



From Many Hands, One Heart

2015-2016 District 4-A3 Newsletter

Richard Davis, District Governor



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District Governor Richard Davis



your families.

Hope everyone receives this in good health and spirits for you and

you has found a niche to reflect back those things meaningful in life to you that you may have learned or experience by others. It is this passing of the good and great qualities of who we are that Lionism allows

What a long road it has been these last few months traveling about the District and meeting all the great Lions of our clubs. We have such a strong and diverse cadre



for us to do together. Rather than going alone and trying to accomplish good, when we bond together we achieve so much more.

While you are out and about in your day of Lionism, why

of Lions, of so many talents, of so many passions, and of so many dedicated to giving back to their communities that it only speaks to who we are as a people. I would suggest that each of

not ask someone to join you in helping at your events. See if they may find a connection in service that we so obviously have.

It is not a big commitment to ask just one person to help turn tri-tip or mix



DG Richard takes a moment with Lion Gator



DG Richard with Lompoc Host Lions (L-R) Martin and Moody

batter or decorate a table, or whatever you may ask of them to do, and maybe, just maybe they may find that joining Lions gives them that sense of the parts being



Nipomo Lions welcome DG Richard

great than the whole, and brings a greater sense of purpose and definition to them and those around them.

Enjoy and may all your days be great days in Lionism.

Lion Richard





1st Vice District Governor Jose Nichols

Recruiting Younger Persons to Become Lions

Recently Juanita and I attended the USA/Canada Forum held in Grand Rapids Michigan. One of the favorite sessions I attended was lead by International Director Jerome Thompson. International Director Thompson's Topic was entitled, "Code Purple – CPR for Weak Clubs". In his opening remarks I.D. Jerome stated that "40% of clubs in the USA and Canada have 20 members or less". And we know that several of those clubs are struggling because of the aging membership. Some members who have been part of the club for years were at one time actively involved and had the strength and stamina to participate in the different club projects. Now the clubs are in need of younger members who can continue the work that was started by the senior members.

So how do we engage younger members so that they will eventually become part of our clubs? First, we need to change our thinking about what we, as an organization have to provide to these young folks. And, not only do

we have to change what we provide to them, but also our approach. And this leads me to talk about the second favorite session I attended. The topic was "Nurturing the Next Generation". The presenter was Past International Director Gary Fry. His presentation focused on the "Best Practices for engaging Millennials". For those of you who perhaps are not familiar with the term, Millennials are individuals who were born after 1981. Appropriately then, I will be using "Millennials" in referring to younger individuals for the rest of this article.

When speaking about changing our approach to recruiting Millennials to our organization, I would like to refer back to I.D. Thompson, and I am paraphrasing what he stated: "Millennials are not looking for a club to join – they are looking for a cause to serve". Past International Director Fry shared the following on how to best engage Millennials:

- They have a deep-seated need to make an impact
- Need to identify their volunteer passion(s)
- Need to offer them a wide variety of opportunities
- Provide short-term and seasonal opportunities
- Offer skill-based opportunities
- Allow for leadership roles and volunteer suggestions

- Develop appealing volunteer recruitment messages on media
- Reframe volunteer recognition programs (Recognition programs need to be meaningful with instantaneous recognition) Note: Millennials have grown up with technology, (i.e., video games, internet, texting, etc.,) in which they received immediate feedback. So they expect immediate feedback/gratification.

In addition to recruiting Millennials, there are other opportunities to engage them. Some clubs have made a concerted effort to invite Millennials who are already actively involved in their communities helping

others on a volunteer basis or working for a non-profit organization. In some instances, they are invited to present a program at a club meeting. This

has led, in some cases, to the forming of a relationship between the non-profit and the club which has resulted in the addition of one or more new members.

I hope that your club will, if not already doing so, reach out to this generation of potential Lions. It could possibly result in a "shot to the arm" of your club.

Best Wishes

Yours in Lionism,
Jose J. Nichols, 1st Vice District Governor

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REMAINING DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITATIONS



OCTOBER 2015

22		Vandenberg	12:00-1:00
27		Simi/Moorpark	7:00-8:00
28		Atascadero	7:00-8:00

NOVEMBER 2015

TBD		Allan Hancock Campus	4:00-5:00
TBD		Cal Poly	
TBD		Saticoy	6:00-7:00
TBD		University of CA Santa Barbara	4:00-5:00

Helpful Website Links

The following links may be of interest to you. All can be found on the Lions International Website at lionsclubs.org

Centennial Video: Knights of the Blind. Watch the October Lions Quarterly for the newest Centennial video, which shares the history of how Lions became Knights of the Blind. You can view the video by clicking on the following link: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-media/videos/lq.php>

Centennial Service Challenge: Everything you need to know about how your Club can meet the Centennial Service Challenge: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/serve/centennial-service-challenge/index.php>

Centennial Toolbox: Forms and other necessary information for our 100th Birthday:
<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/toolbox/index.php>

Blueprint for a Stronger Club: We've heard a lot about this at our various leadership trainings. It's a valuable document that can help your club succeed:
<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/strengthen-membership/blueprint-for-stronger-club.php>

Young Adults: 1st VDG Jose talked about attracting younger Lions to our Clubs. The following provides useful information and compliments what he talked about:
<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/invite-members/young-adults.php>

Purpose and Ethics: We should never stray from our Lions Code of Ethics:
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/who-we-are/mission-and-history/purpose-and-ethics.php>





International Director Howard Hudson

While our responsibilities with Lions Clubs International have kept us from being involved with many district activities since the International Convention in Hawaii, Lynn & I want you to know that our hearts are still here in District 4-A3. And, through your e-mails and Facebook postings, we are enjoying keeping up with everything that is going on here.

