



# “ROAR OF THE LION”

## District Governor Dean Church

Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos;

We hope everyone had a tremendous Thanksgiving Holiday and took the opportunity to spend some quality time with your friends and family. We all have reasons to be thankful but we do not always take the time to share our thanks with others.

We want to support all of International President, Wayne Madden's, programs as well as LCIF's request for financial assistance for the Sandy disaster victims. All Sandy donations can be used for future Melvin Jones Fellowships by clubs or as an individual. Please let PDG Vicki, District LCIF Coordinator, of your donations so she can track our district participation. Some of the other MD-4 Districts have reported donation amounts exceeding \$7000. As a reminder some of the projects this year that we need to give attention to are Diabetes Awareness, One Shot One Life, Literacy, our Leos, etc., let's do our part.

You may have heard that we had a lot of fun at the District Meeting in Three Rivers, the stories are true, we did. I understand that the Big Bad Wolf's date was Little Red Riding Hood. By the way, has anyone seen Little Red since the meeting? Lion Mary Andrade and her crew did a tremendous job with the arrangements, decorations, food, etc and the setting could not have been better. Lion Mary, you and your team are greatly appreciated for all the things that you do.

The many subjects covered on Saturday were: the 2011-2012 Budget Audit, 2013-2014 Budget Proposal, District Visitation Contest, Peace Poster Contest, MD-4 Student Speaker Foundation, LCIF Programs, Ear of the Lion, Canine Companions, District Leo Programs, Pull Tabs Contest, 2012-2013 District Convention, etc.

Attendance was less than anticipated, we were expecting more support from the clubs closest to the event. You miss a lot when you don't attend the district meetings, consider attending future events and meetings. Our newest club, Bakersfield Donghae was there with four members and our 2nd Vice District Governor has told me at least fifty times that the Parlier Club had the most members in attendance. We offer our thanks to all the clubs who attended and participated in the meeting. Our next meeting will be in Dinuba on February 22-23, 2013. The theme will be Hawaiian which is always fun (you may see dancers and a hula contest?). The Dinuba Club is planning a steak dinner for Friday night and Mediterranean Chicken for lunch on Saturday. The registration is included with this newsletter, please complete and submit your registration **Early**.

Our out of town guests were 2nd VDG Karen Fillmore(4--C6); 1st VDG Larry Donohue (4-L3) and DG Tony Manuel (4-A3) who shared their wisdom and wishes for our success.

We have completed the fifth month of our 2012-2013 Governor year. We have had some tremendous successes and I greatly appreciate the effort that you all have put forth that created our positive results. We began the year as the number 1 District in MD-4 (California) for membership development. At the end of the first quarter (September 30th) we had fallen to 2nd and remained 2nd at the end of October. Membership continues to be one of our major challenges and a number of our clubs have stepped to the plate and hit some homeruns. Our Membership Development leaders at the end of October are as follows:

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Lions  
District  
4-A2  
3rd Quarter  
2012-2013



Register  
NOW!  
2012-2013

3rd Cabinet  
Meeting  
& Golf  
Dinuba  
2/22 &  
23/2013

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<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Net Gain</u>
Reedley	12
Fresno Diwata	9
Coalinga	9
Woodlake	7
Corcoran	5
Lamont	4
Porterville Breakfast	4



East Bakersfield, Fresno Host, Visalia Charter Oaks, Visalia Sequoia and Visalia Sunset all have gained 3 members each. Hanford Breakfast, Orange Cove, Selma Central Valley and Visalia Breakfast have gained 2 members. The following clubs are positive one member Lem-oore, McFarland, and SanJoaquin/Tranquility. We have 28 clubs that are reporting no change year to date and 15 others reporting net losses. If every club could reach the 10% gain challenge, it would produce a net gain of 193 members which would bring our total to 2129 members. Remember, **if we think we can, are determined to do so and stay on track, I believe we will succeed.**

The membership development leaders at the end of the first quarter Reedley, Coaling and Fresno Diwata were awarded the membership medallion for their efforts. Corcoran leads the District with 5 new member recorded during the first two months of the second quarter. There is still time to move your club up the ladder and earn your membership medalion.

