



Hello Lions, Lionesses and Leos,

I am so proud of the Lion work I have been seeing in our District. It has come in so many ways and it is amazing to watch and try to keep track of it all.

I am writing this to you from the USA/Canada Forum in San Juan Puerto Rico. I just had dinner with some of my fellow Governors and I really want you to understand how proud I am to be from 4-A2. You see, when we get together, most usually begin talking about the stuff going on in their District, are they up in membership, chartered a new club, started a new project, stuff like that. As I was sitting there listening to the others, I didn't know where to begin or what to talk about first, because there has been that much going on.

Let's begin with all the work from the Fresno Host Lions Club and our Cabinet of Officers and all they did to make our First Cabinet Meeting in Fresno such a success. The lions that attended have given me much positive feedback on the change in format. They liked the focus on sharing information and accomplishments of our clubs, so others can learn from prior experience within our own district. For those that weren't able to make it, I really hope you can catch the Second Cabinet Meeting in Lemoore on November 21-22.

Unfortunately, the next one wasn't really a good thing; one of our clubs fell victim to embezzlement. So how is this a great example of our lions working together? It was humbling to attend a club meeting, listen to the severity of the loss and then see what happened next. I watched and listened as multiple Lions Clubs from our district had already responded to a call for assistance. There were offers to help with bills, help with club dues, loans that could be re-paid whenever the impacted club was back on their feet. It was obvious to see how touched these lions were, with all the offers of support. Speaking of the victim lions, not one had a negative attitude; they were energized and determined to start doing things, to get their club out of this situation. I left there and someone asked me how the meeting went, my reply was short and simple, "that is a hell of a club and I am proud to be a lion." The next examples are occurring all over the district and are simply too many to mention; things you've told me about during my Governor Visitations. I have visited 20 of our 63 clubs and plan on having 30 done by the end of September. I have seen so much lion energy at the meetings; they have been both interesting and fun. I have also crossed paths with a few clubs out doing their own visitations. I like seeing the clubs out doing visitations and individually working on Long and Short Tail awards.

Lastly, two weekends ago, I joined our lions at Bearskin Meadow. This is our newest District project; assisting at a wilderness camp for children with diabetes. Each year, over the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, lions from our district make the trip up to Bearskin Meadow to help prepare the camp for summer visitors or prepare the camp for winter closure. There were Lions and Leos and guests working hard, getting a lot accomplished as they cleaned and made repairs to equipment; all hard work that needed to be done before the winter closure. Please make plans to lend a helping paw at the camp next year.

There have been so many examples of Lionism, these were only a few. These are the types of things that make being your Governor so rewarding. I also really like hearing your stories about how some of you have earned your lion whiskers, please keep sharing these with me.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the New Members Night hosted by the Caruthers Lions Club on Thursday, October 9. Registration and details of the event are al-

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ready posted on the 4-A2 website. If you have any lions ready to be sworn-in, we plan on holding a mass swearing –in ceremony. I guarantee you good food, good times and lots of laughs when you run around with the Lions from Caruthers!

Thanks for all you have done, for all you are doing and for all you will continue to do in the future....We Serve. International President, Lion Joe Preston’s motto is ‘Strengthen the Pride’. I am proud to report that is exactly what 4-A2 is doing.

Semper Fidelis,
Lion Anthony



DG Anthont’s Visit to McFarland Lions Club



DG Anthony in Puerto Rico



“ROAR OF THE LION”

