

# “ROAR OF THE LION”



## LIONS DISTRICT 4-A-2

4th Quarter  
2011- 2012



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### “My Message to All Lions of District 4-A2”

When Lions work together we can accomplish anything. When we start individualizing and taking paths other than those set forth we begin to separate. In some cases we may all reach our goals, but we will not reach them together. Someone will be left behind. In addition, if one or two pull back it becomes more work for the rest to pick up that slack and meet our goals. We must put up a unified front and coherently work for our communities TOGETHER for the greater purpose... “We Serve”.



My dream was to take our district to another level in order for us to increase our membership, but it did not happen. My dream was not to be, but we never gave up. We tried to pull together and put every Lion on board with our goals. If we stand united we still can achieve greatness.

We have no choice but to push on. Success will only come when we work as a team. Our leadership cannot work and will not work if we stand divided. We committed ourselves to our motto “We Serve”, and without that, we cannot move up. As “We Serve...” we must do it together. My new dream has been shaped by the shortcomings but I sincerely hope that in the

very near future we can honor the commitment that we have set for ourselves and work together.

I would like to thank those Lions who have been committed, and supported the duties and responsibilities that President Tam set forth in Seattle. He was committed to plant 1 million trees. He exceeded that because he encouraged all the district governors throughout the world to make a commitment. When we left Seattle, all the District Governors committed to plant 4 million trees, and this was accomplished because everyone believed. President Tam's motto was “I Believe”. I also believe. I believe in the members of this district and I believe we will still move up.

This has been a tough journey. Thank you for walking it with me. Thank you for those who have gone above and beyond to nudge me along and show me their unwavering support. Thank you to all the Sponsors who brought our Leo members to Ontario. This is one of the life lines of our organization. Once we plant the seed, we must nurture and provide resources for it to grow.

District Governor,  
**George Finley**  
2011-2012



# "MOVIN' ON UP" IN SERVICE THROUGH LIONS



## *Greetings from the Cabinet Secretary*



It is hard to believe we are approaching our annual District Convention again. Time seems to be more fleeting with each passing year. If you have not made reservations for the annual District Convention in Cayucos, please do so as soon as possible. I can promise that you will have a great time meeting new Lions and becoming involved in the affairs of District 4-A2. I have found

that getting out of the comfort zone of your own club offers new insight and new ideas for helping your home club to better serve your community. It also provides an awareness of the many needs of people outside your local community and the many opportunities that are afforded clubs to step up and demonstrate that the words **"WE SERVE"** are more than just our motto as Lions. It should be the driving passion for each and every club in District 4-A2. I think each club should endeavor to expand its impact of service beyond the local community with annual support of LCIF and to those special needs in times of regional disasters, where ever they may occur. If you are proud of your Lions Club then why not let others outside of your local community know that you have a great club that has a large footprint of service far beyond your community.

On another note, how long has it been since your club has reviewed the Lions Clubs International Vision Statement, Mission Statement, Purposes, and Code of Ethics. If you have not done so this year I would encourage you to take time in your next business meeting to review each. They are excellent reminders of who we should be as Lions, what we should be doing as Lions, and how we should conduct ourselves as Lions. I will close with two points of the Code of Ethics that I think are very critical to how we should approach our activities as Lions at all levels and in all circumstances:

- **Whenever** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- **To Be Careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.
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I hope to see you at the District Convention in Cayucos, April 27-29.

*Lion John Burns*  
*Cabinet Secretary*

All us LIONS have our busy, hectic schedules everyday of our lives. But finding the time and doing hands on projects or just simply attending our events in our Club level and District level and see what we can do to make a difference is a good feeling.

Just got back from Ensenada, Mexico and had a great time with our fellow lions and helped out in many ways. If any of you Lions have not tried to join the trip to the Operation Friendship try going and see how fulfilling it is to be there. Try saving about 50.00 a month for this trip and if you can share a room with a friend to cut the cost try it. Here's a suggestion in an envelope put in about 50.00 every month so if you get paid twice a month set aside 25.00 and have a discipline not to touch that money so by the time to register you will have the money for it. Again just try to join in the hands on to see the kids in Ensenada, Mexico.

