



# “ROAR OF THE LION”

## District Governor Dean Church

Fellow Lions, Lioness and Leos;

It seems like only yesterday that District 4-A2 embarked on another year with plans to effectively serve our various communities. We have experienced a very interesting year with some surprising successes and unexpected lows. We have sufficient time to make a difference in where we want our District to be going forward. If we are satisfied to another large loss in memberships at the end of the year just do nothing. However, with a little effort we can return to our established positive growth programs that will assure growth this year and will continue the successes into the next year and the year after. Considering the State and Federal budgetary issue our communities have never needed our Lions Clubs more. Some of our clubs have shrunk to a point that they have difficulty offering their usual community service. We need to be strong for our respective community.

We have heard some wonderful reports of individual Club reading programs, diabetes awareness projects, Leo programs etc, and I am proud of what you have accomplished this year.

The Dinuba Lions Club hosted a tremendous District Meeting last month, and the food that they prepared was excellent. It was disappointing that most of the District members did not attend the meeting. You missed a onetime only Hawaiian dance contest featuring your Governor and our two Vice Governors. We all lost the contest to our visiting guest 1st VDG Kenny Shu from District 4-L2. The 14 GMT-GLT awards that we collect at the MD-4 Convention were presented to the individuals who earned the recognition for their exceptional results during the first half of the year. The many subjects covered on Saturday were: the 2013-2014 Budget Proposal, District Visitation Contest, Peace Poster Contest results, MD-4 Student Speaker Foundation, LCIF Programs, District Leo Programs, Pull Tabs Contest, 2012-2013 District Convention, Lion Eye Foundation, etc. Our Visiting Governor was Michael Gill from District 4-L3, he enjoyed the meeting and the many subjects that were covered.

It was exciting to have several Clubs in attendance that we have not seen for a while. Good to have you join us and we hope to see you more frequently at future meetings.

The District Convention is upon us and it is time to make a lot of important decisions. The attendees have the opportunities to choose our next Governor, our 1st Vice and our 2nd Vice. Further, the 2013-2014 District Budget is accepted by your vote, and we have some Constitutions and Bylaw changes that need your



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4-A2  
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2012-2013



Register  
NOW!  
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approval. We are returning to the coast with another fun International Food Fest, you don't want to miss it. As a reminder, all Club, District, MD-4 and LCIF dues must be paid current to be eligible to vote.

During my our visitation throughout the year we discussed the need to have your email address in the LCIF system for two reasons. Firstly, email is the only method that our District Newsletter will be sent directly to you. Secondly, LCI currently sends a Newsletter by email and it is understood that the Newsletter will eventually replace the Lion Magazine.

Our Convention Special Guest this year will be ID Harvey Whitley and his wife Lion Diane. His information and picture is on a following page.

We had some tremendous Club membership development successes during the first and second quarters. The second quarter which changed our year today leader board. There will be a trophy presented at the first 2013-2914 Cabinet Meeting that has the best net gain for the entire year ending 6-30-2013 club.

The results are:

#### Second Quarter Club Membership Leaders

+ Corcoran	Plus 5
+ Porterville Breakfast	Plus 3
+ Coalinga	Plus 3
+ Woodlake	Plus 3

#### Year to Date Club Membership Leaders

+ Reedley	Plus 12
+ Fresno Diwata	Plus 9
+ Coalinga	Plus 9
+ Porterville Breakfast	Plus 5
+ Woodlake	Plus 5
+ Corcoran	Plus 5
+ Clubs with Positive Growth	15 Clubs
+ Clubs with No Change	29 Clubs
+ Clubs with a Net Loss	18 Clubs

Only 24% of our clubs had positive growth at the end of the second quarter!

We continue to enjoy our Club visitations, it one of the greatest responsibilities the Governor has. You all have made us feel welcome with your warm hospitality and we greatly appreciate everything that you have accomplished this year. Scheduling has permitted us the opportunity to attend some of your community events and we can't wait for an opportunity to attend the next one.

***"It's Great to be a Lion" and "Membership is Cool"***

Yours in Lionism

Dean Church, Governor District 4-A2



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Registration for  
Convention & Golf  
are on pages 10 & 11!!



**HARVEY F. WHITLEY**  
**INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Harvey F. Whitley, from Monroe, North Carolina, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 95th International Convention, held in Busan, Korea June 22-26, 2012.

Director Whitley is a retired financial advisor.

A member of the Monroe Benton Heights Lions Club and a Lion since 1987, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, region chair, district governor, MD 31 Constitution and Bylaws Chair, MD 31 Leadership Chair and MD 31 Retention and Orientation Chair, MD 31 LCIF Coordinator, Sector Coordinator for CSF II and Convention Elections Committee Chair. He has also served on the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning Committee and volunteered at Camp Dogwood for the Visually Impaired and the Visually Impaired Fishing Tournament.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the 100% Club President Award, Club Lion of the Year, District Lion of the Year, LEO Extension Award, Jack Stickley Humanitarian White Cane Award, two International President's Awards, 11 International President's Certificates of Appreciation and the International President's Leadership Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Whitley is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including as a former troop scout master for Boy Scouts of America, pre-school moderator and board member at his church and Top 10 Producer in securities and insurance sales.

