



“ROAR OF THE LION”



District Governor Dean Church

Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos;

It has been an interesting time since our last newsletter, I traveled to Korea where the 752 DGEs attended training seminars and presentations by our current and past International Presidents. We did our best to ingest it all because the next meeting always seemed to be more important than the last one. We managed to see some of Busan between events and it is an impressive City. The Citizens were very respectful, helpful, and very efficient, I would go again just to see more of their country.

Our first 2012-2013 Cabinet Meeting and District Officer Installation went very well and we want to thank the Lemoore Club President Lion Bob Casas for making all the arrangements, the Lemoore Club for providing the drinks and Saturday night dinner plus the Hanford Club for providing the lunch on Saturday, you all made it special for the rest of us. Our Installation Officer, PDG Chris Ohrmund (4-L2) was outstanding and we are pleased that she shared her time with us. Most attendees left talking about Helen Keller. When VDG Margaret Dunlevy (4-A3) presentation impression of Helen Keller's 1925 speech to Lions Club International, you could have heard a pin drop, it was outstanding.

We appreciate the efforts of Lion President Kevin Reynolds, Lion Secretary Tim Rodriquez and the Caruthers Club which delivered an exciting New member Night, thanks Caruthers Lions. Our guest speaker PID Danna Biggs delivered a message that sent us all home wanting to be better Lions. We didn't see as many of our new member as was expected. We need to keep in mind that our new members represent our future and we should do our best to make them welcome in our District as well as our Clubs.

We began our club visitations at the Reedley Club Train Station I was blessed with the opportunity to induct four of their ten (10) members (new District Governor's dream) and present 4 Melvin Jones Fellowships, 3 Harry Aslan Fellowships plus a Dwight D. Stanford Fellowship. Judge Fred Dupras and IP Craig Cooper present me with something that I will never forget, a Reedley Railroad Crossing Guard (built by Craig). It is unbelievable, about half the size of a regular Crossing Guard, well maybe not that big, but it will be displayed at the next three cabinet meetings. Thanks again Lions Fred and Craig.

We have completed 18 of our 62 planned official Annual Governor Visitations and each club visit has been a tremendous experience for me. We all have the same motto “We Serve” so we are all the same but different. Every Club is full of great people doing great things for someone other than themselves, you cannot find people better than that. We thank each club that we visited for your warm welcome and hospitality, I wish that I had the time

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to visit each club two or three time this year. Also, I am scheduling to attend as many of the your major events as I can. We attended Lemoore’s Beer Fest and spent the evening developing new member prospects with some success. I am truly looking forward to my visit at the remaining Clubs.

Since I am already thinking about membership development I want to recognize some of our leaders this year which are:

Gain	Club	# New	#Dropped	Net
	Reedley Lions	10	0	10
	Fresno Diwata	9	0	9
	Fresno Host	5	1	4
	Lamont Lions	4	0	4



We ended our first month leading MD4 (all of California) with a net 14 members, it doesn’t seem like much but I don’t remember the last time we were in first place. At the end of August we had dropped to a net “0” membership gain for the year. As of this writing we are showing a plus 20 member gain for the year, I greatly appreciated all your efforts and I remember what the “Little Engine That Could” said as she made her way up the hill “I think I can. I think I can. I think I can.” With the same determination, “I think we can” reach our goals and bring the District up to a net 2100 members.

Remember to support all of International President, Wayne Madden’s, programs which are available on the LCI website. Please note your related efforts in your monthly report to LCI.

In a sad note one of our clubs was suspended for not paying their dues timely. The billings are sent to the last known Treasurer’s address. If you do not update your LCI records with the correct information’s you may not receive the bill. When the dues reach 120 day delinquency your club is suspended which means you can no longer use the Lions name and you no longer have Lions insurance coverage.

Remember our 2nd Cabinet meeting is in Three Rivers, the registration form is provide with this Newsletter, please register early. Friday night is dinner and costumes party with cash prizes, I hope to see you all there. We are making every effort to deliver you a meaningful program on Saturday.

