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DISTRICT 4-A2

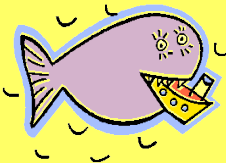
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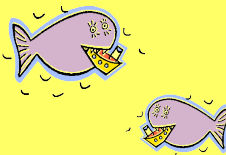
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REGISTER



FOR CAYUCOS

4-A2 Convention



May 1 - 3



REGISTER NOW!

Your Governor

Betty Morris



From Your Governor

A lot has happened on our journey together and we still are finished yet. I have just a few more clubs to visit and our convention is approaching. I can't express in words how much this year has meant to me and how much I have enjoyed getting to know more of you on a first name basis. The clubs that make up 4-A2 are filled with wonderful, dedicated Lions who are tirelessly working to make their communities better places and Lions Club International stronger. The amount of money raised to help people and projects is amazing.

There is exciting and not so exciting news to share, so I will start with the exciting. The new club in Taft is nearing its charter night and new members are being inducted in lots and lots of our clubs. There will soon be two new LEO clubs forming, one in Fresno and the other in Visalia. However the not so exciting is that we are still down 100 members from last year. I sincerely hope that we will end the year with that number being a lot smaller. Just a note for you to think about, when someone drops, please take a few minutes and do an exit interview. The form is on the International Web Page.

I hope you all are making plans to attend the Convention on May 1 - 3, 2009 at Cayucos. It is going to be fun, informative and festive, so get those reservations in as soon as possible.



The district student speaker contest will be on Saturday afternoon and we need your support for these dedicated students who will be competing for the next level, which is \$4,500.00 in scholarship money. The Friday night sock hop will be loads of fun and if you don't already have some, please shop for some wild and zany socks to wear. We will cap off the night down on the beach with a bon fire and roasted marshmallows. I have been asked if there are any talented guitar players to come prepared to share your talent so we can sing some new and old favorites as we enjoy the sight and smells of the ocean. Saturday will definitely be a full day with a cabinet meeting, student speaker contest, voting and then the prom that night. Sunday will be an exciting time to hear the results of the election and enjoy breakfast together. For more information on the convention, please check the web page or the inserts that are provided in this newsletter.



We raised \$11,646.50 for Cous Cous, \$8,706.50 since July and *Cat Haven* has received the money and for all those individuals and clubs that contributed I want to say a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU**. It may have taken us a little longer than we had initially thought, but we were able to make and keep our commitment to the project.

I want to encourage each of you to keep up the good work you are doing in your clubs and communities. I recently read some interesting data on volunteering and I would like to share it with all of you.

“By volunteering, donating, or helping others more regularly, you can improve the lives of others while also reaping some personal benefits of your own. Adults who volunteer and engage in more hours of volunteering report higher levels of well-being. Empirical evidence also suggests that volunteering can help combat depression and decrease stress levels. Our sense of self-worth, nobility, hope, spirit, and resiliency are all nurtured by demonstrating acts of selflessness. By helping others to live well, you are helping yourself do the same.”

So isn't it wonderful, by being a volunteer and giving back, you will be not only a dedicated Lion but a happier and healthier individual. As your leader for 2008-2009, I am so very proud of District 4A-2.



Governor Betty Morris
2008-2009 District 4-A2 Governor



MESSAGE FROM YOUR VDG & SECRETARY

FROM VICE-DISTRICT GOVERNOR

This weekend I go to Palmdale for a L1 Cabinet meeting. It is interesting the different types of formats each District uses. Ensenada is next week, with a full bus and an entertaining time ahead. I am looking at one day cabinet meetings next year, starting in Visalia the last weekend in August. This will minimize the cost, which many Lions have commented about. The cost of registration and lunch with a coffee break will be minimal. I am attempting to arrange for a meeting place for Friday evening for the Lions who



come early to socialize. With Friday eve. Meal & entertainment on your own, the cost will depend on your wishes.

It is time for all club officer elections to be completed. Please complete the PU 101 on the LCI website as soon as possible – by the end of April. The district directory information will be downloaded from this site. If the information is not correct, it will be difficult to use the directory to contact clubs. Most clubs already know who their president & secretary will be. In checking for information on one club on the LCI web site, I noticed that they had not filed since June 2008. If this information is not sent monthly, it causes LCI, the district and the individual clubs problems, so PLEASE file those monthly reports.

The Taft Cabinet meeting was a success, the cheerleaders were inspiring (or something). Lots of good reports – membership is up, but still less than last year. The more Lions in the district, the better the budget & fellowship. Cabinet meetings can be informational & entertaining with time to network with other clubs. Plan on attending.