Director Whitley and his wife, Diane, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children and three grandchildren.

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## “ROAR OF THE LION”

Dear Lions,

In the northern hemisphere, the month of March is a transitional period. The snow has stopped falling, the temperatures are warming, and plants and trees are once again beginning to blossom. It is spring. A time many people refer to as rejuvenation. The same can be said for Lions Clubs International. March is the perfect time for clubs to invite new members, and for districts to charter new clubs to close out the year with a strong finish.

This month, clubs and districts will be holding the third of four pit stops. This is the time for clubs to review their accomplishments so far this year, and plan your calendar for the remaining four months – to include activities in support of the fourth Global Service Action Campaign Protecting our Environment. There is also time to participate in the Reading Action Program (RAP), or do your second or even third RAP project. And clubs can still qualify for the Club Excellence Award.

Last month, district governors received an email explaining how to qualify for the Winners Circle Award, which will be based on the end of March membership and club numbers. The award criteria were specifically designed so all district governors still have an opportunity to receive an award. Even districts that are currently showing negative growth can qualify for an award with just a little more acceleration.

This is indeed a very busy time of the year. Club presidents and district governors have four months left in their respective terms. Keeping your engine running at high speed will ensure your year ends on a high note.

Finally, I want to urge you all to register for the 2013 International Convention in Hamburg, Germany. This year's convention is going to be one to remember. Highlights include our international parade, keynote address by former U.S. First Lady Laura Bush, and presentation of the Humanitarian Award to opera singer Andrea Bocelli. As part of his acceptance speech, Mr. Bocelli will perform live.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Hamburg. In the meantime, there is much to be accomplished. So make sure your engines are tuned up as we sprint toward the finish line!!

Sincerely,

Lion Wayne Madden

Lions Clubs International & LCIF | 300 W. 22nd St. | Oak Brook, IL | 60523 | USA





# “ROAR OF THE LION”



## Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**



LCIF’s commitment to disaster relief goes back to our beginnings, when we awarded our very first grant for flood relief in South Dakota, USA. Whenever and wherever disasters strike, Lions are often among the first to offer aid—and LCIF is right there with them, ready to support their efforts with funding assistance through Lions disaster relief programs. Working together, LCIF, local Lions and Lions leaders assess the urgent needs and quickly deliver the aid most

required by victims. This grassroots model has proven effective in tragedies around the world, such as the Southeast Asia tsunami, September 11th and the Haiti earthquake. Lions know that disaster can affect anyone’s community, whether it’s halfway around the world or right at home. That’s why in the last 10 years, LCIF has provided more than US\$100 million for disaster relief programs worldwide.

Thanks to the support Lions provide to LCIF on an ongoing basis, Emergency Grants are immediately available to provide for basic needs such as water, food, shelter and medicine. We have learned from experience that when a disaster victim receives aid quickly, it provides strength needed to survive the shock and loss and even a little hope for the future. To date, more than 3,000 emergency grants have been awarded.

After immediate needs are met, victims of disasters are not forgotten. LCIF remains committed to the important rebuilding of homes and lives that must happen, often long after a disaster occurs. Through Major Catastrophe Grants, LCIF helps with long-term reconstruction projects to help victims begin to return to their lives and regain their independence.

At the heart of LCIF’s disaster relief programs are the individuals and families your donations reach. Read their personal stories here and view our Foundation’s impact through our disaster relief videos.

Donate to LCIF’s ongoing disaster relief fund.

Find out how to apply for an Emergency Grant.



# Fast Train to Service'

## 1st VDG Walt Juarez



Hello Fellow Lions & Leos.

I hope all of you are in good health and doing well. I enjoyed visiting many of our district clubs this year. I am still amazed to see your clubs so actively involved in raising money for your local charities and for your contributions towards helping others world wide. I want to thank District Governor Dean Church for his hard work and dedication to our district. Thanks to Governor Dean's efforts, our district received the most awards and recognition at the February convention in Sacramento, more than any other district in California. I look forward to working with Governor Dean next year and for years to come.

Our District Convention as most of you know will be in Cambria on May 3-5, 2013. Governor Dean and his Convention Committee has worked very hard to make this convention a memorable one. There will be an International Food Fare again this year and I encourage your clubs to come and participate in this fun event. Club Officer Training will once again be held in Visalia at the Learning Center 5000 W. Cypress Ave. on Saturday June 8, 2013 from 8:00 am to noon or until the training is completed. Several of our Past District Governors have volunteered to teach classes for Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasures, Region and Zone Chairs and for Guiding Lions. Donuts, coffee and water will be available. Registration will be \$5.00. Thank you Past District Governor Jim Bartleson for your hard work and time in providing the training materials necessary for our Club Officers Training.