Hello fellow Lions Club members

This has turned out to be quite a busy Lions year so far. The last time I wrote to you we were driving back from Toronto Canada from the Lions international convention. I am now writing after coming back from Puerto Rico for the US Canada Leadership Forum. If you have never attended a US Canada Leadership Forum, I highly suggest it. I have learned so much in the past few days and I am looking forward to sharing it with you. Puerto Rico was a beautiful place to go to. We were able to meet with our International President on a very informal setting. He is a very down to earth person that loves what Lions do for their communities. The first day in Puerto Rico both my wife, Christy and I played hooky and went scuba diving. We were diving at a depth of about 40 feet when I looked at Christy and her eyes got really big, I kind of figured there was something behind me. When I turned around I saw very quickly she was right, a large sea manatee was swimming right behind me. It was an experience of a lifetime to be able to swim with what sailors thought were mermaids and my wife at the same time, two mermaids in one day, wow. After the forum we went on a tour with the Past International Director from Puerto Rico, about 150+ Lions Club members. Everywhere in Puerto Rico that we went to we were met with the Lions from that town or city that we were in. They threw fiestas, fed us dinner, lunch, breakfast, and had a parade with over 400 people and four floats. We also were able to visit the Bacardi Rum company world’s largest supplier of rum and the Don Q rum mansion. Towards the last day of our visit all 150+ visitors had dinner at the International Directors house. We were served lobster and rice, a very big dinner with lots of people that his house was able to accommodate just downstairs. The Past International Director Carlos Justiano told us when we go into the house look to the left and we will see a heart-shaped planter with orchids that he had made for his wife, I jokingly said to him did you get that for her before or after you told her that you had 150+ friends coming over for dinner. He laughed and told me before.

I have been following around our District Gov. during his visitations and learning all about your clubs. It is quite fun taking part during your meetings, so far every club that I have visited has been quite lively and on the right track to success. I would also like to remind all the clubs out there that we are here as a district to help you out. We have qualified and dedicated lion leaders to help you gain members and have successful fundraisers. If by chance we are unable to help in a specific problem, we can find a club or a leader within our district that I am confident will have the right answer for you.

I hope to see your clubs at new members night with all of your new members there. It is a very exciting night for we are able to introduce all of your new members to the rest of the clubs in attendance. Thank you all for all the support that you have given to me while on this fantastic journey to becoming your 4-A2 District Governor in 2016 -2017.

Second Vice District Gov.

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Scuba Diving by 2nd VDG Al Kroell

REGISTRATION FORM

LIONS DISTRICT 4-A2 NEW MEMBERS NIGHT



13599 S. Raider Ave, Caruthers CA 93609 - Thurs., October 9, 2014

*Please join us on Thursday, October 9, 2014, at Caruthers Fairgrounds
for a fun filled night honoring our New Lions of District 4-A2!!
Guest Of Honor PID Lion Bob & Lion Vicki Smith*

“GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER”

NAME OF LION /LIONESS OR GUEST		NAME OF NEW LION/LIONESS MEMBER	
ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP CODE	CELL PHONE
CLUB NAME	REGION:	ZONE	DISTRICT OR CLUB OFFICE HELD
MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: DISTRICT 4-A2 & MAIL TO: CABINET TREASURER JAN BEATTY-TAYLOR - 710 NORTH VISTA, VISALIA CA 93292			
PACKAGE PLAN PER-PERSON INCLUDES: REGISTRATION, PIN, AND STEAK & CHICKEN DINNER		POST MARKED BEFORE September 29th \$27.00	POST MARKED AFTER September 29th \$35.00
TOTAL AMOUNT - INCLUDING REGISTRATION:		\$ _____ .00	

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL THE NAMES OF YOUR NEW MEMBERS ON OR BEFORE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2014
SO THAT WE CAN PRINT A CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCE FOR EACH NEW LION MEMBER. THANK YOU!!**

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PLEASE EMAIL YOUR LIST OF NEW LION MEMBERS TO bfrego62@gmail.com

LEMOORE GOLF COURSE

District 4A2 Lions 2nd Cabinet Meeting Golf Tourney

WHERE: *Lemoore Golf Course*

350 Iona Avenue, Lemoore, CA

TELEPHONE: *559-924-9658*

WHEN: *9 AM Friday, November 21, 2014*

FEE: *\$50 and includes Golf Cart, & lunch*

DEADLINE: *Nov. 15, 2014 (Golf Course requires a guarantee)*

FORMAT: *4 Person Scramble*

#	NAME	ADDRESS	TOWN	ZIP	TELEPHONE
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GOLFERS --- MAKE UP YOUR OWN FOURSOME OR WE CAN ASSIST!