It has been a pleasurable experience visiting our clubs, the Lions “We Serve” philosophy is evident in every club. As of the date of this writing, we have visited 42 clubs. We are hopeful that we will see most of the remaining 20 clubs by mid January which will offer us the opportunity to concentrate on our clubs that are in need of assistance with their membership challenges. The information that I review prior to visiting a club is membership development history, reporting history, club member rosters for e-mail addresses, etc. We have clubs that report monthly and timely; some that report membership numbers once annually and send no activity reports. It would be nice to see every club report both their member numbers and activities monthly. Reporting is the best way to communicate the status of your club and your successes. We have some clubs with only one e-mail listed, which means that we have clubs that **will only receive one newsletter**. Is it fair to our members to not allow them the opportunity to receive this publication? Lions Club Presidents/Secretaries, please print the “Club Roster with Addresses” take it to your meetings and/or events and have each member review their data for accuracy and have them provide their e-mail address.

Some of our club visitation attendees included Lion helpers and potential members. We have been successful converting potential Lions to members during visitation meetings. Please consider inviting individuals that you think would be an asset to your club and we may be helpful with your recruiting efforts.

The Convention registration is also included, we are going to Cambria. Plan for the “Food Fest” Friday night bring your club members with their best dish and take the crown from last year’s winner. Make your reservations at the hotel early and send your registration form in as soon as possible so we can make the necessary plans to accommodate all attendees.

Thanks for being Lions and all the humanitarian things that you do for your respective communities. It is a real pleasure working with you all.

In Lionism;

Dean Church, District Governor

You are cordially invited to a  
**Club Presidents Meeting**  
with  
**INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**  
**Wayne A. Madden**



*“In a World of Service”*

***Monday, December 31, 2012***

Doubletree Hotel  
888 Montebello Blvd.  
Rosemead, CA

***Meeting 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.***  
*(Refreshments served 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.)*

- *No Cost* -

**RSVP Must be Received by**  
**December 21, 2012**

\*\*\* It's suggested you invite a club officer to join you \*\*\*  
(No other substitute allowed)

Contact: 4-L2 CS Nancy McAfee  
cs4l2@msn.com or cell (562)810-1841

Be sure to bring your camera!



Past International President  
Kay K. Fukushima

Dear Governors,

With great sadness I write to tell you that PIP Kay passed away yesterday afternoon. He was a leader among leaders and so very passionate about our organization and our Lions. We have lost a great Lion.

At this time we are requesting no calls to Denise, but please keep she and their family in your prayers as they struggle with their loss.

As information becomes available about PIP Kay’s memorial service I will get that information out to you. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yours in Lionism,

Liz

Elizabeth “Liz” Croke

Council Chair, MD4

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When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another.

Helen Keller

# Fast Train to Service’



## Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**



Dear Lion,

Earlier this month, the Caribbean and the East Coast of the United States were hit by Superstorm Sandy. I was saddened and deeply concerned when I heard of the storm's impact, but I also knew that Lions would be there to help. Not only are Lions on the ground, supporting each other and people in the affected communities, but Lions around the world are generously providing donations to the disaster relief fund at Lions Clubs International Foundation. It is because of the disaster relief fund that LCIF could quickly respond to Superstorm Sandy, mobilizing US\$220,000 in grants for those in need. Lions were immediately able to put provided funds to use, delivering food, water, blankets and flashlights to those affected by the storm. Your donations to the disaster relief fund are MIF eligible and will support Superstorm Sandy victims in the coming weeks, unless a disaster of similar scope and scale requires Lions' immediate response.

In addition to disaster relief, Lions are able to make an impact in many other areas of service. Just look at our efforts to eliminate measles. We not only met the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's challenge to raise US\$10 million for measles, we have exceeded it! This means even more children will be vaccinated, saving them from the harmful effects of measles. Congratulations, and thank you for your efforts. LCIF is working with the Measles Initiative and Gates Foundation to plan for the future.

I am inspired by all that Lions have accomplished through our Foundation. Together we save sight, provide disaster relief, support youth and meet humanitarian needs worldwide. Together we make a difference in millions of lives.

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam

Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



District Governor  
Dean Church  
&  
IT Chair Jim Copner

Congratulate & Thank the clubs &  
their Secretaries for providing email  
addresses of their members.