Thanks for your continuing support.

In Lionism,

DG Dean

District Meetings 2012-2013

Date	Type	Location	Theme
November 2-3, 2012	2nd Cabinet Meeting	Three Rivers Lions, 3 Rivers	Halloween
Feb. 6&7 - 8-10/2013	COG & MD4 Convention	Sacramento	
January 19-21/2013	MD4 Leadership Institute	Harris Ranch	
February 22-23, 2013	3rd Cabinet Meeting	Dinuba Lions, Dinuba	
May 3-5, 2013	4-A2 Convention	Cambria or Cayucos Lions	

Fast Train to Service”

Cabinet Secretary John Burns



From the District 4-A2 Cabinet Secretary:

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 2012-2013.

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. 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 District 4-A2 Lionism in 2012-2013.

In reviewing the reports for the District, two areas are immediately highlighted that we need to be aware of. The first is new member growth. In the first two full reporting months (Jul/Aug) for the reports received thus far to LCI, our gain versus loss in our membership is showing a positive trend. Gains (New, Transfer, and Reinstated) total 49 members, which are great, but losses, 35 members this year, continue to drag us down. This equates to an overall net gain of 14 new members for this year. 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, we need to better understand why Lions are leaving our clubs. Let's not forget that we need to do a better job in retaining current members. We need to understand why they are leaving and address those issues—or else the new members coming in will mostly likely have the same reaction to those issues if they are not addressed. Active clubs are growing clubs—get new members and current members involved—listen to their ideas and support new projects.

Our second Cabinet Meeting will be held in Three Rivers, Ca. on November 2-3, 2012. If you missed the first Cabinet Meeting, please make every effort to have your club represented. Your participation is what makes our District Meetings a success.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion John Burns

Cabinet Secretary

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Message from President Madden



September 2012

Dear Lion,

I was a lucky child. My hometown of Auburn, Indiana, USA, had a well-stocked public library. In fact, the school I attended had one, too. I even had books of my own. One of my favorites was Journey to the Center of the Earth.

Most children around the world, even in many developed countries, have little or no access to reading material and that is a key reason why one in four people of reading age cannot read. Illiteracy severely limits individuals and communities struggling with poverty, disease and other social ills.

We Lions are changing that. By participating in Lions Clubs International's global Reading Action Program, Lions are organizing book drives, donating computers and Internet service to local schools and providing books for very young children to new parents. See what your club can do to promote literacy by viewing RAP Resources. The resources and project ideas will help your club earn a RAP Banner Patch Award.

Because literacy depends on good vision or the ability to read Braille, this newest service program is intrinsically linked to our signature initiatives: sight preservation and service to the blind. We renew our commitment to sight yearly with World Sight Day and the Sharing the Vision Global Service Action Campaign, scheduled this year for October. Now is the time to plan your club or district's participation in this worldwide effort of all Lions. Please see Sharing the Vision-for project ideas and other resources.

Reaching into new frontiers like literacy is one way that Lions are expanding our worldwide impact. Another crucial way is by establishing new clubs to bring Lions service to communities where it is needed and by increasing club membership to provide more and better service in those communities we now serve. Please work closely with GLT and GMT representatives in your area to make this happen.

Sincerely,

Wayne A. Madden
International President

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Greetings Fellow Lions and Leos

First of all I want to welcome all the new Lions and Leos members into our District. Thanks to you our District membership growth for the month of July was number one in the State! Secondly, I am asking all members to help recognize and develop our new members into leaders of our great District, for they will be our future leaders.

In order to develop new leadership, we must teach and train our new members to be leaders. We need to encourage our new members to accept positions within our own clubs, to get them involved and to get them excited about being Lions. Make them Tail Twisters, Lion Tamers, Greeters. Get your new members involved in your projects, and your signature Fund Raisers. Where is it written that a club can not have an assistant Lion Tamer, or Greeter or Tail Twister? These could be training positions within your clubs, and a way to get your new members involved.