Lion Jim Bartleson, VDG

FROM CABINET SECRETARY



Dear Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leo's, during this year serving as your cabinet secretary, I have been blessed to see miracles taking place through service that each one of you do each and everyday. This is not about self-congratulation nor is it about the I syndrome, but it's what we do together which gives us the inner feeling of excitement, for making that life changing act of kindness and a way to further our humanitarian service to those who need us the most. I have observed a renewed pride in the Lions, Lioness and Leo's of our District 4-A2 and how you are spreading the good news to the world of what we are doing to build a better tomorrow. We have journeyed together and we have accomplished much with our heads held up high and hearts proud. There is someone who makes a difference

and that person has been you, because even the smallest act of kindness, has made a huge impact in the life of other people. So thank you for your contribution, dedication, your sacrifices, commitment and finances that you have made in making miracles happen because you care. There is no doubt that you are heroes.

We are preparing to begin a new chapter of a new Lions year, it important to remember that all clubs should be holding their election of officers in March, or no later than April. Be sure to complete the 2009-2010 Lions Club's Officer Report Form (PU-101) once you have held your elections.

Final deadline is May 15, 2009 to get this form submitted to Lions Club International. If you fail to return this form, your new officers will not be able to receive the information and materials they will need during the coming year.

Forms can be completed on line or mailed as early as right now!

If you normally complete your Monthly Membership Report (MMR) on line with Lions Clubs International, they will not mail you a printed paper copy of the PU101. You will need to complete the PU101 on line, or you can request one from Lions Clubs International, or you can contact me (I have a very limited supply of printed paper copies PU101s).



If you don't complete your Monthly Membership Report (MMR) on line with Lions Clubs International, they should have mailed your club Secretary a printed paper copy of the PU101 to be completed. For a printed paper copy of the PU101s, you will need to mail a copy to Lions Clubs International and a copy to me.

Officer training is very important and we are in the planning stages right now. Dates will be posted on our district web page (www.4a2lions.com) and your clubs should be hearing from your zone chairs soon as to when the training dates are and where the training will be held. The officers who should attend are: the newly elected Presidents, all Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, & Club Directors. All other Lions are welcome to attend for a general session that will include various topics for the clubs Tail Twister & Public Relations, among other things.

We would like to remind you that the Lions District 4-A2 Convention will be taking place in Cayucos, CA, May 1st – 3rd, 2009, so register NOW and don't miss out on this fantastic event. Together we will show our appreciation for a job well done to our District Governor Betty Morris.

You can obtain the registration forms on our web site and see the events that will take place during our convention. Remember that each and every one of you makes a difference, so let's get involved.

Sincerely Yours in Lionism

Lion Ben Fregoso – Cabinet Secretary



CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMING IN 2017



LIONS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 2017

Lions all over are getting ready for our Centennial Celebration. Will your club be ready? Start thinking about the next 3 Items!

- 1 Please Send in photos and history articles about your club (Photos cannot be returned so send scans in "Jpg" format via email or on a CD or copies. Color & Black & Whites are great)
- 2 Draft your budget & plan for 250 professionally prepared "Club Pamphlets" to give out to the public at our "International Food Faire during this Lions Centennial Celebration - 2017. (What a PR Opportunity)
- 3 Complete a "History Book".

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4a2lions.com

From Al Brandel...

Expanded Advocacy/ Fundraising

Last year Lions Clubs International Foundation was named as the best non-governmental organization worldwide, according to London-based Financial Times.

LCIF came in first for its execution of programs, accountability and other factors. Lions enjoy highly productive relationships with many highly regarded partners: The Carter Center, Habitat for Humanity, Lenscrafters, Special Olympics, Eli Lilly, Johnson and Johnson, the National Eye Institute, the U.S. State Department and others.

LCI does not go it alone. It leverages its reputation and resources to form partnerships in order to further its service goals. Under the leadership of International President Brandel in 2008-2009, and the assistance and dedication of Lions around the world, LCI will deepen its ties with current partners and form new relationships. Lions will be able to utilize the expertise, funds and resources of our partners, and thereby expand the scope and reach of our service.