## LCI MEMBERSHIP 4A2 WITH EMAILS

Members with email address	829
Total membership	1967
% of members with email	0.421



Dear Lion,

We had a very successful Peace Poster Contest here in Santa Barbara on Saturday, December 8th, 2012. The winning poster is from 4-L1 with Honorable mention to 4-C6 and 4-L6.

<http://www.facebook.com/cal.lionsoffice>

Lions: CC Liz Crooke, PDG Howard and Lynn Hudson, PDG Chuck Cassy, PDG Henrietta Paracha, PDG Virgil Tolentino, myself and Judges: City Councilperson/Spiritual leader Frank Hotchkiss, photographer Clovis Johnson IV and Editor Michael Todd, one judge couldn't make it.

Congratulations to all the artists.

Cass Cara

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Greetings fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos.

Lion Rebecca and I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season and wish you good health and happiness this coming year. During the first six months of my term as First Vice District Governor, I have had the privilege of visiting many of our Lion Clubs in our District and other Districts as well. During my visitations, I am truly amazed to discover how our clubs are actively raising money for those in need in their communities, our nation and around the world. I am proud that our District supported the worldwide campaign to eradicate Measles worldwide and also the support our District gave in the relief effort for the East Coast due to hurricane Sandy and the devastation that left so many people homeless and their worlds turned upside down.

After several years of being our District Directory Editor, Lion Jim Copner has resigned as the Directory Editor effective this year. I want to thank Lion Jim for his many years and hours of hard work, and making our District Directory one of the best, his expertise will be truly missed. Thankfully, Lion Jim will continue on as our District Webmaster. At this time I would like to introduce to you this years Co- Editor of our District Directory my Step Daughter Victoria Bacho. With Victoria's assistance, I will assume the duties and responsibilities of producing next years District Directory. Lion Shirley Welch has agreed to continue her volunteer efforts in selling advertisements for our District Directory. For those of you who do not know these advertisements pay for the printing costs for our Directory so there is no out of pocket money spent by the District for the printing of our Directory. One of the main frustrations in producing a Directory is getting the necessary updated information on newly elected Club Officers, Club meeting locations and other vital information about your clubs in a timely manner. I am asking the club secretaries to please send your updated PU 101's as soon as this information comes available to you. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Next years District Officers Training will be conducted at the Visalia Learning Center next to the Visalia Unified School District complex in Visalia. I have reserved the Learning Center for Saturday June 8, 2013. Several of our Past District Governor's have already agreed to provide training for our new leaders and I will be reaching out to the remaining Past District Governors to help provide the needed training. Past District Governor Jim Bartleson and myself will be coordinating this training. More information will be provided in the next Newsletter.

We recently lost a great leader. 2002-2003 Past International President Kay K. Fukushima of District C-5 of Sacramento passed away on Friday November 30, 2012. Those of us who knew President Kay will remember him as a great leader and a visionary. President Fukushima was this years MD4 Convention Chairman to be held in Sacramento February 2013. President Kay's main priority for the MD4 Convention was for us Lions to come to the Convention and just have fun. May he Rest in Peace.

I look forward to seeing many of you during Governor Dean's visitations and supporting his Membership Drive to increase our membership in our District and I hope to see you all in February at our 2nd Cabinet meeting in Dinuba.

Walt Juarez

First Vice District Governor 4-A2

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## Anthony Martinez 2nd VDG

Hello Lions, Lionesses and Leos,

Can you believe the Lion year is half over already? This year has gone by so quickly. I am having fun meeting and talking with Lions, old and new, and watching Governor Dean diligently continue his efforts in recruitment. The District keeps getting praise at Council of Governors meetings and much of that is attributed to our membership growth.



I want to begin by thanking Lion Mary Andrade and her family for all their hard work at a great cabinet meeting in Three Rivers. I had a guest join me for the event, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Karen Fillmore, 4-C6; she picked up some ideas to take back to her District and had a lot of fun attending the 2-day event. She has a home in Three Rivers so it was more like I was a guest in her town. She did thank me for her opportunity to judge the Halloween costume contest on Friday night. Speaking of the costume contest, congratulations to Lions Susan and Abel, from the Central Valley Lioness Lions Club for winning the competition. There was lots of fun and good information presented at the cabinet meeting, I encourage all Lions to attend and see what they are all about.