Most of you are aware that our Webmaster Jim Copner has resigned as the District Directory Editor. Lion Jim will continue on as our District Webmaster. Thank you Lion Jim for all of your hard work. I along with my step daughter have accepted the challenge as this years District Directory Editors. I ask all of you for your cooperation in updating your incoming club officers information on your PU 101's as soon as your clubs have had your officers elected for this year so that we can have the District Directory completed in a timely fashion. In order to accomplish this, June 15, 2013 will be the deadline to have your newly elected club officers information updated. If you are not sure how to update your officers information, this training will be provided at the district's club officer training.

We must continue to make the recruitment of new members our first priority and we must encourage our fellow Lions to become future leaders in our clubs and our district as well.

I look forward to seeing you at our District Convention in Cambria and at the Club Officers Training in Visalia and I look forward to working with all of you this coming year.

Walter "Walt" Juarez  
First Vice District Governor

# Fast Train to Service”



“I love you  
Gov. Anthony....  
you’ve been  
drinking again  
haven’t you  
Smokey.”

Anthony  
Martinez  
2nd VDG



## OPERATION FRIENDSHIP

The 51<sup>st</sup> year of our District’s Operation Friendship visitation took place March 21-24 in Ensenada, Mexico. It was another successful year and everyone in attendance had a great time. As you know, for 51 years now, Lions from our District have made the trip to Ensenada, Mexico and provided assistance and financial support for a multitude of school projects.

This year, the project location was a grade school in La Mision, Mexico. La Mision is located in a small valley approximately half-way between Tijuana and Ensenada. The school sits on a historical site as it shares ground with the original Mision San Miguel Arcangel built in the late 1700’s; a fenced-off section protects the remaining portions of the mission’s original adobe walls. Unfortunately, the school had fallen into some disrepair and two of the classrooms were actually condemned due to being unsafe to inhabit.

When the Committee visited Ensenada in November, this school site was selected for this year’s project and work immediately began on repairing the school. Walls that had separated from the structure or cracked were rebuilt and new supports were added. The windows that had been broken and replaced with wood siding over the years were all fitted with new frames and glass. Rotted floors had new cement added to the foundation and tile was then laid in each of the condemned classrooms. Some of the other improvements included: new window screens, cement drainage around the building and the entire school was repainted.

Some of those updates sound pretty simple, but remember I said above that the school shares the location with a historical landmark? Some of the areas of improvement actually took place on portions of the historical sections of the property. This meant that something as simple as adding new screens to the windows required special permission to complete. In all, approximately \$5,000 worth of upgrades were completed at the school.

The Ensenada Lions are very proud of the progress and presented a slide show with before/after pictures of the site during our Saturday night formal visitation meeting.

Lemoore Lions Jeff Garcia and Sophia Aguilar did their usual great work and saw 130 children and 8 adults in both their Eye exam and dental cleaning clinics. The good news, overall, the children seemed healthier at this school than in some of our recent projects. There were fewer children who needed glasses. When I mention Lions Jeff and Sophia, by no means am I suggesting they work alone. There were at least 20 other Lions who helped each process along. This was definitely a team-effort!

Something that I thought was really amazing was the fact that Lion Jeff completed his eye exams in the future library for the school; Lion Sophia completed her dental cleanings in the future computer room of the school.

These two rooms were the places I saw boarded-up, with falling walls, as part of a condemned building just four months ago.

This year, after the trading pin auctions, raffle ticket sales and individual or club donations were counted, \$4,000 was raised. This money will help finish up the details at La Mision and then be used towards the next project site identified by our Committee and the Ensenada Lions.

Governor Dean Church joined us this year for his second visitation and he was kept busy at the school helping with the children in the dental exam room; he was also put to work at the Saturday formal meeting, installing three new Lions.

This year's excursion was a trip to La Buffadora (Blowhole). La Buffadora is approximately an hour's drive south of Ensenada and is one of three natural blowholes in the world. That is always a nice tourist stop for anyone that has never seen a blowhole, watching the ocean's force blast water straight up into the air. It was also a nice trip for those that hadn't been there in a few years, as they were pleasantly surprised at the improvements, including asphalt and cement walkways.

The trip was a fun time for all. Some helped with the clinic at the school, others helped cook the Saturday dinner at the Lion's Den and others just relaxed and took in the experience with their fellow Lions. If you haven't been there before or simply haven't joined us for a few years now, please consider going next year, mark your calendar, March 20-23, 2014.