I remember how I felt when I first became a member of my home club the Visalia Host Lions. Although I was welcomed as a new member, I didn't have a sense of really belonging until our club's then Lion Tamer Sid Keown a Korean war veteran asked me to assist him with his duties. From then on I grew more comfortable and began to learn the names of my fellow Lion members. Not long after that, Lion Sid stepped down as the Lion Tamer and relinquished his position as Lion Tamer to me, a position I held for two years.

After that our Newsletter Editor of fifteen years stepped down and although I did not know the first thing about PDF's or Publisher Programs I stepped out of my comfort zone and accepted the position, a position I still hold today. From there I was asked by the clubs Past Presidents if I wanted to be a club Vice President and I readily accepted that position. Fortunately for me one of my clubs Past Presidents, a retired School Superintendent Lion Bob Line became my Mentor guiding me and giving me advice on how to be a good club President. At our District level I then became a Zone Chairman and now I am a Vice District Governor.

I tell you this because it only takes a spark to ignite a leader and a Mentor to step up and recognize a Lion who wants to accept the challenge of being a leader within our great organization. I ask you to get your new members involved, send them to District Cabinet Meetings, to our Conventions and most importantly send them to our Leadership Training. Don't make the mistake of sitting your new members down and making them wait ***“making them pay their dues”*** get them involved because they did not join our great organization to sit and wait. Because if they do, there is a good chance that they will not be around next year.

I look forward to serving our District as First Vice District Governor this year. I support Governor Dean Church's goal of 10 per cent membership growth within our clubs and within our District. I support our International President Wayne Madden's goals of eliminating Illiteracy, fighting Diabetes, and I support the Measles Initiative “One Shot, One Life”. Thank you. In Lionism ,Walt Juarez 1st Vice District Governor 4-A2.

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Anthony Martinez 2nd VDG

Hello Lions, Lionesses and Leos,

Well my first year as a governor is off to a good start. I hope for the opportunity to see and learn a lot while I am a 2nd VDG, in preparation for my year as your Governor. I am going to take this time to let you know what I've been doing, so you can see I've stayed busy with Lion activities.

I began the year installing new officers in Dinuba and Reedley. Later, I was a guest at a Reedley Lions meeting where I saw our Governor help present 4 Melvin Jones and 4 Harry J. Aslan fellows; it was amazing to see that many recipients at one meeting, great work Reedley Lions. I told my fellow VDGs at our recent Council of Governors (COG) meeting about this and they were amazed.

I got to have some fun with the Selma Lioness Club at their Tequila tasting fundraiser. That was a great time, with lots of fellowship and laughs shared. Speaking of laughing and having fun, I challenge anyone to attend a Visalia Host Lions meeting and not have a good time; they really keep their meetings rolling.

A big thank you goes out to the Lemoore Lions, the Hanford Breakfast Lions and Lemoore President, Lion Bob Casas, for a great District meeting in Lemoore. The District officers were installed during the meeting and I heard nothing but compliments for the 2-day event. The visiting Dignitaries, the programs and presentations were all interesting and well-received. I might have been charged a fine for wearing shorts with my Council Uniform that weekend. I do want to thank my supporters for adding to the pot, in an effort to 'buy' my right to stay in shorts....sorry Lions, according to our Tail Twister, I lost the vote and need to get a pair of pants.

In August, I attended my first COG as an actual council member. For those of you that have never been to a COG, like I said in the previous newsletter, feel free to join me sometime. It is a great experience and learning opportunity to see and hear about Lion business on a more global level. We discussed things like expectations, leadership, international conventions and the Rose Parade Lion float. At this COG, we also chose the next Student Speaker topic. Although the wording may change, the topic will be similar to 'How do we create and keep jobs in America?'