I recently returned from Ensenada, Mexico where I visited the Ensenada Lions Club, along with the rest of the Operation Friendship Committee, and we planned the visitation to Ensenada for next March. We will be visiting a different school site this year, a small grade school in La Mission, approximately 30 minutes north of Ensenada. The monies collected at last year's visitation are currently being used to remodel a condemned classroom at the school site. The Ensenada Lions hope to have the room completed by our visit. The dates for the upcoming visitation are March 21-24, 2013.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both the Fresno Unlimited Lions and my home club, the Parlier Lions, for being selected as finalists in the Multiple District Academy Awards of Lionism. The winners in each Academy Award category will be announced during the upcoming MD-4 Convention in Sacramento in February 2013. I have never been to the Academy Awards ceremony, but I am confident both of our District's finalists will do well.

I want to end my article with some reflection on a great Lion we lost recently, Past International President Kay K. Fukushima. I knew he was sick and knew it was serious, but I was shocked when I learned of his death. What I do know is he was surrounded by his family in his living room at home when he passed, I guess we can't ask for much more than that. I met Kay at the International Convention in Hawaii. We spoke a little while and he told me I had "great energy" about Lions. This past summer, 12 years later, we got a chance to talk after dinner. I began by saying, "you probably don't remember me, we met years ago in Hawaii" and he smiled and touched my chest and said, "Great energy Anthony." The man's memory for people was amazing; he was also a great motivator. He told me how much he expects me to impact the District, no pressure right, coming from a PIP. I hope to live up to his expectations. Kay was a great man, a great Lion and his passing is a huge loss to Lionism.

Let me close by reminding everyone that the holiday season has arrived. Thanksgiving has come and gone, and all the events and activities that surround Christmas and New Years are upon us. Let us all take a moment to simply slow things down, reflect on the blessings we each have been given and tell our family and friends how much we love and appreciate them. Thank you Lions, Lionesses and Leos for all you do.

Semper Fidelis,

Lion Anthony





*Register for*  
**3rd District Cabinet Meeting**  
*in Dinuba, Ca.*  
**February 22-23, 2013**  
*Hosted by*  
**Dinuba Lions Club**

**Celebrating 56 Years of Lions District 4-A2**

**You are invited to join District Governor Dean Church and his cabinet at our 3rd District 4-A2 Cabinet Meeting to be held at the Dinuba Memorial Hall, 249 S. Alta Ave, Dinuba, CA. 93618**

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					
<b>NOTE: EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST PAY REGISTRATION FEE (INCLUDES TRADING PIN)</b>					
<b>REGISTRATION ONLY:</b>		<b>LIONS &amp; GUESTS REGISTRATION \$10.00</b>		<b>LEO REGISTRATION \$10.00</b>	
<b>PACKAGE PLAN:</b> INCLUDES: REGISTRATION, TRADING PIN, FRIDAY DINNER AND SATURDAY LUNCH			<b>POST MARKED BEFORE February 8th</b>	<b>POST MARKED AFTER February 8th</b>	\$
			<b>\$39.00</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>	\$
<b>FRIDAY Dinner 7 PM</b>	Steak Dinner with the works	HAWAIIAN THEME	<b>\$19.00</b>	<b>22.00</b>	\$
<b>SATURDAY Breakfast</b>	Breakfast is on your own.	DRESS CABINET UNIFORM LIONS CASUAL			
<b>SATURDAY Lunch 12 PM</b>	Mediterranean Chicken	DRESS CABINET UNIFORM LIONS CASUAL	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>	
<b>EXTRAS:</b> EXTRA TRADING PINS (Each)				<b>\$3.00 EA</b>	\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT:</b> INCLUDING: REGISTRATION					\$

PDG Meeting 5:00 PM Friday  
 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**

Holiday Inn Express  
 375 S. Alto Ave., Dinuba, CA 93618  
 559-595-1500

*"Mention that you are with the Lions District 4-A2"*  
 Make Your Reservations Directly with Hotel



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## *District 4A2 Lions 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting Golf Tourney*

**WHERE:** Ridge Creek Golf Club  
 3018 Ridge Creek Drive, Dinuba  
**TELEPHONE:** 559-591-7060  
**WHEN:** 10 AM Friday, February 22, 2012  
**FEE:** \$50 and includes Golf Cart, practice balls  
**DEADLINE:** February 15, 2012 – (Golf Course requires a guarantee)