Oh! Student Speaker Contest is awesome. Attending to support this event is spectacular. Listening to high school kids give their speech is unbelievable. They are all great and just standing there to speak is a lot of guts to do it.



Our District Convention is just around the corner. Lions of District 4 A2 hope that all of us find the time to support our District. Remember we are the ones forming our District. It is a once a year event that our own District has a Convention so let us support it by attending it.

Lastly, Memorial Day Weekend May 25 thru May 28 we will be helping a camp at Bearskin Meadows Camp by Kings Canyon / Sequoia National Park for the type 1 Diabetic kids. Here's another opportunity to help out by joining us on a hands on project. No costs for entrance fees, food will be provided just let Lion Al Kroell, (858-229-7001) (w6mos@yahoo.com) know that you will be attending so we can have a head count. Now, if you want to give a personal monetary donation or your club wants to help donate for fixing their Amphitheater or decking that needs repair it will be greatly appreciated.

Good Luck to all who are running for a position in our District.

*Always in Lionism,*  
*Christy Kroell*



# "MOVIN' ON UP" IN SERVICE THROUGH LIONS

## Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos

Governor George has made his official governor visitation to more than 50 of our district's 61 clubs. He is scheduled to visit the remaining clubs finishing on May 3rd. The Governor has been well received by all club members. Many have answered his request to plant trees for the International President with numbers that far exceed his goal of 2000 trees. Impressive job, thank you for all your efforts. It has been a pleasurable experience visiting each club with the Governor and introducing him with a little humor. He occasionally gets me fined; I guess it's all in a day's work. It is always exciting to hear how diverse each club's fundraising events are and pleasing to hear the many different ways they serve their individual communities. Learning about each club's activities and their successes continually reminds me of what Lionism means. If you are not a Lion who visits other clubs regularly you should make an effort to do so and take your new members with you. I am sure you all will enjoy the experience.

The District's GMT Coordinator, PDG Judy Arribere, and GLT Coordinator, PDG Ron Waldrop presented some additional Leadership and Membership development information at our third Cabinet Meeting. We are interested in your thoughts regarding the value and continuation of this endeavor. Lion Lillette Quesnoy offered an additional educational presentation regarding compliance with the requirements set by the Lions Eye Foundation for referrals. She did a great job, if you didn't attend; you missed an excellent program that could be very useful in your future efforts in Lionism. We want to thank our Southern Zone 2 Chair, Steve Stratton, who found the meeting location, the hotel, and made the initial plans for our 3rd District Meeting, great job Steve.

Our visiting guests were the 1st VDG Bob Ferber from District 4-C6 and his wife Lion Lois. Both won the prestigious MD-4 Academy Award at the 2010 MD-4 Convention for their individual projects. They both agreed that our district Meeting was not as structured as some but we appeared to get a lot of work done. They enjoyed themselves and offer their appreciation for having them as our guests.

The next Cabinet Meeting and Convention is scheduled for April 27-29, 2012 in the beautiful area that we all know as Cayucos. The meeting room is on the beach and most of the meals will be prepared by The Cayucos Lions Club which means we will experience some good food. Remember, Friday night will be the resurrection of the International Food Fair, one of the fun things that we use to do at the convention. Is your Club competing for the valuable prizes? I don't believe

It's too late, download the application from the website and get it into



PDG Judy ASAP if you are interested. Also, the Convention Registration form can be downloaded from the website; if you plan to attend it would be best to get registered as soon as possible.

We are looking for a few more energetic Lions who are willing to take on some additional challenges. We have some unfilled 4-A2 District Cabinet positions and Committee Chair positions for year 2012-2013. I like positive attitudes with new ideas and hearts that want to see the district trends improve. Let's get involved and make a difference. If you are willing to accept the challenge, please call me forthwith at 559-841-7766.