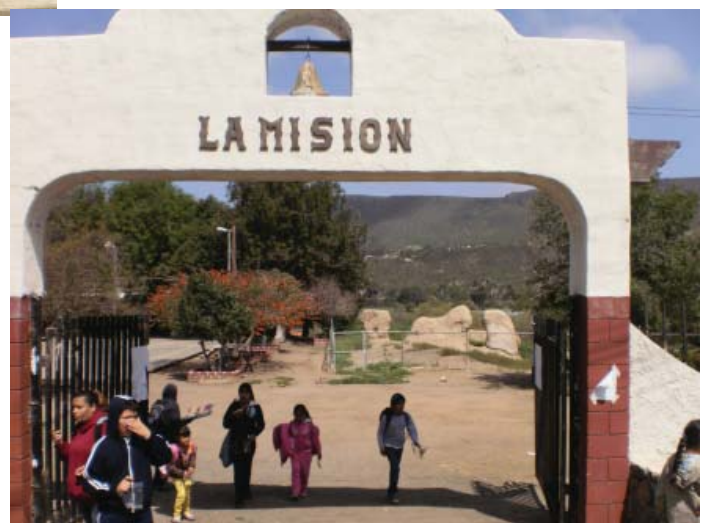


Update:  
Ensenada Lions Club  
Treasurer Gildardo Mayoral  
explains the improvements his  
club has accomplished at the  
school site at La Mision to 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Vice District Governor  
Anthony Martinez.



Find the Lion:

Can you find Lion Lydia Martinez? She was surrounded by a group of children after they had their eyes checked and teeth cleaned. Their smiles do more to show their gratitude than any words ever will.



School's out:

It is just after noon and children from the morning session of school head home. There is another session held each day for a second set of children in the afternoon.



# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

At our February District meeting, I had my collection jar for donations for LCIF. Unfortunately, I didn't receive any donations at that meeting. I will definitely not have collected enough for a Melvin Jones to be given at our upcoming Convention. I have decided that I will just go ahead and send it in to LCIF, keep track of all donations I receive, and when there is a \$1,000 collected, then all names I have from donations, will go into the pot to be have a Melvin Jones Fellowship drawn for. I will be taking donations at the Convention to add to that pot.

I was invited to present a program in March at the North Fresno Lions. I do thank PDG President Happy and the club for letting me speak to them. 2nd VDG Anthony has also invited me to come to the Parlier Lions in April. He has also invited other clubs from his zone, so I will have a chance to speak to more than one club at one time. Thank you in advance, 2nd VDG Anthony. I am anxious to visit many more clubs in our District and tell the members about LCIF. So, please contact me if interested in a program.

Through the end of February, the clubs and Lions in our District have donated \$8,030 to LCIF. MD-4 has donated \$306,781, I don't know how that ranks in donations from all Multiple and Districts in California.

I do say this in every newsletter article, but still want to remind you, 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 hope as many of you as can, will attend our District Convention the first weekend of May. I will have a display and information on LCIF. There will be recognitions of Melvin Jones recipients at our Saturday lunch. If I am notified by any clubs that they have a MJF they would like to present at the Convention, then those will be presented then.

--- PDG Vicki Beeman lion90vicki@yahoo.com  
559-584-2911 (home) or 559-212-5016 (cell)



*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**

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>		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			POST MARKED BEFORE April 10th	POST MARKED AFTER April 10th	\$
			\$95.00	\$100.00	\$
<b>FRIDAY Dinner</b>	International Food Faire at Headquarters Hotel	Dress Western Style Casual	N/C	N/C	\$
<b>SATURDAY Breakfast</b>	Breakfast is on your own.				
<b>SATURDAY Lunch</b>	Lunch Croissant Sandwich	DRESS CABINET UNIFORM LIONS CASUAL	\$15.00		\$
<b>SATURDAY Dinner</b>	(Circle Your Choice): Beef Bourguignon Chicken Cordon Blue	FORMAL ATTIRE, BLACK TIE, WHITE JACKET	\$45.00		\$
<b>SUNDAY Breakfast</b>	Quiche, Fruit, Pastries	DRESS CABINET UNIFORM LIONS CASUAL	\$15.00		\$
<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  
Cabinet Treasurer - Jan Beatty-Taylor  
710 North Vista, Visalia CA 93292  
559-802- 3345 or 559-909-1817**



The rooms that have been blocked are almost full at the host hotel and are almost gone. The alternate hotel only has 20 left, so make your reservations soon. The cut off date is April 3 for the reduced rate.

**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**

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## District 4A2 Lions Convention Golf Tourney

**WHERE:** Morro Bay Golf Club  
 Morro Bay  
**WHEN:** 11 AM Friday, May 3, 2013  
**FEE:** \$50 and includes Golf Cart, practice balls  
**DEADLINE:** April 26, 2013 – (Golf Course requires  
 a guarantee)

Shirts and soft spikes are required, cut offs and tank tops are not allowed.