Since Honolulu, I have attended the New Board Member Orientation in Oak Brook. And Lynn & I have attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids and the LCI Board Meeting in Budapest. In addition, we were privileged to take part in the Charter Day celebrations for two new Lions

Clubs here in MD4 along with another District Cabinet Installation in District 4-C4. And much more is on our calendar for the months to come. So, we will be busy.

Upcoming though in MD4, we do hope that you do have on your calendars helping with the Rose Float decorating on both December 12 and December 29. Both are important days in the decorating process. So, please make every effort to support this project which is so important not just for MD4 but to Lions Clubs International as evidenced by their increasing financial support for this. And, speaking of the Rose Parade and Lions Clubs International, please be aware of the International President's Reception that will take place on the evening of December 29. You must have tickets for this event and they must be pre-paid. No tickets will be sold at the door. Information about this and other events around the New Years are at http://www.lionsrosefloat.com/docs2016/Rose_Parade_Arrangements-1.pdf. This will be a great opportunity to meet LCI President Jitsuhiro Yamada and his wife Toshika along with several other members of the International Board. So, make your plans early so you don't miss out.

Also, upcoming is the MD4 Convention in Modesto this coming February 5-7, 2016. Our International guest will be LCI Past President Tam who has been a good friend of MD4 for many years. In addition to having a chance to meet PIP Tam, this will be a great opportunity for fellowship with Lions from all around California. Plus, there will be some learning opportunities at many of the seminars that will be offered there. Information about this convention is at <http://www.convention.md4lions.org/>. So plan to register as soon as possible.

Speaking of learning and leadership, do not forget about the MD4 Lions Leadership Institutes offered in both Sacramento in November and in Ontario in January. Many Lions from District 4-A3 have attended these and all have come back inspired with the possibilities of what can be done in our clubs and in our communities. If you are interested in either of these, go to the MD4 website at <http://md4lions.org> and click on GLT Leadership on the left hand menu. This will take you to the page explaining the institutes and to the application forms.

While many of these activities will also be encouraged by other leaders in our district, I want to also emphasize these. That is because, your involvement in both District and MD4 activities will lead you to a whole new world of Lionism. So, please take advantage of all these opportunities in the months to come.

And, Lynn & I promise to be back with you as soon as we can.
ID Howard Hudson

MULTIPLE DISTRICT FOUR CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS 2015-2016

Fall - November 6 - 8, 2015 Burlingame, CA; (Doubletree by Hilton) 4-C4

Mid-Winter - February 3 - 4, 2016 Modesto, CA; (Doubletree by Hilton) 4-A1

Joint - June 2 - 5, 2016 Redding, CA; (Red Lion) 4-C1

MD-4 Conventions

February 5 - 7, 2016 (Doubletree) Modesto, CA; 4-A1

International Conventions

June 24 - 28, 2016 Fukuoka, Japan

June 30 - July 4, 2017 (Centennial) Chicago, Illinois, USA—**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!**

MD4 Institutes

North: November 21-23, 2015 Sacramento, CA (Hilton Sacramento-Arden West)

South: January 16-18, 2016 Ontario, CA (Ontario Airport Hotel)

Special Activities

Wednesday., October 14, 2015 White Cane Days

Fri., Sat., & Sun., February 19 - 21,
2016 Flag Days

Saturday, March 19, 2016 Lions Eyes Across California

Sunday, April 3, 2016 Lions City of Hope Day

Student Speaker Contest Completion Dates

by Monday, February 22, 2016 Club Contest

by Monday, March 14, 2016 Zone Contest

by Monday, April 4, 2016 Region Contest

by Monday, April 25, 2016 District Contest

by Monday, May 16, 2016 Area Contest

on Saturday, June 4, 2016 MD4 Final Contest (Redding, CA)

Check out the District 4-A3 Website at <http://www.lions4a3.org/> or the MD-4 Website at <http://md4lions.org/home.php> for more information.

Lions Leadership Institute

MD-4 Lions Leadership Institutes focus on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at the club, zone, region and district levels.

There is a focus on applying many of the leadership skills long-recognized in business and government to working with volunteers and the community.

Qualified candidates are Lions in good standing who are active in their club and/or district leadership.

Applications are available from your district officers or www.md4lions.org.

Cost of the Institute

The cost to the attendee is \$300 for the event. The rest of the cost of the Institute is picked up by Lions Clubs International and Multiple District Four. This covers lunch and dinner each day (no dinner on Monday), materials, and a shared room at the hotel. (Add \$120 for single occupancy hotel room.)

Requirements

All attendees agree to do the pre-assignments and to attend all of the classes.