Make Checks Payable to: Lion Bill Diltz, Golf Chair

And mail it with this form to: 4314 W. Nicholas Ave. Visalia, 93291

559-732-6897 or 559-288-2933 Email: wbdiltz43@gmail.com

As you know, all golf courses are great, and a beautiful place to be... the Lemoore Golf Course is no exception. It's always a challenge, always interesting, and ALWAYS A GREAT TIME. The game is scramble - so no pressure, and always a great place to bring a friend and introduce them to Lions! Come join in the fun.

"ROAR OF THE LION"



2015 - 96th - MD-4 Annual Convention

February 20, 21, 22nd Visalia, California (COG February 18 & 19th)

Mardi Gras

Use one form for EACH registrant. Please PRINT or TYPE. No telephone registrations accepted

CLUB NAME _____ DISTRICT _____

CURRENT OFFICE IN CLUB/DISTRICT/INTERNATIONAL _____

NAME _____ Name on badge _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (home) _____ (cell) _____ EMAIL _____

1 Choose your package.

Post marked before 12/31/14	Post marked after 12/31/14
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Special Package Pricing

Full registration, Leadership Luncheon, Friday dinner, International Dignitary Luncheon, Saturday Banquet, Sunday Breakfast plus all entertainment and pin

<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 221.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 256.00
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Al a Carte

Registration (required of ALL attendees, included in special package)

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Convention pin

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Friday Leadership Luncheon (Deli lunch Buffet)

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Friday Dinner and entertainment

\$ 35.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 40.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Saturday International Dignitary Luncheon

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Saturday Governors' Banquet

\$ 45.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 50.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
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Sunday Breakfast with Special Speaker (California Classic Breakfast)

\$ 22.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 25.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
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TOTAL ENCLOSED

2 Choose your meals

Friday Leadership Luncheon

Chicken and Beef Kabobs

Vegetarian

Friday Dinner and entertainment

Pork Loin

Vegetarian

Saturday International Dignitary Luncheon

Filo Wrapped Chicken

Vegetarian

Saturday Governors' Banquet

Petite Fillet and Salmon

Vegetarian

Sunday Breakfast with Special Speaker

California Classic Breakfast

Vegetarian

3 Choose your payment

By CHECK

Make check out to **MD-4 Convention 2015** and mail to address below

By credit card

We accept VISA, MASTER CARD, and AMERICAN EXPRESS cards

Card number _____

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Security code on back _____

Authorized signature _____

4 Mail registration Form and Check (if enclosed) to:

Georgia Souza
1411 S. Divisadero #9
Visalia, CA 93277

(559)733-0894
lions2015md4@gmail.com
REFUND DEADLINE JANUARY 10, 2015



5 Make Hotel Reservations

Visalia Convention and Visitor's Bureau
303 E. Acequia Avenue
Visalia, CA 93291

(559) 334-0141

Group Code: MD4 Lions

Reservations are on a FIRST COME FIRST SERVED basis

Headquarters Hotel: Visalia Marriott - 300 S. Court Street, Visalia 93291



Leo Newsletter Page

As for right now-we have 9 Leo Clubs in our District.

They are: Central Valley Leo – 25
Lemoore Leo – 26
McFarland Leo – 24
Parlier Leo – 55
Riverdale Leo – 25
Sierra High Leo – 16
University High – 179
Cutler-Orosi Leo-25
Reedley Leo- re-grouping
Total - 375

This is the updated info for this year so far.

Summer is dark for most of our Leos Clubs.