Since the COG, I have joined our Governor on some of his club visitations. It is always nice to see how different the clubs act, run their meetings and conduct their business. And yes, I am still borrowing ideas I see along the way and taking them back to my home club. Earlier this evening, I was at my home club and told them about having some coffee mugs made, which include a list of major club activities displayed on the mug. We will probably be ordering something similar, thank you for the idea Exeter Lions. I cannot stress enough the value and fun that comes from visiting other clubs. I highly encourage each of you to put together a group and go out visiting others; it's fun, it's different and you can also learn things along the way to take back to your home club.

Time for me to get to sleep, I am picking grapes in the morning. No, I didn't get fired from my job; I will be out with the Parlier Lions picking grapes for our annual Agricultural Display at the Big Fresno Fair. My club has been doing this project for a very long time and it serves as a symbol of great community pride for the City of Parlier and also as a great fundraiser for our Lions club.

Thank you Lions, Lionesses and Leos for all you do for your own communities. You may not always hear that and I know we don't do this for the 'thanks', but the work you all do impacts so many people, in so many ways.

Semper Fidelis,

Lion Anthony



Register for
2nd District Cabinet Meeting
in Three Rivers, Ca.
November 2-3, 2012
Hosted by
Three Rivers Lions Club

Celebrating 56 Years of Lions District 4-A2

You are invited to join District Governor Dean Church and his cabinet at our 2nd District 4-A2 Cabinet Meeting to be held at the Three Rivers Memorial Building, 43490 Sierra Drive, Three Rivers, CA. 93271

NAME OF LION OR LEO			EMAIL ADDRESS		
ADDRESS		CITY		ZIP CODE	CELL PHONE
CLUB NAME		REGION: (Northern-Central-Western-Southern)	ZONE	DISTRICT OR CLUB OFFICE HELD	
NAME OF GUESTS OR OTHER LIONS					
NOTE: EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST PAY REGISTRATION FEE (INCLUDES TRADING PIN)					
REGISTRATION ONLY:		LIONS & GUESTS REGISTRATION \$10.00		LEO REGISTRATION \$10.00	
PACKAGE PLAN: INCLUDES: REGISTRATION, TRADING PIN, FRIDAY DINNER AND SATURDAY LUNCH		POST MARKED BEFORE October 19th		POST MARKED AFTER October 19th	
		\$38.00		\$50.00	
FRIDAY Dinner 7 PM	Deep Pit BBQ, Cole slaw, beans, roll, and dessert	HALLOWEEN COSTUME	\$18.00	25.00	\$
SATURDAY Breakfast	Breakfast is on your own.	DRESS CABINET UNIFORM LIONS CASUAL			
SATURDAY Lunch 12 PM	Roll/croissant with fixings, chips, salad and dessert	DRESS CABINET UNIFORM LIONS CASUAL	\$10.00	\$15.00	
EXTRAS: EXTRA TRADING PINS (Each)				\$3.00 EA	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT: INCLUDING: REGISTRATION					\$

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

CABINET MEETING REGISTRATION

**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**



HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

**Comfort Inn & Suites
 40820 Sierra Drive, Three Rivers, CA 93271
 559-561-9000/9010 Contact: Shelly or Amanda
 Rate: \$60 1 King Bed/ \$70 2 queen beds
 including hot breakfast
 Alternative Hotel: Sierra Lodge
 43175 Sierra Drive, Three Rivers, CA 93271
 (559) 561-3681 Rate: \$50 1 bed
 "Mention that you are with the Lions District 4-A2"
 Make Your Reservations Directly with Hotel**



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Lions Golf

“Invite a Prospective Member”



Where: Woodlake Golf Course
 21730 Avenue 332, Woodlake, CA 93286
 When: 10:00 AM Friday, November 2, 2012
 Fee: Only \$35.00 & Includes Golf Cart
 Deadline: Registration Deadline By October 26, 2012