It was great to see so many Leos from all over California at the MD-4 Convention in February. The Leos presented the Flags during the opening ceremony and they did a great job.

Thanks for all of the support that you have given Governor George and me.

*Lion Dean Church - VDG 4-A2*

***This is the Last Issue of the "Roar of the Lion" newsletter that will be printed and mailed!***

***All future newsletters will be sent via email...***

To prepare the 2012-2013 District Directory we need accurate and complete membership information, therefore, it is extremely important that you identify your club officers for the coming year preferably by early April. Then your club officer information must be entered into the LCIF files which need to include e-mail address and current telephone numbers, etc. Further, it is also important that all member information files are current with an e-mail address listed. The following projects are very difficult to complete without your help. The Directory requires current and accurate information to produce a quality and effective product.

As we all understand this Newsletter will be the last to be mass mailed via the US mail process. Going forward the Newsletter will be sent by e-mail with a few printed copies that will be made available at each district meeting. Generally this is the responsibility of the Club Secretary under the direction of the Club President and it would be wonderful if this was all done timely. If you are in need of assistance, please call your Zone or Region Chair and they will arrange for some assistance.



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## "MOVIN' ON UP" IN SERVICE THROUGH LIONS

### *Lions, Let's Roll Up Our Sleeves. There is More Work to be Done!*

Hello Fellow Lions

First I want to thank all of you for your well wishes while I was recovering from a broken hip injury I had last August. Let me say that when I was well enough to visit clubs in our District, I was very pleased to see our clubs actively involved in their communities. Fortunately, I was able to lose the "Walker" just in time for my wife and me to attend the USA/Canada Forum in Anchorage, Alaska. I cannot tell you the amount of compliments I received about my Cane. I was amazed that Lions and people from all over the world were commenting to me on its unusual style and wanted to know where I purchased it. Oddly enough I purchased it from a fellow club member who bought it when he returned from a cruise in Mexico. I believe I paid him \$12.00 for the cane when he auctioned it off at one of our club meetings. Little did I know at the time that two years later I would be using it every day? It was money well spent though and a great conversation piece. Hopefully, this year will be a healthy one for me.

As most of you are aware, our District Membership numbers are down and overall our States Multiple District numbers are down. I believe we need to attract new members into our great organization and we need "Signature" Projects in our communities that have the Lion stamp on it. When someone in our community observes what we are doing for the community they will know it is being done by Lions. For example, the Seal Beach Lions in Seal Beach Ca. have over 200 members and they are the number one club in the State of Ca. I had the opportunity to speak with the club president and ask him what their secret to success was and he said, "Empowerment". He said when a new member joins their club we ask them what they would like to do for their community and when they tell us, we tell them go out and do that community service. We supply them with the tools and equipment they need to complete the project. If they need help completing the project, they call upon their friends to help and soon their friends become interested in our club projects and want to join the Lions. It is a great way to get our new members quickly involved in the community and wearing the Lion Vest will show the community that it is Lions that are doing the work. If your club does a Community Assessment in your city I am sure that there are projects in the community that could use our help.

As a Baby Boomer, it is sometimes hard to let go of how it used to be compared to how it is now. The Internet Age has taken us to a whole new level. Our youth today communicate by texting, tweeting and Face Book. Fact is that a recent report shows that telephone calls are decreasing and Texting has become more popular by our younger generations. To reach them, we must empower them with a community project that is important to them and then give them the resources to go out into the community in the name of Lions and get the project done. How about partnering up with another club in your Zone on a community project or even a Zone Project?