Areas of Emphasis

Some of the areas covered in the course work are:

- Change
- Presentation Skills
- Conflict Resolution
- Project Management
- Communications
- Effective Meetings
- Membership
- Leadership
- Diversity
- Supporting Teams
- LCIF
- Technology & Lions
- Mentoring

Dress

The dress is "Lions Casual." Please wear comfortable clothes to the classes.

Starting Time--Hotel Arrangements

We begin Saturday morning. The Institute will book your rooms for Saturday and Sunday nights. A specific schedule, pre-assignments and FAQ will be sent to you. Some students may want to come in on Friday evening. You can do that at YOUR OWN expense. Please call the hotel directly at (916) 922-4700. Use our group code LCD. We have a group rate of \$99+tax and \$5 parking fee per night that you may use for Friday. Meals start with the Saturday lunch. All sessions start on time. Training ends late Monday afternoon. You must attend all sessions.



MD4 Leadership Institute Application

November 21-23, 2015
Hilton Sacramento Arden West
2200 Harvard St., Sacramento

Cost: \$300
Double Occupancy
(An extra \$120 as a single)

Please register early as there are pre-assignments to be completed.

Application deadline: One week before the institute

Please Type or Print LEGIBLY

Name

Address

City Zip code

Contact Phone(s):

Home

Business

Mobile

Email Address

Club Name District

Membership #

Highest Lions office held

Check #

Fees and shared room \$300

Fees and single room \$420

Please make checks payable to Lions Multiple District Four

When completed send to: PDG Steve Robeson
3733 N. Hwy 3
Etna, CA 96027

Questions? 530 467-3791 or smrobesson@sisqtel.net

IF YOU HAVE ANY FOOD REQUIREMENTS OR ANY SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, PLEASE ATTACH A NOTE, SO WE CAN MAKE YOU COMFORTABLE!

To download the application visit md4lions.org

LIONS CODE OF ETHICS



TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubts against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, as to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy. **TO BE CAREFUL** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

OBJECTIVES

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship.

TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

TO UNITE the Clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest: provided., however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by Club members.

TO ENCOURAGE service minded men and women to serve their community without personal financial rewards, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry professions, public works and private endeavors.

HERE'S THE NEWS

Region L—Zone 1 & 2 Paso Robles Lions Club

A representative from the Paso Robles Leos program, Josh A, applied for and was accepted to take part in the Youth Ambitions in Medical Science program held in San Francisco this past summer for two weeks. He was boarded by the San Francisco Lions. He is interested in the medical profession and the YAM program is perfect for him.

Joel Zwick , Publicity Chair, Paso Robles Lions Club



PRHS LEO CLUB

Arroyo Grande Lions Club Hard at Work!



PISMO BEACH CITIES LIONS CLUB

The work and play continues at the Pismo Beach Cities Lions Club as we celebrate our 70th year as a Lions Club!

Our pancake breakfast fundraisers continue and we thank the clubs who have come to support us with help in the work and purchasing a breakfast. Kudos to PDG Tony Manuel, whose support has allowed us to serve free breakfast to veterans and the Arroyo Grande Lions, whose help has kept us going as a club.

We are so proud of The Five Cities Leo Club we sponsor who continue to raise funds to donate to local groups and individuals in need. The bake sale and pancake breakfast they held on June 27th promoted awareness of childhood cancers and over \$1,000 was raised to donate to "Team Mateo", the family of a local three year old boy. Well done to co-advisors Lion Katie Nieves and Lion Susan Mistretta for leading this small but hard working group of Leo's.

We have had the opportunity to travel to other clubs events and had a wonderful time at the Harvest Festival with the AG Lions, Bunco and Pancake Breakfast with the Orcutt Lions, Leadership Training in Lompoc, Nurses Appreciation Diner with Lion Dr. Major at the Madonna Inn, Atascadero Reverse Drawing, and Chinese Auction in Santa Maria. If you missed these events make sure you mark your calendar for next year!

We have found a community service project we are supporting; The Five Cities Christian Women's Emergency Food Pantry. Located in Grover Beach, this group is involved in food distribution to disadvantaged individuals and families. The need continues to grow, and volunteers are needed to help stock shelves and distribute food items.

Hoping to see you soon,

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Connie Rose
Club President 2015-2016



NIPOMO LIONS CLUB

NHS Leo Club helped with Thanksgiving and Christmas in Nipomo, picked fruit for the Nipomo Food Basket, did some yard cleanup for individuals, and helped with the Food Bank Distribution at Dana Elementary. Their fundraising included the Annual Marshmallow Drive at the Monarch Dunes Golf Club.

Their goals for this year are to increase membership, especially females, and to continue community service.



CCNTH Leo Board had income this past year of \$2,535 and donated \$1,380 and have \$215 in their Admin Account. Their Goodwill Drive brought in over \$1,000 of their income. The other major contributor to their income was their Techy Talks (aiding individuals and groups with questions related to smartphones, tablets, computers, etc. One other project is training guide dogs for the blind. They also participate in the Food Bank Distribution at Dana Elementary every month.