Format: 4 Person Scramble - Men & Women
 Team Prizes for: 1st, 2nd 3rd Place
 Closest to the Hole and Longest Drive Contests

Registration

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State and Zip Code _____

#	Name	Address	Town	Zip	Telephone
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2					
3					
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“ENTRANTS: MAKE UP YOUR OWN FOUR-SOME OR WE CAN ASSIST”

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Make Your Check Payable to: “LION Bill Diltz”

MAIL TO GOLF CHAIRMAN: LION BILL DILTZ
4314 WEST NICHOLAS AVENUE
VISALIA CA 93291
HOME: 559-732-6897 OR CELL: 559-288-2933
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Lions,

The LEOs again this year would like to attend the LEO Symposium at the MD4 Convention in Sacramento, Feb. 8-10, 2013. They need help with the cost. It will cost at least \$125 to cover registration & hotel. Last year I asked for clubs to help & a few did. You donated \$600. If you can help this year with a \$125 donation, make the check out to District 4-A2 & send it to Lion Jan Beatty-Taylor, District Treasurer with a memo that it is for the LEO symposium. Last year we sent 6 LEOs to the symposium. We had 3 clubs that wanted to go, Parlier, Selma & McFarland so we divided up the money to send 2 from each. When Parlier could not make the trip and Selma could only send 2, McFarland sent 4. the Sponsoring Lions Clubs paid for the advisor, transportation, and picked up the additional costs. This year after the 6 LEOs reported to the District LEO fun day in Selma about their experience at the Symposium, many more have expressed a desire to attend. We hope our LEOs will become our future Lions. Please support them if you can. We need to know soon how much support we have in order to see how many LEOs we can send.

Lion Bev Cho, 4-A2 LEO Chair

Lion Gloria Gomez-Alvarez, 4-A2 Youth Outreach Chair

PDG Jin Bartleson, MD4 Youth Outreach Committee Member



Mail your contributions to:

Lion Jan Beatty-Taylor
4-A2 Treasurer
710 North Vista
Visalia, CA 93292

1st Cabinet Meeting SnapShots July 26 & 27, 2012



Presidents Installation



Zone Chairs



PDG Meeting



District Leo Advisor Bev Cho & Youth Outreach Chair Gloria Gomez-Alvarez



District Student Speaker Chair Betty Morris



District Treasurer Jan Betty-Taylor



District GLT Leader PDG Ron Waldrop



Lions Line up for Enchiladas



1st VDG 4-A3 Margeret Dunlevy as Helen Keller



District Secretary John Burns



District GMT Leader Georgia Souza



District Tail Twister Greg Martella & Sue Findley



District Visitation Chair Mary Andrade



Installing Officer PDG Chris Ohrmund 4-L2



Western Region Chair David Beeman Opens the Cabinet Meeting



Zone Chair Susan Rogers with Selma CVLL Scrap Book Award

Bakersfield Donghae Lions Club Charter Night @ Hodels



Ron Waldrop in a TUX



MD4 Council of Governors



DG Visit to Delano



DG Dean Church

Porterville Beakfast Lions
listen to Nationally
Recognized PUSD
Pathways presentation



Porterville Beakfast Lions
last meeting @ Cherry Tree
with 42 Members present





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OPERATION FRIENDSHIP TRADING PIN CONTEST

By: 2nd VDG Anthony T. Martinez

On behalf of the Operation Friendship Committee, I am proud to announce one lucky person will have the opportunity to win a free registration package to next year's 51st Annual Operation Friendship Visitation to Ensenada, Mexico. The trip is scheduled for Thursday March 14th through Sunday March 17th, 2013.

As most of you have heard, and many of you attended, last year we celebrated 50 years of Operation Friendship. The event was 4 days of both great volunteer work and great Lion fun! Each registered guest was given a 50th Anniversary Operation Friendship Trading Pin as part of their registration package. That pin culminated a 9-year series of Operation Friendship trading pins. The pins that make up this series are pictured here. The series has become a collectible and the majority of the pins are no longer available (no matter how nicely you ask Lion Jeff for an extra).

