lion—commitment to serving others is a truly rewarding experience.

Our second Cabinet Meeting will be held in Porterville, Ca. on October 21-22. I encourage each of you to attend if at

all possible. It will open your eyes to new opportunities and great friendships that last a lifetime.

Lion John Burns - Cabinet Secretary

"Lions are the Light of World"

odds. I encourage Leos and Lions everywhere who haven't seen this film to watch it!

Annie Sullivan, partially blind herself, but with the heart of a Lion reached down into that child's world and pulled her out of her locked, dark, silent existence. Her letters during this time to her teachers back home at *Perkins School* show her struggles as she says "I cannot teach her until she learns to obey me, she must be completely dependant on me, even for the very air she breathes."

Well, the break through for Helen did come in a startling revelation of understanding that exploded Helen's world, piercing the blackness and the silence forever. Under the lifelong tutelage of Annie Sullivan, Helen Keller went on to graduate from *Radcliff College* and become one of the most renowned advocates for the blind this world has ever seen. She radically changed the direction of Lionism forever as she implored the men at the Lions International Convention in 1925 to become "Knights of the Blind" in the crusade against darkness. (Read her entire speech at the Lions International web-site.)

She rocked the world Lions! How many lives have been changed because of what she began? But lets not forget that it could not have happened without an Annie Sullivan.

When we give to another human being the tools they need to reach their full potential, miracles happen! The recipient of our service becomes the giver. No contribution, no service, however small, is returned to us empty. The goodness that we give out to the world comes back one hundred times over and in ways which we may never know.

Did Annie Sullivan know when she reached down into that dark, silent world that there was a "Helen Keller" at the other end? That in some strange way, Annie's unimaginable sufferings in her early years created a depth of understanding that could reach this imprisoned child like no one else could?

In the same way my friends, the prescription glasses placed on the face of that precious child may belong to the next scientist who will

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Helen Keller (Seated), Alexander Graham Bell & Annie Sullivan

"MOVIN' ON UP" IN SERVICE THROUGH LIONS"

Fellow "Lions, Lioness & Leos" of District 4-A2

A lot of water has run under the proverbial bridge since our last newsletter, a Council of Governors' (COG) Meeting in San Jose, the Lions International Convention in Seattle, our District Installation Cabinet Meeting, the COG Meeting in Agora Hills, Governor George's initial club visits, etc.

The International Convention was my first and a real eye opener for me. I am not sure how many Lions from around the world attended the convention but I have heard estimates in excess of 13,000 with more than 3,000 that marched in the Lion's Parade. The local residents lined the streets and expressed their thanks to the passing Lions for visiting their city.

The convention offered opportunities to meet lions from all over the world, for pin trading, purchasing Lion merchandise from the Lion's Foundation and other vendors, attend training forums on a variety of subjects and to share some excellent food. The most rewarding experience was to hear IPIP Eberhard Wirfs, IP Sid Scruggs and our newly elected IP Dr. Wing Kun-Tam speak, offering their great visions of Lionism. Our new President sponsored one of the scheduled speakers into Lionism; this new member also became a Melvin Jones Fellow at the time of his induction.

The election of the 2011-2012 International Officers went as expected. The increase in the International dues of \$2.00 in 2012 and another \$2.00 in 2013 passed with the first increase to commence January 1, 2012.

The other matters up for a vote were the bylaw revisions assigning membership responsibilities to the 1st VDG and Leadership responsibilities to the 2nd VDG, both revisions passed. I recommend that every Lion take the opportunity to attend at least one convention before they retire from Lions. Governor George made a commitment to IP Dr Wing Kun-Tam that District 4-A2 would plant 2000 trees this year that is basically 1 tree per member. We need to support our Governor and see that his promise is fulfilled.

The COG meeting in Agora Hills was a time for some forward planning, getting better acquainted with the new Council Chairperson (Richard Wilmot), some extensive training on membership development from the new MD-4 GMT group and recognizing new chairpersons and members elected to other MD-4 committees, etc.

The sitting District Governors selected the 2012 Student Speakers Contest subject which is "What Could the America of Yesterday Teach the America of Tomorrow?" The Governors recognized that LCIF receives more publicity from the Lion Rose Parade float than any other endeavor. Their theme this year is "A World at Peace", which would be something truly great. After viewing the renderings depicting the float, I think it will be one of the best we have had. We had a lot of fun last year on our District 4-A2 float decorating day trip. From atop the 10ft scaffold, I decorated a portion of the Lion's head and face. Every Lions Club with a Leo group should consider bringing the Districts Leos together and plan a similar trip this year. If you are interested contact the

District Leo Development Chairperson, Phil Gant @ 559.229.3407, and he will work with you to make it happen.