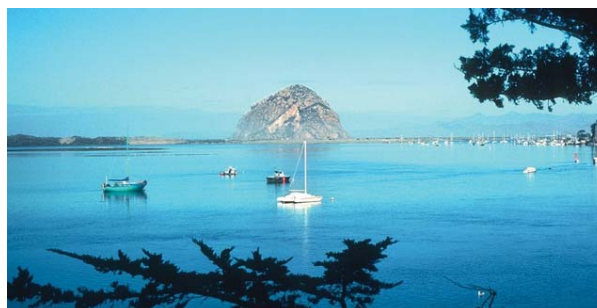


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**GOLFERS --- MAKE UP YOUR OWN FOURSOME OR WE CAN ASSIST!**

**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**

**The District Convention will be held at the Cambria Veterans Memorial Hall.**  
**Come join in the fun.**



# The complete amendments, the delgate form & the proposed Budget has been mailed to each club in the district

Proposed Amendments for 2013 District 4-A2 Convention voting May 4, 2013

FIRST PROPOSED AMENDMENT: (**Item 4.** on your ballot)

Shall the District 4-A2 Constitution be amended to delete reference to the **District 4-A2 Mobile Screening Unit**, and renumber paragraphs accordingly?

Your Constitution & ByLaws Committee, (hereafter C&B), recommends a “yes” vote. *Background: The District no longer has a mobile screening unit, therefore no longer endorses the project, and the Foundation established to maintain and operate the unit has been dissolved.*



SECOND PROPOSED AMENDMENT: (**Item 5.** on your ballot)

Shall the District 4-A2 Constitution be amended to specify “**First Vice-District Governor**” in twelve places where that was intended, but the text presently says just “**Vice-District Governor**”?

Your C & B Committee recommends a “yes” vote. *Background: When Lions International recommended the position of Second Vice-District Governor, we added the position to our Constitution in 2010, but we have not yet redesignated the former position of Vice-District Governor as **First Vice-District Governor**.*



THIRD PROPOSED AMENDMENT: (**Item 6.** on your ballot)

Shall the District 4-A2 Constitution be amended to add the District leaders and structure for Global Membership Team and Global Leadership Team, and to remove reference to Membership and Extension positions, and renumber paragraphs accordingly?

Your C & B Committee recommends a “yes” vote. *Background: This structure has been adopted and implemented by International and MD-4. Approving this amendment will reconcile the GMT and GLT coordinator positions with our District 4-A2 procedures and budget.*



FOURTH PROPOSED AMENDMENT: (**Item 7.** on your ballot)

Shall the District 4-A2 Constitution be amended to place the paragraph about Cat Haven under Special Committees instead of Administrative Committees, and remove specific reference to the lion Cous-Cous?

Your C & B Committee recommends a “yes” vote.

*Background: The duties of the Cat Haven Committee do not involve District administration. Cous-Cous, unfortunately, is dead.*



FIFTH AND FINAL PROPOSED AMENDMENT: (**Item 8.** on your ballot)

Shall the District 4-A2 Constitution be amended to remove paragraph D of Section 6 of Article IX regarding the District Officers Training, and assign those duties to the new Global Leadership Team?

Your C & B Committee recommends a “yes” vote. *Background: The position that has been responsible for our annual School of Instruction for new club officers becomes a part of the GLT anyway by **Item 6**. We no longer need to specify a separate committee to perform this duty.*



District 4A-2 Lions International

Request for Credentials

Date\_\_\_\_\_

District 4A-2 Annual Convention to be held

Date May 3-5, 2013 Place Cambria, CA

Each club is allowed one (1) voting delegate for ten (10) members or major fraction thereof,  
Provided they are in good standing. Please fill in necessary information and list delegates and  
Alternates in space below.

Name of Club\_\_\_\_\_ Region\_\_\_\_\_

Numbers of members in Club\_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DELEGATE	NAME OF ALTERNATE
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____

Please return promptly by April 29, 2013.

After April 29, 2013, bring papers with you.

Mail to: Ron Waldrop, PDG Club President\_\_\_\_\_

601 Kern street

Taft, CA 93268

Club Secretary\_\_\_\_\_

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## ENSENADA VISITATION

I know the Operation Friendship committee will want to submit their own article and tell you all about our visitation this year. But, I just wanted to put something in anyway. Our trip was March 21st through the 24th. It was another great trip, though unfortunately not a lot of our Lions went this year. The weather was perfect. For those who rode the bus, we had another great trip due to our most excellent driver, Hector. (He can park that big bus a lot better than some people could park a Volkswagon beetle). We had great times of fellowship with the Lions and non-Lion guests that went, as well as with the Ensenada Lions. The vision and dental clinics were held at a school in (or near) Rosarita. It was one of the smaller clinics held (as far as number of children and adults seen), but was very well received by those who attended. If you want to have your heart touched, just come in the room of the dental clinic and watch Lion Lydia (from Parlier) as she does her best to calm the scared children (I don't think I have seen her fail at that job). I know Lion Jeff and his crew work very hard in the eye clinic. I have had the privilege the last 3 or 4 years of helping Lion Sophia (from the Lemoore club) in the dental clinic. That is one Lion that works the entire time, since she is the only one doing the exams, she works non-stop. (Also helping in that area were Lions Maria & Marta, from Lemoore, Lion Jeanne from Squaw Valley Mountain, and DG Dean. Plus the other two children of Lion Maria and two ladies [who I believe may have also had connection with Lion Maria] who were able to speak to the children in Spanish. I already have the dates for the 2014 visitation written down in my calendar (March 20-23). I am sure the Operation Friendship Committee won't mind me saying, "Write those dates down on my calendar and start planning now for 2014." --- PDG Vicki

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## The McFarland LIONS are alive and doing well.