On the home front, I am proud to say that my Home Club the Visalia Host Lions newest member is my wife Rebecca. I had the honor of inducting her into our club in February of this year. Lion Rebecca has promised to become very active in our clubs activities and projects. On the District level, my focus will be working with the Governor to make our District stronger. My main priority will be to do what is best for our District and Lions. Last year my wife and I had the opportunity to visit Bearskin Meadow Camp located in the Sequoia Mountains. This camp is designed for children that have type I Diabetes and it gives the children a chance to learn about the disease, how to treat themselves and how to live a normal childhood. Although this is not an endorsed District Project, some of our clubs are already actively involved in supporting this special camp. Diabetes can strike young and old at any time and it can have a dramatic impact especially on a child. At the camp the children learn that they are normal and can have normal lives. The camp opens for renovations on Memorial day Weekend but before it opens this summer, it needs a lot of volunteers to help get the camp ready for opening day. If your club wants to help or you want to volunteer, please contact the Squaw Valley Mountain Lions, PDG Judy Arribere or the Fresno Host Lions, Lion Al Kroell.

On the International level, the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has launched a major Measles Campaign to fight the Measles that are killing children by the hundreds each day throughout the world. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have pledged one dollar for every two dollars we raise during the "One Shot, One Life Measles Campaign" up to five million dollars. LCIF is asking us to raise ten million dollars during this campaign and the Gates Foundation will add five million dollars for a total of fifteen million dollars to prevent the spread of this deadly disease. The "One Shot, One Life" donations will go directly to inoculating children worldwide; each inoculation costing \$1.00. I am very proud to say that my home Club Membership donated two hundred and fifty dollars and our club donated an additional Seven Hundred Fifty dollars for a total of One Thousand dollars towards this campaign. I urge all of our clubs in our great District to support the "One Shot, One Life" Measles Campaign. The donations your club raises for the Measles Campaign will be credited towards a Melvin Jones Award. Think about how a one dollar donation will prevent a child from dying of Measles. The World Health Organization wants to eradicate this disease the way we did Polio. Someone once said that it was the Rotary Club that played a major role in eradicating Polio. Wouldn't it be great if Lions played a major role for eradicating the Measles? As you can see fellow Lions we are needed everywhere, our Clubs, our District, and the World.

**"So, LIONS, LETS ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES, THERE IS MORE WORK TO BE DONE"**

**Thank you for support!**

In Lionism, Walt Juarez  
2nd Vice District Governor

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*In Cayucos... Join Other Lions for the Free*  
**International Food Faire**

Friday April 27, 2012 - 6:00 PM  
Convention Headquarters Parking Lot

**“Bring Your Dish of Fame”**

There is one BBQ on Site; You will need a table to work on.

Electricity is available... but bring extension cords

Decorate your booth commensurate to your country

**Celebrate 55 Years of District 4-A2**

Each Club is to Bring a Dish to Share with the District!

Prizes for Best Decorated Booth - Most Unusual Food

***Join the Fun & This Free Meal!***



**Please return this form to:**

District 4-A2 Convention Registration Chair

Lion Judy Arribere, PDG, 33779 Bronco Lane

Squaw Valley CA 93675

Club Name	
Club Contact Person	
Email address	
Country of Food	
<i>Questions: Call Lion Judy Arribere 559-332-2632 - Cell 559-916-2521</i>	