Here is where our creative Lions can save themselves the price of registration! This year will mark the start of a new trading pin series and we are asking for your input. Please draw and submit your pin ideas to Lion Jeff Garcia by December 15th, 2012. You can mail your drawings to Lion Jeff (162 west 'D' St., Lemoore CA 93245) or scan and email them (Jeff@eyecaredoctor.com). The committee will select the winning entry and one lucky winner will receive a free visitation registration to the 51st Annual Operation Friendship!

The rules are simple. All submissions will be judged on their creativity, appeal and adaptability. Creativity and appeal, pretty simple concepts, but what is the adaptability criterion? Please notice the previous series in the picture. Although the pin remained the same each of the 8 years it was used, the colors and dates were the only thing that changed. This made for a recognizable progressive series. Does your submission have to be identical to that? No. We would simply like the mold to have minimal updates/changes as the series progresses.

Can the winner give away the prize? Yes. Although we really want the winner to enjoy the full Ensenada experience, they can give the registration to another Lion. If a long-time traveler to Ensenada wins that would be great, but how much better could it be than for a first-timer to have their registration covered by the Operation Friendship Committee! The winner will only be responsible for their hotel costs and bus fare (if they choose to ride the bus).

Now, let me get historical for a moment. Do you know who created the design for the popular pin series being retired? Here are a couple of hints....the Lion's initials are D. N. and he is from the Northern Region, Zone 3! Come on, I know that was too easy!

For those of you, who are already wondering about the details of next year's visitation, please give us a few more months. The committee will be traveling down to Ensenada in November to work out the specifics with the Ensenada Lions. We hope to have the final prices, details of the trip and registration packages available by the end of the year.

As always, 'Yo te prometo' (I promise you) a great time; just ask anyone who has been down there before. The visitation is its own best advertisement; most say they are hooked after one trip. You will have the opportunity to work hard helping the less fortunate children in and around the greater Ensenada area. You will also have the opportunity to create memories and fellowship with your fellow Lions and Lionesses. You can also ask long-time visitor Dennis Neal what he thinks of the trip.

For any further details on the trading pin contest or a possible club program on Operation Friendship, please contact any of the committee members.



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PICTURE INFO:

The First:

2004 was the first year of the current trading pin series being retired. Pictured is the 2004 pin, individualized by the year and the solid blue ribbon. This has become the most difficult pin to acquire.



The Last:



This trading pin marked the 50th Anniversary of Operation Friendship. It was issued to all registered guests during the 2012 visitation and included in its center the same pin used in the 8-year series.



The Set:

Here is the complete Operation Friendship trading pin set. Notice the first four years, the pins had a colored banner with gold writing and the following four years, the pins had a gold banner with colored writing.



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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

It is an honor to be asked by a District Governor to serve as the LCIF Chair for our District. This is a three year term. Two of the parts of my job are to educate Lions about LCIF and to encourage support to LCIF. I will be glad to come to clubs or zone or region meetings to give a program about LCIF. One-hundred percent of every dollar donated to LCIF goes to someone in need; all administrative costs are paid through interest earned on investments. I am sure most if not all of you have heard of the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the cost of this is \$1,000. It can be paid all at once, or in installments. The recipient receives a plaque, lapel pin, and congratulatory letter. Many clubs give one of these as a gift to a club member. These may be purchased by an individual or given by a club, it is a real honor to receive one given as a gift. There is also the Contributing Member program. This is for donations of \$20, \$50, and \$100. A special lapel pin is given for each amount. Very often when there is a disaster that occurs, LCIF will designate \$1,000 amounts given for that to be eligible for a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Currently the Measles Initiative is in that category. For every \$2 raised by LCIF, the Gates Foundation will match with \$1, that means if LCIF raises \$10 million the Gates Foundation will give LCIF \$5 million. As of July 2012, there has been \$5 million donated. The Measles Initiative runs until December 31, 2012, so there is still time for donations to be made. For just a \$1 donation, one shot can be given that can save one life. We don't seem to hear much in the U.S. about measles, so may not give it much thought. It is on the increase in our country. Measles kills 450 children daily and causes serious side effects, like pneumonia and blindness. For the Lions year of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, our District gave to LCIF a total of \$17,257.46. While that is a real good amount, LCIF can do even more if we can give more. From now until March 31st, for every \$10 donation for LCIF, the donor will have their name entered into a drawing (if \$1,000 is raised, a Melvin Jones Fellowship will be given. If less than \$1,000 comes in, the money will still go to LCIF for the District). Again, please contact me if you would like a program.