With the moving back to their home at the McFarland Community Center, things are going as planned.  
Here are some of the things going on.

The McFarland Roaring Leo's spent a great time in Sacramento at the Youth Symposium. They met with a great group of other Leo's and a great number of new relationships were formed. This group of young men and women are planning the first ever, "FEED THE HUNGRY" on April 13, 2013. They will serve a dinner of spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, roll and water to anyone that feels they are hungry. Support from the community has proven they have shown the way to success. Food will be served from 11 A.M. till food is gone, or 5 P.M.

LION Bob McLaughlin served a great conned beef with cabbage at our last meeting. Also had a great presentation from Lori Crown, Logistics Co-Coordinator for "Hero Flight." Lori stopped in McFarland on her way to Bakersfield, from Sacramento. Lori was born in McFarland and stopped to see some of the City. Seeing a LIONS CLUB B-B-QUE, she came by and spent over an hour with the Lions and the Leo's. Lori is planning to become a member of our Club. The McFarland LIONS will be selling whole b-b-queue/with a large container of Rice, the first Saturday of every month. The cost will be \$25.00 and a drive-thru is planned. This will take place at the McFarland Community Center at 201 W. Sherwood Ave. There is easy on/off the 99, in both directions (N./S.) Add to this three (3) more prospective new members in the making, McFarland Lions are on the move!!!

LION DAVE "IN GOD WE TRUST"



## “ROAR OF THE LION”

# Officer Training

June 8, 2013

in Visalia for:

Presidents

Treasurers - Secretaries

Leo Advisors

Guiding Lions

Region & Zone Chairs



### Your District Officers

District 4-A2

Cabinet Secretary

John Burns

District 4-A2

Cabinet Treasurer

Jan Beatty-Taylor





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Lions District 4-A2 - Officer Training  
**Visalia Schools Learning Center**  
**630 S. Atwood St. • Visalia, CA 93277**  
**Map on next page**  
 June 8, 2013 - 8 am to 12 noon

Club Name	Contact Phone	President	Secretary/ Treasurer	LEO Advisor	Zone/ Region Chair	Guiding Lion (4 hour session 8 am to noon)
Lions Names	Area & phone #	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

# of Lions attending X \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send pre-registration to **Cabinet Treasurer Jan Beatty-Taylor; 710 N. Vista; Visalia, CA 93292-6844**  
**MUST be Mailed by May 31, 2013 or bring with you.** The pre-registration tells us how many books we need.

### 2012 – 13 District 4-A2 Meeting dates & Location

Date	Type	Location	Theme
April 20, 2013	4-A2 Student Speaker Contest	Visalia City Office 707 w acequia avenue	
May 3-5, 2013	4-A2 Convention	Cambria	
June 8, 2013	Officer Training	<b>Visalia Schools Learning Center, 630 S. Atwood St.</b>	
July 5-9, 2013	LCI Convention	Hamburg, Germany	