Region I—Zone 3 & 4 SANTA MARIA VALLEY LIONS CLUB

Santa Maria Valley Lions hosted a "Chinese Auction" on Saturday, October 3rd, at the Eagles Hall in Santa Maria. Everyone had a great time and no one went home a loser. Lunch consisted of multiple salads and of course Chinese Chicken Salad was the main course, rolls and ice cream for dessert. As a bonus everyone coming in received a paddle and ping-pong ball with a matching number, and the ball went into a bingo cage. Our Past District Governor Tony Manuel and SMVL Ron Hubble manned the calling of numbers during the auction. If you placed your quarter in the dish and your number was called you won a prize. The members of SMVL donated many nice gifts for prizes (over 100) so most went home winners.

Thank you to Vice District Governor Jose Nichols and Region I Chair Juanita Nichols who attended this event. DG Jose provided a few words to the crowd on the wonderful work the Lions do all over the world, as well as locally. Zone 1 Chair Jodi Tellier was also in attendance and thank you Jodi for all the balloons you provided, placing them in the room.

In spite of the other activities that were going on in this area our Club was pleased with the outcome. This activity is an annual event and next year we will be doing it again.

Sarah (Sally) Cheever



SANTA MARIA NOONTIMERS LIONS CLUB

The Santa Maria Noontimers Lions are nearing the end of their 23rd year of fundraising at the Santa Maria Raceway (formerly Speedway). As our members continue to age, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find enough volunteers within the club. However, we somehow manage, but not without the help of some of the children of our members and Lion Joe Knudsen of the Arroyo Grande Lions!

From April through September, nine members (at some point or another) and four non-members provided 610 hours of service in raising funds for our various service projects, including feeding the homeless at the Good Samaritan Shelter, donating to LCIF, City of Hope, Lions Sight Conservation Foundation of Santa Maria, and projects of other area Lions clubs, as well as supporting other non-profits including Altrusa International, Alzheimer's Association, American Heart Association, and the Braille Institute.



We've prepared dinner for the Good Samaritan Homeless Shelter twice so far during this fiscal year. We find it very rewarding, and the residents appear to be very grateful. On average, we serve about 150 meals and perform 25 hours of service each time.



As the school year has begun, three of our members have been active in assisting with the vision screening being performed on behalf of the Lions Sight Conservation Foundation of Santa Maria. So far in September, the three have volunteered 64 hours of service.





California Blind Golf Classic Sunday, November 1, 2015

Noontimers

**Village Country Club Golf Course
4300 Club House Road, Vandenberg Village/Lompoc**

**11:30 a.m.
Scramble Sign-in**

**Join in the fun!
Help us help others!**

**\$125 per golfer / \$500 team of four
EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT: \$440 for teams of 4
who register and pay by October 23, 2015**

**To register or for additional information, please contact:
Roger @ (805) 937-8374, email: haysel2@msn.com,
or any Santa Maria Noontimers Lion!**

Awards presentation at end of play ~ approximately 6:30 p.m.

Golfers are needed for the 16th Annual California Classic Blind Golf Tournament. All skill levels are welcome ~ invite your family, friends and co-workers! Special pricing ends October 23 for teams of four players! Please see attachment for additional information. To register or for additional information, please email Roger Selken or Carol Haynes at haysel2@msn.com.



Sponsorships Needed!

Choose a level to help us help others!

Contributing Sponsor	Value of Donated Goods (used as prizes for tournament participants)	Brochure Listing
Brochure Sponsor	\$100	Business Card Size Ad
Tee Sponsor	\$250	Business Card Size Ad & Sign at Tee
Silver Sponsor	\$500	1/4 Page Ad & Sign at 10th Tee
Gold Sponsor	\$1000	1/2 Page Ad & Sign at 1st Tee
Tournament Sponsor	\$2500	Full Page Ad & banner displayed prominently

Make checks payable to:

Santa Maria Noontimers Lions (include business card, logo or design)

Mail to: SM Noontimers Lions, PO Box 805, Santa Maria, CA 93456

Advertising deadline for inclusion in tournament booklet: Oct. 23, 2015

Funds raised from this event assist with our sight programs and community projects. We co-sponsor a special recreational fund for visually impaired students in North Santa Barbara County where they develop life skills, learn the value of teamwork, build self-confidence, and learn that blindness does not limit participation in recreation! We are also active members of the Lions Sight Conservation Foundation of Santa Maria, providing both time and money. The Foundation assists with eye exams & glasses and does extensive vision-screening in local schools. We also donate funds to the Santa Maria branch of the Braille Institute which provides training to visually impaired residents.

SANTA MARIA SUNRISERS

Sunrisers Support CALM

On August 27, 2015 Santa Maria Sunrisers' President Erika Ballesteros presented Deborah Holmes, Chief Program Director, at CALM with a check for \$250. CALM (Child Abuse Listening and Mediation) had recently moved their offices from Carmen Lane to a larger office at 210 E. Enos St. Santa Maria. As a result of the move to the larger location, CALM had requested donations from the community of toys, books, and games for their clients to use while they were receiving therapy. The donation will be used to purchase those items. CALM provides therapy for clients where there is the potential or evidence of child endangerment or abuse. The Sunrisers became acquainted with CALM and their mission 3 years ago when Sandra Fuhring presented to the group, explaining how the organization helps families in the North County area. As a result the Sunrisers adopted two families for Christmas that year and have done so in the subsequent years as well. We are anticipating Sandra's presentation for 2015 to once again support this very worthwhile organization.