# *Fun In the Sun at Beautiful Cayucos... Members & Officers Welcome!*

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

### *Celebrating 55 Years of Lions District 4-A2*

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

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>					
REGISTRATION ONLY:		LIONS & GUESTS REGISTRATION \$25.00		LEO REGISTRATION \$10.00	\$
PACKAGE PLAN: INCLUDES: REGISTRATION, TRADING PIN, FRIDAY DINNER SATURDAY LUNCH, SATURDAY DINNER SUNDAY BREAKFAST				POST MARKED BEFORE APR 10th	POST MARKED AFTER APR 10th
				\$85.00	\$100.00
<b>FRIDAY Dinner:</b>	FRIDAY INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIRE	DRESS STYLE INTERNATIONAL	N/C	N/C	\$
<b>SATURDAY Lunch:</b>	[ ] FRENCH DIP CHICKEN SANDWICH [ ] FRENCH DIP BEEF SANDWICH	DRESS CABINET UNIFORM LIONS CASUAL	\$18.00	\$23.00	\$
<b>SATURDAY Dinner:</b>	[ ] GOVERNOR'S BANQUET-TRI-TIP DINNER [ ] GOVERNOR'S BANQUET-CHICKEN DINNER	DRESS FORMAL WHITE TUX	\$33.00	\$38.00	\$
<b>SUNDAY Breakfast:</b>	[ ] MEMORIAL BREAKFAST	DRESS STYLE CASUAL	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$
<b>EXTRAS:</b> EXTRA TRADING PINS (Each)				\$3.00 EA	\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT:</b> INCLUDING: REGISTRATION					\$

### CONVENTION REGISTRATION

MAKE YOUR CHECK TO  
DISTRICT 4-A2 CONVENTION  
Cabinet Treasurer - Jan Beatty-Taylor  
710 North Vista, Visalia CA 93292  
559-802-3345 or 559-909-1817



### HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

CAYUCOS BEACH INN  
333 South Ocean Avenue, Cayucos CA 93430  
800-482-0555 or 805-995-2828  
"Mention that you are with the Lions Convention"  
Make Your Reservations Directly with Hotel

# *Lions Golf in Morrow Bay*

## *“Invite a Prospective Member”*



Where: Morro Bay Golf Course  
 201 State Park Road, Morrow Bay CA 93442  
 —► Telephone 805 782 8060

When: 11:00 AM Friday, April 27, 2012

Fee: Only \$45.00 & Includes Golf Cart

Deadline: Registration Deadline By Jan 20, 2012

**Format: 4 Man Scramble**  
**We have 6 spots! Register Now!**



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

### **Registration**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Make Your Check Payable to:**

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**4314 WEST NICHOLAS AVENUE, VISALIA CA 93291—559-732-6897**

At each cabinet meeting and district convention we try to provide a golf outing that is fun and played on an attractive course.

Participation is not limited to Lions only—a golf outing coupled with a cabinet meeting or convention would be an excellent recruiting tool for a new member. The format is usually a scramble thus allowing both the high and low handicap to have an enjoyable outing.

The District 4A-2 Convention meeting will be April 27 thru 29, 2012. Golf will be Friday, April 27 at the Morro Bay Golf Course. Price is only \$45.00 per player, including cart.



# “MOVIN’ ON UP” IN SERVICE THROUGH LIONS

## *Hello Fellow Lions, Lioness & Leo Members*

*I am Janet McClintock, Central Region Chair, and running for 2nd Vice District Governor and I would like to tell you a little about myself.*

During the ten years that I have been a Lion, in Visalia Host Lions, and the Chair for many events, fundraisers, Kases for Kids and hamburger sales at Visalia's band review to name a few. Last year I spearheaded a new fundraiser for our club, “Adopt a Poll”, a very good way for the community to see us in action at the voting booth.

I also worked my way up the chairs to be Visalia Host first women president after 83 years of meeting. That was a challenge and that is when I really became a Lion.

This year has been a good year for the Central Region. We have a very successful student speaker contest going on and, we have added about ten new Lion members to our Region.

I attended training at Harris Ranch and also have attended a Council of Governors meeting. Both were eye openers and I learned more than I ever thought I would.

I have two children, a daughter and a son. When they were little I was a stay at home mom, however I am not one who just sits around. While my children were in school, I was active in PTA for eleven years and served as it's treasurer for three years and President for two years. Additionally I was team manager for my daughter's softball league for eight years, also served as League Secretary for three of those years.

I truly love being a Lion and helping our community in any way I can. *That is what being a Lion is all about!!!*

My motto is “Heart of a Lion”. A Lions Heart is one full of love, caring and willingness to help others.

This is what Lions do when they practice our motto, “We Serve”.