Albert F. Brandel, President
The International Association of Lions Clubs



TWO CANDIDATES FOR 1ST VICE-DISTRICT GOVERNOR

DISTRICT 4-A2

1ST VICE-DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATE

As individuals we can only accomplish little things, but with many individuals working together - great things can be achieved. My campaign slogan for this year is "Lions Pride". With the pride of lions working together we can move mountains. **I am Lion Al Kroell** and I am running for the seat of 1st Vice District Governor. I am a member of the Fresno Host Lions Club since 2005 at which time I had retired from active duty Navy after serving my country for 20 years. While only having been retired for a short time I have received a second family,



that of Lions. While trying to show my appreciation and dedication I have spent nearly every day involved somehow doing Lions activities. Since I joined Lions I have had 100% at-

tendance in my club. I also have attended two Lions Clubs International Conventions, last one in Bangkok, Thailand. I have served my home (Fresno Host Lions) club as Vice President and then President, Program Committee Chairman, White Cane Chairman, two years, New Member Chairman, Visitation Chairman, Board of Directors, and now Chairman for our district partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

My service to the District has included serving as Lion Tamer and Northern Region Zone Chair 4 and as the President of the District Wellness Foundation, District White Cane Chairman, District Certified Guiding Lion and I have served on the Board for Multiple District Campaign SightFirst II. Both my wife Lion Christy (the current President of the Fresno Host Club) and I have served as the guiding lions to the newly chartered Squaw Valley Lions Club which was a huge achievement for both of us and this feat could not have been accomplished without the help of our many friends and the neighboring clubs around us. I believe it takes a district to help bring up one club which is why we all need to work together.

Other awards I have received are The International President's Award 2007-2008, International President Certificate of Appreciation 2006-2007, Harry J. Aslan Fellow, Membership Bar, Membership Excellent Award, Year-Round Growth, Membership Key for bringing in four new members. My wife Christy and I work as a team and she has also brought in four members. Two of the new members are my daughter Tracey and her fiancé Daniel. Other recognition that I have received are Multiple District Appreciation Certificates, Guiding Lion Certificate of Achievement and District Governor Certificate of Appreciation.

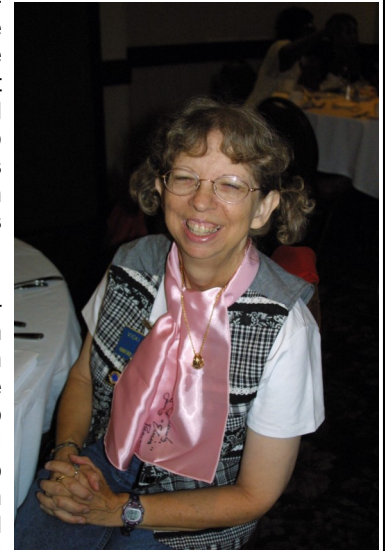
With my many years of military leadership training, I feel, this experience and what I learned there, make me qualified to serve as your next 1st Vice-District Governor

I would appreciate your vote - Lion Al Kroell

DISTRICT 4-A2

1ST VICE-DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATE

I am Lion Vicki Beeman. I have been a member of the Hanford Breakfast Lions Club since July 1990, and have maintained perfect attendance since joining. Being involved in Lions is my second family. I can't imagine my life without the Lions Club. I had the honor of attending a Senior Lions Leadership Institute in 2004. Several attendees of that have been a district governor, are one, or are a vice-district governor. I have also had the privilege of being able to attend 9 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums, with number 10 coming up this September.



I have been involved in Lions almost from the beginning, starting with being club secretary since 1991 and doing that job more than one year. I served one year as a club president. I have also been a Zone chair twice as well as a Region chair twice. I served as Cabinet Secretary in 1997-98 and as Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer for 2007-08.

In addition to receiving perfect attendance awards from my club, I have been honored with a Multiple District 4 Excellence Award Medal and an International President Certificate of Appreciation.

I have attended most if not all of our District's cabinet meetings and conventions since I joined Lions. I have enjoyed visiting other Lions clubs and getting to know other Lions in our district, as well as other Lions in our Multiple District and in our International family of Lions. Included also is Operation Friendship to Ensenada, Mexico.

I am dedicated to Lions Club, from my own club to our district and beyond if I am allowed that privilege. District 4-A2 is definitely a great district to be a part of and I would be very honored to be able to serve as it's 1st Vice-District Governor and then Governor.

I would encourage all the Lions in our district to attend the District Convention and vote, for whichever candidate you feel will do the best job for our district - you are privileged to have high quality candidates running to lead our district (two for 1st V.D.G. and one for 2nd V.D.G.).

I would appreciate your vote - Lion Vicki Beeman

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION - JUNE 13TH



ATTENTION: Club Officers/Secretaries

Please Complete the following PU-101 Changes NOW:

1. Print your current PU -101
2. Update your club Meeting Time, Day & Place including address & Zip Code
3. Add Missing Member's Personal Information
 - Assure Correct Address (Used for newsletter mailing)
 - Include Zip Code
 - Include email address (95% of communications go email)
 - Include ALL phone numbers with area code
4. Update Club Officers for the 2009-2010 Lionistic Year

- You may enter new officers into the "2009-2010" area prior to installation.
- By doing this you are assuring correct information for the new 4-A2 District Directory now being prepared.