The District Officer Installation and first Cabinet Meeting went well thanks to the Lemoore Lions Club and the Hanford Breakfast Club, we had 127 plus registered guests and some really great food. It was great to see a lot of lions that we have not seen for a while including our Installing Officer, the Honorable Fred Dupras with his wife Lion Pam. It was great to see the first timers as well; our new lions are our tomorrow. Governor George continues to receive comments from attendees saying they had fun and are looking forward to the next meeting. We hope that our future endeavors this year are both fun and educational. If you have any ideas that would help us accomplish this goal, call or email George or me.

We have two District events on the horizon, the *New Member's Night* and the Governor's *second Cabinet Meeting*. Unfortunately, due to scheduling issues they are back to back. *New Member's Night* will be in Dinuba on October 20th followed by the district meeting in Porterville on October 21 -22. We understand that it is a little much but both are important for different reasons. Therefore, we ask that you consider the

following, then attending both events. *Dinuba Lions Club* was the host for one of our district meetings last year; it was well done and the food was outstanding. *New Member's Night* is a time set aside to recognize and show our appreciation to those who have signed on to take us into the future. Further, the sponsors should receive our appreciation as well for their new member development efforts. The attendees are introduced to a great number of lions outside the one Club scenario, which arguably aids in their development and also improves our retention opportunities. Every club with a new member(s) should consider sponsoring each new member, their sponsor and the Club's President at this annual event.

The Cabinet Meeting is a must; a mini forum will replace some of the regular reports. The forum will include *Global Leadership Team (GLT)* training and *Global Membership Team (GMT)* training. Most clubs within the district are losing members and we need to make the effort to turn the corner and grow our clubs.

There are a number of clubs that never change their officers because no one wants to lead. The GLT will assist you with identifying potential leaders and help you develop them.

I saved the best for my last appeal for your attendance. The *Porterville Breakfast Lions Club* took the lead in hosting the meeting which will be held at the *Nuckols Ranch* in Porterville. A very nice dinner is planned for Friday the 21st following a no host cocktail hour. You will be entertained by the school's string band before and during your dinner followed by a short meeting.

Governor George and I are serious about Lion/District business but we see no reason not to have fun while we are doing it.

One last thought, we need your email address to deliver the newsletter; you are reminded that it is planned for the hard copy of the newsletter to be phased out by year end.

Lion Dean Church, 1st VDG 4-A2



"MOVIN' ON UP" IN SERVICE THROUGH LIONS"

Isn't it GREAT to be a Lion?

It is really hard to believe that this Lions year is over. The year went by sooooo fast; I am still trying to figure out where it went. It was an incredible experience being able to be your District Governor this past year. Things didn't always run smoothly, but I am sure that is not a unique experience. Even so, it was the best Lions experience I have had since joining Lions in 1990. I was blessed to get to know some of our fine Lions, either for the first time, or to get to know them just better and in getting to know Lions in other Districts. It was great visiting the clubs in our District, some of which were for the first time. I was welcomed to each one, and treated quite well (not a surprise to me knowing ahead of time that we have a great District). I also enjoyed getting to go to other Districts. While those were such good experiences, I was glad to come "home" to such a great District.

Yes, there are some regrets. The biggest, is the drop in membership, from the physical loss of some great Lions to the loss of those that just chose to leave. Retention is also something we need to work on. Adding new members is important, but so is keeping the ones we have. We all have to find ways to show busy people that Lions is worth their time. It is always an ongoing "problem" with keeping dues payments up to date. With the encouraging help of the Vice-District Governors and others in the Cabinet, there has been a lot of that taken care of.

On to a more pleasant subject, our District meetings this past year were very good. We even came out a little ahead financially on each one; it is always good to not lose money on those events. For those who missed the District Convention, you really missed a good one. Thanks especially to our visiting International guest, PID Doc Myers, we had a fantastic Convention. PDG Judy had a great turn-out for her Guiding Lion Certification class. Lion David Beeman also chaired forums on the Peace Poster Contest, Disaster Response, and Long Term Planning. We had several Lions who also came to those sessions, which were all taking place at the same time as the Guiding Lion class.

I do want to thank again all those outstanding Lions who helped the District during my year as District Governor. It was great having 1st VDG George and 2nd VDG Dean attend a lot of my visitations to the clubs. They weren't able to make all of them, but they did go on several. (Even when 2nd VDG Dean went to the Selma CVLL club instead of the Selma club because of the mix-up in location). It would take up too much space to name each one. I do especially want to thank Lion Jim Copner who did the District Directory, District Newsletter, and the District web page. Lion Jim had been doing all three of those jobs for at least three years. He was going to take a break from all but the web page, but has such a big heart that when no one else came forward to volunteer; he said he would help out DG George. This, Lions is a perfect example of a Lion who truly serves our District.