President Erika Ballesteros presenting Chief Program Director of CALM Deborah Holmes with a check.

Vandenberg Village Lions and Santa Maria Sunrisers Lions Team up to Fight Alzheimer's Disease

Alzheimer's Disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the US and the second most feared disease, behind only cancer. From 2000 to 2010 the death rate from Alzheimer's Disease has increased by 66% compared with all of the other leading causes of death, including heart attack and stroke in which death rates have declined. Presently, over 5.4 million people in the US are living with the disease, 36,000 of which live in the Central Coast Chapter of the Association. Experts predict that by the year 2050 the total number will be over 16 million. Experts also predict that one in six Californians over the age of 65 will have the disease and globally one in two persons 85 or over will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease.

While these numbers are staggering, it is only recently that the US government has allocated any real funds to research into the causes and hopefully cures.

The Alzheimer's Association holds an annual event titled the Walk to End Alzheimer's throughout the US. The purpose of this event is to raise money for those in the community with the disease or their caregivers to have access to resources to assist them in dealing with the day to day management of this insidious disease.

The Santa Maria Sunrisers Lions Club has participated in the Santa Maria Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease for the past 5 years, walking in support, raising funds as well as serving breakfast to the walkers and runners as they finish the course. Serving breakfast is just one of the Sunrisers Community Service projects. The Walk itself is 3k and the run is a fun 5k race.

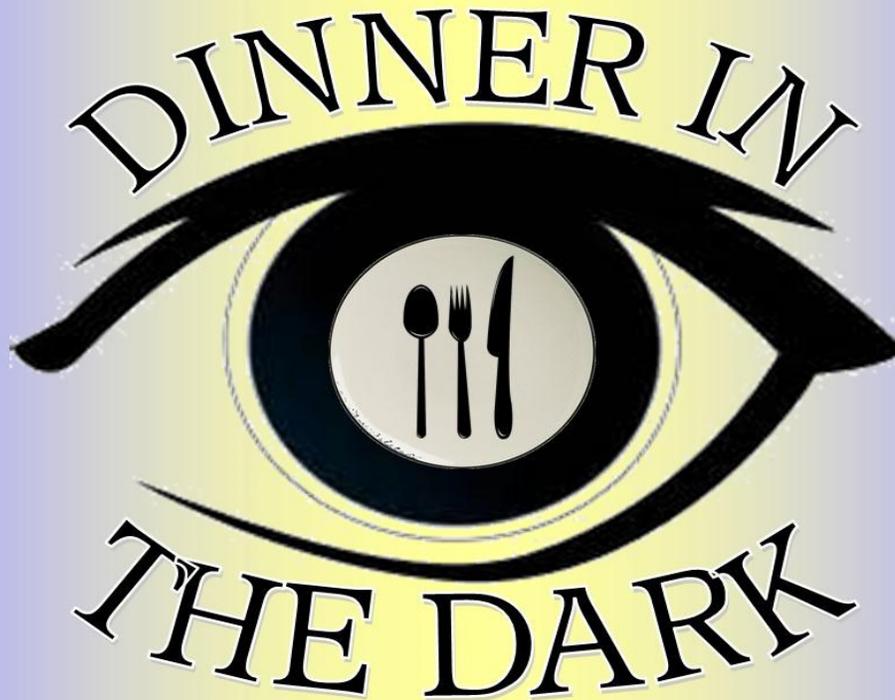
For the past 3 years, members of the Vandenberg Village Lions Club have participated individually by personal contributions. For 2015, VVLC, in addition to personal contributions, has donated \$200 to the event as well as committing to sending a team of Lions out to the Walk in support of finding a cure. This is another great example of the collaboration between Lions clubs for the greater good of the community.



Photo of President Laura Luna handing off the check to Zone Chair Don Bock (Co-chair of the Santa Maria Walk to End Alzheimer's)

**VANDENBERG VILLAGE LIONS CLUB
DISTRICT 4-A3 NUMBER ONE CLUB**

Vandenberg Village Lions Club
*Encourages you to **SAVE THE DATE** for*



Dinner in the Dark is a unique dining experience aimed at heightening your senses while bringing awareness to the issue of blindness. Sight conservation is the mission for Lions Clubs International and the Vandenberg Village Lions Club is conducting its Annual White Cane Fundraiser by hosting this distinctive event.

Saturday, January 23, 2016

5:30pm—8:00pm

La Purisima Parish Hall

213 West Olive, Lompoc

Cost: \$30



All proceeds benefit the Vandenberg Village Lions Club
Sight and Hearing Conservation Efforts

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! Contact Gail at 733-2898 or by emailing
gailpl@outlook.com

Region O—Zone 6

VENTURA DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB

A Bit of Club History...

Summer is over and fall has begun. The Ventura Downtown Lions club had a very busy summer and fall is going to be very busy as well.