Our big event this coming year will be the Youth Leadership Camp at Teresita Pines. First annual and definitely 2nd annual coming up in March 2015.

At our MD4 convention in Feb. 2015 in Visalia, our Leos are invited to attend.

Leo Clubs in the wing: Hanford Breakfast, Bakersfield Host, Caruthers Lions and Dinuba Lions,

Any clubs that would like some information of starting a Leo Club, I would can help.

**Lion Bev Cho-Dist. Leo Chair-chotennis@gmail.com
559-970-4092**

Dist. Leo Chair-Bev Cho 559-970-4092



The Lions Student Speakers Foundation, Inc. is offering the Lions' 100th Anniversary Pin, with proceeds benefitting the Foundation.

The pins sell for \$7.00 each, plus add \$.50 each to have pins mailed.

Pins can be ordered by making out the form below and sending with your check, made out to the Foundation, to the following address:

**Lions Student Speakers Foundation
331 Spur Trail Avenue
Walnut, CA 91789**

Name _____ District _____

Club _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip code _____

Telephone and Email _____

Any questions, please contact PDG Chris Ohrmund – 909-646-0673 or ohrmu@aol.com

I gave a speech at the first cabinet meeting in Fresno. It was about leaders having information. As District Governor Anthony pointed out, I did not finish the speech, so here it is:

As Lions we know lots of information about how Lions work, about what's happening next, about the best way to run a fund-raiser and so on. The Lions who attended that cabinet meeting got lots of new Lions information. That makes them kind of like you who are reading this newsletter.

Now - the transition from having the information to sharing it is one of the Leadership keys. You now have a job, an important job, to share that info at the right time with the right people.

The right people would be the Lions you work with. The right time would be when these busy Lions are able to receive it. Doesn't it seem that the hardest workers and most willing volunteers feel out-of-the-loop about what is coming? You may already be in the middle of a project before they are ready to receive the info that you have and that they need.

Don't give up, all you Lions who bring and share information! Go ahead and share it two or three or four times. That's your contribution to club success. That's your part of the Leadership mission - done well.

Thanks.

- Lion David Beeman
District 4-A2 Coordinator
for the Global Leadership Team



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

I am sure you listen to the news and know there always seems to be some type of natural disaster affecting someone, somewhere in the world. Whenever anything like that happens, LCIF responds quickly with financial help. For them to keep doing that, we need to keep making donations to LCIF.

We got off to a very slow start, as far as donations go, in July, only \$200 given. However, we did great last year (July through June), with \$20,620 given for the year. That was an increase of \$4,570 from the year before. While that is exciting, we only had 19 of 63 clubs making a donation to LCIF. As a multiple-district, the Lions in California gave \$572,813 to LCIF, the most in Constitutional Area 1.

Did you know, you don't have to give a full \$1,000 for a Melvin Jones Fellowship (it would be outstanding if you did, though), but any amount counts for so much. If you didn't have enough for a Melvin Jones, you could either pay for it in installments. Or, plan on giving as recognition gifts a Contributing Member pin. Those are either \$20, \$50, or \$100.

The best way to give towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship, is to give to the “Disaster Relief Fund.” You can also participate in the “One Shot, One Life: Lions’ Measles Initiative” with a donation. Between the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the GAVI Alliance, any donations given for the Measles Initiative will be matched, dollar for dollar. IPDG Walt and the PDGs are going to have special pins made for sale, with the money going to the Measles Initiative, watch for more on that.

I always mention the money clubs have that are in a category “Unnamed”. In some cases, there is enough money that a Melvin Jones Fellowship could be given to someone. A few clubs even have enough to give more than one Fellowship. Also, with an addition of some more money, there would be enough for a Fellowship. I would love to have these Unnamed categories be used up with several Fellowships given this year.