*"Thank You"
for your cooperation!*



"Good Things" are Happening!

North Fresno Lions is chartering the **University High LEO Club!**

They sent in 42 charter members but don't have a date for Charter Night yet.

Visalia Sunset Lions is chartering the **Visalia Sunset LEO Club!**

More information on this club will be announced at a later date.

Visit Your **District Website** for Daily Updates

4a2lions.com

Did You Know that there are the following resources and more there:

- Script for Initiation
- Script for Installation
- Links to LCI and MD-4
- Links to most Lion Projects
- Public Relations Information
- Officer Training
- Current Events locally and internationally
- Individual Club Activities
- Newsletter Archives
- **ONLINE District Directory** that is downloadable (PDF) Save it to your desktop! We update often!
- Conventions Calendar
- COG Calendar
- District Activities Calendar (Coming)
- Officer emails & access
- Much more.....



Lions Clubs International

News From March 4, 2009

PU-101 Online - To submit your 2009-2010 Club Officers (PU -101) ONLINE, please refer to the following instructions. Please be sure to update the membership information prior to adding the new officer.

- Log on to the Membership Reporting site (WMMR)
- Click the Club link in the yellow bar
- Click Club Officers
- Click the drop-down box entitled "Lionistic Year" & select 2009-2010
- Select the Title from the drop down list
- Click the Officer's name in the list of members
- Click the Add link
- Click the Submit button

The above procedure needs to be done for the president, secretary and treasurer. When you are done adding the officers for next year, you can print the completed PU-101 form by clicking on the Reports link and clicking the Print button next to the Officer Reporting Form (PU-101). For more detailed instructions see page 8 of the Quick Reference Guide.

Questions, Problems, or Recommendations - If you have a question on how to use the web site, are experiencing a problem and need some help, or, have a recommendation on how the web site might be improved, please send an email to wmmr@lionsclubs.org .

For detailed instructions on how to use the WMMR site, you may go to the WMMR site and please select from one of the following:

- Region Guide - Zone Guide
- Quick Reference Guide
- Family Unit Instructions

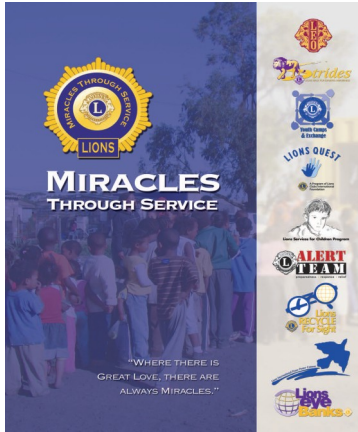


"LCIF IS THERE FOR YOU--BE THERE FOR LCIF"

TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR MIRACLES THROUGH SERVICE

I'll never forget September 11th. And I will always remember September 12th and the many days following. We all know what happened on September 11, 2001. But it's what occurred afterward that left an equally strong impression. Every day, for months, Lions staffed the central warehouse in New York that housed the supplies for the recovery efforts at Ground Zero. Seven days a week, Lions were there to ensure the best possible outcome from an awful tragedy.

The service offered immediately following September 11th, in New York, Washington and elsewhere, developed into a long-range plan to help families of victims. Multitudes of Lions made certain that families could pay their bills. They did home repairs and drove family members to doctor visits. They coordinated bereavement retreats. They supported job counseling and mentoring of children.



These were ordinary acts of kindness. These tasks are what Lions do. But they amounted to miracles through service. People who carried heavy burdens found their loads lighter and their step easier. Lions changed lives for the better.

Who were these Lions? They were regular Lions who responded to a dire need. In my travels, I've sometimes been asked who exactly are Lions. Well, without wanting to sound too boastful, let me say that Lions are everyday heroes. We go about our service, greatly enriching the lives of others without much glory or attention.

So it is with Lions elsewhere, day after day, year after year. Our miracles through service fill the gaps in our communities. We play the role of everyday heroes. We help those with vision loss adjust to their condition. We provide hearing aids to those that need them. We give youths life skills through Lions Quest. We equip hospitals, build schools and support vocational training for those with disabilities. Quietly and without much fanfare, we make our communities much better places to live and raise families.