*In Lionism - Lion Janet McClintock*



*Special Thanks to  
**Lion Nohemi Martinez**  
for her random pictures from the third Cabinet  
Meeting which are featured in this issue of our  
Lions Newsletter!*





# "MOVIN' ON UP" IN SERVICE THROUGH LIONS

## Operation Friendship 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

"I would not have missed this meeting for the world," said Past District

Governor (PDG) Carlos Avila, Ensenada, Mexico Lions, as he sat in preparation for the official start of the Operation Friendship Lion meeting on Friday, March 16, 2012. PDG Avila was one of the founding members of Operation Friendship and this year the international event celebrated its 50th anniversary.

It all began in the early 1960s; when some Lions from Three Rivers, California entered Alfredo's Bar in Ensenada, Mexico, saw a Lion emblem mounted on the wall and asked, "Who the hell is a Lion in here?" Then, in turn, PDG Avila responded, "I am a Lion, who the hell wants to know?" Who would have thought that after a few refreshments and some good conversation, a life-long friendship and Lion project would be born.

This project has benefitted children in the greater Ensenada area for 50 years. Over the years, since that initial Lion greeting in Alfredo's Bar, schools have been built, monies have been funneled to a multitude of school projects, school supplies and equipment have been donated and thousands of children



have received vision and dental check-ups. This year alone, approximately \$5,000 was raised in raffles, auctions, 50/50 drawings and donations.

Operation Friendship is an international Lion project that has involved many Lions from various clubs over the years. The primary partners are Lions from Ensenada, Mexico, District B1 and Lions from the San Joaquin Valley in California, Multiple District 4A-2. The visitation takes place every year on the third weekend in March, when Lions from California make the 400-mile trip down south and take with them much needed financial and school supply sup-

port.

Another founding member joined us for the trek this year, PDG Harold Nelson, Delano Lions; he was also one of the original Lions who started this great project. PDG Nelson became emotional as he explained what he saw this project has grown into over the past 50 years and how much more has been added as time has passed. "This began as a school building project, and we were pretty pleased with the accomplishments," Nelson said. "But it has grown into so much more. I am amazed at what Operation Friendship is today. Every Lion should see this."

The project is a 4-day visitation, which begins on a Thursday with registration and a welcome party. All the guests were treated to dinner and a dance, in traditional Mexican fiesta-style at the Mission Santa Isabel Hotel. The evening is called a Fiesta de Rompe Hielo (ice-breaker).

On Friday, the Lions were off to the area of San Antonio De Las Minas, the school site chosen for the visit this year was Ricardo Flores Magon (elementary). At the school, children were also brought from near-by schools Lazaro Cardenas (mixed grades) and Villa Juarez (kindergarten). As part of the visitation project, 220 children were given an eye exam by Lion Dr. Jeff Garcia, Lemoore Lions and a dental cleaning from Lion Sophia Aguilar, Lemoore Lions. Their work is invaluable and much-appreciated. Helping them with the children were Lions from many visiting clubs, some who helped with the initial vision screening and handing out glasses; others also helped brush the teeth of the children prior to their dental cleaning. It was definitely a team-effort, as it is every year, with dozens of Lions helping both Lion Jeff and Lion Sophia with their efforts. This year, of the 220 children examined, 47 were given glasses and some are seeing clearly for the first time in their lives. The children who received dental check-ups were also provided a goodie bag that included toothpaste and a toothbrush.

MD 4A-2 District Governor George Finley gave a very personal and inspiring talk, both when I interviewed him at the school site and when he spoke at the formal dinner. He explained the difference in opportunities the children of Mexico experience versus the children he worked with for so many years as a truant officer in the United States. "My job was trying to keep students in school; I used to have to go around and force them to go. Here, children wait on lists for the opportunity to simply attend. After my first experience with Operation Friendship, I went home and arrested everyone I saw skipping school and sent them to juvenile hall. Our children in the U.S. just don't realize how good they have it."