If I don't get a call from you, I will be making contact this year to come to a club or board meeting to speak to you about LCIF. Please contact me if you would like a program, or want to know the status of your club's donations. Thank you. ---

PDG Vicki Beeman

lion90vicki@yahoo.com 559-584-2911

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Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos of District 4-A2

A number of District 4-A2 members attended the USA/ Canada Forum held in San Juan, Puerto Rico and of course our Multiple District 4 had the most attendees. The Forum offered 89 different Seminars with presenters such as IP Joe Preston, IPIP Barry Palmer, PIP Jim Ervin, PIP Sid Scruggs, PIP Bill Biggs, PIP Al Brandel, PIP Frank Moore and a large number of our past ID's, you can be sure the attendees were well schooled when they left for home. Even old dogs learned new tricks at this Forum. Our recruiting programs are becoming more aggressive and most of the new information can be quickly accessed via the LCI Web Site. Please take the time to log on and see what is available to help you reach your goals.

Region Chair Steve Stratton has scheduled the Southern Region meeting on Saturday, October 4th, from 9am - 12 pm, at the Kern Schools Superintendent of Schools the address is 1300 17th Street, Bakersfield, room B. The entrance to the parking garage is on 18th st. Are you satisfied with the status of your club, the direction it is going or would you like to be in a position to better serve your community? It is recommended that the Southern Region Club Presidents and Membership Chair s attend this meeting. The agenda includes our “Just Ask “ New Member Recruiting Seminar (It Works)

Our new club officers are busy making their mark on their clubs history. Do we have a formal plan for success and are we working our plan? Are you reviewing the club plans periodically assuring your efforts are being rewarded with successes?

We are closing in on the end of the first quarter of Governor Anthony's year. The membership results through the end of August is less than what we expected. Our 39 new members, year to date, were developed by 16 clubs, which means that we had 47 club clubs with no new member during the period. Remember our IP Joe Preston asked each member to “ASK One” and our Governor, Anthony, asked for each Club for “Plus One”. The District membership results is a negative number for the first time in the last 8 quarters. The Fresno Diwata Lions Club leads the way with a net 12 new member, Great job Lion President Vicky and all your club members.

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

I am always ready to assist any club that would like my help (Just Ask).

We have open the doors to the development of Campus Clubs in both Fresno and Bakersfield. Further, we are working with interested individuals for a Branch Club in Fresno and one in London, CA

It's a great day to be a Lion!

In Lionism

Dean Church, PDG, DGMT



Porterville Breakfast Lions



Pulled Pork Drive Thru Dinner

Thursday October 9, 2014

Location: Eagles Lodge

Near Henderson and Main St.

Time: 4:30 - 7 pm

Cost: \$10 donation

Dinner Includes:

Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, BBQ Sauce,
Dinner Roll and dessert

Contact a Breakfast Lions Member or 784-4208 / 781-1345

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the District Governor takes the challenge - are you next?



Bearskin Meadow Update

District 4 A2 Lions, I am so proud of all of you, not just for your donations to match our 10,100.00 grant, but you also came out and worked very hard on Labor Day. You have proven that this is truly a great district project that you have adopted and are willing to work at. We had three Leo Clubs that came out, some spent the night, and all worked very hard. I have never seen such dedicated young men and women. Our district should be so very proud of our future leaders. If you were one of these Leos, I say thank you for your dedication and hard work. The Leos cannot be present if it wasn't for their dedicated lion Leaders. Thank you for giving up your time and your love for your Leos.

The check has arrived and in the bank. We are ready to put it all together. We have completed the Ampitheater. We are getting the curtain made. A foam stage pad is needed, if you know of a location where we can purchase one let the committee know.

The stadium seat is almost completed. With a great team we had time to complete one deck; we have two more to do.

Lions, with such love in the hearts of the committee we just want to thank all of you for your service and donation to our district project.