In July we were proud to see our own members Richard Davis and Norm McDaniel sworn in as District Governor and District Vice Governor respectively at the first District meeting. These men are some of the most energetic, hardworking, fun loving gentlemen it has been my privilege to know. When they work they work...you might want to install seat belts for the District meetings. (bad joke, I know) Also, once again the Ventura Downtown Lions Club and the Downtown Rotary Club joined forces to provide 1000 backpacks and school supplies to kids who need them. The Club donated \$1500.00 to purchase the backpacks and supplies and many, many hours of member participation to stuff and distribute them to local schools. Each backpack has an insert saying it has been donated by the Ventura Downtown Lions and Ventura Rotary.

CHANGE OF DATE ALERT!

You are cordially invited to attend the annual

VENTURA DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER (Best one in town)

Tuesday, **November 10, 2015** from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

at the O'Brien Hall, located behind the San Buenaventura Mission at 211 E. Main St.

The fundraising dinner is a longstanding tradition with the club and is an enjoyable evening of good food, great entertainment, and plenty of time for fellowship and getting acquainted with Lions Club members and friends. It is always a fun event. (especially if you're working in the kitchen Tickets are only \$8.00 and both meat and vegetarian meals are available to eat in or take out. No one goes away hungry. The Cottage Home Foundation* will be manning the dessert table and provide a wide selection of lovely desserts for your after dinner pleasure. Free parking is available in the lot off of Palm Street. *The Cottage Home Foundation, established in 1969, is dedicated to keeping displaced siblings together. Our foster home is the one and only one in the United States created and supported by a local Lions Club. Since its inception, more than 400 children have been sheltered and nurtured by the Cottage Home staff and volunteers. All proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner go right back into the community to benefit those in need. For additional information, please contact Chairman Kevin Seelos at kaseelos@scbglobal.net And remember to erase the October date from your calendar and enter the **NOVEMBER 10th**.

We don't want you to miss a lovely evening and delicious dinner because of a date change.

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 119

Sponsored by the Ventura Downtown Lions Club They are looking forward to participating in a service project with us. And while they're waiting one of their troop members was the subject of a newspaper article about a project he did for the Museum of Ventura County as a part of fulfilling the requirements to become an Eagle Scout. He and family and friends built an authentic Chumash Dwelling for the brand new children's garden at the Museum. When in Ventura it's something you will want to stop and see. What a nice contribution to the community...and a lot of hard work.



Region O—Zone 6

OJAI VALLEY LIONS CLUB

Each year the Ojai Valley Lions Club sells Christmas trees that we have shipped in from Oregon as our major fundraiser. This is a 3 week project and it has been successful in the past. One of the benefits we offer is our pre-sale program. We do this for our schools and for Lions Club members. I have attached a flyer for Lions Club members, which offers a 15% discount for purchasing a tree by November 11. The 15% savings is then placed in our administrative fund to help pay for items such as the tee shirts that we wear during this event. (Several schools and other non profits can be designated in our School prep-sales program).



2015 Lions Club Holiday Tree Pre-Sale Opportunity!

Want to save money on a 2015 Christmas tree/s and help the school/s of your choice?

The *Ojai Valley Lions Club* is again offering you a **15% discount** off our normal tree lot prices when you **pre-purchase** your tree through the Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce. This discount goes back to the school you have selected from the list.

The process is simple: either (1) go to the Chamber website www.ojaichamber.org and select a tree type and size, fill out the information requested including which school/s listed should receive the credit, (one school per tree ordered) and follow the instructions as indicated for reserving a tree and payment; OR (2) fill out the form included on this flyer and send to the Chamber at the address indicated. You will receive a confirmation of your purchase from the Chamber. **This presale offer is available until Friday, November 6.**

The Lions Club tree farm is located at 987 W. Ojai Avenue (next to Janelle Interiors) and will be open starting Saturday, November 28. **Hours are: 9am-8pm on weekends and from 3pm-8pm weekdays. We request you pick up your tree by Friday, December 11th.** Bring your receipt from the Chamber to the tree lot and come and enjoy selecting an Oregon grown tree of the type and size that you ordered.

We can provide assistance in carrying tree to your car but you are responsible for securing the tree to your car so please bring rope to tie it on the car roof or a vehicle that can transport it. Delivery in the Ojai Valley is available for an additional FEE (\$10 under 7 feet and \$20 over 7 feet) and is subject to availability of staff to leave the tree farm; we will try to accommodate your requested time.

All other proceeds of tree sales go back to the community or to Lions Club endorsed charities.