During my presidential year, I will celebrate Lions for performing miracles through service and for being everyday heroes. This is not about self-congratulation. Instead, it's a way to further our service. I want to celebrate Lions' community service, renew pride in what it means to be a Lion and tell the world at large about what we do to build a better tomorrow. Taking pride in what we do will give us more energy and motivation to continue our great works and increase our service. We are on a journey together in the Lion year of 2008-2009. Let's walk smartly with our heads high and hearts proud. Let's tell our Story—to each other, to other Lions clubs and districts and to the rest of the world, who don't yet quite know what it is we do and how well we do it. It's probably true that most Lions—and the public—automatically associate Lions with our work on behalf of the blind. That's great. But let's usher in the day that upon seeing a Lion people also say, "There's an everyday hero. There's someone who makes a difference" Remember, even the smallest act of kindness can make a huge impact.

Albert F. Brandel, President
The International Association of Lions Clubs

FROM CABINET TREASURER



Cous Cous - Then & Now!

Once again, District 4-A2 has stepped up to the plate and fulfilled our commitment build a habitat for Cous Cous, the Barbary Lion living at Cat Haven in Squaw Valley CA.

Since these lions are important to preserve captivity. To date we have **\$11,646.50** towards this stand that there are still. Once we receive these, I tally.



extinct in the wild it is there existence in contributed project and I underfunds to come in. will give you a final

Thanks, District 4-A2 done!

for a job well

Now as the year comes to a close and officers are being elected for the next year, it is important to remember that each year your Treasurer's reports should be "audited" by a committee in your club that has not been involved the receiving, depositing or disbursement of funds. This is just a review that each of the deposits was accounted for and that all disbursements were approved by the Board of Directors. Even if you are going to be the treasurer for the upcoming year, this is something that should be done at the close of each Lion's year. In some instances it will bring to light items that were paid out of the wrong accounts and this is a time to make those corrections. Remember, we are all volunteers and in most cases those handling the club funds are not professional accountants or bookkeepers. Only funds in the Administrative account can be used for club expenses and those in the Project account which were received from the general public must go to charitable donations and fund raising efforts. Don't hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions on how to go about reviewing your clubs records.



It has been my pleasure to serve the District this past year as your treasure and I look forward to working with Lion Jim Bartleson next year in this same capacity.

Yours in Lionism, Lion Jan Beatty
Cabinet Treasurer



SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST COMPLETION DATES

Club Contest	by February 23, 2009
Zone	by March 15, 2009
Region	by April 12, 2009
District	by May 3, 2009
Area	by May 24, 2009
MD-4 Final	on June 5, 2009



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Upcoming Council of Governors (COG) Dates & Locations:

2009 – Jun 5-7	District 4-L5	Palm Springs CA
2010 – Jul 31 - Aug 2	District 4-C2	Fairfield, CA

Upcoming International Convention Dates & Locations:

2009 - July 6-10	Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA
2010 - June 28	July 2 - Sydney, Australia
2011 - July 4-8	Seattle, Washington, USA
2012 - June 22-26	Busan, Korea
2013 - July 5-9	Hamburg, Germany

Upcoming MD 4 Convention Dates & Locations:

2010 – Feb 5-7	Riverside CA
2011 – Feb 4-6	Primm NV

Upcoming District 4-A2 Meetings Dates & Locations:

2009 – May 1-3	4-A2 Convention	Cayucos CA
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CLUB SECRETARIES

**You should have your
2009-2010 PU-101's
Completed online by now!**

If you have not had elections, you know who they will be, so complete it. If necessary, you can change it later.

The 4-A2 Directory will be compiled from the LCI website, so if your information is not there, your club will have a blank page, which makes it very difficult for other clubs and district



officers to contact you. This is also used by MD4 for mailing (including bills) to your club.

**Mark this date on your
calendars NOW!**

Lion Jim Bartleson, VDG

Are You?

*Are you an active member,
A co-operative pal,
Or are you just contented
With the pin on your lapel?*

*Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock,
Or do you always stay at home
And criticize and knock?*

*Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind that just belongs?*

*Do you help your fellow members
To draft things out and plan
Or leave the work to just a few
Who do the best they can?*

*Attend the meetings often
And help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member
But take an active part!*

*Just think these problems over,
You know the right from wrong
**ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER
OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?***

Author Unknown

Officer Training will be Saturday June 13 in Visalia



Training will be provided for President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tail Twister, Region & Zone Chairs and “Interested Lions” who wish to attend.

Included will be sessions on how to add & delete members, fill out LCI reports online, change club officers & meeting times/dates, change member mailing & phone information, etc.

The training will start at 9:00 A.M. and conclude by 12 noon. A minimal charge to cover materials, coffee, etc. will be charged.

Please - ALL officers, NEW & RETURNING should attend

Lion Jim Bartleson, VDG

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