As we start another Lions year, I would encourage each one as much as possible, to support DG George. Let's try to attend the Cabinet meetings, New Member Night, Operation Friendship to Ensenada, District Convention, and the est.'s that come up. Also, when he schedules his official visit to your club, attend that meeting. Let him get to know what your club does in your community.

One last reminder, please submit those monthly reports and pay all your dues. Don't forget to also have fun as a Lion, one good way is to visit other clubs (if you don't already, participate in the Visitation contest).

Thank you again for helping me to have an outstanding Lions experience this past year.

----- IPDG Vicki

Lions!

As we start a new year with our Governor we need to keep in mind why we are Lions. We joined to serve. "We Serve" is who we are. As your GMT advisor for district 4-A2, I will be working very close with our clubs to establish new clubs, branch clubs, and club growth from within. I can come to any of your meetings as your guest speaker on any of the following projects.

We are starting a new club in Sanger. We have two new members who have come to us from Grass Valley. They both have been club presidents, Treasurer, Secretary. What a great way to get started. Happy Vancaster and I will serve two years as their Guiding Lions. I will keep you up-



dated as we progress.

We are looking forward of "New Members Night" to introduce the new club to all of you.

Please do not forget to send to me your club project (s) for our District 4-A2 first **Club Project Book**. Please send project information via email or mail me & include the following:

1. Your Club Name, Project Name & Email address.
2. A list of the participants needed for the project.
3. Where can supplies be obtained for the project?
4. What is the process to accomplish the project?
5. What is the amount of time involved in preparation promotion and actual management of the project?
6. Please send pictures, along with descriptions of each event.

All of the above organizational information will be included in our first **Club Project Book**.

These items will be so helpful for a new club starting out; suggestions are Crab Feed, Pancake Breakfast, White Cane Day, Golf Tournament, Bake sake, Melvin Jones Dinner. These projects will be available to Lion members.

Questions about our 1st new **Club Project Book** or information about **Guiding Lions** please feel free to contact me.

PDG Judy Arribere, PDG
4 A2 GMT Advisors



Register for
2nd District Cabinet Meeting
in Porterville
October 21-22, 2011

Hosted by Porterville Breakfast Lions Club



Celebrating 55 Years of Lions District 4-A2
 You are invited to join District Governor George Finley and his cabinet at our 2nd District 4-A2 Cabinet Meeting to be held at Nuckols Ranch, 13144 Road 216 Porterville, CA

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NAME OF GUESTS OR OTHER LIONS			

NOTE: EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST PAY REGISTRATION FEE (INCLUDES TRADING PIN)

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Friday: PDG Meeting 5:30 PM Holiday Inn
 Friday: Hospitality & Fellowship 6-7 PM ; Dinner 7 PM at Nuckols Ranch
 Saturday: Breakfast 8 AM ; GMT/GLT Training (All Lions are invited) 9:00 AM; District Meeting 10:30 AM—2 PM; Lunch 12 PM at Nuckols Ranch

<p style="text-align: center;">CABINET MEETING REGISTRATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAKE YOUR CHECK TO DISTRICT 4-A2 Cabinet Treasurer - Jan Beatty-Taylor 710 North Vista, Visalia CA 93292 559-802- 3345 or 559-909-1817</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HEADQUARTERS HOTEL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Holiday Inn Express & Suites 840 South Jaye Street Porterville, CA 93257 559-782-1200 Contact: Aimee Johnson Rate: \$83 King/\$93 Double or Suite <i>"Mention that you are with the Lions District 4-A2"</i> Make Your Reservations Directly with Hotel</p>
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Fun In the Sun at Beautiful Cayucos... Members & Officers Welcome!

2011-2012 District 4-A2 Convention April 27-29, 2012

Celebrating 55 Years of Lions District 4-A2

**You are invited to join District Governor George Finley and his cabinet at our annual
District 4-A2 Convention to be held in Cayucos CA**

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SATURDAY Dinner:	[] GOVERNOR'S BANQUET-TRI-TIP DINNER [] GOVERNOR'S BANQUET-CHICKEN DINNER	DRESS CABINET UNIFORM LIONS CASUAL	\$33.00	\$38.00	\$
SUNDAY Breakfast:	[] MEMORIAL BREAKFAST	DRESS STYLE CASUAL	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$
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CONVENTION REGISTRATION

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Lions Golf in Tulare

“Invite a Prospective Member”



Where: Tulare Golf Course
 5300 South Laspina Street, Tulare CA
 When: 9:00 AM Friday, October 21, 2011
 Fee: Only \$42.00 & Includes Golf Cart
 Deadline: Registration Deadline By October 10, 2011

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

Registration

Name: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ State and Zip Code: _____

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

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Make Your Check Payable to:
“BILL DILTZ”

Mail Check & Registration To: BILL DILTZ, GOLF CHAIRMAN
4314 WEST NICHOLAS AVENUE, VISALIA CA 93291





"Share Your Club Activities, Ideas & Pictures"

PORTERVILLE BREAKFAST FUND RAISER PROJECTS

Traditionally the club held a White Cane Day the first Friday of October.