I request 15% of proceeds from this purchase go to: (Circle choice) **Schools:** Matilija; Meiners Oaks; Mira Monte; Nordhoff; San Antonio; Summit; Sunset; Topa Topa; **Others:** Help of Ojai; Monica Ros; Nan Tolbert; Oak Grove

Premium Quality Holiday Tree Order (Price includes tax)		Tree Size	Pre-Sale \$	Order Quantity	Amount
Order Information (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)		NOBLE FIR			
Name:		10-11ft	\$320.00	_____ =	_____
		9-10ft	\$183.00	_____ =	_____
Address:		8-9ft	\$138.00	_____ =	_____
		7-8ft	\$87.00	_____ =	_____
City, State, Zip:		6-7ft	\$66.00	_____ =	_____
		5-6ft	\$51.00	_____ =	_____
Phone:		4-5ft	\$44.00	_____ =	_____
		3-4ft	\$27.00	_____ =	_____
E-mail:		2-3ft	\$21.00	_____ =	_____
Payment Method		DOUGLAS FIR			
Cash		8-9ft	\$68.00	_____ =	_____
		7-8ft	\$55.00	_____ =	_____
Check #		6-7ft	\$46.00	_____ =	_____
Checks payable to Ojai Chamber of Commerce		5-6ft	\$37.00	_____ =	_____

I plan to pick up my tree on _____		# trees	=	_____
All Pre Sales Trees Must Be Picked Up By December 11				
Purchaser is responsible for securing tree to own car		Ttl due	=	_____
Delivery is \$10 for 7 foot tree and under and \$20 for anything over 7 feet.				
Did you CIRCLE the name to receive 15% credit above?				

Region N—Zone 8

Amber's Light Lions Partners with Kiwanis Club For Playground Equipment. Help us make this happen.



Providing playground equipment for special needs children was an idea that created the Amber's Light Lions Club. So, partnering with the Kiwanis Club of Camarillo and the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Parks Department was a good next step to provide this equipment faster. A special needs section will be added to the existing playground at the Camarillo Community Center.

On August 4, President Ellen and 8 Amber's Light Lions presented a check for \$5,000 to the Kiwanis Club of Camarillo to officially begin this partnership.

It was decided to start with one piece of equipment that is wheelchair accessible for children and accompanying adults. The Rockin' Ship Glider will be Phase 1 of a larger playground project.

The installation of this equipment along with the foundation and ground covering will be financed with funds raised by Amber's Light

Lions and the Kiwanis Club. Corporate sponsors, private donations and project fundraisers will provide the funding. Many sponsorship packages are available, with name or logo on park signage.

The next fundraiser will be an all you can eat Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's in Camarillo on Saturday, Oct 24th from 8-11 AM. Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, juice and coffee – all for only \$10

Amber's Light Chairperson Lion Samantha and committee members are preparing a LCIF grant proposal. Any District Lions Club interested in making a donation to help us get this grant to add this Rockin' Ship Glider to the park can contact Lion Samantha at ishkabilly@netzero.com.



Camarillo Amber's Light Lions...busy, busy, busy!

July and Aug Amber's Light Lions continued our support for FoodShare – counting and sorting donations at the warehouse in Oxnard. We were fortunate to have FoodShare's Rob Jankowski speak at our meeting and give us some amazing facts about how they serve the community. Each 2-hour shift we work sorting 1,690 pounds of food provides 1,408 meals. We proudly presented them with a \$500 donation.

We proudly awarded 2 more Proud Lion pins at the August meeting with District Governor Richard. Congratulations to Lions Mickey and Joe! And, Lions Emily and Amanda also earned their Proud Lion pins.

We had the pleasure of delivering a double tricycle (from the proceeds from our Comedy Night Fundraiser) and a single tricycle (donated by a member) to the ARC of Camarillo. We were met with hugs, high fives, applause and a lot of "thank yous". Very heartwarming!!

During the month of September, we counted all the miles we walked, ran or biked to support Alex's Million Mile – Run/Walk/Ride. To raise awareness and fundraise for cures for Childhood Cancers. We exceeded our goals and posted over 824 miles and donated over \$500.

Had fun cooking and serving chili at the Chili Cook-off supporting Hospice. Even though many told us how good our chili was, we did not get enough tokens (votes) to officially win. But we sure had fun. There's always next year!

And our fundraiser for this quarter – a yard sale. Members cleaned out their closets and got donations from friends. Bright and early Saturday morning, in the dark, items were hauled out into the driveway and the shoppers were already there. It was a very hot day. But we raised over \$650 for the playground equipment for special needs children project. It's true – one person's junk is another person's treasure!

Thursday and Friday nights it was fun to see everyone drive up with items to sell but it sure was nice to see the Rescue Mission truck come pick up the remaining items.

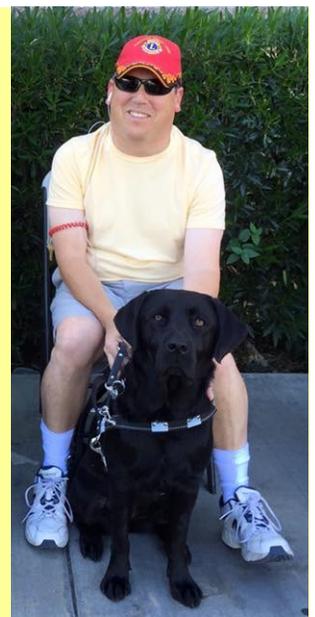
5 DISTRICT CLUBS WORK TOGETHER TO HELP KID

Thirty Six Lions, spouses and friends helped 36 youngsters shop for back to school clothes at this year's Kids Shopping Spree, sponsored by the Pleasant Valley Lions, on Saturday, September 12th. Lions from five different clubs arrived early at Target in Camarillo to help the 21 kids from the RAIN Communities transitional living center and 15 from the Pleasant Valley School District. The Lions group included members from the **Pleasant Valley Lions, Amber's Light Lions, Santa Paula Lions, Simi-Moorpark Lions** and the **Ventura Downtown Club**. We also got assistance from a few Camarillo High football players (who now know about LEOS and expressed an interest in joining).