PDG Vicki Beeman

lion90vicki@yahoo.com

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McFarland Lions Club Project

“FILL THE BUS”

On Sept. 1 ,2012 the **McFarland LIONS Club** held their first, “FILL THE BUS” project , to collect school supplies for the McFarland Unified School District. Held at the new Dollar General Store, the LIONS were joined by various groups within the community.

Starting at 9 A.M and lasting until 5 P.M. , members of the McFarland Police Department's Explorers Unit , Post 191, members of the McFarland Roaring Leo's , and American Legion , Meril Reed Post , 124, from Delano, collected supplies and placed them in a school bus, provided by the McFarland Unified School District. With fliers in hand, the doors of the store were manned , as people entered , to shop. Items that were for the bus were then collected by them , and placed in the bus. Response from the public was overwhelming. Chairman , LION Dave Borcky , commented, “The number of supplies kept getting bigger and bigger. Then came the added help. The McFarland Police Department provided \$200.00 worth of supplies, from money raised , by the Department , for Community assistance. It is hard to believe that this small City, has so many caring people. “

At the end of the day, over \$1,250.00 of supplies were collected. The supplies will be taken to the McFarland Resource Center, where it will be sent , to the school sites , by Margie Perez, Program Director. This center is a part of the School District , and assists families to solve problems from the need for food to the need of clothing.

LION DAVE

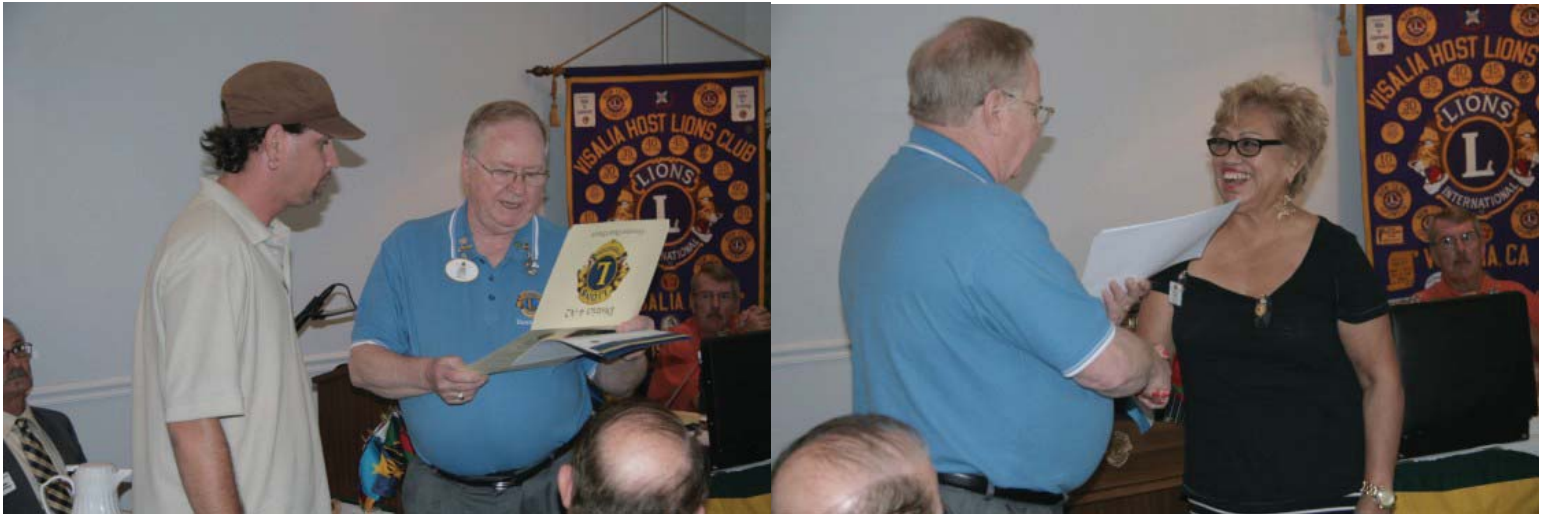
"IN GOD WE TRUST"