The following Lions are serving on this committee. IPDG Walt, Gov Anthony, 1st VDG Craig, 2nd VDG Al, Lion David Beeman, Lion Manuel, Lion Mary Andrade, Lion Joy, Lion Jim Witherspoon, Lion Bob Casas, PDG Judy. Please feel free to contact anyone of us with any question you may have on our district project. We cannot do it without you. Hope to see all of you Memorial Day Work Weekend.

PDG Judy Arribere/Wooley

It was a sad day as we drove away from Bearskin Meadows, but knowing how much progress has been made really made it a bit easier to bear (no pun intended)! This has been a very busy season for all of the Bearskin Meadows Committee and also for all the wonderful folks; both Lions, Leos, Friends, and the many other helpers that have come up to Bearskin Meadows just to “see it for themselves” and then became avid supporters. Many of the projects will be ongoing at the camp, but some of them will be a onetime build, but with the necessary periodical update and upkeep that will keep them safe and ready for the many campers and their family members.

This season has seen the Ampitheatre and Main Stage redone. The old stage completely collapsed and one of our members, 1stDG Craig Cooper was called to help out. He quickly went down to the lumber yard and purchased some large sheets of plywood and headed up the hill to the rescue! After putting the plywood over the damaged stage area, the Stage was once again useable and the talent shows that are regularly performed on that stage were able to resume once again. That all happened at the end of the previous camping season in 2013, when we started going up to the camp at the beginning of this Spring, we had to quickly assess what immediate needs we would be working on this year. We felt that the Amphitheatre (the seating area that faces the stage) was very important and also the stage had to be completely torn down and redone. So, throughout the Spring and early Summer we have been going up to the camp and working on those projects. By the end of the Summer we have completely redone the Stage and also the Ampitheatre seating area, and completely resurfaced some of the sleeping platforms. Manuel Andrade, Jim Witherspoon, Craig Cooper, and the many Leo helpers and other willing workers who have given of their time and talent to make this season a huge success are to be congratulated!

Lion Joy Blanchard

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On June 27 the Porterville Breakfast hosted their installation dinner with 46 members and guest present. The installation officer was DG Walt Juarez. the pictures are, first, the officers for 14-15 and DG Walt installing the new president Donnie Moore.

Bearskin Meadows Pictures



I picked these four photos because they show two of our biggest and most difficult projects that we have all been working on this season. The first one shows the fabulous teamwork that was required to get the final beam placed over the stage area and all the “manpower” that worked cooperatively to get it raised into place. Included in this photo are our DG Anthony Martinez, 1st Vice DG Craig Cooper, 2nd Vice DG Al Kroell, James Walker, who is holding the end of the beam is the new fulltime Camp Caretaker. There are also some Leos and Lions Victoria and Martin (who are IPDG’s Daughter and Son-in-Law). Lion Kent Woolley who had come up with PDG Judy to help wherever they were needed. The next photo shows the finished stage and ramp area with the fantastic “Lions District 4-A2 LCIF Project” logo that frames the stage area and it also has our wonderful Lions Club International Logo at both ends and a flag flying in the center. The next photo shows Lions Manuel Andrade and Jim Witherspoon, and some volunteers helpers working hard to finish the Ampitheatre seating area. In the background surrounding the seating area is the amazing “rock wall and seating area” that Manuel Andrade built using only rocks and slabs of stone from the Bearskin Meadows Camp area and grounds. It is truly a “masterpiece of workmanship”! The final photo on the far right shows the completed Amphitheatre with some of the many wonderful volunteers that came up on Labor Day Weekend to work on the projects. In the front row to the right is 1st VDG Craig Cooper and wife Lion Christie Cooper



who both also worked very hard on the projects. Thanks, Lion Jim, for your help and patience on this endeavor... hopefully it will get easier next time!

Sincerely,
Lion Joy Witherspoon

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Local
organizations.

Larry Dicus International Director



Dear Lion Jim

After returning last month from the Lions Clubs International Convention in Toronto, Canada and heading into our second year as your International Director, I would like to take a minute to share an update with you. Again, Jane and I are honored to be representing California Lions at the LCI Board of Director level. We are very proud of the outstanding service Lions in California continue to provide - services and projects for our communities, the addition of 16 new clubs last year and improving membership growth. Congratulations!