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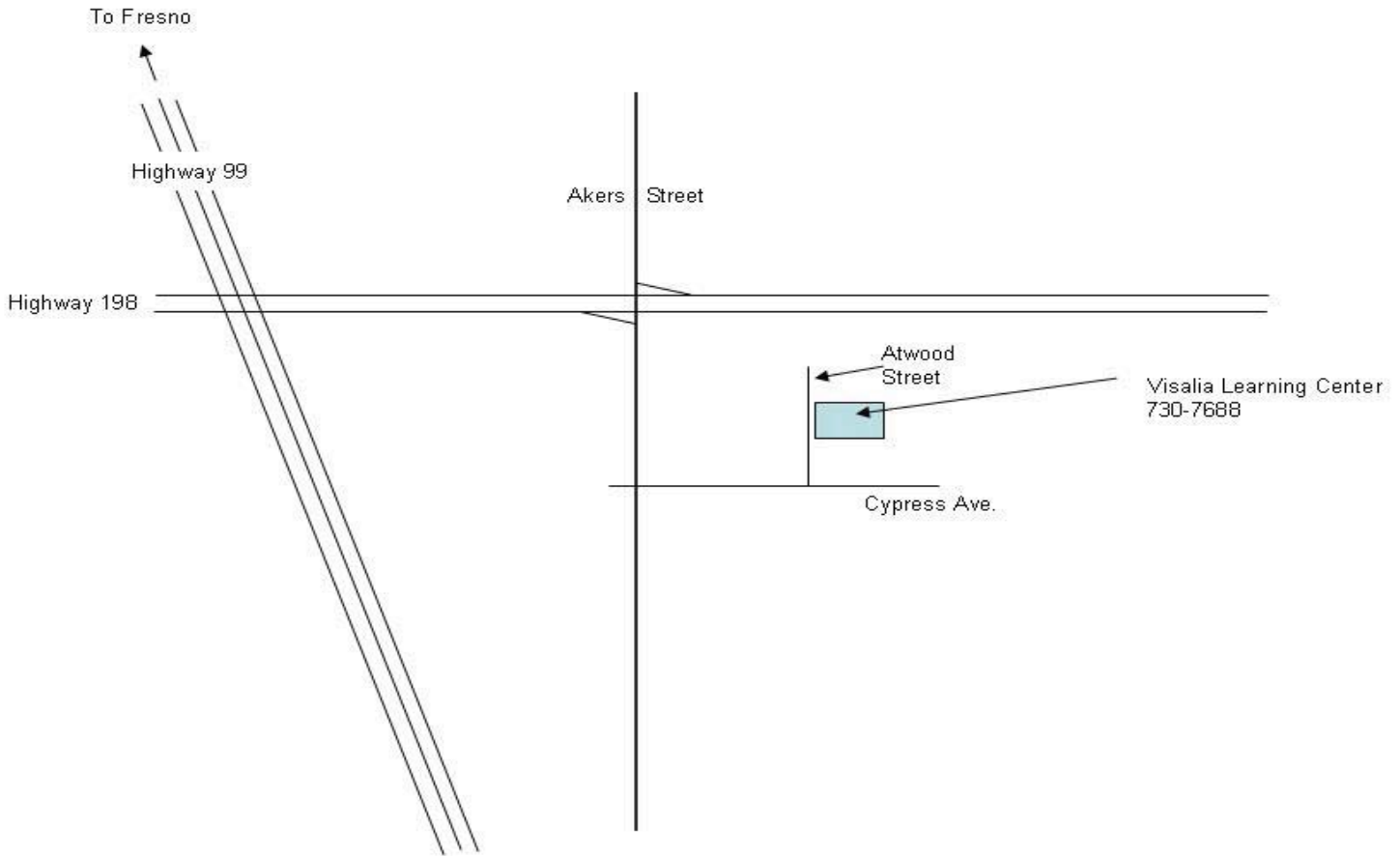


# “ROAR OF THE LION”



Map showing location of the Visalia Learning Center

630 S. Atwood St., Visalia CA



**2013-14 Officers should be elected & placed on the LCI WebSite by the 1st of April**

# “ROAR OF THE LION”



**Leo Symposium Sacramento LCI Convention Feb. 2013**



Dear Lion PDG Jim,

The registration deadline for Lions Clubs International Convention in Hamburg, Germany starting July 5th is fast approaching. After March 31st the late registration fee will increase to \$150. Jane and I are very encouraged and energized by the number of MD4 Lions planning on attending.

The Lions Hamburg convention on-line registration page can be reached by clicking on the following link:  
[LCI Hamburg Online Registration](#)

When you arrive at the page, just click on the 'Online Registration' button and the system will guide you through the process. If you plan on staying at the California Delegation Hotel (NH Horn), the system will allow you to make your hotel reservation as part of the registration process. There are only a few rooms left.

In addition, you may also find the following documents helpful as you plan your visit to Hamburg.

1. Lions International Convention Hamburg Schedule of Events.
2. Lions International Convention Hamburg Delegation Hotel Information

Again, we hope Lions from many clubs will attend. Jane and I hope to see you in Hamburg!

Yours in Service,

Larry Dicus

Endorsed ID Candidate, MD4

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Larry Dicus for Lions Club International Director

# “ROAR OF THE LION”



**Dinuba  
Cabinet  
Meeting  
Feb  
2013**



# “ROAR OF THE LION”



**Dinuba Cabinet Meeting  
Feb, 2013**



Site of the 4-A2 Convention May 3-5, 2013 in Cambria  
San Simeon Pines Seaside Resort.

## California Area 2 Student Speaker Contest will take place in the Memorial Building Saturday - May 4

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▼ **The Buzz**

The decision by local radio talk show host Ralph Bailey to leave KNZR for cross-town rival KERN 1180 triggered a harsh response from Bailey's former colleague, Jaz McKay. McKay posted a lengthy, vitriolic message attacking Bailey on his Facebook page after Bailey made his announcement. The message immediately made the rounds on social networking, being forwarded and reposted until it was apparently deleted. Among the below-the-belt comments were, "Farewell to the man with the biggest ego known in history ... Farewell to the man who couldn't keep his story straight on his political beliefs ... Farewell to the man who although as much as he tried could not get past the fact that he is black." Ouch. Bailey's new show will run on KERN 1180 weekdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

▼ **Rubio**

Another stunner last week was the sudden resignation of state Sen. Michael Rubio (D-Shafter) from the state Senate. Rubio took a job with Chevron Corp. to be its director of governmental affairs in Sacramento. That's a fancy title for lobbyist, and it doesn't hurt that Rubio was

holding hearings on reforming the California Environmental Quality Act and is taking to Chevron a pocketful of contacts and inside knowledge. Rubio said he was leaving to spend more time with his wife, Dora, and his two daughters, the youngest of whom was born with Down syndrome.