Visalia Host Lions Club

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DEAN CHURCH VISITATION

On August 31, 2012, District 4-A2 Governor Dean Church was our Guest Speaker. Governor Dean challenged our club to grow our membership this year by 10 per cent. Governor Dean told us that our new International President Wayne Madden of Indiana message is for Lions to help fight Illiteracy here in the United states and around the world. President Madden also wants all Lions to join the fight against Diabetes and Measles. Governor Dean presented several members of our club with awards and welcomed new club members Lion Robert Casarez and Lion Jung Moon into our Lions Family. Governor Dean also presented Lion Rebecca Juarez and myself with Guiding Lions Certificates of Completion.





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New Member Night



Southern Region Meeting





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Club Changes

Bakersfield Danghae

Meets 2nd & 4th Thursday @6:30 pm

Porterville Breakfast

Meets @ Elks Lodge; 386 N. Main
S E Corner of Norton & Main

Guiding Lion & Leadership Training

Tentatively set for 10/6 or 11/17 @ Kern County Superintendent’s Office
1300 17th Street, Bakersfield, CA

Coalinga Lions

The facility where the **Coalinga Club** meets is undergoing some major construction. The club meeting was temporarily moved to a different building.. Because they are sharing the new space, to accommodate the needs of others

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

January 19th to 21st
Harris Ranch located off Interstate 5
Coalinga, California

Cost: \$250
Double Occupancy
An extra \$60 per night as a single

Please register early as there is a pre-assignment - to be completed.



Dear Lion James,

Jane and I recently returned from the MD4 Council of Governor's meeting in San Diego last weekend. We are very encouraged and energized by the well wishes and support we received from the Lion leaders in attendance. Again, I am honored to be your MD4 International Director candidate in Hamburg, Germany next July.

We conducted a Campaign Kick-off meeting during the weekend and were pleased to learn that a significant number of MD4 Lion delegates are planning on attending the LCI convention in Germany next July 5-9, 2013. If you are planning on attending, and would like to be involved in our campaign activities, please reply to this email with your contact information. I will then add you to our Hamburg campaign team and send periodic updates about our planned events and provide opportunities to participate.

Please click on the following documents to find out more about the Lions Hamburg convention:

1. Lions International Convention Hamburg Schedule of Events.
2. Lions International Convention Hamburg Registration Form.
3. Lions International Convention Hamburg Delegation Hotel Listing

Early registration can be mailed to arrive by December 31, 2012 for a \$100 per person registration fee. Our MD4 delegation hotel is the Hamburg NH Horn Hotel.

Jane and I will be attending the USA/Canada Leadership Forum next month in Tampa. We also anticipate being in each MD4 District prior to the Hamburg convention. We look forward to visiting with as many MD4 Lions as possible this year. Our schedule of events and visits is kept current on my website.

Again, thank you for being a Lion!

Yours in Service,
Larry Dicus
Endorsed ID Candidate, MD4
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District Governor
Dean Church
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