As reported in the recent MD4 Leader Newsletter we participated in 15 Lions conventions and conferences in 15 states, met with congressional leaders in Washington DC, and attended three LCI Board meetings (Australia, San Diego and Toronto) during our first year.

As we travel, we continue to be impressed with Lions club members commitment to their communities everywhere - Lions with big hearts - working together to make their communities better. I post pictures of these projects on my Facebook page in an effort to show the great work being done. We continue to witness unique and impressive projects. I have listed a few below:

Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind - providing job training and jobs for sight impaired.

Louisiana Lions Camp for children with Mental and Physical Challenges, Diabetes and Pulmonary Disorders - providing a positive camping experience

Westmoreland County Blind Association (in western Pennsylvania) - providing job opportunities for sight impaired.

KidSight Screenings - (Iowa, Colorado, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and more) - Lions conducting on-location sight screenings for pre-school children.

Demolition Derby - New Alexandria Lions (Pennsylvania) - The New Alexandria Lions Club conducts a 'Demolition Derby' for their area and they raise nearly \$60,000 for their community and surrounding areas.

'Reality Tours' - Norwin Lions (Pennsylvania) - an innovative parent & child drug prevention program. The Reality Tour is an evening program for children age 10+, who must be accompanied by their parent, where they are provided the tools needed to reduce the risk of substance abuse within the family.

We also share our unique and valuable California Lions projects with Lions during our visits, including our Lions Float Program, our Student Speaker Program, our California Lions Friends in Sight program, our Special Olympics clubs successes, and many more.

During the International Convention in Toronto, LCI introduced our upcoming Centennial Celebration theme. As you know, we will turn 100 years young in 2017, and July 2014 is the start of a 3-year celebration. The theme for our Centennial is 'Where there is a need, there is a Lion!'

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A Centennial Service Challenge was issued by the Board of Directors encouraging Lions to provide 100 Million Acts of Service during our 3-year centennial celebration, positively impacting 100 million people during this celebration!

Lions clubs are asked to report these service activities and focus efforts on our four global service action campaigns:

- August - Engaging our Youth
- October - Sharing the Vision
- December/January - Relieving the Hunger
- April - Protecting our Environment

These action campaigns are linked to the LCI website.

In preparation for our centennial, International President Joe Preston has chosen for his theme 'Strengthen the Pride'.

He is asking clubs to Strengthen your Membership through the 'Ask One' campaign, where each Lion is encouraged to ask at least one friend or associate to join us - You know their heart - if they have a heart of a Lion!

He is asking club officers and members to Strengthen Your Club, to review your projects, conduct a Community Assessment, survey community leaders, be visible and look for new Service Opportunities.

He is asking club officers and members to Review your club Operations, to have a Leadership development plan, to utilize LCI on-line training and your District Global Leadership Team, to give opportunities to newer members, to review the Club Excellence Program , and strive to meet the criteria for the Club Excellence Award.

And, finally - Strengthen your Service! Again, embrace the LCI 'Three Year Centennial Service Challenge' as outlined above, and I would encourage you to get everyone involved in your club activities.

Jane and I were privileged to attend the District Governor Elect Graduation Banquet in Toronto and the energy and enthusiasm in the room was amazing! Having graduated, the California District Governors are charged and ready to lead California Lions to an outstanding year!

Jane and I will continue to fulfill our role by speaking and encouraging Lions in districts in the U.S. and Canada this year. As before, when we discover projects of interest I will post pictures and information on my Facebook page.

Again, thank you for the privilege of representing all California Lions. As always, please feel free to contact me if I can assist in any way.

Yours in Service

Larry Dicus

International Director

Multiple District Four
California



District 4-A2 Governor Anthony Martinez