▼ **Bad form**

It's sad to watch the ongoing story of the rise and fall of Robert Swift, the onetime Garces High school basketball standout who went on to the National Basketball Association before injuries forced him out of the game. His \$1 million home in Seattle is in foreclosure, and he is refusing to leave. According to a story on AOL: "The home's new owner has gone to court to have Swift removed from the property, and court records show that he is now past a grace period to leave. He has a

final deadline to vacate the premises by the end of the month — and after that, he could be forcibly removed," KOMO News reported. "He will have to respond to the sheriff, I'm sure," the new owner said. "This is a pretty sad case of an ex-NBA star who once held such promise but now has found himself in trouble."

▼ **Lions**

Hats off to the Bakersfield Breakfast Lions Club and Tim Delcid who donated \$12,700 to the local chapter of the Honor Flight, the group that takes aging veterans to Washington, D.C., to view the war memorials. Local organizer Lili Marsh said it costs \$1,500 to send one veteran, so the Lions Club donation allows nine to go on the spring flight. "The looks on the faces and the tears in the eyes of these humble vets, when they see that they have not been forgotten ... really brings home the significance of this sim-



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ple gesture to the generation that saved the world! Breakfast Lions rock!"

▼ **Richardson**

Former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson will be the keynote speaker during the annual Kern County Economic Summit, set for March 20 at the DoubleTree Hotel. The cost is \$100 per ticket, and you can register online at [www.kedc.com](http://www.kedc.com) or [www.bakersfieldchamber.org](http://www.bakersfieldchamber.org).

▼ **Recipe**

Steve Agerton asked for help in tracking down a garlic butter recipe made by the owners of the old Joe's National Market on East 18th Street. "We used to get gallons of this garlic butter for the Oil Man's barbecues every year. It has since closed down and out of business. I know this might be a crazy request, but we wanted to try anyway."

Can anyone help Steve?

*Richard Beene is president and CEO of The Bakersfield Californian. He blogs at [www.bakersfieldobserved.com](http://www.bakersfieldobserved.com). These are his opinions, not necessarily those of The Californian. Email him at [rsbeene@yahoo.com](mailto:rsbeene@yahoo.com).*

**Bakersfield  
 Breakfast Lions  
 donate \$12,700**



The Porterville Breakfast Lions held their annual student speaker contest at El Nuevo Restaurant, Feb 19, 2013.

Dr. Jeremy Powell (right) presents Shain Braziel, a junior at Strathmore High School, the winner's certificate and check.

Runners-ups were Alfredo Avalos, Denise Chapa, and Esperanza Kaniatobe of Strathmore HS and Hannah Brumley of Harmony Magnet Academy.

Norm Carpenter, secretary  
Porterville, CA

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**District 4-A2 Student Speaker Contest**  
**April 20, 2013 @ 2 pm**  
**Visalia City Office @ 707 W Acequia Avenue**



# Student Speaker Contests Southern Region



Bakersfield Sports



Zone 2



# Southern Region Contest

Thanks to the Rosedale Lions,  
Bakersfield Host Lions, Delano  
Lions, Bakersfield Sports Lions,  
McFarland Lions for their  
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## Central Valley Lioness Lions Club 1st Annual Raise For A Cause Fundraiser Poker Tournament

April 21st 2013

Selma Portuguese Hall

1245 Nebraska; Selma Ca. 93662

Tournament Starts at 2:00 p.m.

45.00 Buy-In Includes SNACKS

**NO  
HOST  
BAR**

**1st Prize**

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**2nd Prize**

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**SILENT AUCTION  
FOR POKER  
GIFTS**



**PRIZES  
\$\$\$\$\$**



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Late Registration @ 8AM  
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## Lions Afternoon in Malibu



### Lion Dr. Marwah's Ranch

29057 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA

**Saturday, April 27, 2013**

Chicken, Ribs & Links Buffet

Hosted Bar

Live and Silent Auction

Live Musical Entertainment

The Flipside Singers

Ernie Hernandez, Guitarist

Fellowship with Fellow Lions

Breathtaking Setting

**1 PM - 5 PM**

**\$50**

Donation

Must purchase tickets before April 23th: Lion Ron Copley (562) 693-8330  
Email: [roncopley@earthlink.net](mailto:roncopley@earthlink.net), or online: [www.larrydicus.com/contribute](http://www.larrydicus.com/contribute)