**FORMAT:** 4 Man Scramble Hole #14

#	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: wbdiltz@yahoo.com**



**Ridge Creek is a beautiful course built to challenge any golfer. The game is scramble so everyone has fun. Also a great place to bring a friend and introduce them to Lions!**

**The District Cabinet meetings will be held at the Veterans Memorial Hall and the Holiday Inn Express is nearby. Come join in the fun.**



## “ROAR OF THE LION”

### 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



Make Checks Payable to:  
**District 4-A2**

Mail your contributions to:  
Lion Jan Beatty-Taylor  
4-A2 Treasurer  
710 North Vista  
Visalia, CA 93292



*Fun In The Sun at Beautiful Cambria...  
Members and Officers Welcome!*

**Register for  
2012-2013 District 4-A2 Convention  
in Cambria, Ca.  
May 3-5, 2013**

**Celebrating 56 Years of Lions District 4-A2**

**You are invited to join District Governor Dean Church and his cabinet at our Annual District 4-A2 Convention to be held at the Cambria Veterans Memorial Building, 1000 Main Street, Cambria, CA. 93428**

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NAME OF GUESTS OR OTHER LIONS					
<b>NOTE: EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST PAY REGISTRATION FEE (INCLUDES TRADING PIN)</b>					
<b>REGISTRATION ONLY:</b>		Prior to Apr 10th—\$20.00		After Apr 10th—\$25.00	
<b>PACKAGE PLAN:</b> INCLUDES: REGISTRATION, TRADING PIN, SATURDAY LUNCH, SATURDAY DINNER, AND SUNDAY BREAK-FAST			<b>POST MARKED BEFORE April 10th</b>	<b>POST MARKED AFTER April 10th</b>	\$
			<b>\$95.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	\$
<b>FRIDAY Dinner</b>	International Food Faire at Headquarters Hotel	Dress Western Style Casual	<b>N/C</b>	<b>N/C</b>	\$
<b>SATURDAY Breakfast</b>	Breakfast is on your own.				
<b>SATURDAY Lunch</b>	Lunch Croissant Sandwich	DRESS CABINET UNIFORM LIONS CASUAL	<b>\$15.00</b>		\$
<b>SATURDAY Dinner</b>	(Circle Your Choice): Beef Bourguignon Chicken Cordon Blue	FORMAL ATTIRE, BLACK TIE, WHITE JACKET	<b>\$45.00</b>		\$
<b>SUNDAY Breakfast</b>	Quiche, Fruit, Pastries	DRESS CABINET UNIFORM LIONS CASUAL	<b>\$15.00</b>		\$
<b>EXTRAS:</b> EXTRA TRADING PINS (Each)				<b>\$3.00 EA</b>	\$
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**HEADQUARTERS HOTEL**

**San Simeon Pines Resort  
7200 Moonstone Beach Dr. Cambria, CA 93428  
Rate: \$95—\$150  
Tel: (866) 927-4648 REF#B0614300N  
Alternative Hotel: Bluebird Motel  
(Reference Central Valley Lions when booking)  
1880 Main Street, Cambria, CA 93428  
(805) 927-4634 Rate: \$78-\$111  
Make Your Reservations Directly with Hotels Prior to April 3rd**

# Fast Train to Service”

From the District 4-A2 Cabinet Secretary:

Again, greetings to all the Lions of District 4-A2! Can't believe we are approaching the halfway point for the Lion Year 2012-2013. I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and will have a joyous Christmas Season. We always need to remind ourselves of how fortunate we are to live in this great country and the many freedoms we have been blessed with.



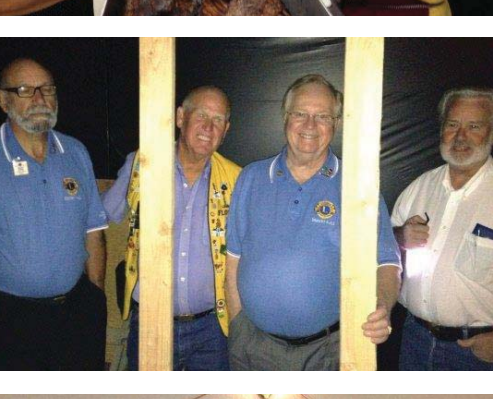
I sincerely hope that all our clubs are active in our communities during this season of giving, providing food and gifts to those who are the most needy. It is a great way to show everyone what it really means to be a Lion and live up to our motto of We Serve. I know that it is personally rewarding to be able to provide our communities with the resources to help those families in need.