For anyone interested in joining us next year for what some have described as a life-changing and definitely a Lion-changing experience, we will be back in Ensenada, Mexico the third weekend in March, for the 51<sup>st</sup> Operation Friendship Visitation. Yo te prometo (I promise you) that if you join us, you will forever remember the visit. For some, it's the direct impact while at the schools with the children, for others it's the reports of progress and monies donated at the general meeting and for others it's the Lionism that's shared throughout the weekend. For some, it's a combination of all of the above. Operation Friendship is a classic example of what Lions are all about, we are here to serve, and this project has been serving for 50 years. Hasta el proximo año (until next year), I hope to see you there.



Pictured here are PDG Avila (L) and PDG Nelson, together again after all these years. Between these two Lions are more than 115 years of Lionism.



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# “MOVIN’ ON UP” IN SERVICE THROUGH LIONS

## *Hello fellow Lions and Lionesses!*

I want to begin by saying thanks to all the clubs that welcomed me into their meetings over the past few months. I had fun and have been learning a lot. PDG Harold Nelson told me I would not be campaigning during these visits, I would be learning about Lions. That is exactly what has been happening. I told you on my campaign brochure that many clubs do things differently and I have definitely seen that. One thing I remain confident in is that all Lions clubs do their best in their own way to proudly serve others.

For the clubs I was unable to visit, I am sorry. I do promise to continue my visitations. I have decided to work on a Long Tail Award and have made significant progress in completing that over the past few months. I have been telling my home club everything I've been experiencing during my trips and have encouraged them to join me.

I also learned some sad news along the way. At some club meetings, I gave my program on fraud and learned that many of my fellow Lions had already been victimized. I was just told that a Lion who missed my presentation at his club was later victimized on a scam I explained that evening. That is scary stuff and can cost you thousands of dollars and much grief, please work together like good Lions and protect one another.

I made a promise to my own club long before I began my run for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, I would increase the number of club visitations we made each year. I told them I wanted our club to step outside of the comfort zone of the clubs we were familiar with and broaden our contacts to other clubs within the District. Over the past two years, my home club has done this and my

fellow club members are seeing the benefits.

For those that joined me in Ensenada, on behalf of the Operation Friendship Committee, thank you for all your support. More than 220 children were directly impacted this year by your generosity. I have attended this trip for 12 years in a row and I am still personally impacted by something new at each visitation. I heard nothing but compliments from all those that attended; they are already making plans for next year's visitation. I submitted an article to Lion Magazine and hope to see it published soon. And for those of you who bid on me at my personal auction...blushing...THANK YOU!!

This gets me back to my campaign promise. As your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and someday your Governor, I will always be there for each of your clubs, to offer support and service for anything you may need. I am confident in my leadership abilities and know I will represent you well.

My life has been blessed; I have always been a leader. My time in the Marine Corps, working for the Postal Service, as a police officer for more than 20 years, and my many civic volunteer programs, I have always landed in a leadership position. And with each position, I have done my best, always working to better a unit or organization.

I thank you for reading this and look forward to seeing you in Cayucos in April. I would appreciate your vote and support as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, but more than that, I appreciate and thank each of you for the work you do, being Lions.

*Semper Fidelis,*  
**Lion Anthony**



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# SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

## 2011-2012 District Cabinet Meetings & Convention

2011 - Jan 27-28	3rd Cabinet Meeting - Bakersfield
2012 - April 27-29	4-A2 Convention - Cayucos

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## MD - 4 Conventions

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

## International Conventions

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

## Council of Governors (COG)

2012 - May 31 - June 3	Sacramento CA	

## USA/CANADA Forums

2012 - September 14-16	Tampa Bay, Florida
2013 - September - TBA	Overland Park, Kansas
2014 - September - TBA	Puerto Rico

## **NEW!** 2011-2012 Student Speaker Contest Dates

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

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