This year we are attempting to replace "White Cane Day" with three new events specifically dedicated to Sight Conservation. A "Drive-through Dinner" on October 13, a spring "Swing for Sight" golf event on April 13, and a beer booth at the city sponsored Freedom Fest fireworks display on June 30. For the past six years White Cane Day has netted: \$1,112, \$1,135, \$1,859, \$2,140, \$2,071, and \$1,963. We have no history for the three we are starting this year.



Cioppino Dinner has been a "Backbone" fundraiser for 20+ years, held on the last Sat of January. We prepare a heavy tomato base sauce that is poured over fish, crab, scallops, and shrimp served with bread, salad and wine. Raffle prizes and auction items make the evening a community social event.



Preparing Dinner

www.4a2lions.com



Serving Dinner

Our proceeds over the past six years from this event are: \$6,970, \$8,210, \$8,500, \$5,900, \$6,590, \$8,310

Also, a St Patrick's Day Brewfest is held on the Sat of St Patrick's week (Mid-March). We ask breweries, big and small, to bring their specialty beers and wines to the event. This year was our 7th annual event with proceeds for the past six years of: \$6,050, \$7,750, \$10,060, \$13,020, \$12,670, and \$14,310.

"Lions are the Light of World"



discover the cure for diabetes. Many times I have been told "I became a Lion because of what Lions did for me, now I want to give something back." Goodness, with a charitable spirit, a Lion Spirit, given in the form of service to others is a powerful thing. It has a way of manifesting itself in strange and wondrous ways. Our service to others is our legacy to ourselves, that our life had meaning in a profound way.



Helen Keller as a young woman with long hair



Helen Keller with Dr. Alexander Graham Bell

I am here to say that Lions, "You Are The Heroes"! You are the Annie Sullivan's of this World! Thank God for You!

Every day you pierce someone's darkness with a light that changes them and in turn changes the world, forever.

"Your Service to Others Creates Miracles". Never doubt that for the examples of our service are evident everywhere.

With Love,
Lion Susan Rogers
Central Valley Lions Lioness

Register for

NEW MEMBER NIGHT

*Dinuba Memorial Building, 249 South Alta Avenue, Dinuba, CA
6:00-7:00 PM Social Hour (No-Host Cocktails) 7:00 PM Dinner/Program
October 20, 2011*

Hosted by  Lions Club

*You are invited to join District Governor George Finley
and his cabinet at our
District 4-A2 New Members Night to be held in Dinuba, CA*

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NEW MEMBER NIGHT

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SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

2011-2012 District Cabinet Meetings & Convention

2011 - October 20	New Members Night - Dinuba
2011 - October 21-22	2nd Cabinet Meeting – Porterville
2011 - January 27-28	3rd Cabinet Meeting - TBA
2012 - April 27-28	4-A2 Convention—Cayucos

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MD - 4 Conventions

2012 - February 3 - 5	Ontario, California
2013 - February 8 - 10	Sacramento, California
2014 - Jan. 31 - Feb. 2	Riverside, California

International Conventions

2012 - June 22 - 26	Busan, Korea
2013 - July 5 - 9	Hamburg, Germany
2014 - July 4 – 8	Toronto, Canada
2015 - June 26 – 30	Honolulu, Hawaii

Council of Governors (COG)

2011 - October 28-31	Redding CA	
2012 - February 1-2	Ontario CA	
2012 - May 31 - June 3	Sacramento CA	

USA/CANADA Forums

2011 - September 22-24	Anchorage, Alaska
2012 - September 14-16	Tampa Bay, Florida
2013 - September - TBA	Overland Park, Kansas
2014 - September - TBA	Puerto Rico

NEW! 2011-2012 Student Speaker Contest Dates

Club Level Contest	On or before February 21, 2012
Zone Level Contest	On or before March 12, 2012
Region Level Contest	On or before March 30, 2012
District Level Contest	On or before April 27, 2012
Area Level Contest	On or before May 21, 2012
MD - 4 Final Contest	June 2, 2012 - San Jose CA

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October 1-2, 2011	White Cane Days
February 17, 18, 19, 2012	Lions Flag Days
	Hearing Days
March 25, 2012	Lions City of Hope Day