I would like to update the District on where we stand in our goal to increase our membership. From the reports I ran on the LCI web site we are still in positive growth numbers but we are seeing the gains being slowly erased by dropped Lions and those Lions who have passed away since July 1, 2012. Overall, as of 12/07/2012, the District has gained 107 new members, and lost members through drops (73) and deceased (9) for a net gain of 25. As you can see, we do not have a lot of room before we start on a negative trend. I would encourage each of the clubs to renew efforts to recruit new members as the New Year rolls around. There are a lot of potential Lions out there just waiting to be asked!

Our third Cabinet Meeting will be held in Dinuba, Ca. on February 22-23, 2013. 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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## CORRECTION ON DATES FOR OPERATION FRIENDSHIP

In the last District Newsletter, I submitted an article for Operation Friendship, Hands Across the Border, our annual visitation to Ensenada, Mexico. The correct dates for next year’s visitation are March 21-24. Sorry for any confusion.

The Pin Design competition closed last week. There were many submissions and the winner of the free registration package will be announced at the next cabinet meeting in Dinuba.

One last thing, the theme for next year’s visitation is a Sports Night. On Saturday evening, all in attendance will be asked to wear a team sports jersey to the dinner dance.

It is time to prepare your checklist:

Passport: check

Visitation Registration: check

Team jersey: check

Get ready for an unforgettable experience with fellow Lions in Ensenada, Mexico: check, check, check!!!



## Pic info:

**NEW SCHOOL SITE:** Lions Willie Rodriguez and Anthony Martinez stand beside the sign outside the school entrance to the grade school in La Mission, Mexico. This is the site for next year’s visitation. Grade school students will be receiving school supplies, eye exams and dental cleanings, all part of the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Operation Friendship Visitation



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### LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

At our November District meeting, I had accepted donations for LCIF. On just that one day, I collected almost \$200. That was a good start. I will have to decide on what is collected in November, plus what I receive at our February meeting, and any donations made in club visits. I am sure it will not be enough for a Melvin Jones to be presented at the District Convention. I will either just have that amount sent to LCIF, or add to it next year until enough is collected for Melvin Jones Fellowship. I do thank all those who made a donation in November.

Lions in our District continue to be generous to LCIF, with donations to the Disaster Relief Fund. Lions in our District wanted to be sure their donations went specifically for Hurricane Sandy relief, so they designated their giving for that (even though that doesn't count for a MJF. Sorry, that is the way the LCI board set that up). Donations to the Disaster Relief Fund are always MJF eligible. It is from that fund that grants come from, such as those still being given for Hurricane Sandy relief.

Please don't forget, one-hundred percent of every dollar donated to LCIF goes to someone in need; all administrative costs are paid through interest earned on investments. Also, Melvin Jones Fellowships can be paid in installments. There are clubs in our District that have undesignated monies that can be given as a MJF. Or, money can be added to what is already there so a Melvin Jones can be given. If you aren't sure if you have undesignated money amounts, and I haven't contacted you about it, please get in touch with me.

I had hoped to be visiting clubs for LCIF. Unfortunately, this time of the year is a busy time, plus there is always a chance of fog. If asked, I will do my best to make a visit. If the time of the year doesn't work well, then as soon as I can.

Again, please contact me if you would like a program.