As at our previous shopping sprees, each child got about \$150 in new clothes and then enjoyed a McDonald's breakfast after which they each got a new back pack for their school supplies from School On Wheels, Inc. The two hour event went very smoothly, with most of the shoppers finished in an hour. Some of us even gathered afterwards for our traditional post shopping breakfast. This is the 15th year that the Pleasant Valley Lions Club has sponsored this event.



**Congratulations to
Region N, Zone 8 Chair
Lion Greg Steinmetz
and his new partner
Wiki**





**District 4 - A3 Meeting
November 13 & 14, 2015
Hosted By: Paso Robles Lions Club**



Lion:	Lion/Guest
Street Address:	
City:	Zip Code:
Email:	Phone:

Friday Evening, November 13, 2015:

Social Hour
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Hors d'oeuvres, Wine, & No Host Bar
The Oaks Hotel
3000 Riverside Ave.
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Saturday, November 14, 2015:

District Meeting
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Continental Breakfast Starts @ 8:00
Lunch will be served @ 12:00 p.m.
Elks Club
1420 Park Street
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Continental Breakfast will be served between 8:00 and 9:45 a.m. / Cost \$5 each

Please Note: We must have at least 20 participants for breakfast or it will not be offered.

Buffet Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. / Cost \$15 each in advance / Lunch at door will be \$20 each

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY FOR THIS EVENT. SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND FEES FOR BREAKFAST AND LUNCH TO PASO ROBLES LIONS CLUB BY: NOVEMBER 2, 2015!

Event	Date	Number Attending	Price Each	Subtotal
Social Hour @ The Oaks Hotel Hors d'oeuvres Served w/ Complimentary Wine Tasting	11/13/2015		Complimentary Note: No-Host Bar will be available	
Continental Breakfast @ Elks	11/14/2015		\$5 Each	
Lunch @ Elks	11/14/2015		\$15 Each in Advance Note: Lunch cost will be \$20 Each at the door!	

Please make checks for breakfast and lunch out to: **Paso Robles Lions Club. Mail completed registration and checks to Paso Robles Lions Club, Attention: Paul Lamas, P. O. Box 815, Paso Robles, California, 93447.**

Lodging accommodations need to be made by members. Lodging is available at The Oaks Hotel, 3000 Riverside Ave., Paso Robles, California, 93446. Please call The Oaks Hotel at 805-237-8700 to reserve your room and advise them that you are with District 4-A3 Lions. A block of ten (10) rooms has been set aside for this event at the following rates: Deluxe King \$169/per night, Double Queen \$179/per night. Deadline for lodging is: October 13, 2015. Room block will be released after October 13, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Lion Heather Olsen, District Secretary
heatherolsen@verizon.net

Paso Robles Lions' Members look forward to seeing you at this event.

Our most heartfelt condolences for the Lions we have lost too soon. Please keep the Clubs and the families of each of them close at heart.

Rest in Peace Dear Lions

Jerry Parrott—Templeton Lions Club

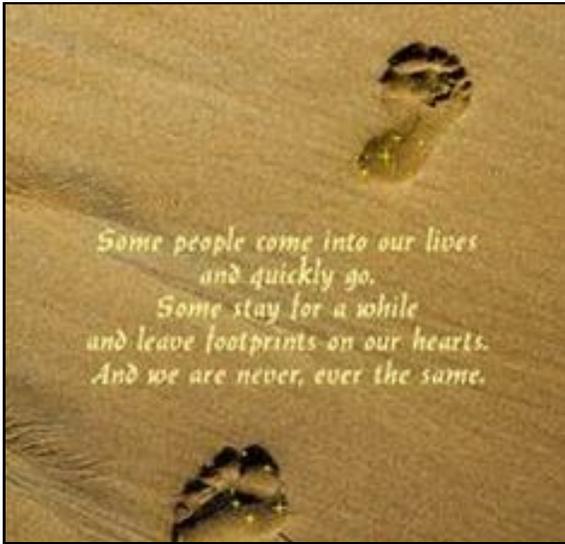
William W. Woelfel—Cambria Lions Club

George M. Rowley—Santa Barbara Host Lions Club

James W. Drain—Carpinteria Lions Club

Gerald McMillen Clark—Camarillo-Somis-

Pleasant Valley Lions Club



Remembering You

Remember me whenever you see a sunrise,
Remember me whenever you see a star,
Remember me whenever you see a rainbow
Or woods in autumn colors from afar.

Remember me whenever you see the roses
Or seagulls sailing high in a sky of blue.
Remember me whenever you see waves
Shining in the sun.
And remember, I'll be remembering you!

Remember me whenever you see a teardrop,
Or meadows still wet with the morning dew.
Remember me whenever you feel love
Growing in your heart.
And remember, I'll be remembering you!

~Deanna Edwards



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Please send all materials to my email: lionann64@gmail.com

Thank you for the time you are taking to make this an informative newsletter for the entire District. I look forward to hearing from you.

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