PDG Vicki Beeman

[lion90vicki@yahoo.com](mailto:lion90vicki@yahoo.com)

559-584-2911 (home) or 559-212-5016 (cell)



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Officer Training  
June 8, 2013  
in Visalia for:  
Presidents  
Secretaries  
Leo Advisors  
Guiding Lions  
Region & Zone  
Chairs



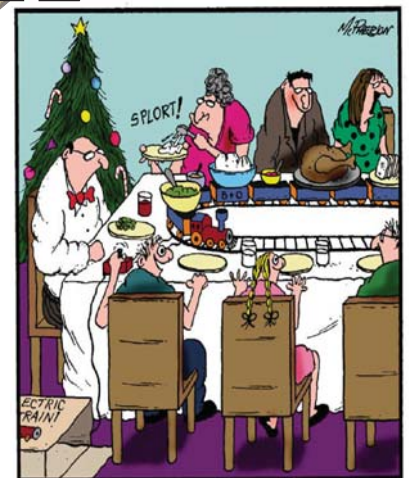
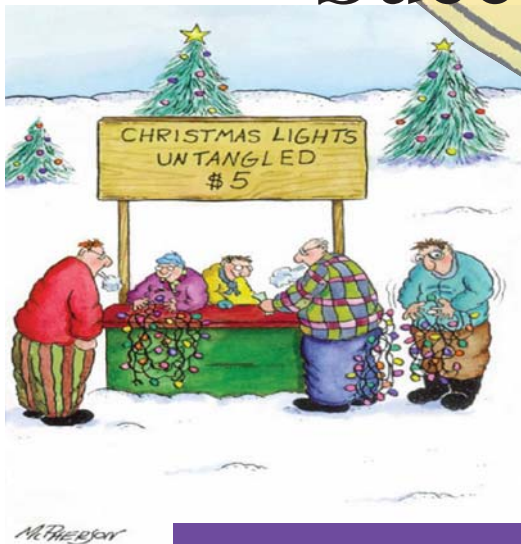


"Don't look at me! I don't have the slightest idea how they got out there!"



"To discourage anybody from shaking the gifts one of those boxes has been filled with hornets. Yep, I hate to think what those hornets might do if anybody shook their box."

Have A Very Merry Christmas 2012  
 & A Very Happy New Year 2013  
 District 4-A2 Lions  
 Thanks for a  
 Successful Year 2012



The Lampleys discovered a simple way to pass the food during Christmas dinner.

## 2nd Cabinet Meeting





# “ROAR OF THE LION”

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for International Director



Summer is almost over and October is here! It is hard to believe that the International Lions Convention in Hamburg, Germany is only 9 months away. My campaign for International Director has continued throughout the summer. Jane and I were able to get away and enjoy time with family and friends. As many of you may have heard, I had surgery in late August and have recovered well. Thank you to many of you for your prayers and well wishes. Jane and I are ready for a busy fall schedule!

Our campaign kick-off fundraiser on September 23rd was a great success! It was graciously hosted by District L3 and the Los Angeles New Millennium Lions Club. Lions from 4 districts enjoyed fresh fish caught by Lion 4-L3 leaders and the Korean BBQ provided by District Governor Michael Gill. As our campaign for election to the Lions International Board picks of steam toward the LCI convention next July, we are planning several opportunities to meet Lions at events throughout California. Jane and I will be attending the October Council of Governors meeting in Fairfield and look forward to visiting with MD4 Lion leaders there.

Lion Vince Peraino of Merced Lions has provided a beautiful Blue Topaz and Diamond ring (\$3,000 value!) to our campaign to help us raise funds. It is made of 14K Gold with over 1.8 carat total weight of Diamonds surrounding a Blue Topaz gemstone. Raffle tickets have been distributed to District Coordinators in each District. Ticket are priced at 1 for \$5.00, 3 for \$10.00 and 8 for \$20.00. Ring tickets can also be ordered on my website or by emailing Lion Ron Copley. The drawing will be conducted on February 10, 2013 at the MD4 Convention.

In addition to events and the raffle, Lion Past International Director Bill Crawford, our Campaign Chair, has suggested a unique and easily achievable way for Lions clubs to participate and support my campaign. He will be leading an effort to encourage each California Lions Club to contribute \$100 to the campaign fund. This will enable us to host receptions and conduct an effective campaign. We hope many California Lions will be able to visit our hospitality room during the MD4 Convention in Sacramento and participate in our campaign activities in Hamburg!

Again, Jane and I are grateful for the honor of being your MD4 endorsed ID candidate next year. I'd love to hear from you. You may call me, send me an email, or contact me through my website.

Yours in Service,

Larry Dicus

Endorsed ID Candidate, MD4

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Dean Church  
and all new officers**



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Best Wishes for a  
Very Successful Year!**

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